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November 1
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Athens Academy

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The Measure of Our Success
by Marian Wright Edelman

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Lower School Hall

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Grades 5-12
7:00 p.m.
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Classes dismiss at the regular
time on Tuesday, November 22
Classes resume on Monday,
November 28

PSO Dates

Tuesday, November 29
Holiday Decorating Coffee
Thursday, December 8
Cookbooks in carpool



This year, 17 members of Athens Academy's senior class have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their performance on last October's PSAT/NMSQT. (1st row l to r) Catherine Dunleavy, Kelsey Allen, Hailey Evans, Dorothy Todd, Malini Reddy. (2nd row l to r) Anna Fleming, Elizabeth Greer, Elizabeth Cason, Kate Wanner, Claire Coenen, Rebecca Hale. (3rd row l to r) Christopher Horn, Louis Timberlake, Ankur Mathew, James Jacoby, David Fu, Nate Weems.

Service Learning Through Volunteering

As part of Athens Academy's Service Learning philosophy, which incorporates a sense of social responsibility into the academic curriculum, the Upper School will hold its seventh annual Service Day on Tuesday, November 22. Students have been working hard organizing various volunteer projects across the community. With help from Interact advisor Ms. Julie Boyd and Leadership Committee members Dorothy Todd, Elizabeth Cason, Khalela Bell, Iris Lieu, Jasmin Patel, and Umesh Patel, almost 20 groups will be volunteering with a variety of community agencies.

Among this year's groups will be a retirement home entertainment troupe and teachers' aides at six local schools. The largest project is the Special Olympics,

with over 100 student volunteers. These students will host athletes for events both on- and off-campus, with help from faculty advisor Mr. Michael Gunn. Three paint crews will work at locations across the area, while two more groups will work with Habitat for Humanity. Students will volunteer at a food bank and the Red Cross, and another group will prepare a Thanksgiving dinner for 50 at the Salvation Army. SEEDS members plan to create a community garden, and others will do yard work for hospice patients, prepare for Relay for Life, painting dugouts at a recreational baseball field, and record books on tape for the blind. Sophomore Jarrard Cole will travel to the various sites recording the groups at work in order to make a Service Day

video presentation.

New this year is a fashion show fundraiser for the Athens Area Homeless Shelter. Fashion show organizers Blair Terry and Katie Blanton have been working since last spring on the show, which will be held the evening of November 22 at East/West Bistro. Everyone is invited to attend, and tickets will be available at the door for \$10. Refreshments will be served as student volunteers model clothing provided by local fashion boutiques.

Parents interested in helping with the fashion show or any of the other Service Day groups should contact Ms. Boyd at jboyd@athensacademy.org. All parents and friends are invited to join the students as they make a difference throughout the Athens community.

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Question:

Why participate in the Annual Fund and 21st Century Classroom Capital Campaign?

Answer: Eight Compelling Reasons

Begin by supporting this year's Annual Fund to:

1. **Ensure** a tradition of excellence by employing and retaining outstanding teachers
2. **Provide** our teachers with competitive salaries
3. **Supplement** tuition to keep our tuition among the lowest of comparable college preparatory schools in the Southeast
4. **Enhance** the academic experience to benefit students and teachers

Follow your Annual Fund support with a gift or pledge to the 21st Century Classroom to:

5. **Build** campus infrastructure for computer technology, security, and communications systems . . . **complete**
6. **Construct** a new Upper School building for science and art instruction . . . **complete**
7. **Renovate** Lower, Middle, and Upper School buildings (including heating, air, and lighting) . . . **continuing**
8. **Raise** our endowment for faculty salaries and student financial aid . . . **continuing**

- To ensure continued excellence in our educational program, it is essential that everyone participate!
- As an independent school, Athens Academy is solely supported by tuition and tax-deductible charitable contributions.
- Thank you for your gifts and pledges to the Annual Fund and 21st Century Classroom Capital Campaign. Your support makes a difference for our students.

SUPPORTING

Parent Service Organization

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MS Reps

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Tennis Tournament

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Holiday Decorating

Catherine Warner

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Jeff & Taylor Miller

Craig & Lisa Moore

Bob & Susan Waugh

Cookbook -Lacy Sinkwich

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Betty Perno

Festival Day

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Joanna Hill, & Marty Kemp

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Golf Tournament

Zack Platek

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Kim Griffith

Post Planning Luncheon

Susan Buchanan

Nancy Woodruff

Flower Planting

Donna Murphy & Cindy Crymes

LS Book Fair

Leslie Suarez

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Connie McArdle

Square One Art

Natalie Camp

Susan Malcom

What is the PSO?

The Parent Service Organization is the volunteer organization of parents who work with the school's administration to enhance the quality of programs and academic life offered at Athens Academy. It is a great way to meet other parents, share your time and talents, and have fun. Thank you to all who have already volunteered, and it is not too late if you haven't. We still have many more programs coming up. Please feel free to contact me or Debbie Daniel if you would like to help.

