Atherton Student and Family:

The school year will begin sooner than we all expect so I hope you are enjoying this time together and looking forward to a successful year at Atherton High School. This letter provides some important dates and information for the beginning of this school year. Last year was a great year for Atherton; our academic achievement reached another all-time high and several of our sport teams and athletes set many new records. Many of our graduates entered the colleges of their choice on scholarships and several of our athletes signed for collegiate play. Students from all over Jefferson County are discovering the Atherton Advantage that makes our school favored among students and families seeking the highest quality education.

Like last year, this will also be a great year at Atherton. In addition to rigorous core subjects, we offer many exciting electives such as Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Piano, Choir, Bel Canto Choir, Chamber Singers, Stagecraft, four years of Theater, Journalism, Yearbook, Introduction to Business Principles, Business Economics, Advanced Computer Applications, Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy, Forensic Science, Anatomy & Physiology, Marine Biology, Holocaust, Principles of Teaching, Poetry, Philosophy, Photography, Film Study, Global Issues, Psychology, AP Music Theory, Pop Culture (History of Rock & Roll) and others. We continue to offer a variety of world languages that include Arabic, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish! We want every student to be able to explore a choice of career-oriented electives that provide an integrated educational experience from freshman year to senior year focused on post-secondary interests and aspirations.

Atherton will continue to follow a seven period day with classes that are fifty minutes in length. The Atherton Dress Code (enclosed) will remain the same for this school year; students should prepare a wardrobe with school-appropriate clothing. Atherton’s Cell Phone Policy has been revised to encourage the appropriate and responsible use of cell phones; please read and understand our school’s expectations for use of cell phones during the instructional day. Extended School Services (ESS) will be offered for English, Math, Science, and Social Studies after the first three weeks of school. ESS is free to all students in need of assistance in these courses and is available 2:30-3:30 on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Speak with your child’s classroom teacher about ESS if needed.

Be sure to log into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account and update your email address. I use this email address to send timely information in a quarterly electronic newsletter (the Atherton eNews) as well as regular news updates using the ONECALLNOW system. You may receive your IC portal activation code and directions by emailing 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.

Student registration will be held Wednesday and Thursday, August 3 and 4 (see schedule on back). All students should plan to register at their assigned times. The registration process is designed so that all necessary student fees can be paid with one check. Families that qualify for fee waiver must complete a Fee Waiver Request form every school year; these forms will be mailed by JCPS during the summer and are available online. Students will receive their class schedule at registration after financial obligations are completed. We worked hard last Spring and this Summer to staff a master schedule based on student course requests. Changes to schedules will be allowed for reasons allowed by SBDM Council policy; otherwise, students will remain in the class for the entire school year.
Freshmen and other students new to Atherton must attend orientation and registration on August 4. Pizza will be served at 5:30pm and orientation will begin at 6:00pm. The orientation and registration process will finish by 8:00pm; please plan to attend the entire event from 6pm-8pm. Administrators and teachers will be present to share important information necessary for the first day of school. We will also cover the expectations held for all Atherton students, introduce you to several people to contact in the building, provide you with a list of “who to call” if you have questions, and distribute free Atherton T-Shirts to students in attendance. Atherton student leaders will be on hand to provide tours of the building and assist with the orientation process. Coaches and club sponsors will be present with information about their organization. Please park in the student parking lot to the left of the school and use the entrance by the auditorium. This will be a great way to begin your involvement at Atherton!

At registration, all students and parents will have the opportunity to join the Atherton Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) for $10 dollars each or $20 for family membership. A strong PTSO is vital to the success of our school. Our PTSO works diligently to serve our school, staff, and students. They also provide a venue for staff and student appreciation during registration, open houses, parent-teacher conferences, holidays and special events. The Atherton PTSO awards scholarships to deserving seniors each year. We need the support of the every parent, student, and staff for the PTSO to remain strong. Please be sure to join and support the students and staff of our school. The PTSO also provides an Atherton Spirit Cup for each membership and family membership receive the new 2016 Atherton car magnet!

