

Athena Consolidated News
September 9, 2019

Principal
Jerry Mc Aulay

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We're Going Back To School



Individually, we are one drop. TOGETHER, we are an ocean.

Ryunosuke Satoro

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year. We sure hope you all had a fantastic summer with your family and friends! Our Athena staff are extremely excited about your return and we look forward to beginning the next chapter of your schooling with you. We are committed to providing a sound educational experience for everyone concerned and look forward to building lasting relationships.

New Staff

Amanda Arsenault, Andrea Langille, Alicia Noonan, Rebecca Cameron, Maureen Gay, Alanna MacVittie, and Kristy Wallace-Bulatci

Home and School Meeting

Our first Home and School meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11th, starting at 7:00pm (immediately follow our Parent Information Night). Everyone is welcome to come and join us! We are very excited about this school year and look forward to working as a collaborative team in the best interests of children. The meeting will be a great time to get to know each other, here about ongoing initiatives, bring new ideas to the table, etc. We are really hoping to have some new parents join us this year!

Welcome Back BBQ

Our Home and School will be hosting a Welcome Back BBQ for our school community families on September 18. More details to follow.

Bus Pass

When requesting a bus pass for your child, please write a note to your child's teacher with all the necessary information (the parents' names of the child they will be visiting, address, bus number(s)). This will help alleviate some traffic in the office area.

Parent Information Night

Athena staff is looking forward to meeting parents on Wednesday September 11th at **Parent Information Night**. The Parent Information program will begin at 6:00pm in the gymnasium for K to 9 parents. Teachers will be on hand to describe the academic program for the year and expectations for students as well as ways in which parents may support their children at home.

Lunch Hour

All students are asked to bring a prepared lunch that does not involve cooking. Students have access to a few microwaves but they will only be available to grades 4 to 9 students to warm up something. Students in K to 3 will not have access to microwaves for safety reasons. Thanks for your understanding!

Email Addresses

We will be collecting email addresses from all parents/guardians in an effort to communicate more effectively and efficiently with you. There will be a form going home asking for your email address. If you don't have an email address please indicate this on the form. All forms must be returned to your child's teacher. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation with this initiative!

Band Program Information

Parent information night: Wednesday, September 11th, 5:30 pm in the music room. Mrs. Power is very excited to be working with you and your child this year! Together, you can make music a valuable and enjoyable part of his/her life. The first information meeting will be an overview of the school year: expectations, rehearsals, parental involvement, fundraising initiatives, Concerts, events, etc. When you believe, your child will too! Mrs. Power looks forward to seeing you! (The students are also welcome to attend).

School Sports



School sports will be starting up this week. Please listen to morning announcements for tryout dates and times.

Nut Free School

Within our school there are several students who have a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominately to peanuts and nuts. We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within this school community to avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts or nuts listed in the ingredients. Your cooperation and understanding of this matter is appreciated!

Motorists

Please take care to obey speed limits in school zone areas and to stop when school bus red lights are flashing. Our children are our most precious resource and we need your cooperation to ensure their safety as they travel to and from school. Be especially vigilant the first couple of weeks of school while our youngest students develop proper bus safety habits and motorists become accustomed to the amber lights. ***Please do not drop off or pick up your child, at any time, in our school bus zone.***

School Website: Our school website can be found at <http://athenaconsolidated.wordpress.com>. Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the website. This came in handy last year when school was dismissed early or delayed due to stormy weather. If you would like to subscribe, scroll down to the bottom of the home page. On the bottom right-hand side, there is a box above a tab that says "follow". Simply enter your email address in the box and click on "follow".

Extra:

Sept. 24th & 25th – Picture Day

Sept. 27 – School Goals Day (No classes)