

Athens High School

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parent newsletter

September 2023

Dear Red Hawk Students, Families, and Community,

Welcome to the new academic year at Athens High School! My name is Vernon Burden, and I am honored to serve as the principal of this exceptional school and in a top tier school district. In this first year of my tenure at Athens, I look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and success.

Welcome back to our returning Red Hawks and families for the graduating classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026! I am inspired by your commitment to excellence and your dedication to your education. Together, let's make this year a remarkable chapter in your educational journey.

To the incoming Red Hawks class of 2027 and families, I extend a warm welcome to you all. Your arrival marks the beginning of our journey at Athens High School together. As you step through our school's doors, you are embarking on a transformative experience that will shape your future. For the next four years, I look forward to navigating through your experiences and hope to assist you in fulfilling your highest potential.

Athens High School firmly believes in the power of education to unlock potential, foster critical thinking, and nurture well-rounded individuals. We strive to provide a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment where each student can maximize their potential. The Red Hawk faculty is committed to academic excellence and is complemented by a broad range of extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports, allowing you to explore your passions and develop new skills.

As we embark on this new journey together, let us embrace the challenges, celebrate the victories, and support one another. Together, we will create a vibrant and dynamic community where we will ensure learning today, while inspiring learning tomorrow. This is accomplished by living our core values daily: Be Thoughtful, Act with Integrity, and Make an Impact.

Once again, welcome to Athens High School. Let us make this year one of growth, achievement, and cherished memories.

Sincerely,

Vernon Burden

Vernon K. Burden, Principal
Athens High School
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 @Mr_Burden_TA



Welcome Back!

Athens 2023-24 Daily Schedule

1st Hour 7:20-8:16 am

2nd Hour 8:22-9:23 am

3rd Hour 9:29-10:25 am

4th Hour 10:31-12:06 pm

A Lunch 10:31-11:01 am

B Lunch 11:03-11:34 am

C Lunch 11:36-12:06 pm

5th Hour 12:12-1:08 pm

6th Hour 1:14-2:10 pm

Half-Day Schedule

1st Hour 7:20-7:50 am

2nd Hour 7:56-8:31 am

3rd Hour 8:37-9:07 am

4th Hour 9:13-9:43 am

5th Hour 9:49-10:19 am

6th Hour 10:25-10:55 am

Exam Schedule

1st Exam 7:20-7:50 am

2nd Exam 9:13-9:43 am

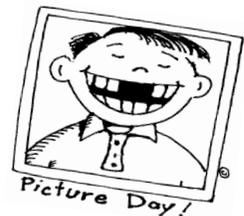
Early Release Days

7:20 am -12:40 pm

Picture Make-up & Re-take Day

New student and makeup pictures will be Friday, September 8th, 7:30 am-12:00 pm, for new students and students who missed.

Friday, October 20th re-take date is for students who are not satisfied with their original pictures and for new students who registered after August 30, 31st. Students must turn in their pictures to Kaiser on October 20th.



Student ID Cards

Students are **required** to carry their picture ID cards during school and at all student activities. The ID cards are distributed on picture day. The ID card is used for identification, for attendance late arrival, to purchase lunches, and used as a library card.

Athens Homecoming begins the week of September 18th. One of the highlights is the Powder Puff football game, Wednesday, September 20th. The Homecoming Parade and Football Game will take place Friday, September 22nd, followed by the dance on Saturday, September 23rd, 6:00-9:00 pm



JOIN US FOR Open House

**Wednesday, September 13
6:30 - 8:00 pm**



Welcome Back!

Athens High School

2023-2024



Mr. Vernon Burden
Principal



Ms. Megan Henry
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Assistant Principal
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- Student Affairs A - L
- Activities and Field Trips
- Club Advisors, Schedule C - Co-Lead w/T. Heugh
- MTSS & Diversity Equity Inclusion - Co-Lead with Mr. Burden
- Student Teachers

Events:

- Welcome Weeks & Club /Activities Fairs
- PSAT / NMSQT, Fall Test
- SAT/Workkeys/MME Test
- Senior Honors Convocation
- Curriculum Night

Departmental Support: English, Special Education & Science



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Assistant Principal
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- Student Affairs M - Z
- Character Education
- College & Career Readiness &
- Innovation - Co-lead with Mr. Burden

Events:

- Open House
- Fall Conferences
- PSAT 9/10, Spring Testing
- Spring Conferences
- Commencement

Departmental Support: Business/CTE, Social Studies, World Language, and Physical Education



HALL PASSES

We want you in class!

- Each teacher will have a room lanyard for students to wear/display when leaving the classroom.
- Lanyards are different colors based on 1st or 2nd floor.
- Only one student will be allowed to leave the classroom at a time to use the restroom.
- Technology will remain in the backpack or locker and not be used when leaving class.

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ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL

TECHNOLOGY REMINDERS

2023-2024

- iPad **MUST** be fully charged daily prior to school.
- Students must use their district iPad and be logged into their iPad with their district Apple ID to participate in class learning when technology is needed.
- No personal technology (i.e., cellphones, earbuds, etc.) are to be out or kept on a student during class.

- No technology will be taken to the bathroom during class.
- Technology **MUST** be kept in backpack or locker.

- Students may bring their charging cord and keep it in their backpack if they feel their district iPad will need charging at some point during the day.

- Don't leave tech unattended.

- Students are responsible for their technology. Athens is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged tech.



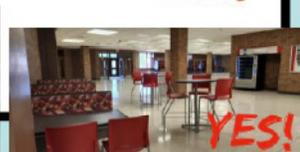
Students new to Athens may pick up their technology prior to the start of school at the Services Building - 4420 Livernois or may wait to pick it up in the Media Center when at school.