During all registrations, the PTSO will conduct parent elections for two parent-representative vacancies on the Atherton School Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council. Voting will take place at the school during the registration process. Enclosed is a letter from the PTSO describing the process to apply. SBDM parent nominations are to be emailed to the PTSO president and the principal no later than August 1. I encourage any of our parents to nominate yourself or other parents who wish to take an active role at Atherton through participation in the PTSO and/or serving on the SBDM Council; both groups officially meet only once per month.

REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES

Registration will be in the concourse between the large auditorium and the gymnasium accordingly:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SENIORS</th>
<th>A-L</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>August 3</th>
<th>9-10am</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>M-Z</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>August 3</td>
<td>10-11am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JUNIORS</td>
<td>A-L</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>August 3</td>
<td>12-1pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>M-Z</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>August 3</td>
<td>1-2pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOPHOMORES</td>
<td>A-L</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>August 4</td>
<td>9-10am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>M-Z</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>August 4</td>
<td>10-11am</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

FRESHMEN and students new to Atherton will attend the Orientation/Registration held on Thursday, August 4 in the large auditorium. Please park in the student parking lot located to the left of the school by the auditorium. The following schedule will be followed:

PTSO Pizza Party 5:30-6:00pm Concourse (the large hall outside the auditorium)
Orientation/Registration 6:00-8:00pm Auditorium & tours throughout school building

Visit our school’s website to stay on top of information, resources and news! The first day of school is Wednesday, August 10. I look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas A. Aberli
Principal
J. M. Atherton High School
ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

The Atherton High School Parent/Teacher/Student Organization is a non-profit organization that helps support our high school staff and students. We are proud of our PTSO Art Fair and the scholarships that we award to our Senior Student Members*. Your tax deductible contribution makes our staff and student support possible.

*Membership in the Atherton PTSO is required to apply for the scholarships awarded each Spring.

Sign up TODAY and receive a FREE AHS Sports Cup!
Family Memberships receive an Atherton Car Magnet

Yes! Sign me up as a member of the Atherton PTSO!

Each membership is only $10 annually and every dollar goes directly to support our school. No volunteer hours are required. Your donation is your way of showing your support for our school.

☐ Student Membership $10  ☐ Family Membership $20 - Unlimited Number of Members

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________ Grade ______

List Family Member Names: _______________________________________________________

Total # of Memberships _______ Total Amount Enclosed ____________

Address ___________________________________________________________ Zip Code ____________

Phone __________________ email address ____________________________________________

☐ I am interested in volunteering for the Atherton PTSO

Please make checks payable to the Atherton PTSO. Membership form and payment can be mailed to Atherton PTSO, 3000 Dundee Rd., Louisville, KY 40205

You can mail in this membership form OR bring it to registration with you.
GET INVOLVED!
Atherton’s School-Based Decision Making Council (SBDM)
Parent Representatives

Kentucky’s SBDM councils promote shared leadership among those who are closest to the students. Membership of each council includes parents, teachers and an administrator of the school; Atherton’s SBDM structure is six teachers, four parents and two administrators. The council has the responsibility (KRS 160.345) to set school policy and make decisions outlined in statute which shall provide an environment to enhance student achievement and help establish and create conditions to meet school improvement goals. Every decision we make centers on the guiding question of our SBDM councils, “How will this improve student achievement?” You may visit the Kentucky Department of Education’s website and look under “school-based decision making councils” to learn more. Setting direction through shared decision making results in a greater commitment to implementing strategies that will enhance the achievement of students.

Terms & Responsibilities:
Every fall, the Atherton Parent Teacher Student Organization is responsible for conducting the election of two parent representatives for the Atherton SBDM Council. Each parent and teacher position is established to rotate in two-year terms. Anyone new to SBDM must attend an initial, six-hour orientation provided by the district. Every year, anyone returning to an SBDM position must attend a three-hour training.