Sue Williams
PSO Chair

Thank You

- **Heather Malcom** and **Kelley Hansford** for chairing Sally Foster. Remember that distribution is Tuesday, October 25. Please remember that gift wrap can still be purchased on the Internet through the end of the year at www.sallyfoster.com.
- **Amy Guess, Sue Youngerman, Andrea Parris, and Bonnie Turner** for chairing Grandparents/Special Friends Day. It was great to see all those special people on our campus. To the committee who served thank you. Rosalind Gilbert in her rain boots for coordinating transportation, Claire Smith for the Lower School Photo Booth, Toni Parr for the gorgeous flowers, Mike Callinan and the Upper School Media and Technology Club for doing the web cast so that the overflow could boogie down in the hall. Thank you to all those who volunteered to bring food, serve food, and greet people, and to the students who served as our "tour guides."
- **Zack Platek, Tom and Kelly Johnson, Jan Young, Tracy Crymes, and Chris and Kim Maddox** for chairing a very successful Golf Tournament.
- **Jana Hollingsworth** and **Allison Hale** for their commitment to making sure there are workers for lunch duty.
- **Leslie Suarez, Margaret Smith, and Connie McArdle** for another very successful Lower School Book Fair.

Save the Date

- **Holiday Decorating**
November 29, 8:15 a.m. in the Tillman Center.
Catherine Warner 706-543-4116 and Diane Hand 706-353-8069
- **Cookbooks in Carpool**
Thursday, December 8 cookbooks will be available in all carpool lines. Don't forget they make great Holiday gifts. For more information, call **Lacy Sinkwich** 706-353-6640 or **Debbie Garth** 706-425-9613

**Spartan 5K &
Spartan
Sprint**

**Saturday,
February 11, 2006**

***Attention
Tennis Players*
Mark your
calendars for
the
Athens Academy
Annual Tennis
Tournament
Saturday,
March 25, 2006**

Festival Day

**Saturday,
April 22, 2006**

LOWER *School News*

PRIMARY

Points

4th Grade Trip

*Overnight to Zoo Atlanta
Thursday, November 3
and Friday November 4*

Student Holiday

*Monday, November 7
Faculty Development Day*

Preschool Information Session

*Wednesday, November 9
9:30 a.m.
Lower School Hall*

Thanksgiving Parties for the Preschool

*Tuesday, November 22
K4-11:00 a.m.
K3-11:15 a.m.
Pre-first-noon
LS Activity Afternoon*

Thanksgiving Holidays

*November 23-27
Classes dismiss at the
regular time on Tuesday,
November 22
Classes will resume on
Monday, November 28.*

Preschool Information Session

Anyone interested in hearing about the program for three-year-olds, four-year-olds, or pre-first (what we call kindergarten) is invited to join us on Wednesday, November 9 at 9:30 a.m. for our Preschool Open House. Hear from the teachers and see the program in action. If you are unable to come, please call us if you have any questions. We will meet in the Lower School Hall.

Off to the Zoo

It's "zoo time" again! Each year the fourth graders eagerly await their first overnight field trip. We will visit Zoo Atlanta, participating in their night crawler program, Zoo Tech, on November 3 and 4. Our students will rediscover Zoo Atlanta with the help of technology! They will use high-powered microscopes, night-vision scopes, and other instruments to explore the exciting life all around us.

*Jeri Burnette
and Mary Ann Naclerio*

The Inside Scoop

The second grade learned a lot about Sally Ride, America's first woman astronaut, when they read her biography in a reading unit focusing on bravery. Reading about a famous person is always interesting, but talking to someone who has the "inside scoop" can be really exciting.

Our insider is Mr. Pat Cuneo, who is the Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Athens Academy. When his father was in the Air Force, he knew Sally Ride because he helped train Sally and other astronauts in water survival skills. Mr. Cuneo was able to visit the training facility as a child, and he shared stories his father told him about the difficult training techniques.

Imagine traveling down a gigantic zip line at breath-taking speed into a huge pool of water or being dropped into the open ocean from 100 feet and left to survive for hours. We certainly understand why the story of Sally Ride was included in a unit on bravery. Thank you, Mr. Cuneo.

*Sharon Reinking
and Lilli Ramsey*

Important Testing Tips

There are things the home and school can do to help children do better on tests, and it's never too early to work on this. Your child is responsible for taking the test but there are some things (from the Parent Institute) that the home and school can do together to help such as:

- Study for several days instead of cramming.
- Get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast. Rest, exercise, and good nutrition are especially important on test days when stress is high.
- Remember to read the directions carefully and ask the teacher if you don't understand.
- Look quickly over the test when it is handed out to see the type and number of questions.
- Don't spend too much time on one question. Help your child understand that it is important to answer as many questions as possible. One technique is to mark unanswered questions and then return to them at the end if time permits.
- Take a deep breath and relax as much as possible. The better prepared a child is the easier this will be.

