



PTSA Monday Message
March 10, 2014

1. Upcoming dates:

- Mar 10** – “B” Day
- Mar 12** – Sweet Frog Night
- Mar 13** – Outback Dinner
- Mar 13** – After Prom Meeting
- Mar 14-16** – Belgian Waffle House Fundraiser
- Mar 15** – Plaza Azteca-Yorktown Fundraiser
- Mar 29** – Mr. Grafton

2. Administrative/School Counseling News:

- **Attention all seniors:**
If you are eligible for the **Board of Education Seal for Excellence in Civics** you must return the Community Service log in to your school counselor by **no later than Friday March 14th**. After that time we will no longer be accepting these from seniors!
To earn this seal you must: Complete VA/US History and US Government with a grade of B or higher; complete 50 hours of voluntary participation in community service and have good attendance record with no disciplinary actions while at GHS.
- **Attention Seniors who will be graduating from the YCSD Honors Program:**
Your 20 hour community service log is due immediately! If you have not done so, please turn this in to your school counselor ASAP!!!
- **Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC)** will host its 2014 Open House this spring with activities taking place Thursday, April 10th at the Historic Triangle campus in Williamsburg, and Thursday April 17th at the Hampton Campus. Activities run 2-5 p.m. both days giving attendees an overview of TNCC’s admissions process, available degree programs and options for transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

The free event will also focus on financial aid, scholarships and transfer agreements with four-year colleges. TNCC staff members will be on hand to share details about available student activities such as clubs, sports and more. Prospective students and their families will get an opportunity to tour the campus they visit and talk with currently enrolled students. Please visit www.tncc.edu/dualenrollment or contact pinierm@tncc.edu for more information.
- After Friday, March 14th, all items in the **Lost & Found** boxes in the Senior Atrium, outside the Athletic Director’s Office, and in the stairwell near the training office, will be donated. Parents, please encourage your students to check before the end of the day Friday for any items they may have lost since the beginning of this school year.
- **New Traffic Pattern:** On March 10th, the traffic pattern for Grafton High School will be changing. We hope that reverting to having students drive around the building to the right will alleviate traffic problems.

All students arriving between **6:55 and 7:15** should use the right lane on Amory Lane to turn right. They should remain to the right while driving and enter the newly paved driveway to the right of the middle school wing. They will then proceed around the building to the student parking areas. They should turn right down the first row to proceed to their designated parking area. Students will enter the complex area in the same lane as the buses so care should be used while merging with the buses on Route 17.

Parents should use the left lane to approach the stop sign to enter the complex. They should turn left and proceed to the loop around the anchor for student drop off. For the safety of all students and staff members, as well as drivers, parents should NOT enter the teacher parking lot nor any student parking lot. Parents should not stop in front of the band room entrance. Students should only be dropped off in the loop around the anchor. Parents may choose to follow the same route as students but must be careful to only drop students off near the loop with the anchor in it.

All drivers are reminded that the posted SPEED LIMIT on school property is 10 MPH. Students caught violating the speed limit or other parking regulations are subject to loss of parking privileges as well as other administrative actions. Non-students violating parking regulations may face consequences from law enforcement.

3. PTSA News:

- **Message from the President**

"The Time Is Now!".....to defend the proposed YCSD budget to the York County Board of Supervisors. See Attachment for Talking Points to help you address significant issues and let our BoS know that K-12 education is York County's top priority!

Respectfully

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- **After Prom Volunteer Opportunities**

We're about **2 1/2 months** away from one of the biggest nights in a Senior's life - Prom and After Prom night. The After Prom Committee is hard at work to insure that everyone will have a safe and fun evening. But as with all big events, many hands are needed to make it successful. We're actively looking for volunteers. Please consider helping out in the planning stages and on the night of the event.

1. We have several fundraisers coming up (detail on each are listed below) – a car wash, Mr. Grafton, a 5K Fun Run – all of which need volunteers!
2. We are still looking for a Logistics chair to work hand-in-hand with the Decorations chair to transform the YMCA into a fun, filled venue for our Seniors..
3. We still need people to solicit businesses for donations.
4. And, every chaired committee needs volunteers to help them do all of the work that needs to be done.

