

# J. M. ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

## January 2012



## ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL eNews

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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:

As we pass the midpoint of the school year, I want to thank everyone who has helped make Atherton a wonderful place for our young adults to receive an education. Parents, staff and community have united in a collective of individual and joint efforts to provide the best possible educational environment for students to grow academically and emotionally.

Parents: As the mid-year grades get released, please talk with your young one. Praise them for their accomplishments and encourage them to work on areas of need. Encourage your child to access the free individualized ACT program available through the school website (scroll down to the article "TCA for the ACT" below). We are challenging students to spend just one hour per week on the TCA program between now and the March 6 ACT administered to all juniors during school. The March 6 ACT counts as an official ACT score for student college admissions and also counts toward our state accountability system.

*Thomas Aberli*

## JANUARY NEWS

### Student Achievements

#### **KYA**

#### **(Kentucky Youth Assembly)**

Atherton's Y-Club Delegation to the Kentucky Youth Assembly took top honors at the KYA Conference last week, winning **Outstanding Delegation** from among 45 participating schools. Atherton also won a certificate for **Delegation of Excellence**.

Taking individual honors were:

**Sebastian Schad** for Outstanding Premiere Speaker;

**Matt Barber, Nathan Shippey, and Kim Heller** for passing their bills through the House and Senate and being signed by the Conference Governor;

**Drake Lee-Patterson** for Outstanding Congressional Speaker and co-authoring a bill that passed the US House and Senate.

Great job Atherton Y-Club, especially to the seniors who *started* this program at Atherton just 4 years ago!

#### **MTRP/FEA**

#### **(Minority Teacher Recruitment Program/Future Educator's of America)**

Congratulations to all the members of Atherton's MTRP/FEA Club!

The following students competed in the F.E.A State Conference at Morehead University and placed as follows:

**Mandy Wilson** won 3rd place for Lesson Planning.

**Samantha Snyder** won 2nd place for F.E.A Moment.

**Ethical Dilemma** team won 2nd place.

## **ATHERTON IN THE NEWS**

### **Suddenly Hot Atherton Takes Tourney**

**Courier Journal, *Sports*, December 24, 2011**

The Atherton boys' basketball team claimed the championship of the Sarah Major Barger Memorial Tournament with a 69-67 victory over host North Bullitt on Marcus West's two late free throws Friday night. The Rebels (3-6), who were winless going into the tournament, led by 12 with three minutes to go, but the Eagles (5-4) roared back to tie it at 67 with 45 seconds remaining. After West put Atherton back ahead, a last-second heave from midcourt by North Bullitt was no good. Josh Floyd had 24 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Rebels. Brandon Goeing scored 19 for North Bullitt, which had won five in a row.

### **Atherton's 58<sup>th</sup> VAUDEVILLE!**

On February 4, 2012 the Atherton Class of 2012 will present the 58<sup>th</sup> Atherton Vaudeville! An annual event with a history going back to the original Atherton in the Highlands, the 2012 Vaudeville promises to be an amazing event. The curtain goes up at 7:00 pm and admission is \$7.00 at the door. Produced by the Senior class and AHS Stagecraft class, the theme this year is.....sorry, you won't know that until the curtain goes up on February 4 at the 58th Atherton Vaudeville!

### **Yearbooks!**

**Last chance to buy a yearbook** is January 20. Order online at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) To purchase your book, select "Yearbook", search for "Atherton" and order! Juniors: you can order your class ring and your yearbook at the same time. Seniors: you can order your cap, gown, graduation announcements and yearbook at the same time.

If you order online, you can add icons that represent your students' involvement in club and sports. Icons will appear next to your student's name on the cover of the book.

### **Atherton serving those in need**



Thanks to Ms. Cron's social studies classes, over 150 toys were collected for needy children before the holiday break!

### **Free ACT Preperation Class**

The Crescent Hill Branch of the *Louisville Free Public Library* will hold a free ACT preparation class on **Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 10:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.** Since the ACT is a standardized test focusing less on memorization and more on problem solving, this type of exam is susceptible to

certain strategies and techniques, which will be covered in the class along with other resources available at the Louisville Free Public Library (i.e., test preparation guides, practice exams available through the Learning Express Library via the library's website, etc.).

The feedback has been quite positive (even from young folks who have already taken practice ACTs or otherwise engaged in some level of preparation), so I firmly believe that it would well be worth the time. Since these sorts of prep classes can be rather expensive, the library has been pleased to offer such free opportunities.

Based on past demand, we are now requesting that participants call ahead and register: **502-574-1793**.

Additionally, Candice Johnson of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority will speak for the first fifteen minutes or so about free money for college – parents often find this of interest as well.

## **Make your voice heard**

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 will be available online via electronic mail.**

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.

## **SENIOR NEWS**

**See the Senior Bulletin attached to the eNews email entitle Senior Bulletin January 2012.**

### **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 not later than February 1, 2012. [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://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](http://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.

The Mayor will hold a press conference on Jan 11th to announce the "Grab some College Cash" campaign. Students who enter and complete their FAFSA can earn a chance to enter a money machine at the College Goal Sunday on January 29th.

See the form attached to the eNews email entitled FAFSA News for more details.