Phone Calls

It is so important that a child feel secure about what is happening at the end of the day. Please set up transportation, having friends over, etc., the night before. Last-minute

calls to school to inform children of changes can be a distraction, causing confusion and disruption. Any changes in transportation need to be sent in to the teacher in the form of a note. Children often overhear plans for a future get-together and think it is happening right away. We will certainly help you with any emergencies and last minute changes.

Activity Afternoon

Once again the Lower School will be involved in Activity Afternoon on November 22. The students will choose from a wild selection of activities offered by the faculty. The games may include such things as Bingo, Crayola Sidewalk Art, Rockin' and Rollin' (with roller blades and helmets), Kickball, and Indoor Soccer, to name a few. We look forward to more of these fun days in the future.

Being Sensitive

As a school of caring and sensitive individuals, we need to be responsive to the needs of others whenever possible. As an example, if invitations are handed out at school, each member of the grade, boys and girls, must be invited. This certainly helps reduce hurt feelings. Over the years new families have expressed their thanks at having their children included in activities. These same sentiments hold true to all families. Yes, I am aware that real life certainly has its ups and downs, but it will be most appreciated if we all do whatever we can to help. The rule of thumb could certainly be called "golden."

Bob Urich

MIDDLE *School News*

Take Note

Student Holiday

Monday, November 7
Faculty Development Day

Midpoint of grading period

Friday, November 11

Fall Band Concert

November 17
7:00 p.m.
Presentation Hall

7th Grade to Cyclorama

Tuesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Holidays

November 23 - 27
Classes dismiss at the
regular time on Tuesday,
November 22
Classes resume on
Monday, November 28

5th grade Greek Olympics

Friday, December 3

Students Qualify for Duke Talent Search

Fifty-two seventh grade students at Athens Academy, 79% of the class, recently qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Qualification required scores at or above the 95 percentile on verbal or mathematical sections of nationally normed tests approved by Duke's program for academically gifted students.

The Talent Identification Program was established in 1980 to identify bright students and to enable gifted and talented programs to help these students develop their abilities. Students who qualified will take the SAT or ACT college admissions tests. The seventh graders who perform exceptionally well on one of these tests are invited to attend summer programs at Duke. In addition, the higher scoring students are invited to a state recognition ceremony.

Athens Academy students who have qualified for the Duke Talent Search this year are: Nicholas Adams, Bharat Agrawal, Logan Allee, Meredith Anderson, Chase Brantley, Dillon Brooks, CJ Brown, Elizabeth Callaway, Austin Condict, Ben Daniel, Lauren Daniel, Priya Desai, Sarah Fenno, Davis Finney, Kelly Foster, Anne Lanier Gilbert, Ben Glauser, Maggie Haden, Bethany Hanscom, Ben Heery, Alex Knisely, Kristin Lawson, Chandler Lester, Morgan Maddox, Lauren Marbut, Meagan Marshburn, Daniel Masciadri, Mary Matthews, Ansley McAlister, Christopher McGehee, Ned McGregor, Jane Robbins Mize, James Netter, Samantha Nickerson, Sarah Pylant, Greer Ransom, Jordan Richardson, Mark Sanders, Adam Sapp, Chip Sherwood, Katlin Stephens, Carey Stewart, Ayman Tartir, Emma Templeman, Henry Terrell, James Waugh, Patrick Wellborn, Sara Wetzstein, Elliott Woodruff, Denver Wylie, Tony Xu, and Sarah Yoder. Congratulations to each student!

Morning Arrival

Please note that the school policy handbook states, "No child

should arrive before 7:40 a.m." It is a safety concern when children are dropped at school before faculty members arrive.

Rainy Days

Middle School students travel to the Media Center and the Lower School for some classes. On rainy days they need to wear rain gear in order to stay dry.

Watch the Web

Updates on the Athens Academy programs are available at www.athensacademy.org. In the event of an emergency closing of the school, information will be posted on the web.

Coats and Cans Drive

Eighth grade students will be leading Middle School this month in a coats and cans drive to assist people in our community. If your children have outgrown some coats and jackets, please consider donating these items to our project. Any student who wishes to participate may drop off donations in the Schacht Building or the Middle School office. The project begins November 7 and continues until November 21.

Magazine Totals

Congratulations to the students on an outstanding magazine sales campaign this fall! Thanks to the many parents who supported their efforts. Our grand total of sales is \$14,934.00, 40% of which is profit for the school. Funds earned by seventh and eighth graders will go into class treasuries; monies from fifth and sixth grade sales will be used for technology needs. A special thanks to Mr. Lidden Pate, who performed the bookkeeping tasks for us.

Planning ahead

Eighth grade students will take semester exams Wednesday, December 14 through Friday, December 16.

