

J. M. ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

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ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL eNews

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You are receiving this newsletter because you have provided your email address to Atherton High School as a means of communicating with you. If you would like to change your email address, you may modify this contact information using Infinite Campus (IC) Parent Portal. You may receive your IC portal activation code and directions by emailing campus.portal@jefferson.kyschools.us and provide your name, child's name(s) and contact phone number. If you want a login for both parents/guardians, please provide both names. Once your info is verified you will receive an email with login instructions.

Atherton High School Mission

A committee of students, parents and teacher volunteers from the *Parent Teacher Student Organization*, *SBDM Council*, *Principal's Student Advisory Council* and the *Instructional Leadership Team* created the following the mission and vision statements.

The school mission statement:

Empowering students to make a difference

The school vision statements describe what we mean by empowering students:

- Our Atherton community appreciates individuality and assures that everyone relates to one another with honesty, compassion and respect.
- Our Atherton community values academic determination and service to others.
- Atherton embraces the global community with intercultural understanding.

From the Principal

Atherton Family:

Another great school year will soon be under way! We continue to have so much to celebrate... and even more to look forward to celebrating in the upcoming school year! There is a lot happening around campus that you will want to know about and this newsletter is designed to be a valuable resource of information for both upcoming events and important contact information, so please take a moment to read the eNews and note any relevant information.

Registration

Registration windows are as follows:

SENIORS	A-L	Wednesday	August 5	9-10am
	M-Z	Wednesday	August 5	10-11am
JUNIORS	A-L	Wednesday	August 5	12-1pm
	M-Z	Wednesday	August 5	1-2pm
SOPHOMORES	A-L	Thursday	August 6	9-10am
	M-Z	Thursday	August 6	10-11am
FRESHMEN	A-Z	Thursday	August 6	pizza served at 5:30; registration 6pm

Seniors, juniors and sophomores may arrive at any time during their window; the process will last less than 30 minutes. Freshmen and their parents should arrive no later than 6pm so they can attend the entire orientation and registration process; we will finish about 8pm.

NEW!!! The registration process has been improved this year. You may take care of **course registrations fees online** using your *Infinite Campus Parent Portal* and paying by credit card. By printing your online receipt you get the “fast pass” through the waiting line and will directly receive your schedule. We are no longer accepting credit cards at school; please pay online. We will still have a time for registration at school so students can complete some other items before school starts:

- Receive your class schedule
- Assign your locker
- Walk around to find your locker and classrooms
- Join the PTSO (Check made out to *Atherton PTSO*)
- Purchase the new spirit gear with the new Atherton logo



Parent Portal

Be sure to log into your **Infinite Campus Parent Portal** account and **update your email address**. I use this email address to send timely information in this quarterly electronic newsletter (the *Atherton eNews*) as well as regular news updates using the ONECALLNOW system. You may receive your IC portal activation code and directions by emailing campus.portal@jefferson.kyschools.us and provide your name, child's name(s) and contact phone number. If you want a login for both parents/guardians, please provide both names. Once your info is verified you will receive an email with login instructions.

Atherton's Rebel History

With the recent media attention on rebel mascots across our nation, I wanted to share with you some historical information retrieved from our school archives:

*Prior to 1950, Atherton High student body was female only. The formation of a field hockey team was opposed by Emma Woerner, the principal (from 1923-1955). When the team was finally formed, the name **Rebels** was chosen because of the previous opposition.*

*In 1950 the school became coeducational. All of the athletic teams subsequently formed were known as **Rebels**. The school colors were **Mulberry and Gold**.*

*By 1969 the student body had become desegregated. **Rebels** remained the team name and the Confederate Flag was used to substantiate the Rebel cause. Minority students objected vehemently.*

*By 1971 confrontation status had been reached. An apparent compromise eased the situation. A caricature of a **Revolutionary Rebel** became the school symbol. The use of the confederate flag was abolished. The school colors became **Maroon and Gold**.*

- From “Atherton Historical Notes – School Symbol” (February, 1985) by Dawson Orman, former Atherton principal (1972-1974), Bill Walsh, Atherton newspaper sponsor, and Tom Owen, former student and Atherton PTA president.

YOUR school needs YOUR support- Join the Atherton PTSTO at registration

At registration, all students and parents will have the opportunity to join the **Atherton Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSTO)** for \$10 dollars each or \$20 for family membership (check made to *Atherton PTSTO*). A strong PTSTO is vital to the success of our school. Our PTSTO works diligently to serve our school, staff, and students. They also provide a venue for staff and student appreciation during registration, open houses, parent-teacher conferences, holidays and special events. The Atherton PTSTO awards scholarships to deserving seniors each year. We need the support of the every parent, student, and staff for the PTSTO to remain strong. Please be sure to join and support the students and staff of our school. The PTSTO also provide an Atherton Spirit Cup for each membership and three cups for a family membership!

