

KNIGHT LIGHTS



Grady Cluster Community Meeting

Wed., March 9
6:00 p.m.

LSC Meeting

Mon., March 14
4:00 p.m.

Report Cards Available

Wed., March 23

CINS Meeting

Mon., March 28
7:00 p.m.

Gypsy

Thur., Fri., Sat.,
Mar. 24, 25 and 26
7:00 p.m.

Letter from the Principal

As the weather turns warm, the Grady calendar gets very busy. For students taking *Milestones* courses, there are approximately four weeks until the testing window. Please encourage your children to utilize test preparation tools daily so they will perform their best on test days. The *Milestones* exam score will count as 20 percent of the 2nd semester final grade in applicable courses. It is critical that students prepare for this assessment as this twenty percent weight is not negotiable. Please check the Grady website for important school updates, and subscribe to the *GradyGram* weekly electronic newsletter. The *GradyGram* includes weekly announcements on all aspects of the school. Click the following link to subscribe to the *GradyGram*: <http://eepurl.com/fA-Yo>.

By now, you have received your child's score reports for any *Milestones* assessments that he or she took last year. Please be aware that scores for the new assessment system cannot be compared to the former End of Course Test (EOCT). The new assessment has four performance levels, which are aligned to college readiness standards versus the former minimum competency standards. Additionally, students are expected to write constructed responses and extended responses. As part of our instructional plan, students are required to write more frequently and complete rigorous performance tasks. Please encourage your child if he or she did not perform up to your expectations. The 2014-2015 scores are a foundation for continued improvement. We will work collectively as a school team to support all children in academic growth.

Atlanta Public Schools has been approved by the state as a Charter System. As part of this transition, every school will have a Local School Governance Team (LSGT) known as a Go Team. The LSGT is a way to get the community, parents and teachers involved in decision making to improve educational opportunities for students. Unlike a Local School Council (LSC) which is an advisory group, the Go Team has some governance responsibilities in the areas of curriculum, school operations, personnel, financial decisions and resource allocations. There will be three parent representatives, and Go Team elections will take place in March. You received voter information in February with student progress reports. If you did not, please contact Ms. Holland in Grady's Registrar's office to get your personalized voter information.

Finally, please note that graduation will take place on Thursday, May 26th. This is a change from the original projected date that was communicated to parents in January. If you have a concern or a suggestion for school improvement, please feel free to contact your child's grade level counselor or administrator.

If you should need any additional assistance, you can contact me at tguiney@atlanta.k12.ga.us or by phone at 404-802-3000. I look forward to partnering with you this year and beyond.

Sincerely,
Timothy J. Guiney, Principal





CINS Grants and Meeting Updates

Every year the Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) takes on two major initiatives: informational community meetings and a teacher grant program. We are excited to announce that during our 2016 Excellence in Education grant cycle we totally funded all teacher proposals. Congratulations to the 13 teachers in the cluster, including Grady's own Mr. Curtis, Ms. Goodvin and Ms. Schofield, who applied and received funds for their projects. A huge thank you to our community for your generous donations to support the program. We continue to accept donations to build the grants program for next year and encourage you to support our wonderful teachers. Donations can be made at cinsatlanta.org and are tax-deductible.

Our next community meeting will be the annual Superintendent Town Hall with Meria Carstarphen on March 30 at 7 p.m., location to be announced. This event always proves informative. CINS encourages community members to submit questions in advance for consideration by Superintendent Carstarphen. Visit cinsatlanta.org or join us on Facebook to get updates and submit questions.

CINS is a non-profit organization that supports and advocates for education in the entire Grady cluster. Founded in 1978, CINS represents eight schools: four elementary schools (Mary Lin, Hope-Hill, Morningside, Springdale Park), one K-8 school (Centennial Academy), the Kindezi Charter School, Inman Middle School and Grady High School. All are part of the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) system, and serve students from diverse cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.



Congrats Grady Mock Trial!

Big Wins at Regional and District Competitions

Please join us in congratulating the Grady Mock Trial team on their 18th consecutive win at the Georgia State High School Mock Trial Regional Competition. Grady beat out South Atlanta High School (3rd place) and Centennial High School (2nd place) to take the top spot after 3 rounds of competition.

Team members won the following individual awards at Regionals: **Carolyn Capelouto**, Best Witness; **Alex Durham**, Best Attorney (Alex won 2 Best Attorney awards!); **Audrey Dwyer**, Best Witness; **Katie Earles**, Best Attorney; **Olivia Podber**, Best Attorney; **Robert Mobley**, Best Witness.