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ATHENS LUNCH

- Students must eat in the cafeteria or in the student outdoor courtyard area in front of the cafeteria.
- Students may not go to their cars or be in any other location in the building or around the campus during their lunch period.
- No outside food may be brought into the cafeteria i.e. Door Dash, pizza, etc.
- Student ID required.

When finished eating, some students may use the Media Center. Details forthcoming.



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Important Information

Main Office: 248.823.2900 Hours: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

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Mrs. Jeanne Miller, Secretary

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Mrs. Laura Sutton, Secretary

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Whom Are You Going to Call?



During the school year you may have occasion to need information from us, or to provide us with information. Since Athens is a large school there is no one person who can help you in every situation. Please save the following list and refer to it during the course of the year when questions arise.

Activities & Clubs.....	Mr. Heugh
Adult Education	Counselor
AHS Monthly Newsletter.....	Mrs. Sparbeck
Alternative Education.....	Counselor
Athletics.....	Mr. Heugh
Attendance	Mrs. Kemp
Building Events/Permits	Ms. Harris
Cafeteria/Kitchen	Mrs. Danescu
Caps & Gowns	Mrs. Sutton
Change of Address.....	Mrs. Sparbeck
Class Rings.....	Mrs. Sutton
College Testing.....	Counselor
Commencement	Mrs. Sutton
Co-op	Counselor
Discipline Appeals.....	Administrator
Draft Registration.....	Mrs. Sparbeck
Driving/Parking	Ms. Harris
Fines	Mrs. Sparbeck
First Aid	Mrs. Harris
Friend of the Court	Mrs. Sparbeck
Grading	Teacher
I.D. Cards (Replacement)	Mrs. Vought
Lockers.....	Ms. Harris
Lost & Found	Ms. Harris
New Student Enrollment	www.troy.k12.mi.us
OSTC (Oakland Schools Technical Center)....	Ms. O'Neill
Personal Problems	Counselor
Safe Ed	Mr. Redmond
Scheduling	Counselor
Scholarships	Mrs. Jamil
School Calendar	Mrs. Sutton
Senior All Night Party.....	https://athensparty.weebly.com/
Senior Announcements.....	Mrs. Sutton
Sign In/Sign Out	Mrs. Kemp
Social Security	Mrs. Sparbeck
Social Worker	Counselor
Student Photographs.....	Mrs. Sutton
Summer School.....	Counselor
Technical Schools	Counselor
Transcripts.....	Ms. Kania
Transportation/Bus	248.823.4054
Work Permits	Ms. Harris

TSD ATTENDANCE POLICY

There is a direct correlation between academic achievement and regular attendance. Frequent absences excused or unexcused, or tardiness in a class may seriously impact a student's academic progress.

The Revised School Code (380.1561) states that "...every parent, guardian or other person in this state having control and charge of a child from the age of six to the child's eighteenth birthday shall send that child to the public schools during the entire school year. The child's attendance shall be continuous and consecutive for the school year fixed by the school district in which the child is enrolled."

A student may be excused for chronic/serious illness, religious observances, family bereavement, mandatory court appearance, college visits or other reasons approved by a building administrator. When a student is absent from school, their parent/guardian must follow the attendance procedures outlined below.

A student with an excused or exempted absence has the right to complete the work missed and receive credit for it. Class discussions and activities cannot be duplicated. Students will receive one day for each day excused absent to make up work. This includes tests and quizzes. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain all necessary makeup work. Assignments or assessments given to the student prior to their absence will be due upon the student's return. School-sponsored activities are exempted absences. This includes field trips, athletic contests, counselor appointments, student club obligations, school business, etc.

When entering or leaving the building at times other than the beginning or end of the school day, a student must "sign in" or "sign out" in the attendance office. Students will receive an admittance slip to get into their classroom if they arrived late or the student will be given permission to leave the building if they are signing out.

Attendance Procedures – Middle School & High School

Tardiness – Students are expected to arrive on time to all classes. Students who arrive within five minutes after the start of class will be marked tardy to the class. Students who arrive later than five minutes will receive an unexcused tardy. Students are afforded 3 tardies per class per secondary marking period without penalty. Subsequent tardies in any specific class will prompt the assignment of a detention. Ongoing tardiness in the same class shall cause additional disciplinary action.

Absences – Students are expected to attend class on a regular basis. Excused absences include mandatory court appearance, chronic/serious illness, religious observances, school suspension, family bereavement, school-sponsored field trip/activity, or other reasons approved by a building administrator. Students should work with their assigned building administrator to ensure that attendance records are accurate. The student and family maintain the responsibility for communicating with the school about the nature of any absences and providing all necessary documentation for absences of a specialized nature. Furthermore, any documentation substantiating special absences from school must be provided to a school administrator in a timely fashion following the absences. For an absence to be excused, a parent must call the attendance office to notify the school of the absence within 24 hours of the absence.

Long-term absences, in excess of 5 days, must be prearranged and approved one week in advance through the submission of an Extended Absence form available in each school's attendance office. This will allow students to receive assignments in advance of the absence when possible and notify the school ahead of any extended time away from school.

Long-term absences and chronic absences have a negative impact on student achievement. Many classroom experiences are not able to be recreated (discussions, lab work, group assignments) and can negatively impact a student's grade.

Families will be informed of poor attendance patterns; email communication will be provided including class attendance status at the 5, 7 and 9 absence point in any semester. The communication will be issued by the school including the course name, total number of absences, and the absence designation as excused or unexcused. Chronic absenteeism will result in a meeting with school staff and a referral to Oakland County Truancy Officer and other county resources.

If an absence is unexcused, students may not be permitted to make up the work missed or due during that period (this includes missed assessments/tests, labs, presentations, or other assignments). Any absence that is not excused within 24 hours of the absence, it will remain an unexcused absence.

more news you can use

2023 College Board National Recognition Program Awardees

Congratulations! The following Athens students have been awarded National Recognition from the College Board.