School Testing

Atherton students have performed phenomenally on all state testing. Our staff direct learning activities around critical thinking skills every day and they assess students to demonstrate mastery of subject content; this higher-level learning approach has transferred effectively into success on standardized tests that are used for accountability. Our school results from last year are not yet finalized, but the predictor data are that we are expected to set another year of unprecedented results from our kids! School results will certainly be communicated as they become available.

Cell Phone Policy

In keeping up with this current state of digital devices, the Atherton SBDM Council, Atherton PTSTO and the Principal's Advisory Committee revised Atherton's **Cell Phone Policy** to encourage the appropriate and responsible use of cell phones. Please be aware of our rules on this issue and support your child's adherence to the reasonable limitations of use of electronic devices:

Before/After School:

Students may use cell phones and headphones/earbuds before 7:40am and after 2:20pm.

During School:

Students may access cell phones without headphones/earbuds during the instructional day in **common areas such as the hallway, cafeteria and courtyard.**

Students may not access cell phones in class unless authorized by the teacher for instructional purposes.

Parent Leaders: Consider the SBDM or PTSTO

During all registrations, the PTSTO will conduct parent elections for two parent-representative vacancies on the **Atherton School Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council**. Voting will take place at the school during the registration process. You should have already received a letter in our summer mailing from the PTSTO describing the nomination process. SBDM parent nominations are due back to the school received/postmarked no later than **August 1**. I encourage any of our parents to nominate yourself or other parents who wish to take an active role at Atherton through participation in the PTSTO and/or serving on the SBDM Council; both groups officially meet only once per month.

Make Your Mark on Campus: School Wide Beautification Days

On Wednesday, August 5 and Tuesday, August 11, 2015 (the day before school starts) we will hold a school wide beautification/clean up day. Everyone is invited to participate. Please wear gloves and bring lawn mowers, weed eaters, rakes, flat-head shovels, tree trimmers...anything you can think of to help spruce up our beautiful campus. On both days the work party will start at 6:00 pm and end at dark. We will meet in the student parking lot. If you cannot attend on these dates, feel free to take an hour that works for you and help by pulling weeds from our sidewalks, picking up sticks from around campus (you pile it up and we'll dispose of it) or weed-eating around fencing.

Follow Atherton on Twitter & Facebook

Please follow us @atherton_high, the *official* Twitter feed for Atherton High School!

https://twitter.com/atherton_high.

Like us on *Facebook* to see our daily announcements and hottest news; search for "Atherton PTSTO."

Make a great start to the year!

Thomas A. Aberli

FALL NEWS

Atherton Athletic News

From the Athletic Director

Great things are happening with Rebel athletics!!!

*Fall sports tryouts for boys and girls cross country, field hockey, football, boys' and girls' golf, boys' and girls' soccer and volleyball will begin on **July 15**. Any student interested in trying out must have a current Sports Physical Packet on file with the Athletic Director. You can find copies of the packet on our website or you can pick one up in the front office. There is also a \$5.00 insurance fee that must be paid prior to tryouts and an additional \$15.00 if the student makes the team. **It is very important that you have all of your paperwork turned in and you attend tryouts on the first day. E-mail the coach immediately if you have any questions.** Attached is a listing of our coaches.

*Adult and student athletic season passes will be sold at all student registrations. The pass allows entrance to all fall, winter, and spring home sporting events (freshman, JV, and/or varsity). The student pass also gets the student in to both the football and basketball homecoming dances. An adult pass is only \$50.00 and a student pass is \$40.00. What a deal!!!

*Dates to remember:

July 29, 2015: *Female Athlete Seminar* hosted by Baptist Health at 6:00 pm at Baptist Health Eastpoint. See attached flyer. I highly recommend that female athletes and parents of female athletes attend this session. We would also like to thank Baptist Health for providing Atherton with a full time athletic trainer.

August 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2015: *Fall athlete parent meeting with the AD.* At least one parent of any student participating in a fall sport must attend one of the sessions. Sessions will be held on Friday, August 7 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm, Saturday, August 8 from 10 am to 11:30 am, Sunday, August 9 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm, and Monday, August 10 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Meetings will be held in the large auditorium or large gym.

August 10, 11, and 12, 2015: *Atherton High School Athletics Days at Buckhead and Rocky's* in Gardiner Lane Shopping Center. Just present one of the attached fliers to your server and Atherton Athletics will receive 20% of your check. Please make copies and distribute to your family members, neighbors, co-workers, friends, etc. This includes carry out! Plan to visit Buckhead or Rocky's on all three days. This is an extremely easy way to raise money for the athletic department.

Think, act, and play like an athlete. It's great to be a Rebel!!!

