# Athena Consolidated News October 27, 2020

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Jerry Mc Aulay

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"A good education is a foundation for a better future." E. Warren

## **New Staff**

We would like to welcome the following staff to our Athena Family: Samantha Laughlin, Philip Turnbull, Ryan Bauer, Alicia Silliker, Madeline Lundrigan, Kristin MacDonald, Paige Rankin, Kathryn Farquharson, and Carly Williamson. We also have two UPEI students at Athena until Christmas. Welcome to Madalyn Murphy and Bethany O'Connor.

### **Home and School Meeting**

Our second Home and School meeting will be held on Monday, November 2nd, starting at 7:00pm. 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 interested of children. The meeting will be a great time to get to know each other, hear about ongoing initiatives, bring new ideas to the table, etc. We are really hoping to have some new parents join us! CPHO guidelines for meetings will be followed



Just a heads up that the Scholastic Book Fair will be going ahead (with COVID restrictions) in the library. Students will begin previewing the book fair beginning on Nov. 9. It will be open during parent-teacher interviews the night of November 19th and the morning of November 20th. More information will be sent home with students in early November.

#### Lunch

Students from K to 9 will be eating in their classroom. Students are asked to bring a prepared lunch that does not involve cooking/using a microwave. Only students in grades 7 to 9 who buy a lunch from Chartwells will eat in the cafeteria. They will be required to sit with in their respect cohort group.

### **Email Addresses**

We continue to collect email addresses from parents/guardians in an effort to communicate more effectively and efficiently with you. If you have not been receiving email communications from the school on a regular basis, please contact Kelly to make sure we have your email address. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation with this initiative!

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress. Please be clear about what you want out of the interview at the beginning. For example: "Thank you for meeting with me. I would like to discuss my child's progress in math."

Some questions you could ask during a parent –teacher interview are:

- \*What does my child do well?
- \*What skills does she or he still need to develop?
- \*What activities can we do at home to develop those skills?
- \*Is my child getting extra support? If so, in what subject area is he/she receiving this support?
- \*Does my child do his/her homework and assignments efficiently and conscientiously?
- \*What is your homework policy?
- \*How does my child get along with the other students?

Parent -Teacher interviews will be held on the evening of November 19<sup>th</sup> and all day November 20<sup>th</sup>. Elementary interview times will be sent home with students. Parents of junior high students are asked to go on-line to book interview times. The link will be available on our school website soon.

## **School Sports**



School sports have started. Please listen to morning announcements for tryout dates and times. If you are on Instagram and want to be updated about what's going on with Hawks Athletics, feel free to follow us @AthenaHawksAthletics

**Congratulations** to our boys' soccer team who won the provincial title this past weekend. A big shout out to all the players and especially Scott Drummond for coaching the team to victory.

#### **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!

#### **School Website**

We will soon be launching a new School Website. You can also follow us on Facebook (Search Athena Consolidated School). When the new website goes live, we will email the new site to parents as well as post it on Facebook.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

Oct.28th – Picture Retake Day

Nov. 9-20 – Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day (No Classes)

Nov. 12-13 – PEITF Convention (No Classes)

Nov. 19 (Evening) and Nov. 20 (day – NO CLASSES) – Parent-Teacher Interviews

Nov.  $26^{th}$  – Grad Photo Day

Nov. 27 – Professional Learning Day (No Classes)