

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal

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Dear Allatoona Families,

Last week, we began our second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year, and as always at Allatoona High School, we are incredibly busy!

Teachers of nine-week courses such as Economics, Personal Fitness, and Health have finalized grades, and these are available for you to access in [ParentVue](#). As we know, the second nine weeks will go more quickly than we realize. Please encourage your student to finish the semester strong and continue to stay in communication with your student's teachers if any concerns arise.

We strive to prepare our students for life after high school, and our Counseling Department is hard at work getting our Bucs ready. A little over a week ago, the entire Junior class met with our counselors to learn about Junior Advisement, and now the counselors have started their individual meetings with each junior and their parents to look at their progress toward graduation and plan for college and career. Counselors are also providing an opportunity for colleges and military representatives to visit our students during the lunch hours and/or virtually at 5:00 PM. These visits can be found in Naviance and on [our website calendar](#). AP testing registration is also open, and all information about this process can be found at the [AP link on our website](#).

Our Athletic Department is transitioning from Fall to Winter sports seasons with region tournaments wrapping up and some teams advancing to the early rounds of state tournaments. Please come out to support our Buccaneer student-athletes. Our Fine Arts Department has been busy as well preparing for their GHSA One Act Play. They will perform *Wiley and the Hairy Man* from Wednesday, October 19th, to Friday, October 21st, followed by the 6AAAAAA One Act Play competition hosted here at Allatoona on Saturday, October 22nd, during which Allatoona performs at 9:40 AM. The last week of October will be our annual Superhero Week charity event to benefit [Turner's Heroes](#) culminating in our Varsity Football game that Friday, October 28th, against Sequoyah, and I hope you will continue to support that wonderful organization begun in honor of one of our own.

Our goal is to do our best to communicate with our school community. We update our website weekly and have added our daily morning announcements, which can be found under "Find it Fast." Prior to Winter Break, we will have two hybrid PTSA-sponsored Coffee Talks with the

Principal, Friday, November 4th, and Friday, December 2nd, both at 9:00 AM. If you would prefer to attend from home, a Zoom link will be available on the [PTSA website](#), or you can join us in person in the Media Center Reference Room. I always enjoy this opportunity to meet with all of you!

The vast majority of families have opted into the student laptop initiative, and we have distributed over 1,600 to students. It is NOT too late for your student to receive a laptop before school any day in the Media Center. We do want every student to bring their laptop every day so students and teachers can take full advantage of its tools in the classroom. The student laptops are a great asset in our classrooms for both our teachers and students. While you may have a laptop for your student, we want you to opt-in through [ParentVUE](#) so they can take advantage of the online learning opportunities Allatoona teachers are planning. The new student laptops easily access school programs and provide a safe and secure portal for all online learning. In addition, these safety precautions are in place when your student logs on at home. There is a repair kiosk in place in our Media Center for any issues, and we are fortunate to have a technician who efficiently repairs laptops.

Over the next weeks, please mark your calendars with holidays and Early Release days :

- **Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – Student Holiday/Staff Workday (Election Day)**
- **Monday, November 21, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022 – Thanksgiving Holidays**
- **Thursday, December 15, 2022, and Friday, December 16, 2022 – Early Release for Final Exams**
- **Monday, December 19, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023 – Winter Break**
- **Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – Student Holidays/Staff Workdays**

As I close, I would like to make you aware of exciting news for one of our administrators and bittersweet news for the Allatoona Community. Mr. Christian Barnes has accepted a position as the new Principal for Rome Middle School in Rome, Georgia. He has been a blessing to our community, and we will miss him, but we wish him the very best in his future endeavors. We know that once a Buc, always a Buc!

Please stay connected with us. The Allatoona website is <https://www.cobbk12.org/allatoona>, and the Allatoona Athletics website is <https://allatoonabucs.com/>. You can find Allatoona on social media as well: Facebook ([@allatoonahs](#) and [@allatoonabucs](#)); Instagram ([@allatoonahighschool](#)); and Twitter ([@allatoona hs](#) and [@toona athletics](#)).

Sincerely,

Candace Wilkes,

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