Host a child from Japan for ten days!

Thank you for the great support for offers to host some of the Japanese students from our sister school in Japan. We are still looking for hosts for three female students. They will be coming to Louisville on August 21 and departing on August 30. The students would need airport transport, meals, and their own bed to sleep in for the time they are with us. It is a pretty low-key trip, but a fantastic one for each person involved in the experience. If you are interested in hosting, please send Michael Kluemper (the new Japanese teacher at Atherton) an email at michael.kluemper@jefferson.kyschools.us.

Make a world of difference in the life of your teen: Host a foreign exchange student!

EF High School Exchange Year needs your help! We are searching for hosts for our remaining exchange students from Europe and Asia, who want to come right now and spend their school year with you in Kentucky. Hosts need to be 25 or older, but they can be single or couples, with or without children. They commit to room and board only, as students come with their own insurance and spending money. As their coordinator, I, Sally Crespo, maintain their placement all year, helping with initial paperwork, securing their school slot, and helping with any issues that come up.

We have students like Alpay from Germany who is a great basketball player, and Jui Yun from Taiwan who is on the dance team at her school, or Jun from Korea who loves soccer, and Beatrice from Spain who plays the saxophone. Could you be their host? Please contact Sally at 502-593-0318, or sunbeam916@yahoo.com. But hurry! We need to book their flight now!

Suicide Prevention Awareness

I'd like to inform you that during the first weeks of school we will be conducting a lesson with all students about suicide prevention. This lesson will include a video presentation and a teacher-led discussion. Students will be asked to complete a short form to indicate whether they would like to talk to an adult about a concern for themselves or someone else. We will have our guidance counselors and additional trained professionals available to meet individually with any students who express a need for such support. If any significant concerns arise with your child, we will contact you immediately.

In accordance to state law, all students in Kentucky middle and high schools must receive information on suicide prevention by September 1 of each school year. If your child is absent on the day we are conducting our lesson, a makeup lesson will be provided upon his/her return. All of the suicide prevention programs we use have been thoroughly researched and carefully selected. Staff members in our school are also provided with training annually, so that they can properly conduct the lessons and respond to any student needs that may arise. If you have questions or concerns about this topic, or would like further information, please contact your child's counselor.

2015-16 MEAL PRICES

Secondary Breakfast: \$1.85 Paid

Secondary Lunch: \$2.75 Paid

There will be no charge for meals for students with Reduced-Price Eligibility

Extra Milk \$.40

Online Meal Payments: www.MySchoolBucks.com

2015-16 MEAL APPLICATIONS

Each year families must complete Meal Applications. Parents may also use our English or Spanish online application (www.applyforlunch.com).

Atherton's Education Program



The Education Career Academy celebrated the first year of being affiliated with the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America co-curricular organization. Four outstanding officers (from left: Jacquelyn Turner, Alysa Forden, Megan Miller, and Danielle Abernathy) were selected to attend FCCLA Leadership Camp in Hardinsburg, KY. The students networked with hundreds of members and advisors across the state while developing skills that will prepare them to fulfill their duties as chapter officers and to seek regional and state offices in the future. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication!

TWOFOUR Broadcast Company

Last year, Atherton was considered for participation in an TV documentary project. We have been notified that Atherton was not chosen from the three national finalists, but we are honored to have progressed so far in the selection process and still may be considered in the future. **TwoFour Broadcast**, a production company that has won an international Emmy for its hit series *Educating Yorkshire*, has been asked by a United States television company to look for schools in the US that might be interested in participating. The ambition of this series is to produce a collection of warm, honest and important documentary programs which will capture the experiences of both staff and a diverse range of students. They hope that these will be optimistic and celebratory films which sensitively explore the human relationships that lie at the heart of school life. Look for this documentary series to come out some time this school year!

Class Officer Elections

Information was brought to the attention of the Atherton administration concerning the end-of-year class officer elections. The investigation into these claims has confirmed that there were mistakes made in decision-making by the school administration. These mistakes include the procedure of assuring student representation, ballot handling and ballot tabulation.

Current ballots for the freshman slates reflect that only 123 of the current 403 freshman voted, leaving a majority of our 9th grade students under represented. The sophomore and junior classes had adequate numbers of students participating in voting; however the ballot handling and tabulation procedures were not appropriately conducted.

Although no accusations of misconduct have been brought forth, the incorrect implementation of ballot-handling procedures does result in significant concerns of the election's validity.

Therefore, in an effort to ensure the student body's voice is heard and to preserve the integrity of student leadership and class unity, we have decided to nullify the election results announced on Thursday, June 4th, due to the school administration's error. Class officer elections will now be held during the first month of school, beginning next year as well as for future years. Class officer slates for all grade levels will be arranged, managed and handed directly to an administrator for secure tabulation. Slates for all grade levels will have to be approved again prior to the September elections.