They earned this academic honor because of their GPA of 3.5 or higher and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and/or AP® Exams. They can now list this honor on applications to stand out to colleges.

Awardees (as of August 17) at Athens High School are listed below:

- Kevin Hartwell: National Hispanic Recognition Award
- Makenzie Sawyers: National African American Recognition Award
- Michelle Nartey: National African American Recognition Award
- Nicholas Carranza: National Hispanic Recognition Award

Information Hub for Families

A **Back to School Hub** has been created and is available on the Troy School District website. It can be found at the top of the homepage in yellow. This page includes all of the district information that parents need to know for Back to School.

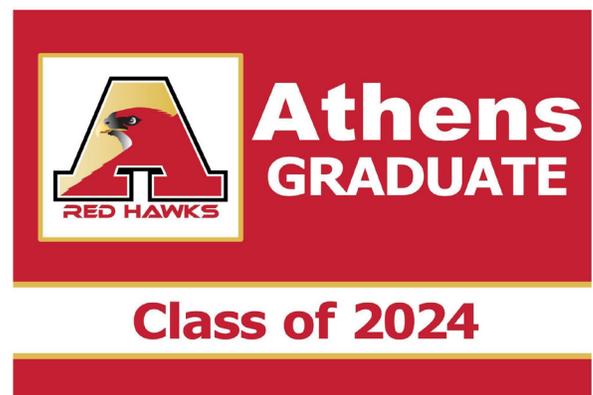
The link is <https://www.troy.k12.mi.us/back-to-school-hub>.

TROY ATHENS 2024 GRADUATION YARD SIGNS

Graduation signs are now available for purchase and to take home at Senior Parent Meeting and Financial Night and Open House! Quantities are limited so get them fast!!

Show your friends and neighbors how proud you are of your graduating senior by displaying a "Troy Athens Graduate Class of 2024" yard sign on your front lawn! Also perfect for their friends to sign as a memento or to line the driveway the day of graduation or their party!

Each sign is 18x24, durable polymer, and comes with a lawn stake. The cost is \$20. For more information, contact Amy Koontz at 248-840-9866.



Food Service Department Update:

We are pleased to announce that Governor Whitmer has approved free meals for all students this school year. That said, each student is now entitled to one free breakfast and one free lunch on each scheduled school day.

We are still encouraging families to complete a *Free and Reduced Application*, regardless of the fact that all meals are free this year. A free or reduced lunch status offers additional benefits to the student, including athletic fee waivers, club fee waivers, AP testing waivers, etc. Applications can be picked up in either the Main Office or the Counseling Office. Applications can be turned in to the Food Service Office at 4420 Livernois. You may also mail a hard copy to:

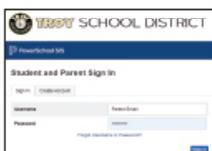
TSD Food Service Department
4420 Livernois
Troy, MI 48098

- Students can pick up their breakfast from the cafeteria before school.
- A La Carte items (snacks, beverages, extra entrees) are available for purchase. You may deposit funds to your student's account via MySchoolBucks. The Food Service Department no longer uses SchoolPay for lunch account payments. TSD still utilizes SchoolPay for other auxiliary payments, such as field trips, t-shirts, supplies, etc. See attached flyer for more information.
- **Students are required to bring their Student ID cards through the line** when they reach the cash register. The purpose of ID cards is to ensure that each student account is rung up correctly. This also provides quicker and smoother service.
- Please keep an eye out for our September menus on the TSD Website. If any of your children have food allergies, please contact the Food Service Office to receive meal accommodations. You may also visit our nutrition website at troysd.nutrislice.com.



How to Pay for TSD School-Related Fees/Fines

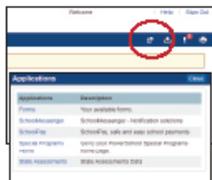
The Troy School District has implemented a new Payment Platform named SchoolPay and has integrated it into the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Parents now have the ability to pay for their child's school-related fees such as iPad Insurance, Club Fees, and Media Fines, without having to create a new account or remember another login or password. All payments and fines can be viewed and managed from one location and it's easy to use.



Sign into PowerSchool

<https://ps.troy.k12.mi.us>

Sign into the PowerSchool Parent Portal and select your child. In addition to viewing your child's grades and attendance, you can now conveniently pay for school-related fees, fines and dues.



Select SchoolPay Link

Click Icon and Select Link

Troy School District has provided a direct link to a new payment platform named SchoolPay. Click on SchoolPay in the Application Icon Menu at the top right corner of your dashboard.



Select & View Payments

School Payments (Food Service Balances are located on MySchoolBucks)

Listings of School Payments related to your child's school can be viewed from the menu options.



How to Pay for School-Related Fees in PowerSchool - 10.23.23 (v)



Lunch Money Simplified



Easily pay for school meals with MySchoolBucks



Automatic Payments



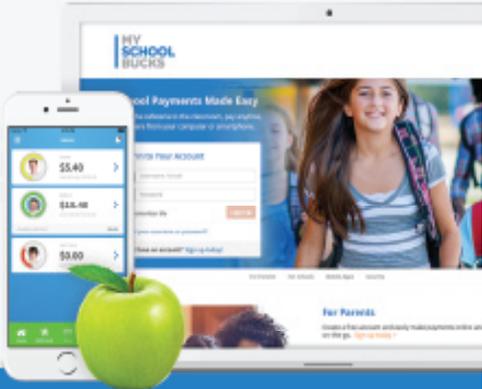
Simple & Secure



Low Balance Alerts

Get Started:

- 1 Go to myschoolbucks.com or download the app
- 2 Create an account & add your students
- 3 Pay with your credit/debit card



[MySchoolBucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com)

DOWNLOAD



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Winter

Wellness Dogs



Class of 2024 Financial Aid Night

You are invited to attend a financial aid presentation to learn general information regarding the financial aid process. We will provide general information able to be used no matter what college or university students plan to attend. Topics include the elements of financial aid, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), variety of resources available including scholarships, and more!

