



TAN MONTHLY

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Athlos families,

March is a busy time for schools as we've already started the planning for next school year. Even though we still have a couple of months left in the current school year, planning and preparation begins for the future.

We are working on next year's school calendar and will disseminate it the end of April after it's been approved by the board. As in past years, we try to pattern it closely after the District #742 calendar for our families that have children enrolled in multiple schools.

The school strategic plan is also a big undertaking. We have started setting goals, priorities, strategies, and action plans to move from being a good school to a great school. Our school budget is also underway and will reflect the strategic plan.

Another project we have begun this month is discussing our middle school programming and what we want to provide and become. We are discussing electives to offer, a possible uniform differentiation, scheduling, and programming such as a gifted and talented program (which could also be offered in lower grades).

There are also opportunities this month for new families to check out our school and learn more about Athlos. Please continue to help us spread the word and refer anyone you know who may be looking to enroll their child to [our website](#) for dates and more information!

We are very excited about our future at Athlos, and even more excited that you are all a part of it!

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at rvetsch@athlosstcloud.org or (320) 281-4430.

Have a great spring break, and thank you for your continued support!

– Randy Vetsch





UPCOMING EVENTS

– March –

ENROLLMENT OPEN HOUSES

March

Every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Every Friday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

March 4–21

The governing board election is open until March 21. [Please visit the website](#) to read about the candidates and cast your vote!

SPRING BREAK

March 11–15

No school for students or staff

ENROLLMENT OPEN HOUSE

March 21 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 25 5 p.m.

END OF 3RD QUARTER

March 28

– April & May–

MCA TESTING

April

April 8 & 9—Reading (Grades 3,7,8)
April 10 & 11—Math (Grades 3,7,8)
April 15 & 16—Reading (Grades 4,5)
April 15 & 16—Math (Grades 4,5)
April 23 & 24—Reading (Grades 6)
April 25 & 26—Math (Grades 6)
April 29 & 30—Science (Grades 8)
May 1 & 2—Science (Grades 5)

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 17 Conference room at 5 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

April 30 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

SPRING CONCERT

May 14 Grades K–2 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR AND BAND CONCERT

May 16 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

PANORAMA SURVEY REMINDER

Athlos Academy of St. Cloud has partnered with Panorama Education to survey our families to better understand their experiences with the school. Please check your email for more information on accessing the survey. *Your responses to the survey are confidential, which means that no one at the school will see your individual responses.*

If you have questions, please reach out to Mr. Bigler at mbigler@athlosstcloud.org or (320) 281-4430. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!





MIND + BODY + CHARACTER

Athlos Academy is a unique public charter school that prepares students for success in three ways.

PREPARED MIND

The Prepared Mind Pillar at Athlos Academy of St. Cloud is centered on academic programs that will prime students with the knowledge and critical thinking skills they need to excel.



February was I Love to Read Month!

Mystery reader, bingo, popcorn, oh my....I Love to Read Month sure did fly!

As we continue to promote the love of literacy, our students as a whole read more than 17,000 minutes! Congratulations to Ms. Pool's class. They earned the most minutes. Way to show your grit!

Athlos hallways were vibrant as students decorated classroom doors around books or characters. The winning class was Ms. Hull's. Way to work collaboratively and show creativity!

Each week there was a mystery reader, and in the end Mrs. Mitchell's students won the most guesses. Awesome work showing curiosity!

Thanks to all who participated throughout the month. If you missed seeing the staff and students dressed up each day as part of the fun, head over to the [Facebook page](#).

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) Prep and Spring Break

Parents, if you are looking for something academic for your kids to do over spring break, have them log into their Study Island or Reading Eggs accounts. If you need your child's login information, contact your child's teacher. We will have this available at conferences this week, as well.

This will help them prepare for the upcoming MCAs (statewide testing), which will start April 8th. We encourage students to spend time on these programs to help them prepare for these state assessments. More information on testing will be sent out in the near future.