Play Auditions

Seventh and eighth grade students may audition for the Middle School play, *Into the Woods*, on Wednesday, November

30 and Thursday, December 1, 3:15-5:15 p.m. in the Presentation Hall. Students should prepare to sing sixteen bars of any song. The script is available to check out from Ms. Cook.

A few positions remain for backstage crew. Students interested in helping with costumes, assistant stage manager, or backstage crew, notify Ms. Cook. Performance dates are February 9-11, 2006.

Volunteers

The students and faculty appreciate the assistance of our parent volunteers who serve at lunch daily and assist us with special events such as Zeus's birthday, Greek Olympics, Medieval Banquet, and mystery luncheons. We have sent letters to parents who will chair the special events this year. These chairpersons will work with the faculty to plan events and will call on their volunteers to do the jobs. We appreciate the hard work and look forward to these exciting events and service projects.

Brenda Klein

Presidential Fitness Program

Athens Academy has been recognized for the fourth consecutive year as the state fitness champion for division II. This award represents the commitment of the students, parents, and school to the pursuit of a healthy lifestyle and physical wellness. Congratulations to all students for setting high goals and striving for excellence, and to the teachers, parents, and friends who encouraged them to reach for their best. With weekly articles in the news media about the mounting national health crisis stemming from inactivity, it is indeed encouraging to see that so many Academy students have established the goal of a high level of personal fitness for themselves. Congratulations to all on this accomplishment!!

Don Chuboff

HIGH Lights

Conference Day

Wednesday, November 2

Student Holiday

*Monday, November 7
Faculty Development
Day*

Rock, Relief and Rebuild

*Thursday, November 10
County-Wide Talent
Show/Benefit to support
the victims of Hurricane
Katrina
North Oconee High
School
No Homework Night*

Progress Reports

*Progress Reports will be
mailed on Friday,
November 18*

Service Day

Tuesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Holidays

*November 23 - 27
Classes dismiss at the
regular time on Tuesday,
November 22
Classes resume on
Monday, November 28*

Exams

*Upper School students
will have exams as late
as the afternoon of
Friday, December 16.
Classes will resume on
Monday January 2,
2006, at 8:10 a.m.*

A Responsibility To Serve

The longer I am at Athens Academy, the more I come to admire the tireless efforts of our students both in and out of the classroom. The four pillars of Athens Academy, academics, athletics, fine arts, and service remain the areas that distinguish the Academy experience. We have recently recognized students for their achievement on the College Board's AP exams and the PSAT. We have been awarded the GHSA Directors' Cup in recognition for excellence in athletics. Our fine arts department has placed students in the All-GISA Select Band and Orchestra, and hosted the regional One-Act Play Competition. While these accomplishments are commendable, it is our service learning program that continues to attract quiet distinction.

In early September, students came together with faculty to organize for our response to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Our students recognized the need to fill both immediate needs and long term recovery and rebuilding efforts, and have organized our school-wide response around that realization. Each division took the opportunity to provide immediate assistance by donating comfort care items to the American Red Cross. Additionally, the Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School have participated in fund-raising activities to support the recovery. Each Upper School grade level is in the process of identifying long-term recovery efforts that will allow us to target specific groups and their needs. Finally, we are investigating a partnership through our Habitat for

Humanity chapter to provide an opportunity for students interested in rebuilding projects in the affected areas during spring break.

Beyond the school community, our students are collaborating with students from North Oconee High School and Oconee County High School in efforts to support the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. The three schools will put on a talent show on November 10. All proceeds from the evening, a county-wide no homework night, will go directly to the American Red Cross. This group will also be addressing the rebuilding efforts by putting on a festival day reminiscent of Rock 'n Relief last March. This will likely occur in March and will include many of the elements of last year's festival.

These projects continue to demonstrate our students' recognition that they have a responsibility to serve. Responsibility is a characteristic we seek to foster, and what better way than to encourage their participation in an effort to assist fellow citizens in need. In so doing, we hopefully learn the lesson that we are a part of something much greater than ourselves.

As we prepare for the holiday season, I hope that we are able to take this lesson to heart. The actions of a few focused individuals can have far-reaching effects. Service Day will be another opportunity for our students to be involved with efforts that help foster their becoming responsible, caring young adults. I continue to be impressed with

the commitment of Athens Academy to providing our students with these opportunities for growth, and I encourage you to help your child get the most out of these experiences by actively participating with them through actual participation and through follow-up conversation.

Service Day

The seventh annual service day at Athens Academy will take place on Tuesday, November 22. This student-led, student-initiated tradition has become not only a part of the fabric of the Academy, but an essential opportunity for upperclassmen to share with our younger students their passion for service in our community. We are always interested in having adult volunteers share in this experience. If you are interested, please contact our Dean of Students, Mr. Patrick Snead, at psnead@athensacademy.org or 549-9225.

