



PTSA Monday Message
March 24, 2014

1. Upcoming dates:

- Mar 24** – “B” Day
Mar 29 – Mr. Grafton
Apr 16 – Sweet Frog Fundraiser
Apr 19 – Color Me **Red & Blue** 5k Fun Run/Walk
Apr 19 – Plaza Azteca, Yorktown location Fundraiser

2. Administrative/School Counseling News:

- **2014 Sentara Summer Junior Volunteer Program**
 - 14-18 years old
 - commit to one 2-week session
 - complete the entire application packet and return it to the volunteer Office at the hospital by Thursday May 1st.

***Application packet available in the GHS School Counseling Office
- **Tidewater Science and Engineering Fair Winners 2014:**
 - 1st place Materials and Bioengineering: Brandi Harbert, Zach Lechthaler and Juan Garcia
 - Honorable Mention Computer Science: Winnie Zang
 - Honorable Mention Earth and Planetary Science and American Society of Civil Engineers Award: Hannah Cooper and Katie Brandon
 - Honorable Mention Energy and Transportation and Society of Women Engineers Award: Linda Alexander.

3. PTSA News:

- **MR. GRAFTON**
THIS SATURDAY!
7:00 PM, GHS AUDITORIUM
\$5 TICKETS & \$1 SHOUT OUTS SOLD DURING LUNCH AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK.
\$6 TICKETS & \$1 SHOUT OUTS SOLD AT THE DOOR.
PLEASE COME SUPPORT THE 2014 AFTER-PROM AND ENJOY A GREAT SHOW! CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING INTERMISSION.
Email Sandy Cherry at RSAAGcherry@cox.net if you have 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!

- **April Fundraising Feasts:**

- **Sweet Frog Fundraiser** - Yorktown location on Route 17 - all day April 16th.
 - **Plaza Azteca/Yorktown location only** - April 19th - all day. You will need the attached flyer for the GHS After Prom to receive the donation. Come to the 5K Fun Run/Walk and treat yourself to lunch at Plaza on the way home.
 - **Belgian Waffle & Steak House** - located at 14700 Warwick Blvd, Newport News - starting Friday, April 25th until Sunday the 27th. You will need the attached flyer for After Prom to receive the donation from Belgian Waffle and Steak House.
- Attention seniors and parents of seniors: If you have had your senior pictures (cap and gown as well as drape/tux) taken by someone other than Candid Color, please contact Julie Martin @ paujulmart@netzero.net . She is in charge of decorations for after prom and is making something special for the kids with senior pictures. Thank you.

- **Thank you** to all the volunteers who helped out with the Car Wash this past Saturday!

- **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:

- Congratulations to the Grafton Band leading the new "Festival of Fantasy Parade" in Disney World last Friday!
- The Daily Press is hosting a Pick My Prom contest for local high school students. Students can vote for their schools to receive Hollywood treatment during their prom with a red carpet, paparazzi, and complete coverage in the Daily Press newspaper and on the Daily Press website.

We have promoted this contest in the newspaper and on our website, and the students are really responding! We have nearly 6,000 votes so far! We have created these posters to share in schools to spread the word. Would you be able to share these posters with the appropriate parties? We would love to see York County represented.

The specific keywords for Grafton is: **#Graftonhs** . Students may tweet in their votes using the keyword or vote online. Directions are included on the attached poster.

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. "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."
2. ~Walt Disney

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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