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Hello Students and Parents,

November 2018

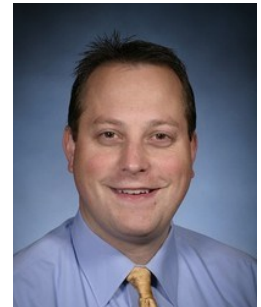
A quarter of the school year is already in the books! I've enjoyed observing students and staff hard at work both in and out of the classroom. Students have demonstrated their talents and abilities in so many ways through the many clubs, activities and extra-curricular opportunities that we provide. Congrats to all of those students who earned Honor Roll, High Honor Roll or High Honor Roll with Distinction status for the 1st marking period, as well as to Alaina Kosko on being a Section V Champion in Diving. For a list of our many activities (and other school information), please visit our web site (athenahigh.com) or make sure you are receiving our Tuesday newsletters each week.

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Parent Teacher conferences can occur at any time throughout the school year and I encourage you to contact your child's teachers to discuss his/her progress in their class. Contacting Athena staff members via e-mail is an effective and convenient form of communication. Most staff e-mail accounts are first name.last name@greececsd.org (david.richardson@greececsd.org) Additionally, if you have not signed up for our Parent Portal system, which allows you to monitor your child's grades, attendance and discipline, feel free to stop by the school or call 966-4162.



Here are a few updates for your information:

- The 19-20 Course Offering Guide is available on the School and District's web site, Twitter account, and Counseling Office.
- The 5 week mark of the 2nd quarter is December 14th
- Our Musical this year is *Mamma Mia* with show dates Feb 1st – 10th



As the holidays draw near, I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy some time with family and friends. Our Holiday Concerts will be held on December 17th and 19th in the Performing Arts Center at 7:00 pm on both nights. Come on out to hear some holiday favorites!

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Go Trojans!



Mr. Richardson



Perspectives on Culture

by Sara Abdel Khalikh Alhamoud ('21)

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VENEZUELA

Notes our students
around the world



FACTS

- *Venezuela is located in northern South America.
- *33rd largest country in the world.
- *Its most famous dish is Arepas.
- *Language is Spanish

I am from a beautiful country called Venezuela, located in South America. Venezuela is struggling with economic & social problems. My family and I moved to the U.S. because of these issues. I grew up in Venezuela, constantly moving from city to city and finally settling in Lecheria. Lecheria is a peninsula near the Caribbean coast. It is always hot with many beautiful beaches.

I lived in Venezuela until 8th grade. School started at 7:30am and ended at 1:35 for both high school & middle school. I had 4 classes everyday and every class was about an hour & ten minutes. Both academics and athletics were part of each school day. However, there were no extracurricular sports teams. The school had a very strict dress code; students had to wear a uniform. If a student did not have the exact uniform they were sent home. Students showed their nationalism by singing the national anthem every day.

Some of the main things I love about my country is the weather, diversity and exciting cities. Merida is the only city in Venezuela where it snows and it's really cold.

I would definitely say that moving to a new country was hard, especially because it was my first time coming to the U.S, but it's really amazing how much diversity there is and that's a great thing because cultural diffusion happens.

Same

Diversity
Tourist Places—historic architecture & religious sites
Cultural Diffusion

Different

Weather: 90 degrees and above
School: Teachers rotated while students stayed in the same room.
Language: Spanish





Athena Class Comings and Goings

Class of 2019—Seniors

Class Advisors: Andy Hilton and Steven Walther

Class Council: Gianna Palumbo, Alison LeFebre and Evan Anderson

- Junior/Senior Gala: 6/1/19, 6:30-10:30 at the Holiday Inn Downtown
- Darien Lake: 6/17/19
- Brunch: 6/21 at the Millenium Lodge at Greece Canal Park.

Class of 2020—Juniors

Class Advisors: Nicole Berardo-Nitsch and Amy Leopard

Class Council: Megan Plaskocinski, Isabella DeRubis, Kaitlin DeLoria, Lauren Lavelle and Maddie Willis

The CLASS OF 2020 is selling coupon books to raise money for Junior/Senior activities. Coupon book sales are due to Mrs. Berardo-Nitsch in Rm 109 on November 9th.