Event Name: Athens Paying for College Presentation
Date: September 5, 2023
Time: 6:00PM
Location: Athens High School Auditorium **Presenter:** Carrie Gilchrist, Oakland University

Visit <https://oakland.edu/financialservices/understanding-financial-assistance/events/> to view hand-outs and other opportunities.

COLLEGE REP

visits

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY	9/8/2023	12:30 PM	ROOM 134
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	9/25/2023	1:00 PM	ROOM 134
UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY	9/29/2023	9:30 PM	ROOM 134
KETTERING UNIVERSITY	10/2/2023	8:30 AM	ROOM 134
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	10/3/2023	12:30 PM	AUDITORIUM
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	10/9/2023	8:30 AM	ROOM 134
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY	10/10/2023	8:30 AM	ROOM 134
PURDUE UNIVERSITY	10/17/2023	8:30 AM	ROOM 134
WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY	10/23/2023	8:30 AM	ROOM 134





AHS SECRETARIES

2023-2024



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Athens Theatre Company
Presents...



November 10, 17 - 8:01 pm
November 11, 18, 19 - 3:00 pm

\$20.00 Adults / \$15.00 Students/TSD

\$5.00 Seniors / Special Patrons

All Seats Reserved ~ Call 248.823.2923 to reserve tickets

Athens High School 4333 John R Troy, MI 48085
www.athens.k12.mi.us



TICKET ORDER FORM

Performance Dates

Friday, November 10 8:01 pm
Saturday, November 11 3:00 pm
Friday, November 17 8:01 pm
Saturday, November 18 3:00 pm
Sunday, November 19 3:00 pm

Please circle the performance and indicate in the box below the number of tickets needed, name, and phone number.

Use ONE form for each performance.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ATC

Name (please print)

Phone Number

Tickets

\$20.00 Adults \$15.00 Students/TSD

\$5.00 Seniors / Special Patrons

AHS Staff **TSD**

Patron YES NO

ALL SEATS RESERVED

Total # of Tickets: _____

NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS ARE ABLE TO BE ADDED ONCE THIS RESERVATION IS RECEIVED. BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR WHOLE PARTY ON ONE ORDER.

Athens Theatre Company

4333 John R Road

Troy, MI 48065

Attr: Krista Manfredi

For assistance or any questions, call: 248.823.2923

CLASS OF 2024

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Senior Parent Meeting and Financial Night
Athens Auditorium

Tuesday, September 5, 2023
6:00 pm

Introduction
Ms. Megan Henry
Assistant Principal

Renee Jamil
Counselor

Parent Representative
Senior All Night Party Overview

Jostens
Cap and Gown Overview

Carrie Gilchrist-
Oakland University Student Financial Services

Attention: Parents of Seniors

This last year at Athens will be an exciting and event-filled one for you and your twelfth grader. It also can be an exhausting and expense-filled year, as well. "First-timers", especially, find the numerous costs associated with getting through this last year of high school staggering. The following is an overview of many senior expenditures. It is far from complete, but does cover major events. All fees are approximations.

WHAT?	WHEN?	HOW MUCH?	MANDATORY?
Senior Portrait	Aug - Nov	\$150 +	No, but Prestige will take a free composite/yearbook picture at Athens on October 12th from 1:00-7:00 pm in the Auditorium Lobby
Senior Panoramic Photo	October 26, 2023 7:45am in Gym	\$25	No
College Application Fee	Fall - Winter	Varies	Varies
College Visitation	Fall - Winter	Varies	No (but a good idea)
Senior Class Mementoes (T-shirt, Coffee Mug, etc.)	Sept - June	\$50 +	No
Yearbook	Sept - March	\$75+	No
Announcements	Online -Jostens	Approx. \$1.30 each	No
Cap & Gown	Online -Jostens	Approx. \$40	Yes (to participate in ceremony)
Prom	May, 10, 2024	ticket/attire	No
All Night Party	TBA	TBA	No (but a good idea)

Seniors' Special Events*

Senior Pictures - Prestige Studio

(248) 548-7660 Royal Oak or (248) 377-2444 Oakland Township

Cap & Gown/Announcements – Jostens (586)781-5618

*All dates are subject to change.

September

13 Open House 6:30-8:00 pm
22 Homecoming Football Game vs Seaholm 7:00-9:00 pm
23 Homecoming Dance 6:00-9:00 pm
27 ½ Day

October

12 Free Senior Head Shot for Composite/Yearbook 1:00-7:00 pm- Signup Genius to follow
12 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 12:30-3:30 pm, 5:30-8:00 pm
26 Senior Panoramic Photo, 7:45 am– Gym- Wear Senior Sweatshirts

November

03 No School
08 Early Release 7:20 am-12:40 pm
22 No School
23 No School
24 No School

December

06 Early Release 7:20 am-12:40 pm
22 Winter Break Begins

January

08 Back to School
16 First Semester Exams, Hours 1 and 2
17 First Semester Exams, Hours 3 and 4
18 First Semester Exams, Hours 5 and 6
19 No School
29 No School

February

12-16 Charity Week
19-20 Mid-Winter Break
29 Parent Teacher Conferences, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

March

06 Early Release 7:20 am-12:40 pm
22-29 Spring Break

May

10 Prom, Andiamo in Warren 7-11 pm TBA Senior Honors Convocation Practice
TBA Seniors Last Full Day
TBA Seniors Only, EXAMS Hours 1,2,3 TBA Seniors Only, EXAMS Hours 4,5,6
TBA Senior Picnic, 11:00 am- Parent Planned
TBA Senior Honors Convocation, 5:00-7:00 pm

June

TBA Commencement
TBA All Night Party- Parent Planned



Seniors
CLASS OF 2024

More News You Can Use

Physical Education Waiver

This exemption allows for students to waive ½ credit of the elective P.E. for participation in athletics/marching band for two seasons. This waives the .5 elective PE credit only. Intro to P.E. is still a required course for graduation. The student must apply for the waiver of credit in an interscholastic sport/ marching band by October 30th for fall, February 20th for the winter, and May 19th for spring. The forms are available in the Counseling Office.