Magazine Sales

Mrs. Beth Farmer, Student Council sponsor, reports a very successful magazine sales drive this year. This money will go to fund student and class-sponsored projects, including cookouts, homecoming, prom, and class-wide service projects, among others. Thanks to all of you who ordered magazines or made a donation.

J.P. Watson

GUIDE *To Higher Education*

COLLEGE Bound

College Recommendations

Give faculty and Guidance Office three weeks notice

College Applications

All application materials should come through the Guidance Office to be mailed as a packet

Scholarship Information

Listed weekly and posted on the Guidance Web site

SAT/SAT Subject Tests and ACT Registration

*December 3 SAT/SAT Subject Tests: deadline October 28
December 10 ACT: deadline November 4*

Freshmen/Sophomores

*"Welcome to the College Process" Parent Night
November 10
7:30 p.m.
Presentation Hall*

Senior Bulletin on the Web

Weekly news for seniors and parents found on Academy Web Page

College Application Season

Seniors are fully into the process of collecting college application forms, writing essays, and requesting letters of recommendation from the faculty.

For efficient handling of the paperwork, it is important for everyone to follow the procedures discussed at the Senior College Night in August. The process is outlined in detail in the College Planning Guide juniors received last spring. The Guidance Office mails all the documents for each application (application, recommendations, transcript, and a return card) in one envelope from the school. Materials are also photocopied before they are mailed. We feel this procedure reduces the chance of application materials being misplaced or misfiled in the process.

With the proliferation of online applications, we must adjust our procedures for those submitted electronically. Students must be sure they have printed any counselor forms, teacher recommendation forms, or personal signature pages included at the end of an electronic application. Those can be sent with the transcript and recommendations from the Guidance Office. It is imperative that students notify the Guidance Office when they have submitted an application online so that we will know to send a transcript and any other required documents.

Seniors, please give the Guidance Office and the faculty your recommendation requests three weeks before the deadline. With the large number being requested and the many responsibilities faculty have, we need time to compose our letters carefully. If you give the recommendation forms to your teachers and a college counselor as soon as you begin work on an application, we

can be completing our part at the same time. Be sure you have filled in your name, address, etc., provided required signatures, and noted the mailing deadline.

College applications, particularly those that require essays, take time to prepare. Advanced planning and good communication make the process much less stressful. We are all working together to find the best college setting for each student and to assist him/her in reaching that goal.

Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship information that has been received in the Guidance Office is posted on the Guidance page of the Academy website. Seniors should work with Mrs. Pruitt and Mr. Marine to take advantage of these opportunities. Internet search sites are perhaps the best source of information and identification of programs that may apply to a particular student.

Junior College Tours

Beginning with Fall Interim Week, the juniors entered a more active phase of the college search process as well. Our juniors should know that they continue to represent the school well to the college admissions offices.

Planning Ahead

Although the actual application process is still almost a year away for most juniors, there are some things that can be done now to make it easier when the time comes. One is to keep the Brag Sheet updated with activities and honors. Another is to plan your personal standardized testing schedule, making sure you register for at least one SAT in the junior year, and consider taking the SAT Subject Tests if there is any possibility you may want to

apply Early Decision or Early Action. Students considering applying to any of the military academies or for R.O.T.C. scholarships should check the deadlines for beginning that process, some of which come at the end of the junior year.

SAT and ACT

The SAT/SAT Subject Tests and ACT registration deadlines are listed on the calendar. Students are urged to send in registration forms early so that they can get their choice of testing center. If the requested site is full, students will be assigned to the nearest open center. Online registration allows students to confirm their testing center at that time. The admission ticket must be printed from the web for both online and paper registrations.

"Welcome to the College Process" Parent Night

Freshman and sophomore parents are often anxious about early preparation for the college admission process because so much is heard in the media and from others who share these concerns. We want to be sure you have a chance to hear accurate information and have the chance to ask questions. An information night is planned for Thursday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Presentation Hall. All interested parents are welcome.

Colleen Pruitt

ARTS

On Stage and in the Studio

COMING
Soon

Exhibits

Through December 14
Myers Gallery
Art Rosenbaum, drawings
Bertelsmann Gallery
Beverly Bourgeois,
fashion

One-Act Play

November 1
Regional Competition
Athens Academy

GISA All-Select Band and Orchestra

November 5 - 6
Blessed Trinity Catholic
School
Roswell, GA

Fall Band Concert

Thursday, November 17
Grades 5 - 12
7:00 p.m.
Presentation Hall

MS Play Auditions

Wednesday, November 30
Thursday, December 1
3:15-5:15 p.m.
Presentation Hall

Cabaret Night

US Jazz Band
Thursday, December 1
7:00 p.m.
Lower School Hall

Art Exhibits A Must See

On exhibit in the Myers Gallery through December 14 is the work of Art Rosenbaum.