Students who are interested in becoming a part of the Junior Class Council are welcome to attend an informational meeting on November 29th at 1:10PM in the Forum Room during advisement. We will be sharing information about the Junior/Senior Gala and future fundraising activities.

In December, we will have an informational meeting for the entire class regarding Junior/Senior activities and fundraising updates. If you have any questions or concerns you are welcome to see Mrs. Leopard in Rm. 204 or Mrs. Berardo-Nitsch in the Counseling Center. We hope to see some new faces at the November meeting!

Class of 2021—Sophomores

Class Advisors: Larry Frisa and Pam Vail

Class Council: Allyana Ayers, Trinity Bohrer, Korra Chan, Olivia Costa, Madison Hall, Chloe Hami, Viktor Kachaluba, Sehansa Kurukulasuriya, Aiden McDonald, Brandon Pignato, Sara St. Louis, Collin Stark, and Shayla Tran

- Freshman / Sophomore apparel sale. Purchase spirit wear and raise money using the online store: <https://shop.fancloth.com/14612/452267>
- We meet on "C" days during Advisement in Mr. Frisa's Classroom (Room 137). All are welcomed to attend.
- Sophomore Twitter account @athenaclass2021

Class of 2022—Freshmen

Class Advisors: Ashley Baker, Jim Kinsella, & Jen Swan

Class Council: Kelly Kinsella, Kayla Strebels, Emily Scheuer, Lydia Morgan

- Freshman / Sophomore apparel sale. Purchase spirit wear and raise money using the online store: <https://shop.fancloth.com/14612/452267>
- Freshman google classroom to see postings on important information regarding fundraisers and events-all freshman. Students were invited to join, but if you still need to join the class code is ukn7luc.
- Freshman Twitter account @ATHS2022



Red Ribbon Week



Red Ribbon Week was celebrated nationally October 19-23.

Red Ribbon Week originated in 1985 as a way to raise awareness about Drugs and Alcohol. In addition to promoting general wellness during this week, we highlight drug prevention messages and encourage students to make healthy choices.



Every year at Athena, we spend a week focused on promising to live “A drug free life.” Students are encouraged to sign a petition to live drug free and support a drug free message by dressing based on a theme. For the year 2018-19 our Red Ribbon Week days were:



- Monday - Say No to drugs! (Pajama Day)
- Tuesday - Team up against drugs. (Sports Day)
- Wednesday - Just say No! (Red Day)
- Thursday - Fight against drugs! (Superhero Day)
- Friday - Black/Gold Day “Drug Free School”



SEL (Social Emotional Learning)

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) “enhances students’ capacity to integrate skills, attitudes, and behaviors to deal effectively and ethically with daily tasks and challenges.” (CASEL.org)

Relationship Skills—The ability to establish and maintain healthy relationships with diverse individuals. The ability to communicate clearly, listen well, cooperate, negotiate conflict and seek & offer help when needed.

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL CUES Social Cues in Relationships

<p>THE FRIENDLY HELLO</p> <p>Nice to see you! Let's quit while we're ahead.</p>	<p>THE LOOK AWAY</p> <p>I am aware that you exist and do not wish to engage</p>
<p>THE GLARE</p> <p>Look at me looking at you so you can feel the shame you deserve.</p>	<p>THE INNER STRUGGLE</p> <p>I am wrestling inner demons and do not wish to chat.</p>

- Facial Expression
- Body Language
- Voice pitch & tone
- Personal Space





Homecoming

by Sophia Cuccuro ('21)



The week of September 17th was Spirit Week at Athena. Although it was only the second week of school, students jumped right into the excitement. Homecoming week is a challenge for each grade level to try to prove their school spirit. This can be accomplished through participating in various themed dress-up days, making posters, and taking part in teamwork games during the pep rally.

The first day of Spirit Week really highlights the seniors because they are the only students allowed to wear togas. Some seniors donned the traditional white toga, while others had bright colors, fancy patterns, and one even had a cartoon character. The pinnacle of the week is the pep assembly. Mr Richardson did the introductions and then handed the microphone over to the Mr Bunting. The final activity of the pep assembly was the Victory Cheer, which followed tradition with a senior win.