Communications Release Form

Parents who do not want their child's image and work released by the District should complete a Communications Release Form. This form is available at Athens High School upon request. This relates to District use only. We cannot monitor private use of children's images. Parents are asked to use discretion when posting photos or names of children other than their own on the internet.

Physical Cards

Please remember to turn in your Physical Cards to the coaches at tryouts. DO NOT turn physical cards in to Mr. Heugh's office.

Athletic Event Admission

This year the regular price of admission for all students and fans to attend athletic contests will be as follows:

\$5.00 Varsity \$5.00 JV \$5.00 Freshmen

The cost for Athletic Passes are as follows:

\$50.00 HS Students
\$70.00 Season Pass-1 Adults
\$100.00 Season Pass-2 Adults

We are encouraging all parents to pay for their passes on SchoolPay.

All in-season athletes will have to also purchase a ticket to enter a contest.

Drive Safely

Reminder to students to take their time when driving to and from school. Being to class on time is important. More important is being safe. Leave yourself extra time in the morning. Be patient as the car in front of you waits to turn. This will help ensure that all students have a safe and enjoyable year.

Opting Out Of Providing Information to Military

Under a provision of the federal "No Child Left Behind Act", school districts are required to provide names, addresses, and telephone numbers (including unlisted numbers) of secondary school students upon request of military recruiters unless an "opt out" letter is submitted to the principal of the high school. You may click on the following link to complete an opt-out form. Upon receipt of the letter/form, confirmation will be sent acknowledging your request.

<https://www.fcasd.edu/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=305&dataid=1156&FileName=Military%20Opt-Out%20Form.pdf>

Vision Screening for Freshman

To assure that ninth graders have adequate vision to meet educational demands, the Michigan Public Health Code, Act 368, recommends vision screening for ninth graders or screening in conjunction with drivers training. To meet the screening needs of students, the Oakland County Health Division offers free vision screening by appointment at the North Oakland Health Center (1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac) and South Oakland Health Center (27725 Greenfield Rd., Southfield) locations. Parents can call (248) 424-7070 to schedule an appointment.

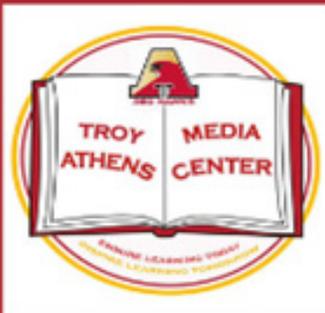
U.S. Selective Service

Federal Law requires that all men living in the U. S. to register with Selective Service.

Young men must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. They can submit their registration information when they turn 17 and 3 months and it takes only a few minutes on the internet at www.sss.gov or they can pick up a registration card at a local post office. When they turn 18, their registration will be processed automatically. Most importantly, they will have complied with the registration requirement which is the law. An acknowledgement card will be mailed to them with their Selective Service number.

Why is it so important for young men to register with Selective Service? By complying with the law, they stay eligible for programs and benefits connected to registration, such as college loans and grants, federal employment, job training, citizenship for immigrant men seeking to become citizens, and driver's license eligibility in most states.

If you have further questions, please see your Counselor.



Troy Athens Media Center

NEWS & UPDATES



Hours: 6:45am-2:45pm M-F

Lunches: Closed for now....stay tuned for more info as 1st quarter progresses!

Can check out: Books (3 weeks), graphing calculators (all year), iPad chargers/laptops/iPads (school day only)



Check your e-mail account! Students and parents/guardians should have received a notice on 8/29/23 if there are any fines to pay or any books to return from last school year. As always, please respond back to the e-mail if you have any questions! **Please do not pay for lost items on Schoolpay unless you are 100% sure they are lost.** To be in line with Troy Public Library, we will again not be charging late fees. Items will be marked lost after being 30 days late, but that charge will go away once the item is returned.



We are making a maker/creativity space! We would love donations of any fun creative items that your student thinks would be useful for others. Ideas could be markers, popsicle sticks, Duck tape, masking tape, small sets of basic tools, utility scissors, cordless glue guns, colored sharpies, etc. Anything can be useful as we get started! Donations can be dropped off at the main office or brought to the Media Center. Thank you!

Athletic Events Pass

FOR SCHOOL ATHLETIC CONTESTS



\$50.00 HS Student Pass

\$40.00 MS Student Pass (Grades 6-8)

\$70.00 for Season Pass (one adult)

\$100.00 for Season Pass (two adults)

\$5.00 Adult admission per event

\$5.00 Student admission per event

Fifth-grade students and younger are FREE



Admission fees are charged for these high school contests: basketball, competitive cheer, football, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swim/dive, synchronized swim, track, volleyball, water polo, and wrestling.



Admission fees are *not* charged for middle school contests.



*Good for ALL Home Events
(Excluding O.A.A. and MHSAA Tournaments)*



Passes are purchased during student registration. Payment **MUST** be made when your student I.D. card picture is taken. An identification mark will be embossed on your student I.D.



Payment can be made online through SchoolPay or via a check payable to the Troy School District.



