



***PTSA Monday Message  
January 27, 2014***

**1. Upcoming dates:**

- Jan 27** – School Holiday  
**Jan 28** – PTSA Board Meeting  
**Jan 28** – 3A & 3B Exams – Early Dismissal  
**Jan 29** – 4A & 4B Exams – Early Dismissal  
**Jan 29** – Chick Fil A Fundraiser  
**Jan 30** – “B” Day  
**Feb 1** – GABC Cold Feet 5K run/walk  
**Feb 4** – After Prom Meeting  
**Feb 13** – ASVAB Career Exploration Program Exam (sign up in Guidance)  
**Mar 6** – ASVAB Interpretation

**2. Administrative/School Counseling News:**

- **Attention All Seniors:** If you have applied to a school that requires a mid-year transcript you must bring an envelope with 1 stamp addressed to the college you want this sent to. The School Counseling office will start sending these out after February 10th!! The only exception to this is for those students that used the Common Application. Mid-year transcripts will be sent electronically by your school counselor!
- **AP Testing Information:** AP registration forms have been given out in AP classes. Only 1 form is need from students and the deadline is Friday, February 21. The cost is \$89 per exam, with checks payable to Grafton High School. Mrs. Huffines is collecting registration forms/money in her office (Rm 411) and during all lunches on Feb. 5-7 and Feb. 18-19<sup>th</sup>. Please email Mrs. Huffines [shuffines@ycsd.york.va.us](mailto:shuffines@ycsd.york.va.us) or call her at 898-0419 if you have any questions.
- **Megagenesis**, held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the Zeta Lambda Education Foundation’s implementation of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.’s national Go–To–High School, Go–To–College program. Please see the attached flyer and visit <http://megagenesis.org/about/> for more information.
- **Congratulations to our 2014 York County Science Fair Winners!**
  - Honorable Mention: Chloe Colvin, Kaija Craft, Chris Damato, Gabby Jurscaga, Selena Li, Giulia Bratosin and Mira Marinova
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>. Place: Ronald Crump, Cole Evans, Mike Genge, and Matthew Trepte
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>. Place: Winnie Zang and Linda Alexander
  - 1st. Place: Hannah Cooper, Katie Brandon, Brandi Harbert, Juan Garcia, and Zach Lechthaler

**3. PTSA News:**

- **GRAFTON’S AFTER PROM NEEDS YOU!!!** We are currently 120 days away from one of the biggest nights in your Senior’s life - Prom Night. The PTSA is committed to also making this a safe night by hosting the Annual After Prom Party.

The purpose of hosting an After Prom Party is to offer students the "RIGHT CHOICE" with a drug & alcohol free safe environment. It gives our students a smart choice of where to go on Prom night. Without this choice, students are sometimes left with no other choice, but to make one that has an unknown consequence. National statistics show that Prom night ranks second in drug and alcohol related accidents and deaths, and graduation ranks as the #1 most dangerous night during a teenager's high school years.

To make this a successful night, we truly need a "mountain" of help. This is a not just a "Senior parent thing", this is a "York County thing" because we all want the same thing - safe streets on Prom Night. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Howard [mrshtduck@cox.net](mailto:mrshtduck@cox.net) to volunteer for this important event. And please be sure to look for specific After Prom Volunteer opportunities here in the coming weeks!

Our next After Prom meeting is February 4th at 6:30pm at Grafton High School in the Cafeteria.

