



NEWS FROM "THE MILL"

April 1 - 30, 2022

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MESSAGE FROM MS. GODDARD, PRINCIPAL

Happy April! As Spring approaches, we are continuing with our planning of graduation and the end of the school year. Spring sports are in full swing and our student athletes are working hard in the classroom and on the field. Please note that the 3rd marking period ends on April 1st and report cards should be available in StudentVue and ParentVue on or around Monday, April 11th. Please continue your efforts to work hard and seek help from your teachers and mentors.

IMPORTANT DATES

Early Release Day - **April 1**

Report cards available on Synergy - **April 8**

Spring Break, (**School Closed**) no school for student's **April 11 – April 18**

PROM - **April 29 -From 8pm – 11pm**

Professional Day for Teachers, no school for students - **May 2**

Interims Distributed - **May 18**

Early Release Day for Students - **May 18**

Sports Award Ceremony - **May 19 -7:00 pm (Auditorium)**

Senior Awards Night - **May 26 – 7:00 pm (Auditorium)**

Last day for Seniors - **May 27**

Memorial Day - **Schools and Offices closed - May 30**

Last day of school for students; **Early Release day - June 17**

Sincerely,

Carol Goddard, Principal

WMHS PTSA & BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Attention WM Students, Parents/ Guardians, and Community,

Spring is here! And your PTSA/Boosters is springing into action! We need your support to help contribute to the WMHS community. Here's how YOU can help:

We have shut down orders for bags of mulch – we have 1600 bags ordered and cannot take any more orders now. But . . . we need volunteers – parents, students, anyone! – to help deliver the mulch on Saturday, April 9th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Can you help as a driver or a loader? Go to this Google sheet to sign up

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A0qhh8Zl6NRv0lSrBxFSOO5xfuxPrKuSVT3tK6EBxdw/edit?usp=sharing> or email our Fearless Fundraiser Carmen: carmenfrazier6@gmail.com

We have opened the school store! We are normally open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:15 – 11:50 for students to purchase snacks and drinks to get them through the day. We are also raising money for school programs. Can you help during those hours? If so, contact Margarita Maza at 240-541-2273 or Dee Pinkowitz at deepinkowitz@yahoo.com

We have opened concessions for select Spring sports! If your son or daughter is playing a sport, please help open the concession stand by contacting Sheila Griffith at s.griff139@gmail.com. It is a double blessing for the school: having refreshments for games AND raising money for the school. But we can't do it without volunteers!

Do you or someone you know have an idea for benefitting our school? We have funding for you! Apply for a small grant fund of up to \$500 here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pAmo5_EMH5SyLtgODS8Zpy2Ym-cyQbBm50ZMNiH74M/edit. You must be a member of the PTSA/Boosters to apply.

Last but not least, we are seeking officers for the 2022-2023 PTSA/Boosters. If you or someone you know wants to serve, please email Norm Gordon at ngordon0522@gmail.com

If you want to find out more, come to our next PTSA/Boosters meeting on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. Details on the "Parents" page of WMHS website.

Thank you for investing in Watkins Mill High School!

Norm Gordon, President

PTSA/Boosters

¡La primavera está aquí! ¡Y su PTSA/Boosters está entrando en acción! Necesitamos su apoyo para contribuir a la comunidad de WMHS. Así es como USTED puede ayudar:

Hemos cancelado los pedidos de bolsas de mulch: tenemos 1600 bolsas ordenadas y no podemos aceptar más pedidos ahora. Pero . . . necesitamos voluntarios: padres, estudiantes, ¡cualquiera! – para ayudar a entregar el mulch el sábado 9 de abril a partir de las 9:00 a. m. ¿Puedes ayudar como conductor o cargador? Vaya a esta hoja de Google para registrarse (

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A0qhh8Zl6NRv0lSrBxFSOO5xfuxPrKuSVT3tK6EBxdw/edit?usp=sharing>) o envíe un correo electrónico a nuestra recaudadora de fondos Fearless Carmen: carmenfrazier6@gmail.com

¡Hemos abierto la tienda de la escuela! Normalmente estamos abiertos todos los lunes, miércoles y viernes de 11:15 a 11:50 para que los estudiantes compren bocadillos y bebidas para pasar el día. También estamos recaudando dinero para programas escolares. ¿Puedes ayudar durante esas horas? Si es así, comuníquese con Margarita Maza al 240-541-2273 o Dee Pinkowitz en deepinkowitz@yahoo.com.

¡Hemos abierto concesiones para deportes selectos de primavera! Si su hijo o hija está practicando un deporte, ayude a abrir el puesto de comida comunicándose con Sheila Griffith en s.griff139@gmail.com. Es una doble bendición para la escuela: tener refrescos para los juegos Y recaudar dinero para la escuela. ¡Pero no podemos hacerlo sin voluntarios!

¿Usted o alguien que conoce tiene una idea para beneficiar a nuestra escuela? ¡Tenemos financiación para ti! Solicite un pequeño fondo de subvención de hasta \$500 aquí (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pAmo5_EMH5SyLtjgODS8Zpy2Ym-cyQbBm50ZMNIH74M/edit). Debe ser miembro de PTSA/Boosters para aplicar.

Por último, pero no menos importante, estamos buscando oficiales para 2022-2023 PTSA/Boosters. Si usted o alguien que conoce quiere servir, envíe un correo electrónico a Norm Gordon a ngordon0522@gmail.com

Si desea obtener más información, venga a nuestra próxima reunión de PTSA/Boosters el martes 19 de abril a las 7:00 p. m. Detalles en la página "Padres" del sitio web de WMHS.