Questions? Call District Athletics at (248) 823-5154



(https://www.candgnews.com/Lions_091023)

News & Notes - 8/23/23 Troy Times

Troy Times (<https://www.candgnews.com/newspaper/troytimes>) | Published August 26, 2023

Athens athletes earn honors at AAU Games

Two Troy Athens track athletes, Julian Farrell, a rising junior, and Evan Watson, a rising senior, along two other high school athletes, Drew Graves and Derrick Lee Jr., ran in the men's age 17-18 4 by 400-meter relay at the 2023 Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics Games July 28-Aug. 5 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Their team finished in sixth out of 62 teams and earned All-American status.

"It was our relay team's goal to become All-American," said Farrell. "I am very happy to have done this with Evan, since we have been running with each other since middle school and we have seen each other grow. The competition was very hard. Achieving sixth place in the whole country was a big deal, especially out there in the heat and having to stay ready and warmed up all day."

"It was a very fun experience to compete on such a high level. It was a huge college facility, and it was fun to compete with some other elite athletes across the nation," added Watson. "Me and Julian have known each other since middle school, and we reached our goal that we set this summer to become all-American. Now that just motivates even more to strive to be all-American again next year, because I know I will be."

Additionally, Ava Davis, a Class of 2023 Athens graduate, finished eighth in the age 17-18 women's high jump at the competition.



(<https://www.candgnews.com/admin/articles/temp-image/c91a7e457d57bc53e4c5a9e200406eaf.jpeg>)
Photo provided by DeLance Farrell

ATTENTION PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2024: SENIOR PORTRAIT, YEARBOOK, SENIOR RECOGNITION AD INFO

The following few pages contain everything you need to know regarding **senior portraits, purchasing yearbooks and purchasing senior recognition ads.**

SENIOR PORTRAITS

Prestige:

- The following page contains a detailed letter from Prestige Portraits. Prestige is the preferred photographer of Athens. The yearbook program automatically receives the portraits of all students who take their portraits with Prestige. Once the portrait is taken, students will need to select their preferred pose. After that, everything is taken care of for them regarding the yearbook.
- Students can make their own appointment at any Prestige location anytime before the deadline.
- Athens will also be providing two dates in the fall for students to get their portraits taken at school for **FREE** (this is only for the headshot pose; any other desired senior poses would require an appointment). **Exact dates will be announced in the fall.**
- Students who take their headshot with Prestige also receive a copy of the senior composite. This is a **free gift from Prestige that includes all students photographed by Prestige.** Because it is a gift from Prestige, students who do not take a photo with Prestige cannot be included. **However, the senior composite is not the same thing as the yearbook; students who do not take a headshot with Prestige can be included in the yearbook (see below for more info).**

Independent Photographers:

- While we do prefer students to enjoy the convenience and professionalism of Prestige, we understand that some may prefer to use an independent photographer. If you would like to submit a senior portrait from an independent photographer, the **required specifications are below:**
 - Must be an **INDOOR** headshot photo (just shoulders and head; outdoor and full body poses are **not permitted** for the senior headshot section of the yearbook)
 - Must be **1.375" by 1.875" at 300 dpi in jpeg format**
 - Must have a **WESTCOTT MOONLIGHT CLOUDSCAPE** background
 - Must be emailed to athensyearbook5475@gmail.com by **Monday, December 4th, 2023 at 11:59 pm**
 - **Late submissions will NOT be accepted.**

Note: If you do not take a headshot with Prestige or submit your own from an independent photographer, we will include your school ID photo.

PURCHASING YEARBOOKS:

- Yearbooks must be purchased online at www.jostens.com
- Search for Troy Athens High School once there
- More info/dates on following pages

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS:

- Senior recognition ads must be purchased online at www.jostensadservice.com
- You will design the ad on this website; the yearbook staff does not design ad
- More info/dates on the following pages

MORE INFO ON SENIOR PORTRAITS FROM PRESTIGE

Dear Parents & Seniors of the Class of 2024 -

Congratulations! The excitement of senior year is just around the corner. Now is a good time to give you some information regarding your senior portraits.

The senior portrait - is there a more captivating or cherished remembrance of the senior year? We expect the very best portrait program for our Red Hawk seniors. That is why **Prestige Portraits** has been serving our Athens community for many years and will continue to do so this year. These are just a few benefits of **Prestige Portraits** that we'd like to pass on:

- **Unsurpassed service and value!** Prestige offers early-bird specials and other incentives throughout the year to fit any budget. Assistance is also provided to every customer to help you select the best package to fit your needs!
- **Full-service yearbook support!** Your yearbook photos are delivered to the Athens yearbook adviser for you! Prestige also provides professional group and candid photos for the yearbook.
- **State-of-the-art facilities!** We encourage you to visit any of Prestige's convenient locations to check out the newest sets and backgrounds. Plus, each studio has steamers, hair dryers, and health/beauty supplies to be sure you look your best!
- **Class Composite!** As a gift you to and Athens, Prestige provides a class composite for the school and a copy for every student photographed by Prestige.



Prestige wants to make our senior portrait experience as enjoyable as possible. Please call their **Ferndale Studio at 248.871.9898** or **Oakland Township at 248.377.2444** if you have any questions. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please do so early in order to guarantee availability.

**Deadline to be photographed
(by Prestige) for the
2024 yearbook:
NOVEMBER 18th, 2023**

**Deadline to SELECT your
preferred portrait/pose (through
Prestige) for the yearbook:
DECEMBER 4th, 2023
at 11:59PM**

**If you do not select a portrait by the deadline date, the default portrait will be selected for you.*

The professional and friendly staff at Prestige are looking forward to hearing from you and are happy to assist you with your needs.

