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ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL eNews

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

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Atherton High School: Vision

Atherton will be:

- a place where all persons relate to one another with integrity, fairness, and an appreciation for individual differences and worth.
- a place made up of diverse backgrounds with everyone seeking to reach his or her fullest potential.
- a place where academic excellence is stressed to the extent that every young person will be adequately prepared for post-secondary education.
- a place where young people live out what it means to be members of a community.
- an essential building block for success in life and in the workplace.
- a non-disruptive and safe environment in which to learn and grow.

From the Principal

Atherton Family:

Parent-Teacher Conferences are this Monday, Feb 13, from 8am until 3pm. No appointment is necessary. Thank you to our PTSA for providing lunch again on this very long day!

On March 6 all juniors in public schools in the state of Kentucky will take the **ACT**. Never has this test been more important to students and schools now that the ACT counts as the **college admissions assessment** for most colleges and the ACT is now a measure of our **state accountability system**. Students not meeting “**college readiness benchmarks**” on the ACT are required, by law, to receive remediation services their senior year of high school and most universities will require students to take non-credit bearing remedial courses at the tuition-paid expense of the students. Finally, many students may be on the cusp of **scholarship money** and simply need to boost their score by a couple points to have a significant financial impact.

Atherton staff work hard at all grade levels to prepare students for post-secondary education. We view our commitment to your child as an ongoing four-year developmental process. Rigorous instruction at all grade levels in every class is supplemented by Extended School Services (ESS) for those in need of support. Students at all grade levels have access to the ACT preparation program Triumph College Admissions (TCA); **TCA directions can be found in this newsletter**. Please encourage your child to use this program to help target his/her weakest academic areas as identified from the practice ACT or PLAN test he/she took in the Fall.

Parents please take the time to talk to your child about the importance of this test; it greatly affects our school and your child’s immediate future. Inspire, encourage and (heck, I’ll say it) reward them for taking the time with programs like TCA to demonstrate their best possible achievement on this test. This is their time to make a difference for themselves and for this school.

Thomas Aberli

FEBRUARY NEWS

Comprehensive School Survey:

Brag on Atherton! Survey only takes about five minutes!

JCPS will conduct the 2011-12 Comprehensive School Survey (CSS) from **Mon., Feb. 6**, through **Fri., Feb. 24**. The survey is administered to all classified and certified staff members, all parents / guardians, all middle and high school students, and all elementary school students in grades four and five. **Parent/Guardian surveys are available online (go to the JCPS homepage, www.jcpsky.net, and look for Comprehensive School Survey).**

Last year, Atherton had a phenomenal parent response rate. Please be part of proudly representing Atherton’s parent community in this year’s survey!

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this important annual survey which identifies specific district needs and helps district staff members craft strategies to ensure student success. Participating in this survey ensures that your voice will become an integral part of the districts decision-making process.

Your opinions are important and the district values your input.

KOSSA: Kentucky Occupational Skills Standards Assessment

KOSSA is an assessment developed by the state of Kentucky in partnership with Kentucky business leaders. All senior high school students in Kentucky who have taken three or more business classes take this assessment. Students can earn KOSSA certification which not only shows you've demonstrated some valuable skills and looks good on a resume but is also a certification the state is trying to promote as a requirement/desired certification for some employment opportunities. The KOSSA assessment will be given on Thursday, Feb 16.

- Steve Shartzter

Quick Recall Success!

Senior **Sara Sinback** placed First in the district for both math & science written assessment

Freshman **Will Mandrola** placed Second in the district for math written assessment

The **Quick Recall Team** came in Second in Round One of the 2012 Governor's Cup Tournament and has earned a spot for the regional competition Feb 18th.

Atherton Students Serve at the American Heart Association Crystal Heart Gala

Atherton will send 20 volunteers to the American Heart Association Crystal Heart Gala on Feb 25, to serve as guides for the \$500 plate annual dinner-dance. This is the third year in a row that Atherton has been invited to assist in this black-tie event.