# CALENDAR\*

## January

January 12 – Thursday NHS Induction Ceremony 12:30pm Large Auditorium  
January 16 - Monday No School- MLK Day  
January 18 – Wednesday Red Cross Blood Drive all day

## February

February 4 – Saturday Vaudeville 7pm Large Auditorium  
February 9 – Thursday Percussion Concert 7pm Large Auditorium  
February 10 – Friday Norton Health Care Health Mobile in student parking lot 10am-4pm  
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

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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 – 18 School play: Courtyard performances by Theater 2 and 3 students  
May 22 – Tuesday No School – Election Day  
May 25 – Friday Projected last day for students (subject to change!)  
\*Graduation day and time 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](mailto: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>
<b>ACT</b>	December 11, 2011	November 4
	February 11, 2012	January 13
	April 14, 2012	March 9
	June 9, 2012	May 4
<b>SAT</b>	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	<a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>
SAT	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>
KEES	<a href="http://www.kheaa.com">www.kheaa.com</a>
FASFA	<a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>
FASFA PIN	<a href="http://www.pin.ed.gov">www.pin.ed.gov</a>
Fin Aid	<a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a>
Next Step U	<a href="http://www.nextstepu.com">www.nextstepu.com</a>
Student Loans	<a href="http://www.estudentloan.com">www.estudentloan.com</a>
NCAA	<a href="http://www.eligibilitycenter.org">www.eligibilitycenter.org</a>

General IB website	<a href="http://www.ibo.org/diploma/">http://www.ibo.org/diploma/</a>
IB Exams Schedule	<a href="http://www.ibo.org/documentlibrary/examinationschedules/index.cfm">http://www.ibo.org/documentlibrary/examinationschedules/index.cfm</a>
General AP website	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html">http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html</a>
AP Exams Schedule	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/cal/cal2.html">http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/cal/cal2.html</a>
KCCT and NCLB Reports	<a href="http://applications.education.ky.gov/ktr/default.aspx">http://applications.education.ky.gov/ktr/default.aspx</a>

## 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](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](http://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](http://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

(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](mailto: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 Echeberger at [jechelberg@aol.com](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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: January 24, February 28, March 27, April 24, and May 22.

## **SBDM**

Special notice: The next SBDM meeting is January 26, 2012.

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](mailto:maritza.cassidy@jefferson.kyschools.us))

Rita Cron ([rita.cron@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:rita.cron@jefferson.kyschools.us))

Rob Fabing ([rob.fabing@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:rob.fabing@jefferson.kyschools.us))

Ed Hardy ([ed.hardy@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:ed.hardy@jefferson.kyschools.us))

Nancy Morrow ([nancy.morrow@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:nancy.morrow@jefferson.kyschools.us))

Scott Wade ([scott.wade@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:scott.wade@jefferson.kyschools.us))

#### **Parents:**

Maureen Gregg ([greggfam@insightbb.com](mailto:greggfam@insightbb.com))

Todd Oetken ([toetken@hilliard.com](mailto:toetken@hilliard.com))

Alan Rubin ([alanrubin@iglou.com](mailto:alanrubin@iglou.com))

Amy Richardson ([arichardson@jrarchitects.com](mailto:arichardson@jrarchitects.com))

#### **Administrators:**

Thomas Aberli ([thomas.aberli@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:thomas.aberli@jefferson.kyschools.us))

Richard Guetig ([richard.guetig@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto: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](http://www.athertonalumni.com).

The Atherton Alumni Association meets every month. Email Nick Gardner at [ngardner@galthotel.com](mailto: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](http://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 physicians' statement for the reason of absence (Student-Parent Handbook, pages 11-13). Students absent ten or more days will be required to submit a physicians' 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!

## **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](mailto: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; Calvin Miller  
**Art**- Mary “Colleen” Reasor; Shanda Cunningham  
**Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble** - Sarah McClave  
**Baseball** - Chris Booth (visit [www.athertonbaseball.com](http://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 Shartzer  
**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

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[www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Schools/High/Atherton/contactstaff.html](http://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](http://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](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Upper_Highlands/home)

Keep connected with **Highland Youth Recreation** sports:  
[www.hyrsports.com](http://www.hyrsports.com)

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# 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](mailto: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)
<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>507</b> (450 students)
<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>GOAL: 94%</b>	<b>GOAL: 600!</b>



## 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
<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>270</b>



## ATHERTON STATE ACT RANKINGS (reference October 2011 eNews)

2008: 74<sup>th</sup> 2009: 59<sup>th</sup> 2010: 37<sup>th</sup> 2011: **23<sup>rd</sup>!** (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	<b>20.3</b>	<b>+ 1.2</b>	<b>+ 2.7</b>
Math	18.3	18.4	19.1	<b>19.6</b>	<b>+ .5</b>	<b>+ 1.3</b>
Reading	19.0	19.3	20.2	<b>21.2</b>	<b>+ 1.0</b>	<b>+ 2.2</b>
Science	18.6	18.9	19.5	<b>21.0</b>	<b>+ 1.5</b>	<b>+ 2.4</b>
Composite	18.5	18.7	19.6	<b>20.6</b>	<b>+ 1.0</b>	<b>+ 2.1</b>

