



## ***PTSA Monday Message June 9, 2014***

### **1. Upcoming dates:**

- Jun 9** – “A” Day
- Jun 9** – Spring Sports Banquet
- Jun 10-12** – Exams, Early Dismissal
- Jun 13** – Graduation

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

- Service Academy Day 2014 at Thomas Nelson Community College, August 23, 2014. There will be a Service Academy Day 2014, Saturday, 23 August 2014, 9-11 am, at Thomas Nelson Community College, Moore Hall (Espada Room), Hampton, VA. The event will be hosted by Representatives Rob Wittman (VA District 1), Scott Rigell (VA District 2) and Bobby Scott (VA District 3). The target audience is junior high, high school students, parents and guidance counselors seeking information and opportunities about the service academies. This past year, nine students from York County (Grafton, York, Tabb, Bruton) were nominated for consideration to one of four service academies (Class of 2018) by Congressman Wittman or Senators Warner or Kaine. All of the service academies offer a cost-free education valued at more than \$415,000. The student will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in their choice of more than 30 majors. The event is strictly informative and set-up to answer students, parents & school counselor's questions regarding a service academy education and career as a military officer. Staff from each congressman's office along with all of service academies will be represented and available to answer questions. To RSVP click on the link at the bottom of the attached flyer or contact via phone either representative's office. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. James McReynolds, USAF Lt Col (Retired), Service Academy Advisory Board, Congressman Wittman (757) 598-1110
- The York County School Division is pleased to announce that the York County Video Services Department will broadcast the 2014 graduation ceremonies, held at William & Mary Hall, live online at [www.ustream.tv/channel/ycsd-tv](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/ycsd-tv). All graduation ceremonies will also be rebroadcast for a limited time on YCSD-TV, Cox Cable channel 47 and Verizon channel 39.
- Attention Senior Class and Community Members  
The YFPE, Inc. is offering seniors and their families or community members a great opportunity to leave a legacy at their high school in York County as they approach their final weeks in school. 4 X 8 bricks are on sale for \$100 and 8 X 8 bricks are \$300. Bricks are already in place in a highly visible location at your school. **Order deadline is July 1, 2014.** The bricks make great gift ideas for graduation. To obtain the form online visit <http://yorkcountyschools.org/yfpe/docs/BrickOrderForm.pdf> or contact Peggy Myatt at #898-0451. The funds raised from these brick sales will support the mission of the YFPE, Inc. who support the students, staff and faculty of the YCSD.
- Please see the attachment on a FREE online summer math program geared towards helping students prevent summer learning loss as well as building a strong foundation in math.
- **Virginia Private College Week.** The 2014 Virginia Private College Week will be held July 28-August 2. Virginia Private College Week affords prospective undergraduate students the ability to visit participating college campuses and receive **three application fee waivers** for visiting three or more

participating colleges during the week. Additional details can be found here: <http://www.vapivatecolleges.org/Our-Colleges/Virginia-Private-College-Week.aspx>

### **3. PTSA News:**

- **Message from the President:**

Congratulations to seniors Alice Grace Cherry, Michaela Svaranowic, and Kalyne Wilson as winners of the 2014 GHS PTSA Volunteer Excellence Scholarship! Their applications and narrative best captured the spirit of this scholarship in recognizing the impact their extensive volunteerism has made, as well as influenced their schoolwork and future commitment to community service. We hope this small, but significant award of \$200 each will assist them in their education goals and look forward to hearing of their future success.

A special thanks to Mr. Hart, YCSD and GHS administration, staff, and students, York County's first responders, and the entire Hoyes family (Michael, Claudia, and Julia) for their significant roles in this past week's Distracted Driving presentation at Grafton High School. If you missed it, stay tuned for the video link on the YCSD website! While this event was all simulated, it hits close to the heart and home, and should make everyone recommit to practicing safe driving standards and setting the example for friends and family to follow.

Hope to see you all at the Baccalaureate Service, Good Luck on Finals & Congratulations Class of 2014! Class of 2015, take command of the Ship!!

All the Best,  
Chuck Cooper, President  
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- **GHS PTSA Board 2014-2015**

- President - Chuck Cooper
- Vice President - Helen Dennie
- Treasurer - Linda Anderson
- Recording Secretary - Mary Catherine Fralich
- Corresponding Secretary - Heba Elkobaitry

**Open Committee Chair** positions to be filled for the 2014-2015 school year are:

- Monday Message Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Reflections Art Program Coordinator
- Student Directory Coordinator
- Baccalaureate Chairperson
- & After Prom Chairperson(s)
- Website Coordinator

Please contact Chuck Cooper at (757) 272-4617, [coopcasa@cox.net](mailto:coopcasa@cox.net) if you are interested.

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

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

- The date for the **Spring Sports Banquet** is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. GABC will provide meat and drinks. Suggested side dishes for attendees are as follows:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade JV players – Desserts
  - Freshmen – Finger Foods/Appetizers (Chicken Fingers, Pizza Bites, Lil' Smokies, Cheese trays, etc)
  - Sophomores – Pasta Dishes (Baked beans, pasta salads, mac & cheese, cole slaw, etc)
  - Juniors – Vegetables or Fruit
  - Seniors – Desserts
- The following individuals have been nominated to the 2014-2015 GABC executive board.

President: Buddy Dearing  
V. President: Martha Owens  
Secretary: Kelly Harrah  
Treasurer: Erin Tapajna

If you have interest in holding a position or helping with the GABC, please contact Buddy Dearing - [buddysllc@gmail.com](mailto:buddysllc@gmail.com)

#### **6. Closing Thought:**

1. "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover."
2. ~ *Mark Twain*