Atherton hosts International Festival

Atherton's 2nd annual International Festival will be held on Friday, March 9, 2012 from 4-7 p.m. in the lower concourse. There will be ethnic food, games, and crafts and live student musical and dance performances with an international flair. This event is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted at the door with all proceeds going to Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Come celebrate Atherton's rich diversity!

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.

Highland Youth Recreation (HYR)

Registration for Highland Youth Recreation spring soccer league will be 11th at Bardstown Rd Presbyterian Church, 1722 Bardstown Road from 1:00-4:00pm. Registration is available online beginning Feb 1st www.hyrsports.com

HYR has divisions for ages 5yrs – 16yrs. All our divisions are co-ed. The cost is \$50.00 per player for registrations received by Feb 11th. A late fee of \$10.00 will be added after Feb 11th and team

placement is not guaranteed. Our 8 week season begins March 10th. All games and practices are on the Atherton Campus. One practice and one game per week. For additional information contact Leslie Gross, 454-4488, hyrsports@aol.com

SENIOR NEWS

Also, see the **Senior Bulletin**, by senior counselor Pat Cantwell, attached to the parent eNews email.

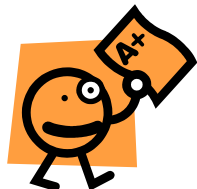


FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Students should be filling out their FAFSA forms at this time. Remember the deadline is March 1, 2012 but schools ran out of money last year so I would advise applications be submitted immediately. www.fafsa.ed.gov. Do not pay to fill out this application! If you have not gotten your PIN go to www.pin.ed.gov. The next step for seniors and their families to file their FAFSA paperwork EARLY. **State money ran out in mid February last year**, so it's important to NOT wait for tax returns to apply.

Junior Class

JUNIOR BULLETIN: BY MS. CASSIDY



Remember you need 16 credits to be a senior. I hope you are keeping up with your classes and remember you must pass junior English and all your required classes to be able to graduate. This year all students taking Algebra 2, Biology or US history will be taking end of the year exams in these classes prepare by the state of Kentucky these test will count 20% of your final grade in these classes.

SCHEDULING FOR NEXT YEAR: *I will be in the junior English classes the first week of February to start doing next year's schedules In order for your schedule to be entered into the computer, you MUST have your schedule card signed by your parent/guardian AND meet with me. I will meet with students before, during or after school. During my classroom visits you will signed up for your appointment.*

February 26, 2012 National College Fair Kentucky International Convention Center
2-5PM. Register to attend at www.gotomyncf.com

TOURISM HONORS ACADEMY- The Tourism Honors Academy serves 20 talented high school students from Jefferson County during the summer before and throughout their senior year. Scholars are competitively selected from junior year and attend the program free of charge. The Tourism Honors academy is a year-long program, including a 10 – day summer residential session at Bellarmine University June 3-13, 2012 with additional events throughout the scholar's senior year. For more information and an application see Ms. Cassidy. Application deadline March 13, 2012.

Commonwealth Honors Academy- Murray State University sponsor's the summer Commonwealth Honors Academy June 9- June 30, 2012. Receive 6 hours of University studies credit, have the opportunity to take six additional hours of tuition-free university courses at Murray State University during senior year and be awarded a four-year \$2000 per year housing scholarship to Murray State University. In order to qualify for the academy students must have: completed the junior year of high school, a composite ACT of approximately 25 or equivalent on the SAT, PSAT or PLAN and a 3.5 GPA on the 4.0 scale. Other credentials, such as community involvement, class rank, and teacher recommendations are taken into consideration in the selection process. For an application see Ms. Cassidy. The student application deadline is March 1, 2012.

RING CEREMONY: Ring ceremony will be April 27, 2012 at 1:00PM at Atherton's Large Auditorium. Parents may elect to present any item at this recognition ceremony (family heirloom, former class rings, pendant, bracelet charm, etc.) in lieu of

a ring.