Art Rosenbaum is a professor of art at the Lamar Dodd School of Art at the University of Georgia. He received his AB and MFA degrees from Columbia University and studied at the Institut d'Art et d'Archéologie in Paris on a Fulbright grant. Rosenbaum has been a recipient of many awards for his studio work and teaching, including a Southern Arts Federation/National Endowment for the Arts Individual Artist Fellowship in 1985, a Fulbright Teaching Professorship to Germany in 1984-85, and a General Sandy Beaver Teaching Professorship at UGA from 1994-1997. He was a Senior Teaching Fellow at UGA in 1998-99 and in 2001 he was named the University of Georgia's first Wheatley Professor in the Fine Arts.

Mr. Rosenbaum is a performer, collector, and scholar of traditional folk music.

He has recorded folk musicians throughout the United States, particularly in Georgia, Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, and New York. Some of his visual art portrays the performers and musical performances represented in his musical collections.

Beverly Bourgeois' fashion show will be displayed in the Bertelsmann Gallery until December 14. Ms. Bourgeois studied costume design in Boston and learned dressmaking from her grandmother. She has lived in Athens for sixteen years and has costumed many shows for Town and Gown as well as the Masters Hall Singers and the Masters Hall Players.

Middle School Play

Auditions for this year's Middle School Play, *Into the Woods*, will be held on Wednesday, November 30 and Thursday,

December 1 from 3:15-5:15 p.m. in the Presentation Hall. Students should be prepared to sing sixteen bars of any song. The script is available to check out from Ms. Cook. *Into the Woods* is a musical that combines the familiar fairy tales of *Cinderella*, *Jack and the Bean Stalk*, *The Baker and the Baker's Wife*, *Rapunzel*, and *Little Red Riding Hood*, and the trouble they find when all of the characters journey into the woods. Only a few positions remain for backstage crew. If you are interested in helping with costumes, assistant stage manager, or backstage crew let Ms. Cook know immediately!

Costume Help Needed!!

If you are able to sew and willing to volunteer time to help sew costumes for upcoming plays, please contact the drama department.

Jenny Cook

Band News

The Middle and Upper School Intermediate bands have been busy preparing music for every occasion! On October 7, band students performed a few "disco" tunes for Grandparents/Special Friends Day. The Athens Academy Spartan Pep Band, now run by the Spartan Association of Musical Students or S.A.M.S. Club, has played for every varsity home football game this fall. The Athens Academy Fall Band Concert is set for the evening of Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Presentation Hall. Don't miss this exciting concert by our band musicians from Middle and Upper School.

Cabaret Night

The Jazz Band will perform their annual Cabaret Night at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1 in the Lower School Hall. The room

will be magically transformed into a candlelit cabaret complete with a dance floor. This performance will last approximately one hour and admission and refreshments are free. Everyone is invited to attend! For more details check the Jazz Band website.

Musical Instruments Needed

Do you have a musical instrument stuffed in a closet or in your neglected attic? The Music department welcomes donations of instruments that can be used by students in the String Orchestra and Bands. We would particularly appreciate donations of the large instruments: all sizes of cello and double bass instruments (violins are also needed); tuba baritone, bassoon, etc. Donations of these instruments would enable students to leave personal instruments at home and use a school instrument in class since transporting these large instruments to and from school is difficult. We have had several generous donations this year and welcome others. Please contact Ms. Shaw (bshaw@athensacademy.org or 706-433-2473) if you have any questions or to make arrangements for a donation.

Debbie Schab

MEDIA *and Technology*

MEGA Bytes

Check out these new library titles for adult readers:

Acts of Faith (*Caputo*)

Banishing Verona (*Livesey*)

A Distant Flame (*Williams*)

The Dive from Clausen's Pier (*Packer*)

The Egyptologist (*Phillips*)

Freakonomics (*Dubner and Levitt*)

The Historian (*Kostova*)

Inamorata (*Gangemi*)

The Kite Runner (*Hosseini*)

The Many Lives and Secret Sorrows of Josephine B. (*Gulland*)

Moon Women (*Duncan*)

The Other Boleyn Girl (*Gregory*)

Snow (*Pamuk*)

The Traveler (*Twelve Hawks*)

The Wonder Spot (*Bank*)

The World Is Flat (*Friedman*)

Zorro (*Allende*)

To read reviews of these books, visit the Reading Web's "New Books and Media" page:
www.athensacademy.org/instruct/resources/readingweb/newbooks.htm#featured

Parent Book Club Discussion *The Measure of Our Success*

Marion Wright Edelman

Friday, November 4

8:15 a.m.