Sincerely,
Sadie Besl
sbesl@troy.k12.mi.us
Athens High School
The Odyssey Yearbook Adviser

PRESTIGE PORTRAITS LOCATION

Royal Oak/Ferndale
1230 Woodward Hts
248.871.9898

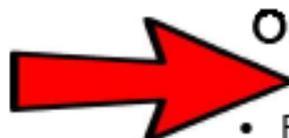
Oakland Township
4906 Adams Rd.
248.377.2444

Novi
40000 Grand River Ave.
248.427.1002

Shelby Township
46855 Hayes Rd.
586.532.9300

MORE INFO ON PURCHASING A SENIOR RECOGNITION AD

Senior recognition ads are a great way for parents, families, and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenue from senior recognition ads helps our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions below. Jostens is managing all yearbook ad sales for Athens, so please do not send materials to the school regarding senior ads. Please take into account the content guidelines below when creating your ad.



Order your ad by January 26, 2023

Ads are full color

- Full Page Ad (includes a free yearbook): \$375
- Half Page Ad: \$190
- Quarter Page Ad: \$100
- Eighth Page Ad: \$65

EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR ORDERS OF \$30 OR MORE

CONTENT GUIDELINES AND FAQs

- Athens reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos, or copyright-protected imagery or photos
- For your ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Ad prices are determined by the school. The revenue from ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

How is the ad deadline determined?

The deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for yearbook.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop or mobile devices.

Can I send my materials to the school?

No, please do not send your materials to the school. Athens has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number [800.358.0800] if you have questions or need assistance creating your ad.



**MORE QUESTIONS?
CALL JOSTENS AT
800.358.0800**

INFO ON PURCHASING A YEARBOOK FOR ALL GRADES

The Athens yearbook class works hard throughout the year to create a full color, over 200 page, inclusive yearbook. We love sharing the book with Red Hawks each spring! Check out our website:

<https://athenshighschoolyearbook.weebly.com/>

WAYS TO ORDER FROM HOME:

WEB



JostensYearbooks.com

SCAN



CALL



1.877.767.5217
8AM - 5PM CST
MONDAY-FRIDAY

YOU CAN ALSO PERSONALIZE YOUR YEARBOOK IF YOU'D LIKE

To personalize your book, it must be purchased by January 31, 2024.

Purchasing yearbooks early secures you the best price. The price increases throughout the year, starting at \$75 and reaching \$100. Questions about purchasing a yearbook can be directed to Sadie Best at athensyearbook5475@gmail.com or sbest@troj.k12.mi.us



Troy School District Nondiscrimination Policy and Grievance Procedure

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, it is the policy of the Troy School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be illegally excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program, activity, or service or in employment.

In accordance with Federal regulations, Troy School District has appointed the Assistant Superintendent, Employee Services, as the Title VI, Title IX, Section 504/ADA, and Age Discrimination Act Coordinator. Any questions, suggestions, or complaints regarding a possible or perceived violation of this policy of nondiscrimination should be directed to this administrator, who is responsible for administering the nondiscrimination grievance procedure:

Assistant Superintendent, Employee Services
Title VI, Title IX, Section 504/ADA and Age Discrimination Act Coordinator
Troy School District
4400 Livernois Road
Troy, Michigan 48098-4799 Voice: 248.823.4000

Antidiscrimination Grievance Procedure

Any student or employee of the District who believes that he or she has been discriminated against, denied a benefit, or excluded from participation in any District educational program or activity on the basis of sex (including sexual harassment), race, color, religion, national origin, age (employees only), height, weight, marital status, or handicap shall file a written grievance with Assistant Superintendent, Employee Services, who is the designated compliance administrator. Grievance forms may be obtained in the Human Resources Department. Individuals are encouraged to discuss their concern informally with the staff member involved before a formal grievance form is filed. The compliance administrator can often help in attempting to resolve the grievance and will, if the individual desires, accompany him or her at all meetings with staff members.

Formal Grievance Procedure

Step 1: If a grievance is not resolved informally, the individual shall submit a written grievance form to the immediate supervisor or administrator within 10 work days of the incident. The procedure will then be as follows:

- (1) Not later than next work day - administrator or supervisor must send copy of grievance to Assistant Superintendent, Employee Services.
- (2) Within 5 work days of grievance filing date - supervisor or administrator meets with grievant.
- (3) Within 3 work days of meeting - supervisor or administrator gives written answer to grievant on grievance form.

Step 2:

- (4) Within 3 work days of receipt of answer - grievant (if not satisfied) must appeal to the Assistant Superintendent, Employee Services.
- (5) Within 10 work days of receipt of appeal - Assistant Superintendent, Employee Services (or Deputy Superintendent, if appropriate) meets with grievant.
- (6) Within 5 work days of meeting - Assistant Superintendent, Employee Services or Deputy Superintendent gives written answer.

Step 3:

- (7) Within 3 work days of receipt of answer - grievant (if not satisfied) must appeal to the Superintendent.
- (8) Within 10 work days of receipt of appeal - Superintendent meets with grievant.
- (9) Within 5 work days of meeting - Superintendent gives written answer. This decision is final and binding on all parties.

Additional Provisions

The Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent, Employee Services may designate representatives to act for them in their functions as described above.

A grievance not filed or appealed within the specified time limits will be conclusively deemed abandoned. Failure of any administrator or supervisor to hold a meeting or render a decision allows automatic appeal to the next level. Time limits may be extended only by mutual written agreement.

All records concerning a grievance will be treated confidentially. No record of a grievance will be kept in a staff member's personnel file if the final decision is that there was no reasonable basis for the grievance. No record of a grievance will be kept in the grievant's file.



Who We Are As A PTO

The Athens PTO is a group of parents/guardians, teachers, and administrators who work together for a common purpose. We raise funds, provide volunteers, and help to support the various events and initiatives that are needed throughout the year – Staff and school grants, student and community events, and partnerships within our community. We are the only school organization that provides support to everyone within the Athens community. We contribute to major events and projects at Athens by volunteering or assisting financially. We can continue to do this through the wonderful support of our parents/guardians, teachers, and administrators—we encourage everyone to join us in our efforts.

Every donation goes straight back into the school!