JUNIOR PROM: Save the date, Junior Prom is April 28, 2012 at Wildwood Country Club from 8-12:00AM. Tickets will go on sale towards the end of March. You must be a junior to purchase a ticket for you and your guest. Guest must be of age 13-20 (no middle school students) have a picture ID and be listed when you purchase your ticket.

ONE STOP SHOP: JCPS has put on their website the opportunity for students to find all admission applications for Kentucky Colleges and also the Common Application. Check it out go to the district web page, <http://www.jefferson.kyschools.us> and click on students then click on High, then Life After High School then click on One Stop Shop then follow the prompts. If you hit Kentucky Colleges you will find all Kentucky Colleges and their applications. Try all the different sites.

ACT: All juniors will be taking the ACT March 6, 2012 at Atherton High School. This test results can be use to apply for colleges. Please prepare for this important test. All juniors took a practice test in November. Your results are at the TCA website for which you received your userid and password. Students may access the [TCA link from our website](#) or the link https://www.tcaprep.com/php2/login.php?school_code=1628136359

Please visit this website check your results and do the different tutorials that they have to help you prepare for the March 6 exam. If you lost your userid and password I have them and the librarian also has them. Send me an email Maritza.cassidy@jefferson.kyschools.us and I will send you the userid and password or ask the librarian.

JUNIOR PARENT MEETING: There will be a Junior Parent meeting February 23 at 6:30PM at Atherton's library. Lots of valuable information. Please inform your parents.

CALENDAR*

February

February 10 – Friday ~~Norton Health Care Health Mobile~~ CANCELLED
February 13 – Monday No School- **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY** 8am-3pm
February 23 – 25 River City Players One-Act Plays
February 23 – Thursday Outstanding World Language (OWL) Award Ceremony 6:30pm Small Aud
February 28 – Tuesday Percussion Concert 7pm Large Auditorium

March

March 2 – Friday No School – Teacher professional development day
March 9 – Friday International Festival 4-7pm Lower Concourse
March 14 – 17 School play: Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*
March 15 – Thursday 15th District PTA Vendor Fair all day

April

April 5 – Thursday PTSA Spring Picture Day; Spring Band Concert 7pm Large Auditorium
April 5 – Thursday Solo and Chamber Music Concert 7pm Small Auditorium
April 9 – 13 Spring Break
April 17 – Tuesday Band Awards Banquet
April 27 – Friday Junior Ring Ceremony
April 28 – Saturday Junior Prom – Wildwood Country Club Bardstown Road

May

May 4 – Friday No School- Oaks
May 12 – Saturday Senior Prom – Olmstead
May 15 – Tuesday Orchestra Spring Concert
May 17 – Thursday Junior Awards Ceremony
May 17 – 18 School play: Courtyard performances by Theater 2 and 3 students
May 22 – Tuesday No School – Election Day

May 24 – Thursday	Senior Awards Ceremony
May 28 – Monday	No School- Memorial Day
May 30 – Wednesday	<u>Projected</u> last day for students (subject to change!)
	*Graduation day, time and location will not be determined until the March 2012 JCPS Board of Education meeting.

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

IMPORTANT TESTING DATES

School Accountability Testing:

ACT test for all juniors **March 6**.

End-of-course exams in English 2, Biology, Algebra 2 and US History will be during the last two weeks of the school year.

More information about school accountability testing will be provided here as it becomes available.

Some changes to our accountability:

- **Kentucky Core Content** is now called the **Kentucky Core Academic Standards** which model the national standards for math and English; we currently still retain the same previous Core Content standards for science and social studies.
- The **Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS)** is now called **Unbridled Learning- College and Career Readiness for All**. This new accountability system includes student achievement results from ACT (juniors), PLAN (sophomores), On-Demand Writing (both sophomores and juniors), and end-of-course exams administered at the conclusion of English 2, Biology, Algebra 2 and US History. Non-academic indicators will also be used for accountability.
- End-of-course exams are expected to be administered during a **two week timeframe at the end of the school term** for English 2, Biology, Algebra 2 and US History; these exams include multiple choice items and “constructed response”.
- **Open-response questions (ORQs)** are now referred to as “**constructed responses**” and may reflect the same depth in expectation of student understand as an ORQ and/or be simple short-response.
- End-of-course exams are expected to count as **20% of the students’ final course grade** in each of the tested courses.