The election of class officers is taken seriously and it is our hope that all students will participate in this democratic process. The decision to redo this election did not come easily. Our intent is to provide accurate and unquestionable election results with safe guards that were not previously in place.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

!!! Also, go to the Atherton website for the Google Calendar of our sporting events!!!

August

Wed., Aug 12 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** starts at 7:40am!

September

Mon., Sept. 7 No School- **Labor Day**

Thurs., Sept 10 **OPEN HOUSE** at 6:30pm for all current parents (walk through your child's schedule!)

October

Friday, October 2, through Tuesday, October 6 No School- **FALL BREAK**

Wed., Oct 14 **PSAT** for all advance program sophomores and juniors

Thurs., Oct 22 *Atherton Advantage* – 6:30pm “Open House” for 8th grade families

Sat., October 24 **ACT** for all seniors; **HOWL-A-PALOOZA**

November

Mon., Nov 2, and Tues, Nov. 3 No School

Wednesday, Nov. 25, through Friday, Nov. 27 No School- **THANKSGIVING**

December

Sat., Dec 12 **ACT** for all juniors

Monday, December 21, through Friday, January 1 No School- **WINTER BREAK**

January

Mon., Jan 18 No School

February

Mon., Feb 29 No School- **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY**

March

Mon., March 14 No School

April

*Thursday, March 31, through Friday, April 8 **SPRING BREAK**

*Note: This Thursday and Friday are the first makeup days in the event of school closings

May

Fri., May 6 No School (Oaks)

Tues., May 17 No School (Primary Election Day)

Wed., May 25 **PROJECTED** last day for students; make-up days are scheduled through June 6

June

May 26-June 6 Make-up days scheduled in the event of school closings due to severe weather

*All events subject to change. Call the front office for confirmation the day of the event.

JCPS Calendars Available Online

Take a moment to review the **JCPS school calendar** for this and next school year <http://www.jcpsky.net/Calendars/Calendar.html>.

There are several changes compared to past school years including: a **Fall Break extended weekend (early October)**, the December

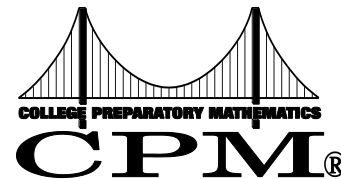
Holiday Break and there is the long weekends in February, March, April and May. We hope students and parents will **seize these opportunities to schedule events** that otherwise would require students to miss school, such as **college visits, dentist appointments, etc.**

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM) Parent Resources

Atherton High School mathematics courses implement the Kentucky Core Academic Standards in the context of a curriculum called CPM. Students and parents have access to various online resources for CPM at www.cpm.org

CPM is a non-profit corporation dedicated to teaching more students more mathematics by providing improved middle school and high school curricula aligned with the Common Core State Standards. Learn more about our organization by visiting our website. www.cpm.org



Parent guide -- free downloads by topic or borrow a book from your child's teacher! The Parent Guides for *Algebra*, *Geometry*, and *Algebra 2 Connections* discuss the main ideas of each unit, offer additional examples, and solve key problems in detail. Each book also contains hundreds of additional practice problems (with answers). The *Algebra 2 Connections* Guide includes SAT-type practice sets.

Homework Help - The CPM website offers 24/7 on-line help for the homework portion of each CPM lesson for the *Algebra*, *Geometry* & *Algebra 2 Connections* and for *Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry*. The help is tutorial in nature so that students can learn how to use the mathematics necessary to solve the problems. ***Go to the Student Support menu to click on the Homework Help tab.*** Choose the appropriate book title. The site runs better using Safari or Firefox (free download available at the site). Google Translate will help you in different languages.

E-books - Parent e-book licenses are now available! All of the above resources can be accessed through the full student edition e-book including a dictionary, Google translate feature, homework help and technology apps. Parents of Algebra 2 and Pre-Calculus students may purchase a one-year student Web-based eBook license of their student's book by calling CPM and using a credit card. Call #(209) 745-2055. Choose from the *Connection Series* (2006-11):

- Algebra 2 Connections e-book ISBN#978-1-60328-138-6, part A2-386 for \$10
 - Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry e-book ISBN#978-1-60328-298-7, part PC-987
- 1 yr. Student Web-based eBook License \$ 15.00

Algebra 1 and Geometry students will automatically get a free e-book password by the end of August because of Atherton's purchase of our new edition textbooks. Ask your student to show you how to access all of the above resources!

Call or email Atherton's Mathematics Resource Teacher, Erin Schneider (erin.schneider@jefferson.kyschools.us) for additional assistance or questions with CPM resources or mathematics support.

Free eBook Resources from the Atherton Library!