Reading Room

Bertelsmann Building

***Copies available in the library and discounted at Borders Books**

Marion Wright Edelman's slim volume contains a letter to her children, your children, and parents. The author, founder of the Children's Defense Fund, communicates 25 life lessons drawn from her personal experience that nonetheless transcend the particulars of her childhood in Mississippi. In a *School Library Journal* review, Judy Sokoll praises Edelman's style, labeling it "warm, personal, uplifting, and easy to read." The reviewer concludes, "It should be required reading by anyone in a position to influence or change the future of America's most valuable resource, its children."

For more information on the author, visit the following web sites:

- Transcript of LA "Town Hall" meeting 2002: www.kcet.org/lifeandtimes/archives/townhall/219.php
- Learn more about the Children's Defense Fund: <http://www.childrensdefense.org/>

Jessica Hunt

We made the first major change in our student laptop program this year with a switch from Acer TravelMates to IBM ThinkPads. The seventh and tenth grades are now using IBM ThinkPad Model R52. This machine has an Intel Pentium M processor running at 1.7 GHz with 512 MB of RAM. Each comes equipped with an internal wireless card, Ethernet port, modem, firewire port, S-Video out, DVD-ROM drive, and a CD-RW burner for backing up student data.

We have installed the latest version of Microsoft Office and have also installed Macromedia Studio for those students interested in web and multimedia design. We are recommending Mozilla Firefox as our web browser due to security flaws in Microsoft's Internet Explorer.

The laptops were deployed behind schedule due to a shortage of Intel wireless cards and then a shortage of IBM planar boards. The machines seem very sturdy and hopefully now that they are deployed, the students will get three years' use with few problems. Our switch this year does not lock us into using IBM for any extended period of time, and we will make the decision about next year's model sometime in the spring.

Chip Woods

Cyber-Safety Awareness: Learning to Be Safe and Respectful Online

On October 11, parents joined Media and Tech faculty to discuss online safety concerns. As technology use in the home becomes more and more pervasive, parents are encouraged not to take online safety for granted. One of the best ways to start this conversation with your children is to review and sign an online safety pledge. Several good examples are linked to the Tech Help Web for Parents (accessible on the Academy's homepage). Our favorites come from the NetSmartz and Media Awareness Network sites. The Media Awareness Network's online safety pledge for teens includes the following statements:

- "I know how to protect my privacy on the Internet by not sharing personal details in chatrooms, newsgroups or instant messaging. This includes my name, gender, age, address, e-mail address, telephone number, credit card information or passwords."
- "I talk to my parents about what I'm doing online and who I chat with."
- "If I encounter disturbing material or harassing messages online, I don't respond. I tell a parent or another adult and my Internet Service Provider."
- "If I am planning to meet an online acquaintance in real life, I get permission from a parent first."
- "I try to confirm that online information is correct by finding out more about the author and by checking it against other sources."
- "I respect others online. I never 'flame' or insult others or spread gossip."
- "I know the following activities are illegal and I don't practice them: hacking, making physical threats and downloading pirated software."
- "I respect copyright by not stealing from other Web sites or using plagiarized material for homework assignments."
- "I check with my parents before making financial transactions online, including purchasing, ordering or selling anything."

Jessica Hunt

SPORTS

Commitment to Excellence

Athens Academy Alumni Currently Playing Sports at the College Level

- Football**

Tyler Brantley, Michael Mansfield, Andy Jarrett
University of the South (Sewanee)
Thad Padgett
Shorter College
Joe Tereshinski
University of Georgia
John Tereshinski
Wake Forest

- Soccer**

Maggie Robinson
Harvard University

- Baseball**

Chris Rogers
University of Georgia

- Golf**

Keith Guest
Augusta State
Ryan Peters
Mercer University

GHSA Shifts Summer Start Dates

The Georgia High School Association has reacted positively to the incredible heat and safety concerns caused by the early start of the fall sports seasons. Rather than beginning fall sports practices in the middle of July, the dates for next year are as follows:

August 1: start date for volleyball and cheerleading

August 7: start date for football and cross country

The end of the season for volleyball will not change, cross country will end one week later, and football will end two weeks later, much like the schedule schools have worked under for the last few years. As we know, starting in August will certainly not guarantee cool weather, but at the very least it is a step in a safer direction.

Weight Training Facilities in Full Swing

Under the direction of Bryan Pulliam and the head coaches, two weight training facilities are now in operation for all students, faculty, and athletes.

The weight training area in the old gym has been completely renovated and is used for general wellness, school-day lifting, and off-season lifting in the afternoons. An area of the Spartan Center is now dedicated to in-season lifting under the direct supervision of the coaching staff. The football team and volleyball team have been especially diligent in taking advantage of the new facilities.