International Baccalaureate Test Dates: May 2 – May 22, 2012

These students test only during the second year of two-year courses.

May 2 – English Paper 1

May 3 – Math Paper 1

May 4 – Math Paper 2

May 8 – German Paper 1 & 2

May 9 – English Paper 2

May 10 – Physics Paper 1 & 2

May 11 – Physics Paper 3; History Paper 1 & 2

May 14 – Japanese Paper 1 & 2

May 17 – Spanish Paper 1 & 2; Biology Paper 1 & 2

May 18 – Biology Paper 3

May 22 – French Paper 1 & 2

College Board Advanced Placement Test Dates: May 7 – May 24, 2012

May 7 – Monday Psychology

May 10 – Thursday English Literature (seniors)

May 11 – Friday United States History (juniors)

May 14 – Monday Music Theory

May 16 – Wednesday English Language (juniors)

May 17 – Thursday World History (sophomores)

May 18 – Friday Human Geography (freshmen)

May 23 & 24 – make up dates for students with IB testing conflicts.

Senior Scholarships, College Information, College Open Houses and Graduation News

*** Contact senior counselor Pat Cantwell (pat.cantwell@jefferson.kyschools.us) to receive her monthly newsletter on scholarships and college news.

NATIONAL TESTING DATES (see appropriate web links below to register)

	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration deadline</u>
ACT	December 11, 2011	November 4
	February 11, 2012	January 13
	April 14, 2012	March 9
	June 9, 2012	May 4
SAT	December 3, 2011	November 8
	January 28, 2012	December 30
	March 10, 2012	February 10
	May 5, 2012	April 6
	June 2, 2012	May 8

IMPORTANT TESTING LINKS

ACT	www.act.org
SAT	www.collegeboard.com
KEES	www.kheaa.com
FASFA	www.fafsa.ed.gov
FASFA PIN	www.pin.ed.gov
Fin Aid	www.finaid.org
Next Step U	www.nextstepu.com
Student Loans	www.estudentloan.com
NCAA	www.eligibilitycenter.org

General IB website <http://www.ibo.org/diploma/>
IB Exams Schedule <http://www.ibo.org/documentlibrary/examinationschedules/index.cfm>

General AP website <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>
AP Exams Schedule <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/cal/cal2.html>

KCCT and NCLB Reports <http://applications.education.ky.gov/ktr/default.aspx>

PREPARE FOR THE ACT

TCA for the ACT

Atherton has purchased the **Triumph College Admissions (TCA)** program for all students as a method to support student academic achievement and growth. On November 2, all seniors, juniors and sophomores completed a practice *ACT* assessment and freshmen took the *PLAN* (pre-*ACT*) assessment. 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*. Every student will receive their own personal login information to the **TCA** web-based program and can 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
Each student's login username and password will both be the student's "school number" which has been distributed to students on the day of the practice test and can also be found directly under the student's name when you log into Infinite Campus portal.

A *TCA User Guide* has been sent as a separate attachment in this eNews.