Mackin VIA is an online program for accessing our school's ebooks. There is one login and password and it can be used on any computer that has internet access. The library media center has just started purchasing ebooks and we will be adding to the collection throughout the year.

website: mackin.com/via

username: atherton

password: student

Atherton Library on Twitter

Follow us at the Atherton Library Twitter account: [@AthertonHSLibrary](https://twitter.com/AthertonHSLibrary) @waterslms

To find materials at the Atherton Library: <http://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/home.php>

SCHOLARSHIPS

Governor's Scholars Program- Begin Preparing NOW

Did you know that the average college **scholarship** for students accepted into the Governor's Scholars program is **\$68,000**? Last year, students accepted into this program with an ACT of 28 were automatically accepted with **full paid tuition** to the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville! **Atherton has averaged about 5 Governor's Scholars every year since 2000!** Governor's Scholars are students with strong academic achievements who demonstrate leadership, citizenship and volunteerism. The program application process is open to **juniors** every

November, **but all underclassmen can begin building the experiences NOW** for an attractive application! Have your child journal all the great things they do in the school and outside of the school; awards and recognitions include any type of honor in which the student or student work was individually recognized. Learn more at <http://gsp.ky.gov/>

Governor's School for the Arts

The GSA is an arts education program of *The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts* that provides arts training through a free three-week summer residential program that instructs students in one of nine art forms. GSA is now accepting applications from sophomore and juniors for next summer's program. GSA is open to ALL students and does not consider GPA or other academic measures in the application review process. Because GSA alumni are talented and driven individuals who want to make a difference in their communities, 21 colleges and universities offer **scholarship** opportunities to GSA alumni. Students may apply at www.kentuckygsa.org. Application deadlines are in December

National Merit Scholarship Program

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition among high school students for recognition and college scholarships. Recipients may receive **thousands of dollars** in scholarships directly from the National Merit Program and often receive substantial scholarships from universities who are looking to attract the nation's brightest students. Students who perform exceptionally on the **PSAT** are **invited by the National Merit Foundation to apply** for the National Merit Scholarship. Learn more at www.nationalmerit.org.

VOGT Scholarship

The Vogt Achievement Scholarship was established by Henry V. Heuser to award a **\$10,000 scholarship annually to one graduating senior who qualifies at each Jefferson County public high school**.

Criteria includes:

- Student must be a **senior** on track to graduate from a Jefferson County Public High School.
 - Score of 25 or higher on the ACT or 1150 or higher on the SAT. Students with lower scores, but a cumulative GPA of 3.2, may be considered.
 - Completed high school coursework in JCPS Advanced Program, College Board Advanced Placement or a pre-college curriculum.
 - Demonstrated leadership abilities in community service, co-curricular extra-curricular activities, or school activities.
- Application deadlines are in November each year; seniors may obtain and return applications directly to the school via the senior counselor.

Learn more at www.vogtawards.com.

Scholarship Website

Check out the free links to about 70 no-cost scholarship search sites...virtually every such site on the Internet. I hope you will take a few moments to visit http://www.college-scholarships.com/free_scholarship_searches.htm. Elsewhere on this site <http://www.college-scholarships.com> is an online GPA calculator, contact information for United States schools, colleges and universities, a list of colleges offering comprehensive programs for students with learning disabilities, lists of Christian colleges, Catholic colleges, colleges for women, online degree programs, HBCU's, and much, much more.

Tens of thousands of sites now link to us, including those of colleges, universities, libraries, newspapers, U.S. Embassy websites, Fulbright websites, and educational and professional organizations. If you have questions or suggestions on how we can improve our site, I would be happy to hear from you.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Dan Rosenfield, American Educational Guidance Center

PREPARE FOR THE ACT AND EOC EXAMS

TCA for the ACT - To assist students in preparing for the ACT and the End-of-Course (E.O.C.) exams, Atherton has purchased the Triumph College Admissions (TCA) program for all students as a method to support student academic achievement and growth. Every year, all juniors and sophomores complete a practice ACT assessment and freshmen take the practice PLAN (pre-ACT) assessment. Students will continue to have access to this program through the end of their senior year. These results have been sent to TCA and the data will help each student individually identify areas of strength and growth before they take the ACT. Each year, the practice ACT is a different version than the one used in the previous year for this annual Atherton event so your child is continuing to be exposed to opportunities to grow academically and work specifically on "critical skills" as determined by the achievement on these practice tests.

Every student can use their student identification number from school (you can find this on any report card, on IC Portal, or students can get this in the library) as their personal login name and password to the TCA web-based program. Students are encouraged to practice academic skills at home, before or after school, and teachers may use this program to target specific Quality Core academic standards as a supplement to their current instruction. With as little as ten hours of individualized instruction on the TCA program,

students may ACT see gains of three (3) points or greater! We recommend a simple of commitment of just one hour per week to unlock your child's fullest potential.