Elections are conducted during the two days of student registrations on August 3rd and 4th.

Qualification Requirements:
In accordance with Kentucky state law on SBDM governance, a parent council member shall be a parent, stepparent, foster parent or legal guardian of a student attending Atherton during the council member’s term of office. A parent is ineligible if he/she is an employee or a relative of an employee (father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law) of Atherton or the district central office, or a local school board member or the spouse of a school board member.

How to Apply:
Parents of Atherton students may nominate themselves by completing the following application requirements. Submit your name, your child’s name, phone number, email address, and the following:

- Write a short introduction of yourself (200 words or less)
- Write a short explanation (200 words or less) of why you would like to serve in this position
- Nominations are due by the end of the day Monday, August 1, and must be submitted by email to the PTSO President, Beth Roche, at bthrch@gmail.com and the principal at thomas.aberli@jefferson.kyschools.us.

Your introduction and explanation will be shared with voters before and during the election. There will not be a public platform for each candidate to speak; therefore this information will be posted during the nomination process.

This is your chance to get involved and make a difference!
ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

DRESS CODE

Students should be dressed at all times in a manner that is conducive to learning. Students should demonstrate positive self-esteem and respect for themselves in their clothing.

Shirts and Tops
- All dresses, shirts and tops must cover the shoulder.
- All shirts must be able to be tucked in (i.e., no bare midriffs).

Dresses, Skirts, Pants and Shorts
- Dresses and skirts must be no shorter than 6” above the knee.
- Shorts must have at least a 5-inch inseam.
- Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist; sagging is not allowed.

Shoes
- Shoes, boots or sandals must be worn at all times.

Head Coverings
Hats, hoods, sweatbands, bandanas, scarves, skullcaps, or any other head or face covering are not to be worn during school hours.

The Following Items are Not Allowed:
- Writings or logos on clothing that are offensive
- Alcohol, drug, violence or tobacco related apparel or accessories
- Gang or cult related clothing or accessories
- Pajamas or sleep wear of any kind
- Combs, picks or curlers in hair
- See-through material
- Rolled up or pushed up pant legs
- Slippers (or “house shoes”)

Other Considerations
- Clothing, jewelry, gloves or accessories in any manner representative of gang affiliation cannot be worn or displayed.
- Accommodations for students with religious requirements will be made on an individual basis.
- Students with conditions requiring special considerations should contact an administrator.

The administrative staff will make final decisions on what is considered appropriate student attire.

CELL PHONE POLICY

In the effort to guide our students in the appropriate and responsible use of cell phones and electronic devices, the following procedures will be enforced:

- Before/After School:
  Students may use cell phones and headphones/earbuds before 7:40am and after 2:20pm.

- During School:
  - Students may access cell phones without headphones/earbuds in common areas such as the hallway, cafeteria and courtyard.
  - Students may not access cell phones in class unless authorized by the teacher for instructional purposes.

Because of the possibility of school disruption, confidentiality and concerns for school safety, the use of video or image recording devices (via use of cell phones or cameras) are not permitted without prior authorization by the principal.

If there is a violation of the cell phone policy, the device will be confiscated by security/administration and returned in accordance with school protocol for confiscated electronic items. Students are responsible for properly securing devices they bring to school. The school/district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of devices brought onto school property.
Registrations:

Registration will be in the concourse between the large auditorium and the gymnasium accordingly:

**SENIORS**
- A-L    Wednesday   August 3   9-10am
- M-Z    Wednesday   August 3   10-11am

**JUNIORS**
- A-L    Wednesday   August 3   12-1pm
- M-Z    Wednesday   August 3   1-2pm

**SOPHOMORES**
- A-L    Thursday    August 4   9-10am
- M-Z    Thursday    August 4   10-11am

**FRESHMEN and students new to Atherton** will attend the Orientation/Registration held on **Thursday, August 4** in the large auditorium. Please park in the student parking lot located to the left of the school by the auditorium. The following schedule will be followed:

**PTSO Pizza Party**
- 5:30-6:00pm
  - Concourse (the large hall outside the auditorium)

**Orientation/Registration**
- 6:00-8:00pm
  - Auditorium & tours throughout school building

Fees:

Every year we find ways to trim our budget to pass as little expense to families as necessary. As we continue to expand our elective offerings, we do request nominal course fees to cover expenses that go directly to your child. These fees can be paid by check or credit card; all fees are waived for every family on Free or Reduced Lunch.