Spirit week was a great way to kick start the year by showing our Trojan Pride.

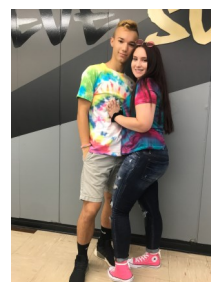
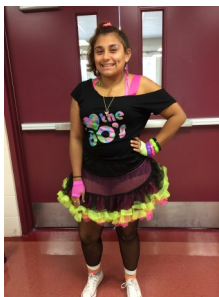


1980's—Jr's



1960's—Sr's

1970's—soph



School Spirit Week

Monday 9/17: PJ/ Senior Toga Day

Tuesday 9/18: Red, White, and Blue Day

Wednesday 9/19: Theme Day- Decades

Freshman- 90's
Sophomores- 70's
Juniors- 80's
Seniors- 60's

Thursday 9/20: Color for a Cause

Freshman— Red for Heart Disease
Sophomores— Dark Blue for Colon Cancer
Juniors— White for Lung Cancer
Seniors—Pink for Breast Cancer

Friday 9/21: Black and Gold



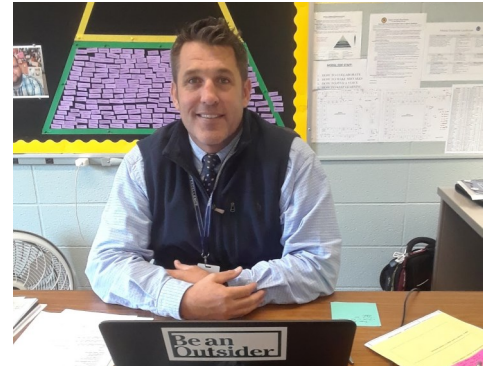
New Face: Mr. Moore & Ms Clark

by Sage Arinder ('21)

Mr Moore, Assistant Principal

Welcome to our newest Assistant Principal, Mason Moore. Mr Moore went to Fredonia University, University of Rochester and Brockport college. He earned his Masters in 1999. He joined the Athena staff as a social studies teacher in the fall of 2002. In 2005, Mr Moore became an Assistant Principal at Arcadia. His student-friendly focus and ability to make connections led him back to Athena, a move he is very excited about because the school has a hard working staff that puts kids first.

In addition to academics, Mr Moore was also involved in sports. When he was an undergraduate student at SUNY Fredonia, he played baseball. His uncle inspired him to pursue education because he loves to coach and help kids. Outside of school he coaches a traveling baseball team and mows lawns as a hobby. His goal is to have a positive impact on the next generation.



Ms Clark, Business and Home & Careers Teacher.



Casey Clark graduated from Pittsford Mendon and studied Business Administration at the University of Vermont. After a job at Burlington Free Press she decided to become a teacher.

She taught in New Hampshire, but wanted to be closer to her family, so when she saw an opening she went for it and became a teacher in Greece. She currently is splitting her time between Athena and Odyssey. Ms Clark is putting her business degree to work by teaching Strategies for Success at Athena and exploring new territory at Odyssey in the Home and Careers course.

Ms Clark's passion is water sports. Outside of school she coaches Brighton's crew team and spends time with her friends and family. During the summer she enjoys swimming and stand-up paddle boarding at Canandaigua Lake.



New Faces:

by Kayla Mason ('21)



Ms Robinson, Music Teacher



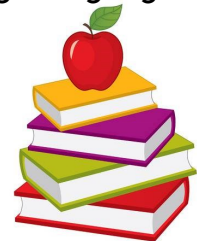
Ms Robinson has been working in Greece for 12 years. This is her 7th year working at Athena. She teaches 6th and 8th grade music and also does high school chorus with Ms McDonald and Ms Lewis. Ms Robinson got her education from SUNY Fredonia and then went on to SUNY Brockport for her Masters.

She has two daughters, one is in 7th grade and one is in 3rd grade. She grew up surrounded by music and instruments. Mrs. Robinson chose to be a music teacher because she always loved music.