The link to Atherton's TCA program is available via our website and can also be accessed by the link

https://www.tcaprep.com/php2/login.php?school_code=1628136359

Again, each student's login username and password will both be the student's "school identification number" which can be obtained in the library and can also be found directly under the student's name when you log into Infinite Campus portal.

The Atherton school library is available from 7:00am - 3:30pm to help students access TCA.

Free ACT Preparation Classes through the Louisville Free Public Library!

In addition to the more personalized TCA program offered through the school, I hope you take advantage of these opportunities through the Louisville Free Public Library (www.lfpl.org). Access only requires a library card which can be ordered for free through any public library.

1. Go to www.lfpl.org.
 2. Go to Research Tools on the left side
 3. Select Test Preparation
 4. Select Learning Express Library
 5. This is when you input your library card number and password
 6. At the Learning Express Library input a new member username and password; this is in the middle at the bottom of the page (this is not required to view Learning Express Library tabs and information, but it is required to take the test)
 7. Select left tab College Prep
1. ACT
 2. SAT
 3. PSAT

INFORMATIONAL

Extended School Services (ESS)

Students who are falling behind academically may request an ESS Contract from their classroom teacher to receive after school support from one of the teachers listed below. ESS is always from 2:30-3:30 and students may receive a free TARC ticket when they stay for ESS.

Math	Mr. Hernandez	Room 111	Mon & Wed
Math	Ms. Aldridge	Room 112	Wed & Thurs
Science	Mr. Gregory	Room 117b	Mon & Wed
Social Studies	Mr. Cundiff	Room 001	Wed

Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)

Your Atherton PTSO is proud to continue to boast nearly **1,000** members again this year. The purpose of the PTSO is to provide service to the school and recognition of our students and staff. As an independent, tax-deductible 501(c)3 organization, 100% of your PTSO membership donation goes to benefit the students and staff of Atherton High School.

Do you LIKE Atherton? Then come LIKE us on Facebook! Search for "Atherton PTSO."

Have you ever forgotten what was said on the daily announcements? Ever been unable to hear them? Ever need a quick answer to a question about an event but didn't know whom to ask? Look no further than your Facebook page! Daily announcements, as well as the school calendar, can be found with just a couple of clicks of the mouse. Tell your friends! Tell your parents! JOIN US! Just search for "Atherton PTSO" on Facebook.

SBDM

Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council meetings are open to all parents, students, staff and school community. The SBDM Council is a leadership body that directs and supports several areas of our school including student achievement programs/initiatives, policy, curriculum, finance, and school improvement. Our Council is a twelve-member team composed of six teachers, four parents, the principal and an assistant principal. Two student representatives are selected by the Council every October to give students voice to the SBDM Council discussions and decisions. SBDM Council meets the **third Thursday of every month at 2:45** in the school library.

Atherton Alumni Association

Learn about the Atherton Alumni Association, the Atherton Alumni Hall of Fame, or join the Atherton Alumni Association by visiting the only official Atherton Alumni website www.athertonalumni.com.

The Atherton Alumni Association meets every month. Email Nick Gardner at ngardner@galthotel.com to learn more about becoming involved with the Alumni Association.

You can nominate the next Atherton Hall of Fame recipient!

About ten years ago, a small alumni group gathering at Atherton High school had the vision of honoring Atherton alumni who have contributed to our community and our country. Through this vision, politicians, authors, teachers, university presidents, doctors, financiers, a brigadier general, entrepreneurs and more have been welcomed home to Atherton High School and inducted into the Atherton Alumni Association Hall of Fame. Our list is distinguished, impressive, and inspiring to each of us. It is especially important for the students of Atherton High School to witness this rich legacy. Go to www.athertonalumni.com to learn more and to nominate our prestigious alumni!

Parent Portal – Attendance, Grades, Progress Reports & Unofficial Transcripts

Progress reports are given to students to take home every six weeks. You may also monitor the progress of your child using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Access your child's class schedule, grades, progress reports and attendance.

<http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Parent/ParentPortal/index2.html>

If you do not currently have a Campus Portal User Account, **please send an email to** campus.portal@jefferson.kyschools.us and provide your name, child's name(s) and contact phone number. If you want a login for both parents/guardians, please provide both names. Once your info is verified you will receive an email with login instructions.

Parent Resources at *Operation: Parent*



Atherton encourages parents to review this valuable parenting resource. **Operation: PARENT**, based in Kentucky, is a non-profit, parent-driven organization that provides classes, speaker events, a wonderful Parent Handbook, drug testing kits and more for parents of elementary, middle and high school students. *Operation: PARENT* addresses all the tough issues that affect our families every day. Issues like alcohol, drugs, social media, bullying, suicide and violence. Visit www.operationparent.org for access to everything they offer, including classes, events, an educational monthly e-newsletter and more.