Check out our page, linked to the Athens High School website:
<https://athens.troy.k12.mi.us/athens-pto-page>

Or check us out on our Facebook group!

Click below to join and please answer all of the questions for faster approval.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/275396776307682>

Membership

We are proud to be the only organization within Athens that supports the entire student body and school. Everything we do helps to support the efforts and initiatives that are directed towards Athens as a whole. We ask for \$20 per student. A big thank you to the parents/guardians who have already contributed! If you haven't already done so, it's not too late to donate! You can click on the link below and donate so that we can continue to provide benefits all year long.

Ways to Donate

- Here is a link to our donation page: <https://athens-high-school-pto.square.site/>
- Send a check with your student to drop off in the main office, written out to Athens High School PTO
- Mail to: Athens High School PTO, 4333 John R Road, Troy, Michigan 48085, written out to Athens High School PTO

PTO Meeting Dates

We meet once a month to give updates, and we share a lot of information about PTO and school events. We typically meet in TACC.

Meeting dates are as follows:

September 6th in TACC - Kick off for our first meeting - Mr. Burden will be there to introduce himself!

October 11th

November 8th

January 10th

February 14th

March 13th

April 10th

May - TBD, either the 8th or 15th

Fill out our short information form on our website (<https://athens.troy.k12.mi.us/athens-pto-page>) and you will become a part of the distribution list that receives emails for meeting information and volunteer opportunities. Please join us to learn about the things we are doing to partner with Athens High School students and staff! Welcome to any new families that have joined the Athens PTO this year! Let's make it the best year yet!

Colleen Geyer & Tara Colussi
Athens PTO co-presidents

SUPPORT TROY YOUTH ASSISTANCE



Troy Youth Assistance is a non-profit organization focused on prevention and dedicated to the protection and advancement of at-risk youth.

We have been supporting youth and families in Troy since 1958. As one of 26 Youth Assistance programs in Oakland County, our office operations are tri-sponsored by the Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division, the Troy School District, and the City of Troy. **We rely on personal donations to fund the majority of our youth programs.**

Services provided:

- **Casework Services** offer confidential, short-term, family-centered counseling and referral services for youth
- **Family Education** offers youth workshops and parenting programs tailored to today's issues
- **Camp/Skill Building** provides scholarships for activities to youth who may need financial assistance
- **Mentors Plus** matches adult volunteers with youth who may need a mentor
- **Youth Involvement** sponsors activities to help youth interact positively with one another and their community
- **Youth Recognition** awards "Boost Grants" to high school students to help them overcome obstacles and continue their journey toward reaching their academic and professional goals

**Contact us at 248-823-5095 or TroyYouthAssistance@troy.k12.mi.us
www.TroyYouthAssistance.org**

Please help us continue our work with your donation!

Scan the QR code to give online
or visit www.TroyYouthAssistance.org/Donate



Mail your check to Troy Youth Assistance with this form:

TYA, 4420 Livernois Rd., Troy, MI 48098

Name: _____

Email: _____

If you have a child in Troy schools, which school? _____



Meet the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence

Strong Schools. Strong Community.

We are a community-based nonprofit dedicated to supporting Troy School District students and teachers. Each year, we aim to give up to \$100,000 in **scholarships** for graduating seniors and **grants** to teachers, schools, and the whole district!

This year, we're asking for your help in reaching our goal!

RECENT TFEЕ GRANTS

More than \$35,000 granted to classrooms, bringing teachers' great ideas to life for our students

\$55,000 granted to create classroom libraries for every TSD Middle School English, Language Arts and Special Education Teacher

Every TSD elementary school received thousands of new teacher selected books thanks to a \$40,000 literacy grant

With your support, we can do even more!

Giving is simple! You can donate online by visiting TroyFoundation.org/Donate, scanning the QR code to the right, or by mailing a check made out to the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence to 4400 Livernois Rd., Troy, MI 48098.



Scan to give online!

P.S. Do you know of a business that would be interested in supporting the TFEЕ? Contact us at troyfoundation@gmail.com to learn about our new business partnership program!

Mail donation and form to TFEЕ, 4400 Livernois Rd., Troy, MI 48098 or visit troyfoundation.org/donate to give online today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

If you have children attending TSD, which school(s) do they attend? _____

SEPTEMBER

01..... No School
04..... No School - Labor Day
05..... Senior Parent Meeting & Financial Aid Night
08..... Make Up Picture Day - All Grades
08..... Football Game - Away vs. Oak Park 7:00 pm
11..... 5th Grade Instrumental Night 6:00 pm
13..... Open House 6:30-8:00 pm
14..... Football Game - Away vs. North Farmington 7:00 pm
20..... Powder Puff Game 6:00 pm
22..... Homecoming Dance - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
27..... 1/2 Day for Students
30..... Football Game - Away vs. Pontiac 2:00 pm

OCTOBER

04..... Count Day
06..... Football Game - Home vs. Royal Oak 7:00 pm
12..... 1/2 Day - Conferences - Afternoon & Evening
13..... Football Game - Home vs. Troy 7:00 - 9:30 pm
15..... AHS/THS Choir Cabaret at Athens 2:00 pm
17..... Orchtobberfest - 7:00 pm
20..... Picture Re-Take Day
20..... Football Game Away - Henry Ford II 7:00-9:30 pm
26..... Senior Panoramic 7:45 am Main Gym

TSD Administration

Dr. Richard M. Machesky
Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Christine DiPilato
Asst. Superintendent,
Secondary Instruction

Board of Education

President, Mr. Karl Schmidt
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Trustee, Mrs. Vital Anne
Trustee, Mr. Matthew Haupt
Trustee, Dr. Nancy Phillippart



by all these lovely TOKENS
september DAYS ARE HERE,
WITH SUMMER'S BEST OF *weather*
AND **autumn's**
best of cheer.
[h.h. jackson]