



PTSA Monday Message
March 17, 2014

1. Upcoming dates:

Mar 17 – “A” Day

Mar 22 – Car Wash

Mar 29 – Mr. Grafton

Apr 19 – Color Me **Red** & **Blue** 5k Fun Run/Walk

2. Administrative/School Counseling News:

- **Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Family Focus** is pleased to sponsor an exciting research-based video and discussion workshop called Active Parenting of Teens. This program offers an effective and unique approach to improving parent-teen interaction. Parents will learn to communicate effectively, resolve conflicts and discuss such difficult topics as violence, drugs, alcohol and sex. The information and skills taught are designed to help you guide your children through the challenging teen years and develop responsible, cooperative teens who are better equipped to resist peer pressure.
-Thursdays, April 3 to May 8, 2014, from 6 to 8 p.m.
-Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital Health Resource Center
-Bernardine Drive, Newport News, VA 23602
-FREE and Open to the Community!!
To register, or for more information, call 757-886-6511 or email delores_price@bshsi.org
- **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.

3. PTSA News:

- 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.
We still need LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS to make the car wash a success. The more volunteers we have the more cars we can wash. We also need someone to provide a grill and cook hot dogs otherwise there will be no Concessions. Please visit the link if you can give even an hour of your time: www.mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-basspro

- **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 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%** 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!

- **After Prom Volunteer Opportunities**

We're are only **10 weeks** 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 above) – 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.

- **Outback Dinner Thank You!** Despite circumstances beyond the control of Outback we still managed to have a successful fundraiser. The After Prom Committee would like to say a huge thanks to all Grafton families and friends who supported the Outback fundraiser on 13th March. We were completely sold out prior to the event and so along with the donations for the baked goods we raised around \$2000 for After Prom. We would also like to apologize for the issue with the baked potatoes. Unfortunately an oven at the Outback restaurant stopped working and they had to try and cook the potatoes at school. Thanks for your patience and understanding, this was totally out of everyone's control. We would like to say thanks to the volunteers who helped out on the night, especially the students on drive through duty who braved the freezing temperatures to make sure our 'take out' diners didn't even need to leave their cars to get their dinners. Finally a thank you to the band Easton who kept our 'dine in' patrons entertained with music, you were awesome.
- **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:

- The next FCA meeting will be held on Monday, March 17 at the home of Elizabeth Leybold. Please arrive for Food and Fellowship by 6:30 and the meeting will begin at 7:00.

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. "Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don't live in a world all of your own."
2. ~Albert Schweitzer