Fall Athletic Participation Grid-2005

| Count of LAST_NAME | FEMALE | | | | | | MALE | | | | | | Male and Female | | |
|--------------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|---------|------|
| | SEX CLASS_OF | | | | | | F Total | M | | | | | | M Total | |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | | | 2011 |
| SPORT_1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cheer-FB/JV | | | 5 | 9 | | | 14 | | | | | | | 14 | |
| Cheer-FBV | 5 | 6 | 5 | | | | 16 | | | | | | | 16 | |
| Cross Country BV | | | | | | | | 9 | 8 | 8 | 8 | | | 31 | |
| Cross Country GV | 10 | | 8 | 4 | | | 20 | | | | | 8 | 4 | 28 | |
| Cross Country MS | | | | | 9 | 7 | 16 | | | | | | | 23 | |
| Football JV | | | | | | | | | | | 11 | | | 11 | |
| Football MS | | | | | | | | | | | | 15 | 21 | 36 | |
| Football V | | | | | | | | 11 | 10 | 14 | | | | 35 | |
| Volleyball JV | | | 8 | | | | 8 | | | | | | | 8 | |
| Volleyball MS | | | | | 12 | 16 | 26 | | | | | | | 26 | |
| Volleyball V | 5 | 2 | 4 | | | | 11 | | | | | | | 11 | |
| (blank) | 14 | 29 | 24 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 106 | 28 | 28 | 15 | 17 | 15 | 8 | 107 | |
| Male and Female | 34 | 37 | 44 | 34 | 33 | 36 | 210 | 46 | 44 | 37 | 36 | 38 | 31 | 232 | |
| Total/gender | 20 | 8 | 29 | 21 | 21 | 23 | 113 | 20 | 18 | 22 | 19 | 23 | 25 | 128 | |
| % Playing | 59% | 22% | 45% | 62% | 64% | 64% | 52% | 43% | 36% | 59% | 53% | 61% | 81% | 54% | |

SPOTLIGHTS

Announcements & Details



Preschool Information Session

For 3-year-olds,
4-year-olds &
pre-first
Wednesday
November 9
9:30 a.m.
Lower School Hall

Bad Weather

In case of inclement weather, Athens Academy families can listen to the following stations for the latest announcement of school closings:

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| WGAU/WNGC | 1340 AM, 95.5 FM |
| WRFC | 960 AM |
| WGMG | Magic 102.1 FM |
| WPUP | Rock 103.7 FM |
| EAGLE | Y106.7 FM |
| WMSL | 88.9 FM |
| WUGA | 91.7 & 97.9 FM |
| STAR | 94.1 FM |
| WGCL-CBS | Channel 46 |
| WNEG | Channel 32 |
| WSB TV | Channel 2 |
| WAGA TV | Channel 5 |
| WXIA TV | Channel 11 |

2005-2006 Key Dates

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|-------------|-----------|---|
| November 7 | | Student Holiday/Faculty Dev. Day |
| November 22 | 3:10 p.m. | Classes Dismiss for Thanksgiving Holidays |
| November 28 | 8:10 a.m. | Classes Resume |
| December 16 | 3:10 p.m. | Classes Dismiss for Holidays |
| January 2 | 8:10 a.m. | Classes Resume |
| January 16 | | Martin Luther King Day/School Holiday |
| February 20 | | Student Holiday/Faculty Dev. Day |
| March 10 | 3:10 p.m. | Classes Dismiss for Holidays |
| March 20 | 8:10 a.m. | Classes Resume |
| April 13 | | Student Holiday/Faculty Dev. Day |
| April 14 | | School Holiday |
| May 26 | 3:10 p.m. | Classes Dismiss for Summer Vacation |
| May 28 | 8 p.m. | Graduation |

NOTES *From the Headmaster*



Athens Academy always supports the ideal of the student athlete within the framework of the school's motto, "Excellence with Honor."

Athletics: The Academy Approach

Competitive athletics at Athens Academy is an integral part of the school's total educational program. The purpose of the athletic program is to develop endurance, strength, coordination, self-confidence, self-discipline, and team work as well as to develop recreational habits and skills that will be of value in later life. The goal is a performance-driven program where the athletes' well-being comes first, winning second.

The level of participation for each boy and girl is appropriate to his or her age, development, ability, and interest. Varsity competition emphasizes winning in a framework that allows athletes to feel successful by meeting personal performance goals. **How we strive to win** is the standard by which we will measure ourselves. The purpose of the sub-varsity level is to prepare athletes for the varsity level and provide game experience for each team member. The size of teams in some sports is limited so that athletes receive meaningful and quality instruction with a realistic opportunity for playing time. Students "try out" for teams. Although there is no guarantee that a student will be selected for a specific team, the number and variety of offerings in the program provide a multitude of opportunities for most students.

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As players, parents, coaches, and fans we have the responsibility to derive the best of what athletics has to offer. How we conduct ourselves and the spirit in which we support each other is very important. As players, we give it our all; as parents, we support our children; as coaches, we develop the total child; as fans, we cheer for the Spartans. This approach yields the best results with an added benefit of good sportsmanship.

Operating Principle #3

Athens Academy is sensitive to the students' emotional and physical wellness in and out of the classroom.



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