After Prom Chairs

Courtney Engel - [jgracn24@aol.com](mailto:jgracn24@aol.com)

Sandra Di Gangi - [sandradigangi@cox.net](mailto:sandradigangi@cox.net)

Cindy Howard - [mrshtduck@cox.net](mailto:mrshtduck@cox.net)

- **Doughnuts**, get your doughnuts here! The Key Club and After Prom are sponsoring a doughnut sale for you. Krispy Kreme donuts are being sold on exam days January 28-29. Stop by the Senior Atrium to purchase your doughnuts and help fund your After Prom. (\$0.50 for one, \$1.00 for two, \$5.00 for a box of 12)
- Don't forget the **Chick-Fil-A Night** at the Victory Blvd location on 29 January from 5pm-8pm. Take a night off from cooking to support the After Prom!
- **\*\*\*NEW DATE - MARCH 29th!!!\*\*\*** After-prom's Annual Fundraiser, **Mr. Grafton**, will be held on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We are hoping to have 3/4 contestants from each grade level this year. There will be a few practices prior and a mandatory dress rehearsal on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. If your son is interested, please have him stop by the front office and sign up ASAP! Please email Sandy Cherry at [RSAAGcherry@cox.net](mailto:RSAAGcherry@cox.net) if you have any questions!
- Grafton Students and Staff our next **Red & Blue** Crew will be Friday 7th February in the cafeteria during all lunch blocks when we will be serving Valentine Cupcakes. PTSA members please visit the RBC table to pick up your cupcake. If you are not a member then it's not too late to join. Bring \$5 to the RBC table, complete a form and get your cupcake along with an incentive for joining the PTSA. Thanks for your continuing support.
- February Fundraising Feasts are as follows:
  - **Sweet Frog** - Grafton location - Wednesday, February 12th - all day. You do not need to have a flyer to participate, just please tell them you are there to support GHS After Prom.
  - **Belgian Waffle & Steak House** - located at 14700 Warwick Blvd, Newport News - starting Friday February 21st and going through the weekend until Sunday the 23rd. You will need the attached flyer for After Prom to receive the donation from Belgian Waffle and Steak House.
  - **Vinny's 2** - Grafton location - Monday February 24th through Thursday the 27th - all day. You do not need a flyer, but you do need to let your server know that you are there to support GHS After Prom.
- **Students**, how would you like the potential to earn \$1 per word on the next essay you write? That's just what could happen if you enter the Virginia PTA Citizenship Essay Project. This year's theme is "Effecting Change.....Starting with ME!" See attached entry form and criteria. All essays must be returned to Chuck Cooper, GHS PTSA President, NLT Thursday, 30 January so we can get entries to District Coordinator by 1 February.

- Order your **graduation flag and yard sign** and show your school spirit! The order form is attached, so please fill it out and send it to the main office to be put in the PTSA box. Proceeds for this fundraiser goes to support the GHS after prom. The flags are \$20 and the garden signs are \$25. We only have 3 garden signs left, so order yours today! Thank you for supporting the after prom! Any questions, please call Deanne Wagner at 757-951-3085.
- **Attention Grafton Parents:** The After Prom Committee is selling "Grafton Parent" t-shirts and t-shirts for parents of Seniors that say "I'm having a SENIOR Moment, My child is Graduating." Shirts are \$10 each. Pictures of the shirts and an order form are attached to this email. All money raised will go to After Prom. Please feel free to contact Courtney Engel at [JGRacn24@aol.com](mailto:JGRacn24@aol.com) if you have any questions! Thank you for supporting After Prom!

#### **4. Clubs/Activities News:**

- **FCA-** We will not hold another FCA meeting until February due to exams and holidays. The date of the next meeting will be February 3rd.

The week of February 3-7, FCA will be sponsoring the **SOUPERBOWL of Caring** campaign. This is our 6th year participating in this community survive project. We need your help by donating money and non-perishable foods during that week. All money and food collected will be donated to a local food pantry. This campaign is scheduled close to the NFL Super Bowl to bring attention to food needed in our community. We need to step up and help restock the food bank pantries that have been depleted during the holiday season. Please help, by making food and or monetary donations Feb 3-6, 2014 and help GHS FCA TACKLE HUNGER!

