



***PTSA Monday Message
March 3, 2014***

1. Upcoming dates:

- Mar 3** – “A” Day
- Mar 6** – ASVAB Interpretation
- Mar 8** – SAT Exam
- Mar 12** – Sweet Frog Night
- Mar 13** – Outback Dinner
- Mar 13** – After Prom Meeting
- Mar 14-16** – Belgian Waffle House Fundraiser

2. Administrative/School Counseling News:

- **Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters 2014 Junior Volunteer Summer Program:** Student must be 14 by December 31, 2013 to meet minimum age requirement
Students may go online at: www.chkd.org/jrvolunteer to download application forms and information or call: 668-7195 beginning March 1st.
- Parents: an excellent Scholarship search web site:
http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/all_scholarships.php
Also, don’t forget the GHS website has scholarship information listed by the month they are due! <http://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/Guidance/Scholarships>
- **ASVAB Interpretation - March 6.** Students who took the ASVAB test Feb. 13 will meet at 7:30 am on March 6 in room 404. The next ASVAB at GHS will be in the fall.

3. PTSA News:

• **Message from the President**

Well, we didn't quite make it to March Madness, but congratulations for an outstanding basketball season to both our men and women's varsity teams. Special shout-out to 4A Conference 19 Women's Basketball Coach of the Year Tommy Bayse and Player of the Year Hannah Olson who accumulated over 1,000 points in her high-school career. Senior Joey Miller was also selected as 4A Conference 19 Men's Basketball Player of the Year for his outstanding leadership and talent on the court.

On the Academic side of the house, Mr. Gary Long, Chemistry Dept, was named GHS Teacher of the Year! Check out his 2AB class collaboration and video with Seaford Elementary at this past month's YCSB Meeting or on the GHS website.

Last but not least, shout-out to Grafton's Josephine Miller, YCSB Senior of the Month for February. Josie's musical performance talents put the A for Arts in STEM to make STEAM! Can't wait to see her talents on the big stage a few short years from now!

Thanks for all your e-mails to legislators in Richmond. But now is the time 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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- **OUTBACK DINNER – March 13th**

How does a night off cooking sound? Thursday, March 13th you have the opportunity to put your kitchen utensils down and grab an Outback dinner. Tickets for this event are only \$12 and for that you get BBQ Chicken, Beef Sirloin, a Baked Potato, a Salad, Dinner Roll, and a beverage. We will also offer desserts for a donation. The event runs from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Grafton High School Cafeteria. To make a baked goods donation for the dinner please visit: <http://mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-outback>

You can have your dinner 'to go' or you can 'dine in'. We will also bring your dinner to you if you are out on the Athletic fields at GHS, just let us know! Treat your favorite teacher or staff member to dinner by purchasing a ticket for them. What a great way to say "THANKS"! Seats are limited so don't delay! Please order tickets by **March 10, 2014!** Tickets may be purchased from any After Prom Committee Chairperson or by emailing Angela Brown at abrown122404@aol.com. You can also contact Sandra Di Gangi at sandradigangi@cox.net, Courtney Engel at jgracn24@aol.com or Cindy Howard at mrshtduck@cox.net.

- 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.
- 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 signup 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!
- 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.
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:

- The next **FCA** meeting will be Monday, March 3 at the home of Elizabeth Leybold. Please arrive by 6:30 for food and fellowship and the meeting will begin at 7:00.
- **Band Concert!** March 4th in the Grafton Auditorium. Time estimates: Jazz Band-6:30 pm, Concert Band-7:00 pm, Symphonic Band-7:30 pm, Wind Ensemble-8:00 pm. Come hear the music each band has prepared for the VBODA Assessments!

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/>