Following that win, the team competed at the Georgia State High School Mock Trial District Competition on Feb. 28, winning the competition and earning a spot in the State competition coming up in late March!

Individual awards at the District level were won by: **Katie Earles**, Best Attorney; **Olivia Podber**, Best Attorney; **Carolyn Capelouto**, Best Witness (Carolyn won 2 Best Witness awards); **Audrey Dwyer**, Best Witness; **Elizabeth Lansing**, Best Witness; and **Eli Hendler**, Best Attorney.

Best of luck to the team in the State competition. Go Grady!

Counselor's Corner

Grady's Counseling Department Earns Move on When Ready Transportation Grant

The school counseling department has earned a \$20,902 Move on When Ready (MOWR) Transportation Grant through Georgia Student Finance Authority to offset the cost of transporting MOWR students to and from post-secondary institutions. Grady High School's goals are to increase the number of high school graduates who are college and career ready, and increase the number of students enrolled in dual credit programs. MOWR transportation is an integral component of meeting these goals. The grant will assist in removing transportation barriers for students. The grant will cover the cost of round trip transportation via Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) for fall 2016 and spring 2017. Priority will be granted to economically disadvantaged students for transportation cost. Students interested in MOWR for 2016-2017 school year should meet with their counselor.

Atlanta Virtual Academy

Are you looking for opportunities for advancement or to recover courses this summer? If so, Atlanta Virtual Academy (AVA) may be for you. AVA is a free district-sponsored online program serving students currently attending Atlanta Public Schools in grades 7th-12th. AVA offers online courses aligned to state standards and taught by highly qualified teachers. AVA provides a virtual classroom environment, and offers courses in core content, world languages, electives, SAT/ACT prep and advanced placement. Students interested in AVA may find more information at <http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/1355>. Students may also see their school counselor for more information.

The CCC and the Counseling Department Will Host Career and Skills Expo

Attending a four-year college is not the only path to a good career and solid future. The CCC and Counseling Department hope to expose students to a variety of career options at the Career and Skills Expo on Wednesday, March 9. The day will begin during Advisement period. Juli Gilyard from Atlanta Tech will lead a panel discussion with representatives from such industries as construction, transportation and health care. They will provide an overview of their businesses with information about job availability, training requirements and salary ranges. Afterward, and during all three lunch periods, representatives from these and other industries (including film, food services, cosmetology, tree care, hospitality and more) will be on hand to talk to interested students about career options and training. Also in attendance will be representatives from nearby tech schools who can provide information about the many programs they offer. We want all Grady students to know that a bright future awaits them!

Prom

Save the Date

Plans are underway by the Junior Class to host the Junior-Senior Prom. The 2016 GHS Prom will be held on April 23, 2016 at the Twelve Hotel in Atlantic Station.

Current prices: \$60 for Juniors and \$85 for Seniors. Only Seniors who did not pay Junior dues last year will be required to purchase a ticket. Payments accepted in money order form payable to Henry W. Grady High School. Guest tickets are \$50.

Tickets may be purchased Mon. - Fri., 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. in room E212.

Student participation is being solicited for planning, theme selection, and event space design. Parent volunteers are also welcomed. For all inquiries, please contact Mr. Pilson, mpilson@atlanta.k12.ga.us.



Attendance Info

Attending to Attendance

Please read these important words from Ms. Matthews in Grady's attendance office:
I would like all parents to sign up for Parent Portal to monitor morning tardies, especially in first period. Students are missing a lot of instructional time. Please check the portal daily before 11:00 a.m. to make sure your child arrived at class on time. You can sign up at the Atlanta Public School website, www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Domain/7741. The activation application requires your child's Social Security number and student ID number, found on report cards and transcripts.

Students must be at school for at least three hours excluding lunch to be counted as present for the day. After an absence, within three days of returning to school the student must bring a note, signed by a parent or legal guardian, stating the reason for the absence. Please send the note on a full sheet of paper for filing purposes, and do not send emails. Allow the student to drop off the parent excuse note at the attendance office or main office.

I am looking for volunteers to help in the attendance office at least three or four days a week. Please call me if you are interested, (404) 802-3032. With your support, Grady High can continue to have the best attendance in APS.