If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Wright, Huddle Leader, at [dwright@ycsd.york.va.us](mailto:dwright@ycsd.york.va.us)

- **2nd Annual Craft and Spring Festival:** Please find in the attachments above, the contract for anyone who would like to participate in the Grafton H.S. Clipper Band Craft and Spring Festival held at GHS on Saturday, March 1st, 2014. If you or a friend would like to participate, please fill out a contract and return to Dr. Helen Dennie as listed on the contract. . The cost is \$30 per table rental. We will only have one vendor per specific product line ( such as only one Mary Kay or Pampered Chef), so be the first to get your contract and donation in! Funds raised from this event will go towards band instruments and repairs, band room supplies such as music stands, music, and uniforms. Thank you! Hope to see you in March!
- **Yearbook Information:** Purchase the 2013-2014 Grafton Yearbook for \$65.00 by **January 31**. The price will increase to \$75.00 if purchased between February 1 and March 28. The cost of purchasing a yearbook upon deliver is \$85.00. Visit [www.candidcolor.net](http://www.candidcolor.net), select "Yearbook" and enter the access code GRFYBK14 to order online. Contact Candid Color with any yearbook ordering questions at [customerservice@candidcolor.net](mailto:customerservice@candidcolor.net) / 703-590-0187.

#### **5. Athletic News:**

- **Attention Grafton Lacrosse Boys and Girls Players:** Coaches will be conducting season kick-off meetings with players on **Wednesday, 29 January** (originally announced for 22 Jan) at the Tabb Library (Large Meeting Room).

Girls 6:30-7:30PM  
Boys 7:45-8:45PM

Purpose: Discuss practice schedule, expectations, equipment requirements, Q&A.  
For players/families who did not attend the 12 Dec registration night, we will also be collecting registration forms (see attachment) & checks for dues payments/uniform deposits. Please check our website ([www.graftonlax.com](http://www.graftonlax.com)) for the slides presented during registration night. Email questions to [gslax@gmail.com](mailto:gslax@gmail.com)

- **GABC Cold Feet 5K run/walk**

Saturday, February 1, 2014 10:00am

Fee: \$20 by 1/21/14, Late Fee: \$25 after 1/21/14.

Register with the attached form or register on-line: <https://www.raceit.com/register/?event=24052>

Race inquiries: [GraftonColdFeet5K@cox.net](mailto:GraftonColdFeet5K@cox.net) or Elaine Jones, (757)618-0420

## **6. Helpful Websites:**

The following is a list of useful links regarding guidance, calendars, and school board meetings:

1. Grafton High: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS>
2. GHS Faculty & Staff Listing: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS> (*Teachers/Staff link*)
3. Guidance: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/Guidance>
4. Clinic: <http://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/Clinic>
5. Band: [www.graftonband.com](http://www.graftonband.com)
6. Athletics: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/Students/Athletics>
7. Clubs & Activities: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS> (*Clubs/Activities link*)
8. YCSD Calendar: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/docs/studentCalendar.pdf>
9. School hours: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/schools/schoolHours.aspx>
10. Attendance Requirements: [https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/School\\_Info/Attendance](https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/School_Info/Attendance)
11. School Board Meetings & Dates: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/aboutUs/schoolBoard/meetings.aspx>
12. Lunch Prices: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/studentInfo/lunchMenu.aspx>
13. Curriculum Info: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/parentResources/curriculumGuides.aspx>
14. YCSD website: <http://yorkcountyschools.org>
15. Videos on math topics: <http://www.khanacademy.org/>
16. Step-by-Step homework problems review: <http://hotmath.com/> \*\* – Username: Clippers123 – Login, then search for your book
17. Explanations & examples for math topics: <http://www.sosmath.com/algebra/algebra.html>
18. Free graph paper: <http://www.printfreegraphpaper.com/>

## **7. Closing Thought:**

1. "Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart."
2. –*Victor Hugo*

Have a comment for the GHS PTSA or the school? Want something added? Reply and let us know! Input remains confidential.

Monday Message: [themondaymessage13-14@cox.net](mailto:themondaymessage13-14@cox.net)

GHS PTSA website: [http://ghs\\_ptsa.digitalpta.com](http://ghs_ptsa.digitalpta.com)

PTSA Board:

### **GHS PTSA Board 2013-2014**

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