From the Attendance Office

If your child is absent or tardy to school, please call the office at 485-8598 to notify the school.

When your child returns to school, please send her/him with a note that includes:

- Child's FIRST and LAST Name
- Grade
- Date of absence/tardy
- REASON for absence/tardy
- Parent/Guardian best contact number (home/cell/work)
- Parent/Guardian signature.

This information is necessary when we receive our regular attendance audits. If your child is absent more than two consecutive days, please also provide a copy of a physicians' statement for the reason of absence. Students absent ten or more days will be required to submit a physicians' statement for every absence thereafter to excuse further absences.

Check your child's tardies and absences under the Attendance tab on the left side of Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Any unexcused events should be rectified immediately. Remind your child to turn in any notes that you give her/him to first period teacher.

Thank you so much for helping us maintain high standards in all areas of our school!

District Attendance Policy

In accordance with district policy, if a student is **absent 10 or more times** the school will require a doctor's note to excuse any further absence. A student with an ongoing illness may request an exemption with doctor's approval. Please remember this every time you are absent also if you have more than 9 unexcused absences and you are 16 or 17 you will not be able to get or keep your driver's permit.

EZPay for Student Meals

JCPS is excited to provide the parents and students of Atherton High School access to online payments for student meals.

EZPay is the new online payment system. EZPay is secure and easy to use. You may use a debit or credit card.

How to sign up:

Log onto the Parent Portal <http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Parent/ParentPortal/index2.html>

Click on the link www.spsezpay.com/JCPS

Driving: No Pass No Drive Law

Attention Students About to Get a Drivers License

State legislature passed a law that requires students to maintain satisfactory grades and attendance to obtain a driver's permit/license. Students cannot receive a permit or driver's license unless they have fewer than **9 unexcused absences** and passing at least **5 of 7 courses**.

Students are required to present the COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY SCHOOL COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION FOR DRIVER LICENSING KRS 159.051 form to the Department of Motor Vehicles upon applying for a driver's permit/license. Contact the Attendance Office to obtain the form or for more details.

Immunizations

In accordance with the immunization laws of Kentucky, ALL STUDENTS are required to have a current Kentucky immunization on file as well as a completed Preventative Examination Form (JCPS requirement for grades 5 through 12). You may turn them in to the counseling office.

Atherton Sports, Clubs and Extra-Curricular Teams/Groups

INVOLVED STUDENTS ARE SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS! The following is a list of active teams/groups/clubs that meet regularly along with the staff sponsor (contact the sponsor for meeting dates/times and how to get your child involved!):

American Sign Language- Beth Dotter

Archery – Thomas Aberli, Doug Stutz, Calvin Miller

Art Club - Mary "Colleen" Reasor; Rachel Gibbs

Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble – Matthew Byrum

Bandom Club – Jason Price

Baseball - Tom Smith

Basketball: Men – Mark Tudor

Basketball: Women –

Bel Canto Choir- Nan Tate

BETA Club – Julie Anderson

Brony Club- Susan Smuskiewicz

Chamber Singers – Nan Tate

Cheerleading – Jennifer Mosier-O'Daniel

Chess Team – David Hernandez

Cross Country: Boys & Girls – Jason Nelson

Dance Team – Megan Carbello

Debate Team – Chad Cundiff

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) - Kenneth Walker

Field Hockey - Woodrow Murphy, Richard Guetig

Fishing Club - Officer Chet Overberg

Football - Kenneth Walker

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)- John Ferguson

Future Educators Association (FEA) – Candice Hunt

Future Problem Solvers (FPS) – Emily Nall-Crist

Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) - Tony Prince

Golf: Men - Brandon Clemmons

Golf: Women – Gail Blair

Helping Youth Performing Exceptionally (HYPE) Peer Mentors- Madalyn Marables

Japanese Club – Michael Kluemper

Jazz Band – Matt Byrum

Journalism (Aerial- school newspaper) - Matt Rhinehart

KYA/KUNA - James Recktenwald; Rebecca Bell

Lacrosse (Girls) – Aruna Keswani

Marine Biology Club & Ocean Science Bowl Team - Barbara Bennett

Math Team - Jeaneen Aldridge

Men of Quality – Kenny Walker, Thomas Wilson, Waddell Hill

Minecraft Club- Jim Recktenwald

Multicultural Teacher Recruitment Project (MTRP) – Candice Hunt

National Honor Society- Tom Gregory
Orchestra- Nelson Dougherty
Peer Mediators – Madalyn Marables
Phenomenal Women - Madalyn Marables
Photography Club- Rachel Rice
Principal's Advisory Committee - Thomas Aberli
Quick Recall – Sandra Forster-Terrell
Random Acts of Kindness – Beth Dotter
Soccer: Men – Val Bole
Soccer: Women – Carlo Ellard
Softball – Woody Murphy
Spanish Club - Maria Suarez
Swimming – Bobby Heyward
Table Tennis (Ping Pong) - Kevin Smith
Tennis: Boys & Girls – James Odong
Theatre- Andy Perry
Track: Boys & Girls - Kenneth Walker
Volleyball - Amanda Green
Wrestling - Jeff Brutscher
Yearbook (Torch)- Susan Smuskiewicz