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 to take the test)
7. Select left tab **College Prep**
 1. **ACT**
 2. **SAT**
 3. **PSAT**

INFORMATIONAL

(REVISED & REPEATED EVERY MONTH)

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
English	Ms. Walker	Room 103	Wed
Social Studies	Ms. Schlieker	Room 201	Wed

Contact Us

Front Office..... 485-8202
Principal..... 485-8202
Attendance Office... 485-8598
Assistant Principal... 485-6528 - (Student Discipline, Lockers, Lunch schedule)
Records Clerk..... 485-8730 - (Enrollment Information, Immunization Information, Transcripts)

Counselors..... 485-8730 - (Student Counseling, Schedules, Schedules Changes)
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)

Youth Services Center

Our Youth Services Center provides a variety of program and opportunities for students:

Just Between Teens-weekly on Thursdays 2:30 to 3:30

Lend A Helping Hand-Weekly on Tuesdays 2:30 to 3:30

Academic TUTORING in the YSC- weekly on Mondays 2:30 to 3:30

ADOPT A TEEN PROGRAM (described in an article earlier in this eNews). If you would like to assist a teen for the holidays with clothing needs, please email Mrs. Marables at

Madalyn.Marables@jefferson.kyschools.us

The YSC would love to have parents involved in the YSC Advisory Council that meets at 2:45 on the third Thursday of every month. Please contact Madalyn Marables at 502-485-6020 to sign up for the Council or to ask about programs or services.

PTSA

PTSA Spring Picture Day

The PTSA Spring Picture Day is April 5! This is a great opportunity to get pictures taken with friends and make memories that will last a lifetime!

Atherton Wrist Bands

The PTSA is selling the official Atherton wrist bands for \$1.00 and Atherton **A** stickers for \$5. Look for PTSA representatives at school events. Thanks for your support and showing your Rebel pride!

We Want Your Help!

If you would like to provide your support of the Atherton PTSA, we can use your help! There are several great service opportunities throughout the school year. Parents interested in helping should email Bonnie Echleberger at jechelberg@aol.com.

The Atherton PTSA supports the school through service and teacher appreciation. A portion of your \$5 dues are used to pay for membership in the 15th District PTSA, Kentucky State & National PTSA which allows our students to compete for scholarships and awards. PTSA funds are also used to purchase food for teachers and staff on select occasions. You may pay your \$5 at registration or with the bookkeeper at any time.

The PTSA meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:00pm in the library. Remaining PTSA dates for 2011-2012: February 28, March 27, April 24, and May 22.

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. **New this year- two student representatives will also be selected by the Council in October to give student voice to SBDM**

Council discussions and decisions.

SBDM Council meets the **third Thursday of every month at 2:45** in the school library.

You may contact any of your SBDM representatives by email:

Teachers:

Maritza Cassidy (maritza.cassidy@jefferson.kyschools.us)
Rita Cron (rita.cron@jefferson.kyschools.us)
Rob Fabing (rob.fabing@jefferson.kyschools.us)
Ed Hardy (ed.hardy@jefferson.kyschools.us)
Nancy Morrow (nancy.morrow@jefferson.kyschools.us)
Scott Wade (scott.wade@jefferson.kyschools.us)

Parents:

Maureen Gregg (greggfam@insightbb.com)
Todd Oetken (toetken@hilliard.com)
Alan Rubin (alanrubin@iglou.com)
Amy Richardson (arichardson@jrarchitects.com)

Administrators:

Thomas Aberli (thomas.aberli@jefferson.kyschools.us)
Richard Guetig (richard.guetig@jefferson.kyschools.us)

Student Representatives on the SBDM Council:

Jorge Castorena
Hannah Rowe

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!

Approximately 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!

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 physician's statement for the reason of absence (Student-Parent Handbook, pages 11-13). Students absent ten or more days will be required to submit a physician's statement for every absence thereafter to excuse further absences (OCBE Policy; Code of Conduct page 21).

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.

Parent Portal – Progress Reports & 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, 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.