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Howard mrshtduck@cox.net if you can help us out in any way.

And don't forget to come to our next After Prom meeting Thursday, March 13th in the Cafeteria at the High School. Bonus: this is also the Outback dinner night! We look forward to seeing you all there!

- **Outback Dinner –** We still have some tickets left for the Outback fundraiser on Thursday 13th March from 5:30--7:00pm. Tickets are \$12.00 and get you BBQ Chicken, Beef Sirloin, Baked Potato, Salad and a Dinner Roll. Please contact Angela Brown abrown122404@aol.com to order tickets.

We still need baked goods for the Outback fundraiser. Please visit <http://mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-outback> to make a baked goods donation. Please bring in donations during day the day of March 13th and leave in the front office. Make sure your donations are clearly marked for the Outback Fundraiser.

- March Fundraising Feasts are as follows:
 - **Sweet Frog** - Grafton location - Wednesday, March 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 March 14th and going through the weekend until Sunday the 16th. You will need the attached flyer for After Prom to receive the donation from Belgian Waffle and Steak House.
 - **Plaza Azteca**/Yorktown location only - March 15 - all day. You will need the attached flyer for the GHS After Prom to receive the donation.
- Grafton Parents & Students, the After Prom has another **CAR WASH** fundraiser on Saturday, March 22nd! 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, at One Stop Auto on Route 17 which is situated right next to Walmart and McDonalds.
Please visit the link at www.mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-basspro and sign up for a time that works into your schedule! Let's see if we can beat the total raised at the February Car Wash. You don't have to be a Senior -- any student who requires volunteer hours can sign up!
- **Mr. Grafton** is fast approaching! We have some very funny guys preparing for a great show, so please mark your calendars! Mr. Grafton will be held on Saturday, March 29th at 7:00 PM in the GHS Auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the Outback Dinner this Thursday, before school during the last two weeks of March, and of course at the door. Tickets will be \$5 prior and \$6 the night of the performance. Email Sandy Cherry at RSAAGcherry@cox.net with any questions.
- No plans for the week of Spring Break? Head on over to the Starving Artist Studio in Port Warwick anytime from April 4 through April 13. Grafton After Prom will receive **20%**, yes I did say 20% of your purchase.
- Are you Ready to DYE??? **Color Me Red & Blue 5k Fun Run/Walk** on April 19, 2014. This awesome event is being held at Grafton High School and all proceeds are to help fund After Prom. The cost is only \$35.00 and you get an event t-shirt if you are one of the first 300 to register. You can register on-line at www.graftonafterprom.com anytime from now until the day before the race or you can mail it in to Grafton High School, PTSA After Prom 5k Fun Run/Walk, 403 Grafton Drive, Yorktown, VA 23692. Registration information is also found on the After Prom website. Get a group together and come have some fun.
We are looking for a DJ to offer their services for the duration of the Fun Run. Do you own a DJ business or are there any Grafton students out there who DJ in their spare time and would like to show off their skills? If so please contact Sandra Di Gangi at sandradigangi@cox.net.
The fun run needs volunteers to make it a success! If you're not running/walking, please consider volunteering! Visit <http://mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-5k> to sign up for a slot that fits into your busy schedule!
- **Graduation flag and yard sign** - Show your GHS spirit and order one today! Any graduating year can be sewn onto the flag. 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 supports the GHS after prom. The flags are \$20 and the garden signs are \$25. Thank you for supporting the after prom! Any questions, please contact Deanne Wagner at 757-951-3085 or wagsvegas@aol.com.
- 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 if you have any questions! Thank you for supporting After Prom!

4. Clubs/Activities News:

5. Athletic News:

- Spring Sports Season is here!! Purchase a warm blanket for those cold games for \$50. Contact the athletic director.

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
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
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. "Never allow the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."
2. ~*Babe Ruth*

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

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