Athletic Director- Steve Shartzer; steve.shartzer@jefferson.kyschools.us

Contact any teacher by email:
www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Schools/High/Atherton/contactstaff.html

Contact Us

The Front Office is open **7am-4pm**, Counselor's Office **7:10am-3:30pm**, Assistant Principal's Office **7:30am-3:50pm**.

Principal..... The best way to initiate contact with the principal is by email: thomas.aberli@jefferson.kyschools.us
 Front Office..... 485-8202
 Attendance Office...485-8598 (Report Absences; Attendance Inquiries)
 Assistant Principal.. 485-6528 (Student Discipline, Student Peer Conflict Resolution, Lockers)
 Records Clerk..... 485-8730 (Enrollment Information, Immunization Information, Transcripts)
 Counselors..... 485-8730 (Student Counseling, Academic Concerns, Schedules)
 Bookkeeper..... 485-8202 (Student Fees, Fee Waivers, Refunds)
 Athletic Director..... 485-8732 (Sport Schedules, Eligibility)
 Transportation..... 485-3470 (All bus routes and times handled by JCPS Transportation)

TO REPORT A STUDENT ABSENT 485-8598 (also return your child with a signed note)

TO REQUEST AN EARLY DISMISSAL 485-8730

TO LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR A TEACHER 485-8202 (message will be sent to teacher via e-mail)

TO GET AN EMERGENCY MESSAGE TO A STUDENT 485-8730 (limited to only emergency messages)

Special Web Links

Visit the Atherton website!

<http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Schools/High/Atherton/index.html>

Join the distinguished **Atherton Alumni Association!**

www.athertonalumni.com

Check out district news located on the **JCPS Monday Memo:**

<http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Pubs/MondayMemo/index.html>

Keep connected with **Upper Highland Neighborhood** news:

www.neighborhoodlink.com/Upper_Highlands/home

Keep connected with **Highland Youth Recreation** sports:

<http://www.hyrsports.com>

Contact any teacher by email:

<http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Schools/High/Atherton/faculty.html>

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Equal Opportunity Policies

Equal Employment Opportunity Employees/Applicants

The Jefferson County Public School District shall not discriminate in recruitment or employment on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital or parental status, national origin, race, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, religion, or political opinion or affiliation. The District shall promote equal opportunities through a vigorous affirmative action program as an integral part of personnel policy and practice in the employment, development, advancement, and treatment of employees of the Jefferson County Public Schools.

In the Event of Questions

Employees or applicants, report to immediate superior, appropriate personnel administrator, the Compliance and Investigations Office, or the appropriate enforcement agency if you believe you have experienced harassment/discrimination.

Equal Educational Opportunity Students/Parents or Guardians

No student shall be denied equal educational opportunity for any reason by the Jefferson County Board of Education because of his or her age, color, disability, parental status, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, or veteran status.

Harassment/Discrimination of any type is not permitted. A student has the right to attend school free from harassment and should not be subjected to discrimination for any reason. Schools will strive to ensure that these rights are protected and that appropriate consequences are provided to offenders.

In the Event of Questions

Students and parents/guardians, report to principal, the Compliance and Investigations Office, or the appropriate government agency if you believe you have experienced harassment/discrimination.

Noncompliance with the above policy and procedures may result in disciplinary action.

Discrimination Grievance Procedure

The Jefferson County Public Schools Discrimination Grievance Procedure is available at local schools, on the Jefferson County Public Schools Web site at www.jcpsky.net, or in the Compliance and Investigations Office, C. B. Young Jr. Service Center, 3001 Crittenden Drive, Louisville, KY 40209. Contact Cheryl Walker, Compliance and Investigations director, at **485-3341**, or call or write one of the following enforcement agencies:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Place, Suite 268
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 582-6082
www.eeoc.gov

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights

Wanamaker Building, Suite 515
100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 656-8541
www.ed.gov

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

The Heyburn Building, Suite 700
332 West Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 595-4024
<http://kchr.ky.gov>

Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission

410 West Chestnut Street, Suite 300A
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 574-3631
www.louisvilleky.gov/HumanRelations



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