- **Student Fee** (all students)............................................................................................$10
  - Covers: Agenda, locker, IDs, technology fees, TCA, library, instructional materials, etc.
- **Art** (materials for any level).................................................................................................$20
- **Chorus** (travel and attire).................................................................................................$40
- **Piano/Keyboard** (covers headphones and book).................................................................$20
- **Science** (lab/experiment materials)....................................................................................$5
- **Stagecraft** (materials).........................................................................................................$30
- **Theatre** (materials)...............................................................................................................$15
- **World Languages** (ancillary materials)...............................................................................$5

College exam fees are expenses that go directly to the company, not the school. These fees are also waiver for those families on Fee Waiver.

- **College Board AP Exam Fee**............................................................................................$91 each
- **I.B. Exam Fee** (all IB Seniors; IB Juniors-Physics only)...$99 each
- **PSAT** (All Advance Program sophomores and juniors)......................................................$15
- **ACT** (All juniors and seniors; national test dates at Atherton on Saturday morning)............$40
- **Athletics Insurance fee**
  - (required for participation in any sport; only one fee per student per year).......................$20
- **Parking Permit**..................................................................................................................$5

Anyone who needs assistance with payment of fees or would like to pay by installments may contact the bookkeeper, Deborah Farnsley, at 485-8202 or Deborah.farnsley@jefferson.kyschools.us.
ATHERTON ATHLETICS-GENERAL INFORMATION

--Dead Period: June 25 through July 9--
No contact with coaches. No practicing or conditioning.

Archery: Orientation meeting in mid September and season begins mid October. Announcements will be made at school with exact dates.

Band/Colorguard: Band camp is July 18-22 and July 25-29. Colorguard (flag/rifle/marching band dance) must attend band camp and other rehearsals. Contact Mr. Byrum for details.

Baseball: Announcements will be made at school with exact dates and times for fall and winter conditioning.

Basketball (Boys): Summer league starts in June. Contact Coach Tudor for details.

Basketball (Girls): Summer league starts in June. Contact Coach Dewitt for details.

Bowling: Practices will start after October 1. Announcements will be made at school with exact dates and times.

Cheerleading: Contact Coach Mosier-O’Daniel for details.

Cross County: Contact Coach Nelson for details.

Dance: Contact Coach Carbello for details.


Football: Weight lifting during summer. Contact Coach Walker for details.

Golf (Boys): Parent and athlete meeting on July 14 at 6:00 pm at Atherton.

Golf (Girls): Parent and athlete meeting on July 14 at 6:00 pm at Atherton.

Lacrosse (Girls): Indoor sessions start in October. Announcements will be made at school with exact dates and times.

Rugby: This is a club team made up of athletes from several schools and is not an Atherton team sport. Orientation meeting in January. Training begins early February. Announcements will be made at school with exact dates and times. Contact Bobby Heyward (also the swim coach) for details.

Soccer (Boys): Tryouts begin July 19, 8:00 am to 11:00 am and 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Contact Coach Bole for details.

Soccer (Girls): Each player is expected to meet certain conditioning and running expectations/ standards. Contact Coach Ellard for details.

Softball: Fall and winter activities will be held. Contact Coach Murphy for details.

Swimming: Orientation meeting in early September. Training begins early October. Announcements will be made at school with exact dates and times.