JROTC

On February 29, students had a second opportunity to take the ASVAB. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test (ASVAB) is for students who may be planning on going into the military, or want to see what career field they would best fit into later in life. Students were tested in the areas of General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Mechanical Comprehension, Auto & Shop Information, and Assembling Objects

The Area 6 Drill Meet will be held on March 5, 2016 at Maynard Jackson High School. The Knights Drill Team will be competing head to head with schools from all over to showcase what they have and what it takes to be the best of the best. The Drill Meet will start at 8:30 a.m.

Our Grady Knights Drill team will also be participating in the State Drill Meet which will be held on March 19 at Griffin High School in Spalding County. The Drill Meet will promptly start at 8:30 a.m. Cadets will compete in numerous events for a chance to win a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place trophy. Cadets will be competing against schools from across the State of Georgia. Good luck to our Cadets from Grady High!!

Just a reminder to those cadets who plan on attending the Military Ball... payments are past due. There are only 14 slots left, and they are going fast. In order to attend, please stop by the JROTC building and make sure to pay your \$25 dues to Master Sergeant Bleach. It's going to be an experience you don't want to miss. The Ball is scheduled for Friday, March 11.

Points of contact for this article are LTC Johnson, SAI and Cadet CPT Ebony James. Please feel free to call us at (404) 802-3053. Thank you in advance.





Graduation Cords

Graduation Service Cords

Seniors are now able to earn a Service Cord for

graduation. The primary requirement is logging 100 community service hours. Grady High School is using [GivingPoint](http://mygivingpoint.org) to track and record student Service Cord program requirements.

This program provides online interactive tools allowing students to track volunteer hours, and earn extra points through quizzes and blog posts while building a civic resume.

Guidelines on this four step program can be found at mygivingpoint.org. Program deadline for completion is March 31, 2016 to be considered for a Graduation Service Cord.



Always visit the GHS website Senior Counselor Information Page for up to date information.

Grady Swimmers Make a Splash!

The Grady swim team finished the swim season with a splash. Led by senior co-captains **Justin Cucchi** and **Sloan Hodges** and junior co-captains **Melissa Brown** and **Chase Kleber**, the team defended its City Championship title, beating rival North Atlanta to claim the trophy. The girls' team dominated the meet and placed first for a third year in a row, while the boys' team came in a close second to North Atlanta.

Grady also made an impact at the High School State Swim Championship in February. All six relay teams and four individual swimmers qualified for the meet, including Cucchi, junior **Max Nevins**, Brown and Hodges. Both Brown and Cucchi qualified for the finals, with Brown claiming 3rd place in the 50 meter freestyle event and 16th in the 100 meter freestyle, and Cucchi placing 15th in the 200 meter individual medley and 12th in the 100 meter backstroke – both the highest placements in Grady's history.



Since its start in 2007, the team has grown under a solid coaching team and with strong parental support. Grady teacher John Rives took the helm in 2012 as head coach. He was joined two years ago by community coach Brad Hodges, a former collegiate swimmer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Under their leadership, the team has

nearly tripled in size and now includes over 40 swimmers representing all levels and abilities, from year-round and summer swim league swimmers to athletes new to the sport. As the team's size has grown, so has its success. For the last five years its girls have qualified for the state championship meet, and its boys for the last two. Current Grady swimmers hold 18 all-time team event records. Ten seniors will graduate this year, but the team looks forward to continued success as new swimmers join the team and continue its winning traditions. If you would like to learn more about the Grady swim team, email Coach John Rives at swimrives@gmail.com.



Grady Knights Girls' Swim Team celebrate a first place victory at the City Championships.



The Grady Knights Swim Team welcomes swimmers of all levels and abilities.