Ms O'Heron, ASL Teacher

Ms O'Heron's professional and personal life are infused with sign language. Ms O'Heron is an ASL (American Sign Language) teacher, educating students on how to communicate using sign language. She teaches students at both Athena and Olympia, however Athena holds a special place in her heart. Ms O'Heron loves it because soon her daughter will be attending Athena.

Sign language plays an important role in her home also as she is the parent of a deaf child, who uses sign language as her first language. Ms O'Heron has been teaching people sign language for years. Even before she became a teacher, she was teaching sign language to her friends when she was in high school.



Ms O'Brien, Science Teacher



Jennifer O'Brien is a teacher in both the middle and high schools of Athena. She is a 8th grade science teacher and high school Earth Science Teacher. She got her undergraduate degree at Canisius College and her Masters from the University of Buffalo.

She has wanted to be a teacher since the 3rd grade and her family has always supported her decision. She also enjoys working with older children and science.

Outside of school she likes to play with her little girls, bike, hike, and watch her favorite sports teams: the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabers.



Fall Sports Capsules

by Ryan Hoak ('20)

Cheerleading

Head Coach: Gina Ingoglia
Captains: Leanza Gibaud, Meghan Anderson & Gianna Palumbo



Cross-Country, Boys

Head Coach: Jim Shoemaker
Captain: Quinn Ewell, Liam Ewell and Andrew Gruver



Cross-Country, Girls

Head Coach: Jean-Paul Scott
Captain: Kelechi Dingba and Savanna St Louis

Football

Head Coach: Rob Cerone
Coaches: Mike Hudson and Mike McLaren
Captains: Andres Maldonado, Jayson Russell & Johnny Salone
JV Coaches: Andrew Hilton and Dave Carletta



and

Soccer, Girls

Head Coach: Mike Titus
Captains: Sadie Coachman, Jisela Dall, & Waynia Hudson
JV Coach: Tom Talone



Swimming, Girls

Head Coach: Jeff Humphreys
Captains: Sarah Gartner & Payton Wolcott
JV Coach: Doug Jones



Tennis, Girls

Head Coach: Will Spencer



Volleyball, Girls

Head Coach: Kelly Edinger
Captains: Alyssa Nerau, Katie Holzmacher
JV Coach: Ashley Kelly
Captains: Ally Ayers, Audrey Coons, Madi Hall



Soccer, Boys

Head Coach: Mike Butler
Captains: Alec Hefke, Dylan Rice & CJ Takatch
JV Coach: Nick Defendorf





Psychology Class

Panel Discussion in Psychology Class

Psychology students participated in a panel discussion with school counselors and psychologists on the impacts of psychology of various careers. Students learned the importance the study of psychology can have in many different career fields and everyday life. The adults had the opportunity to make a connection to new students.



Panel Members

- Ms Berardo-Nitsch Counselor 9 & 11
- Ms Giacalone—Counselor 9 & 11
- Mr Vreeland—School Psychologist
- Ms Curtis—School Psychologist

Athena Yearbook wins more than 16 Awards

by Leanza Gibaud ('19)

The Athena Yearbook staff and advisor, Ms Amico recently returned from the ESSPA (Empire State School Publication Association) Conference having received many awards for the 2017-18 Yearbook. Students were so happy that all their hard work paid off. One student stated with great pride “it was great to get acknowledged and know that people all over the state, and now country have seen our small Greece NY yearbook!”

The yearbook staff now begins the work for the 2018-19 Yearbook. This will be a very special one because it is the 50th Anniversary Yearbook. This 50th Yearbook’s title is “Never Forget Your Roots” and will incorporate the history of Athena and stories that highlight Trojan’s roots and how they have grown. The book will also recreate items from past years to show Athena over the past 50 years. See Ms Amico, Evan Anderson or any student on the Yearbook staff to share ideas.



Awards included:

- Overall Best Yearbook in NY
- Best Academic Photos
- Best Theme—“In Living Color”
- Photo Contest, Caroline Butler

6 Gold Awards, 4 Silver Awards, 2 Bronze Awards, 3 Honorable Mention





Trojan Twitter Pics



Senior class King and Queen Jake Wamser and Madison Baxter

Junior class king and queen Jahkari Larmond and Juliana Rivoli.