Tennis: Conditioning will begin sometime in November. Announcements will be made at school with exact dates and times.
**Track:** Conditioning will begin sometime in November. Announcements will be made at school with exact dates and times.

**Volleyball:** Contact Coach Green for details. Tryouts begin July 15.

**Wrestling:** Conditioning will begin sometime in September. Announcements will be made at school with exact dates and times.

_**DO NOT CONTACT A COACH BEFORE THE END OF THE DEAD PERIOD, JULY 9TH**_

**Atherton Coaches**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sport</th>
<th>Last Name</th>
<th>First Name</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>E-mail</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Fall Sports</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cross Country</td>
<td>Nelson</td>
<td>Jason</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jason.nelson@jefferson.kyschools.us">jason.nelson@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Field Hockey</td>
<td>Murphy</td>
<td>Woody</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:woodrow.murphy@jefferson.kyschools.us">woodrow.murphy@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Football</td>
<td>Walker</td>
<td>Kenny</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kenneth.walker@jefferson.kyschools.us">kenneth.walker@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Golf</td>
<td>Open</td>
<td></td>
<td>Head Coach-Girls</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soccer</td>
<td>Bole</td>
<td>Val</td>
<td>Head Coach-Boys</td>
<td><a href="mailto:val.bole@jefferson.kyschools.us">val.bole@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soccer</td>
<td>Ellard</td>
<td>Carlo</td>
<td>Head Coach-Girls</td>
<td><a href="mailto:carloellard@hotmail.com">carloellard@hotmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Volleyball</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Amanda</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:amanda.green@jefferson.kyschools.us">amanda.green@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Band/Colorguard</td>
<td>Byrum</td>
<td>Matt</td>
<td>Director</td>
<td><a href="mailto:matthew.byrum@jefferson.kyschools.us">matthew.byrum@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheer</td>
<td>Mosier-O'Daniel</td>
<td>Jennifer</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jenn2894@yahoo.com">jenn2894@yahoo.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dance</td>
<td>Carbello</td>
<td>Megan</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mcarbello@gmail.com">mcarbello@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Winter Sports</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Archery</td>
<td>Aberli</td>
<td>Tom</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:thomas.aberli@jefferson.kyschools.us">thomas.aberli@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Basketball</td>
<td>Dewitt</td>
<td>Nicki</td>
<td>Head Coach-Girls</td>
<td><a href="mailto:nicki.dewitt@jefferson.kyschools.us">nicki.dewitt@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Basketball</td>
<td>Tudor</td>
<td>Mark</td>
<td>Head Coach-Boys</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mark.tudor@jefferson.kyschools.us">mark.tudor@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bowling</td>
<td>Waters</td>
<td>Heather</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:heather.waters@jefferson.kyschools.us">heather.waters@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Swimming</td>
<td>Heyward</td>
<td>Bobby</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bheyward@bellsouth.net">bheyward@bellsouth.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wrestling</td>
<td>Brutscher</td>
<td>Jeff</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jeffrey.brutscher@jefferson.kyschools.us">jeffrey.brutscher@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Spring Sports</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baseball</td>
<td>Open</td>
<td></td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Girls Lacrosse</td>
<td>Keswani</td>
<td>Aruna</td>
<td>Head Coach-Girls</td>
<td><a href="mailto:aruna.keswani@jefferson.kyschools.us">aruna.keswani@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rugby</td>
<td>Heyward</td>
<td>Bobby</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bheyward@bellsouth.net">bheyward@bellsouth.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Softball</td>
<td>Murphy</td>
<td>Woody</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:woodrow.murphy@jefferson.kyschools.us">woodrow.murphy@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tennis</td>
<td>Odong</td>
<td>James</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jamesodong2012@gmail.com">jamesodong2012@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Track</td>
<td>Walker</td>
<td>Kenny</td>
<td>Head Coach</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kenneth.walker@jefferson.kyschools.us">kenneth.walker@jefferson.kyschools.us</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>