March Dates to Remember

3/2, Wed	9:30 a.m.
3/2, Wed	5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
3/2, Wed	6:00 p.m.
3/3, Thu	5:30 p.m.
3/3, Thu	5:30 p.m./7:00 p.m.
3/4, Fri	5:30 p.m.
3/4, Fri	5:30 p.m./7:00 p.m.
3/4, Fri	5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
3/5, Sat	12:00 p.m.
3/6, Sun	10:00 a.m.
3/7, Mon	6:30 p.m.
3/8, Tue	6:00 p.m.
3/8, Tue	5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
3/9, Wed	9:30 a.m.
3/9, Wed	6:00 p.m.
3/10, Thu	6:00 p.m.
3/10, Thu	5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m..
3/11, Fri	5:30 p.m.
3/11, Fri	6:00 p.m./7:45 p.m.
3/12, Sat	10:00 a.m.
3/12, Sat	12:00 p.m.
3/13, Sun	
3/13, Sun	1:30 p.m.
3/14, Mon	4:00 p.m.
3/14, Mon	5:00 p.m.
3/15, Tue	5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
3/16, Wed	5:00 p.m.
3/17, Thu	
3/18, Fri	9:00 a.m.
3/21, Mon	5:30 p.m.
3/22, Tue	6:00 p.m.
3/23, Wed	
3/23, Wed	5:00 p.m.
3/24, Thu	5:30 p.m.
3/24, Thu	7:00 p.m.
3/24, Thu	7:00 p.m.
3/25, Fri	8:30 a.m.
3/25, Fri	5:00 p.m.
3/25, Fri	7:00 p.m.
3/26, Sat	10:00 a.m.
3/26, Sat	7:00 p.m.
3/28, Mon	5:30 p.m.
3/28, Mon	7:00 p.m.
3/29, Tue	10:00 a.m.

Encore Black History Program (Theater)
 Girls/Boys Varsity Soccer vs Fayette County (H)
 Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs Northgate (A)
 Varsity Baseball vs Galloway (H)
 Girls/Boys JV Soccer vs North Atlanta (A)
 Varsity Baseball vs Fulton Leadership Academy (H)
 Girls/Boys JV Soccer vs Dunwoody (H)
 Girls/Boys Varsity Soccer vs Chamblee (A)
 Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs North Springs (A)
 Robotics Drones for Good (Old Gym)
 Robotics Boosters Meeting (Cafeteria)
 Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs Druid Hills (A)
 Girls/Boys Varsity Soccer vs Cross Keys (A)
2016 Career & Skills Expo (Theater/Theater Lobby)
Grady Cluster Community Meeting (Cafeteria)
 Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs Whitewater (A)
 Girls/Boys Varsity Soccer vs Lithonia (A)
 Varsity Baseball vs Cross Keys (H)
 Girls JV/Girls Varsity Soccer vs Columbus (H)
 Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs Mt DeSales (H)
 Varsity Baseball vs Stevenson (A)
Daylight Savings Time Begins
 Orchestra Mini Camp (Orchestra Room)
Local School Council Meeting (CCC)
 Varsity Baseball vs Cross Keys (A)
 Girls/Boys Varsity Soccer vs Druid Hills (H)
 Varsity Baseball vs Arabia Mountain (A)
Midpoint Semester 2
 Dance Team Tryouts (Gymnasium)
 Varsity Baseball vs Lithonia (H)
 Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Mays (H)
Report Cards Available
 Varsity Baseball vs Lithonia (A)
 Girls/Boys JV Soccer vs Woodward (H)
Gypsy (Theater)
 Girls/Boys Varsity Soccer vs Woodward (H)
 HOSA Blood Drive (Theater Lobby)
 Varsity Baseball vs Chamblee (A)
Gypsy (Theater)
 Robotics Drones for Good Competition
Gypsy (Theater)
 Varsity Baseball vs Chamblee (H)
CINS Meeting (Cafeteria)
 JROTC Awards Ceremony (Theater)

March Dates to Remember (cont.)

3/29, Tue	3:30 p.m.	Auditions Senior One Acts
3/29, Tue	5:00 p.m.	Varsity Baseball vs Marist (A)
3/30, Wed	9:50 a.m.	Senior Meeting - Advisement (Theater)
3/30, Wed	3:30 p.m.	Auditions Senior One Acts
3/30, Wed	5:30 p.m.	Varsity Baseball vs Columbia (H)
3/30, Wed	6:00 p.m./7:30 p.m.	Girls/Boys JV Soccer vs Wesleyan (A)
3/31, Thu	3:30 p.m.	Auditions Senior One Acts
3/31, Thu	7:00 p.m.	Coffeehouse (BBT)
3/31, Thu	5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.	Girls/Boys Varsity Soccer vs St. Pius (H)

Grady Seniors get your Cap & Gown!

Grady Seniors - please go to the Grady website and select "Senior Class 2016 Information" under the QuickLinks section on the left. Please provide the requested information, some of which will be used to order your cap and gown.

Senior Fees

Senior fees may be paid online through the "Senior Fees" link on the Grady website. Senior fees are now \$200.



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Parent Portal for student
schedules, attendance, and
grades.

The Parent Portal web
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