English Language Learners (ELL) Update: ACCESS Testing

ACCESS testing will be completed by March 22nd. Schools will receive schoolwide preliminary scores by mid-June. In addition, Athlos Academy will receive an individual student report with each student's scores. This report will show your child's performance on the assessment and include scores for each language domain, as well as composite scores. These scores will be mailed to parents in September 2019.

Special Education Advisory Council

Mark your calendars for our Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) meeting on April 17, 2019 at 5 p.m. SEAC is open to any parent with a child attending Athlos Academy and receiving special education services, which includes speech. In April, SEAC will be talking about how to read your child's IEP. Look for flyers being sent home in your student's backpack the week after spring break.





PERFORMANCE CHARACTER

The Performance Character Pillar is the foundation of school culture and promotes 12 key character traits: Grit, Leadership, Social Intelligence, Creativity, Courage, Energy/Zest, Initiative, Curiosity, Integrity, Optimism, Humility, and Focus/Self Control.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

The PBIS team just finished a nine day training program and is excited to bring everything they have learned back to the school to enhance the implementation of a positive school culture. The team learned how to design school-wide systems of expectations, and you can now see them posted throughout the school, along with our student recognition system. Our Titan Ticket display case is filling up weekly!

The team has been working very hard to build a strong, supportive, and positive school culture for all. They have some fun things planned for the remainder of the year and are already beginning the planning process for next year!

“When a student makes a poor choice (which we all do), it’s the conversation, not the consequence that makes all the difference.” – Justin Tarte



Meet the team (from left the right):
Carrie Cremers, Aaron Schwenzfeier, Dan Burrer, Ashleigh Field, Matt Bigler, Krista Swenson, Katie Jacobson, and Jodi Young (not pictured)

HEALTHY BODY

The Healthy Body Pillar allows students of all athletic abilities to participate in professionally developed, age-appropriate fitness curriculum.

Kickin’ It to Spring!



In an effort to get our students to remember to wear their athletic shoes to athletic movement class, for the month of March we are having a grade level competition for

kindergarten through third grade where each class earns a point for every student having their athletic shoes on. Coach Kaila Lindsay has made shoe cut-outs posted on the wall outside the gym. The classes get to take one down for each time the class is 100% with athletic shoes. At the end of the month, the class with the most days all wearing athletic shoes earns the “golden shoe” trophy.

We’d also like to extend the reminder to our older grades. Many times we’ve had students wear dress shoes or flip flops to school, and this becomes a barrier to participation throughout the school day.

At Athlos, it’s extremely important that our students are remembering to bring athletic shoes to school every day. This allows them to safely and effectively participate in both athletic movement class, but also movement breaks that are happening in the classroom room multiple times per day. We want to continue to promote movement throughout school and having the appropriate footwear is a critical piece to this happening! Thank you!



Athlos Academy
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**NOW
ENROLLING**

**GRADES K-8 FOR
2019-2020**

Athlos Academy of St. Cloud is a **tuition-free**, public charter school serving grades K-8.

STUDENT RECRUITMENT MARKETING COMMITTEE

**March
20
3:30 p.m.**

Help us spread the word about our school! Athlos has recently formed a student recruitment marketing committee to explore how we can best spread the word about our school to the community and attract new families.

We are inviting staff and families to participate in this committee. By working together, we hope to come up with new strategies and efforts to grow our student body, so we can continue to improve and expand our academic and extra-curricular offerings.

If you are interested, we will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room. If you are unable to attend at this time, but would still like to share your ideas and contribute, please reach out to Randy Vetsch at rvetsch@athlosstcloud.org. Let's think outside of the box, and let's have some fun with it as well. Bring your ideas!

SPIRIT WEEK

February 25 to March 1



Monday: 100 Day



Tuesday: Color Day



Wednesday:
Crazy Dress
Day



Thursday:
Sport Day



Friday: Book Character