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 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!):

Aerial (Newspaper)- Matthew Rhinehart

Archery – Thomas Aberli; parents Calvin Miller & Katie Weihl

Art- Mary "Colleen" Reasor; Shanda Cunningham

Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble - Sarah McClave

Baseball - Chris Booth (visit www.athertonbaseball.com)

BETA Club - Julie Anderson

Book Club - Lynn Bridwell

Boys Soccer - Val Bole

Boys' Basketball – Tom Wilson

Boys' Golf – Byron Hill

Cheerleading - Julie Anderson

Chess Team - Dave Hernandez

Chinese Club- Jie "Jenny" Jhang

Choir- Nan Tate

Class Officers- Patty Schweinhart

Dance Team – Sandy Harrison

Debate Team – Charles "Pat" Patrick

ESL Club – Scott Wade

Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Kenneth Walker

Field Hockey - Sandra Forster-Terrell; Richard Guetig

Football - Kenneth Walker

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)- John Ferguson

Future Educators of America (FEA) - Willie Rhodes; Holly Smith; Nancy Morrow

Future Problem Solvers - Doug Stutz

Girls Soccer - Carlo Ellard

Girls' Basketball – Melissa Earley
Girls' Golf – Gayle Blair
Gospel Choir- Connie Schlieker
Helping Youth Performing Exceptionally (HYPE) – Madalyn Marables
Japanese Club - Carole Terkula
Journalism - Matt Rhinehart
KYA/KUNA- James Recktenwald; Rebecca Bell
Marine Biology - Barbara Bennett
Math Team- Jeaneen Aldridge
Men & Women's Choir - Nan Tate
Men & Women's Tennis – Mike Presnell
Men & Women's Track - Kenneth Walker
Men's Cross Country - Dave Withers
Men of Quality – Richard May
Multicultural Teacher Recruitment Project (MTRP) – Willie Rhodes; Holly Smith
National Honor Society- Kay Stanton
Orchestra- Nelson Dougherty
Phenomenal Women - Madalyn Marables
Photography- Shanda Cunningham
Quick Recall - Rita Cron
River City Players- Andy Perry
Softball - Steve Shartzter
Spanish club - Maria Suarez
Swimming – Bobby Heyward
Theatre- Andy Perry
Volleyball - Amanda Green
Women's Cross Country - Melissa Earley
World Quest- Scott Wade
Wrestling - Jeff Brutscher
Yearbook- Shanda Cunningham

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

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:

www.hyrsports.com

Contact any teacher by email:

LET THE DATA DO THE TALKING!

This section is dedicated to keeping a data-driven focus on school improvement. For more specific information about any data, you may reference the *eNews Archive*

(<http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Schools/High/Atherton/eNewsArchives.html>) where this information was first presented or feel free to contact the principal (thomas.aberli@jefferson.kyschools.us).

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

(reference July 2011 eNews)

<u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Average Daily Attendance</u>	<u>College Board AP Exams Taken</u>
2007-2008	1,042	91.8%	68 (30 students)
2008-2009	1,062	92.6%	424 (366 students)
2009-2010	1,118	93.2%	473 (418 students)
2010-2011	1,150	93.6%	507 (450 students)
2011-2012	1,274	GOAL: 94%	GOAL: 600!



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE AND COLLEGE BOARD AP SCORES

(reference August 2011 eNews)

<u>Academic Year</u>	<u># IB scores 4 or greater</u>	<u># AP scores of 3 or greater</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2007-2008	46	16	62
2008-2009	101	112	213
2009-2010	80	147	227
2010-2011	127	143	270



ATHERTON STATE ACT RANKINGS (reference October 2011 eNews)

2008: 74th 2009: 59th 2010: 37th 2011: **23rd!** (top 10% of Ky Public Schools)
(of 230 Ky public high schools)

AVERAGE ACT SCORES

(reference September 2011 eNews)

<u>Exam Year</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>1-year gains</u>	<u>4-year gains</u>
English	17.6	17.9	19.1	20.3	+ 1.2	+ 2.7
Math	18.3	18.4	19.1	19.6	+ .5	+ 1.3
Reading	19.0	19.3	20.2	21.2	+ 1.0	+ 2.2
Science	18.6	18.9	19.5	21.0	+ 1.5	+ 2.4
Composite	18.5	18.7	19.6	20.6	+ 1.0	+ 2.1