Sophomore king and queen Brandon Pignato and Alivia Thibault

Freshman king and queen Dominic Howell and Jaren McCumber





Freshman

by Sophia Cuccuro ('21)



Being an 8th grader coming down the stairs to 9th grade is an exciting new experience but can be very scary.

The new Freshman came for orientation one day before school started to meet their teachers and see their new classrooms. Students were assigned lockers, had the opportunity to practice using the combination locks, and some even decorated lockers with mirrors and shelves that were sold by the PTA. Students were given their schedule and had the chance to meet each of their teachers in a 5 min walk through of classes.

Mr Hoffman, 9th grade AP, welcomed students at the Freshman Assembly. He discussed what to anticipate in Freshman year and shared high school rules and expectations. Navigating the first day of 9th grade was easier because of Orientation Day.





Trojan Pride: Athena Students of the Month!

Mr. Vreeland facilitates the selection of monthly Athena Students of the Month. This program recognizes students who go above and beyond typical academic and/or social expectations. Nominations can be made by any member of our Athena School community. The student's picture and nomination are proudly displayed in the glass case outside of the Forum room.



Students of the Month

October

- Lauren Branagan 9
- Logan Campbell 9
- Kali Johnson 9
- De'sharria King 9
- John Labate 9
- Grace Weilert 9
- Terrell Wilson 9



- Simone Baptiste 10
- Trintiy Bohrer 10
- Alex DeHoney 10
- Van Ngo 10
- Joshua Schultz 10
- Sehansa Kurukulasuriya 10
- Charles Wolcott 10



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Welcome to the *Trojan Tribune!*

We hope you enjoyed our first issue this year. The *Trojan Tribune* is the mighty Greece Athena's student-generated "School Community Newsletter." Our purpose is to keep all of our important stakeholders aware of our successes and achievement from a wide range of curricular and extracurricular activities.

Any student interested in writing for the *Trojan Tribune* team, should see Ms Scamacca in room 143.

Story ideas and/or feedback are welcome and should be forwarded to Michelle Scamacca at <Michelle.Scamacca@GreeceCSD.org>

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Electronic Devices

by Ryan Hoak ('20)



New Cell-Phone Policy

A new cell-phone policy was introduced to Greece Athena High School this year to help focus students attention on their academics. This policy has stated that all electronic devices should be out of sight in all classes that come with a grade. This replaces the prior stoplight policy (green classes may have phones, yellow classes had phones available at the teacher's discretion and red, no phones at all). Under the rules of this new policy, there are no green classes, except study halls, and there are heavy consequences for not obeying this policy (find out more on www.greececsd.org). This new policy is similar to the policy that had been already in place for the middle school, so freshman have had an easier transition. This has been noted by teachers, as the freshmen seem to have had a better reaction to this new policy, as they have been following it for the last three years. Sophomores and upperclassmen have had to adjust to the changes, and some have struggled. However, this new policy has had a positive effect in the school, as focus in the classrooms have been much higher this year, according to some teachers. Students have not been abusing their phone privileges like they may have in the past, and that could only reap rewards for the students.

One-To-One (Google Chromebooks)

This school year every high school student has been given access to an individual personal Google chromebook. This chromebook can be used in classes or be brought home. The chromebook is linked with the student's personal school google account, where they can access their google drive, classroom, etc. Now every student has guaranteed access to the internet and teachers know this and are taking advantage of it.



Teachers are utilizing google tools, such as google classroom, to help engage with their students outside of school. Teachers can post online homework assignments and send friendly reminders directly to their students. This has created a more friendly atmosphere and relationship between the teacher and his/her students. In the classroom, students can work on homework or class assignments digitally, like typing an English essay right in class. This has made life easier for students and teachers, as assignments and projects can all be done in one place. Teachers can provide immediate and individual feedback to students regarding their work. Directions, classwork and homework are online, which increases organization and makes things easier for all parties involved. Plus, an unexpected side effect is that paper is being saved. The one-to-one plan has increased accessibility, communication, and productivity to make school a more engaged and better place.

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Assistant Principal: David Hoffman

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