¡Gracias por invertir en Watkins Mill High School!

Norma Gordon, presidente

PTSA/Boosters

SENIOR FOCUS

Attention Watkins Mill Families of Graduating Seniors (Class of 2022),

This year's Graduation Ceremony is **tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2022, 2:30 pm at Constitution Hall (DAR)**. DAR Constitution Hall follows all DC Health Department guidelines. You can find all information regarding Graduation on the Watkins Mill HS Seniors page. See link below

Senior Page

<https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/wmhs-seniors-class-of-2022/home>

PROM INFORMATION

Date: Friday, April 29 from 8pm - 11pm

Location: Argyle Country Club, 14600 Argyle Club Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Theme: Red Carpet

Cost: \$60

On Sale: April 19 - 28, tickets will NOT be sold the day of Prom

Students must attend their morning classes and have the option of leaving school early if they complete the early release form.

Students who are bringing guests from outside the school must complete the permission form no later than Friday, April 22. If the guest is coming from another school, their administrator must sign off on the form. If the guest is not an MCPS student, Ms. Goddard needs to sign off on the form. All guests must be 20 years of age or younger. Forms are linked below.

Prom Permission Form for Guest-2022

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zDT6dxt_3HtcJV7LFX-zca3Y2w1cezPyXfYyMw755E8/edit

WMHS- Prom Early Release Pass-2022

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Dtbt44qMxNEjH9mql7oZwu9pY2PSx_lkBtvXpcbb7Xk/edit?usp=sharing

Brittany N. McIntyre
Watkins Mill High School
Social Studies Teacher
Extracurricular Activities Director
Sponsor, Class of 2023

YEARBOOK

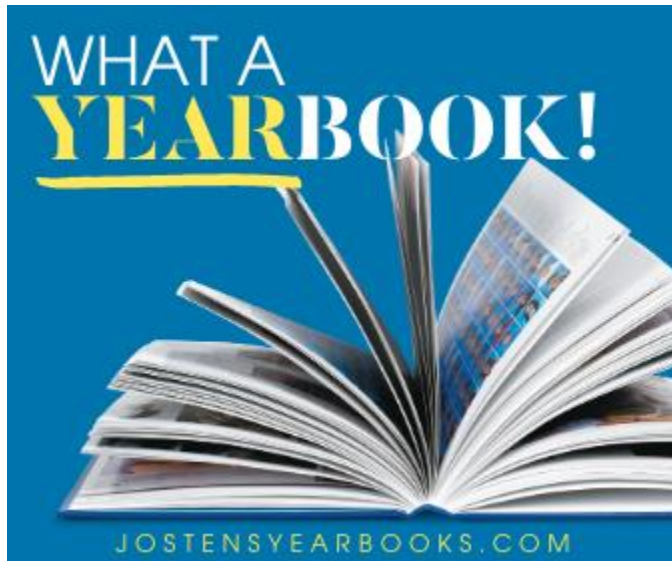
ALL THE THINGS. ALL IN THIS BOOK.

This school year will be talked about forever. The yearbook will be an important keepsake from this remarkable time. Our yearbook staff is working hard to put together an historic book that will chronicle one of the most unpredictable school years of all time. Order today so you can guarantee your copy of the yearbook. www.jostensyearbooks.com.

This year's book will include:

- *Formal portraits from Lifetouch, and student-submitted portraits from YBKPlus.*
- *Candid photos documenting student life during quarantine.*
- *Student commentary about this truly unique year.*

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STUDENT PARKING PERMITS

Student parking permits are still available for the Spring. The cost is \$25. Please come by the Financial Office and pick up a registration form. For those of you who have not yet purchased a parking permit for this semester and are parking in the lot, an obligation has been issued. Please come by the Financial Office to take care of this obligation. If you are a senior, you will not be able to attend graduation if this obligation is not paid.

ACES PROGRAM

Class of 2024 students who were accepted into ACES have been notified via mail and email. To officially accept your spot in the program, please submit your signed Scholar Agreement by 4/21 via email (maria.i.abasi@mcpsmd.net) or drop it off at the ACES office (Room E107).

TESTING INFORMATION -AP Exam Dates

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zFnDA7rZvqp9rQXWZFO9rpfYnZ0zQF2amqxvIs9fXM0/edit>

FREE HOMEWORK HELP

Free Homework Help Service Now Available - TutorMe.com, a new, free student online tutoring and homework help service, is now available in any subject for students in grades 3-12. TutorMe.com is a secure, online resource easily accessible through MCPS student Canvas and StudentVUE accounts and offers on-demand assistance. The TutorMe.com service provides assistance that aligns with the MCPS curriculum, including knowledge of new curriculum tools being implemented. The service maintains rigorous standards providing high-quality, diverse tutors, screened for excellence (including a criminal background check). The service is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Learn More here:

<https://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/quicknotes/tutorme-free-service-is-now-available-2/>

FAMILY FOOD MARKET:

WMHS is pleased to announce the return of the Family Food Market. Due to Co-Vid restrictions, families will receive a pre-sorted box of non-perishable goods and a bag of fresh produce. The food market will take place at **Watkins Mill High School** on Saturday mornings. Social distancing and safety protocols will be followed at all times. Families will not have to provide student names or ID numbers. Upon arrival, you will be asked the total number of people living in the household, how many adults over 65, and how many students.

Date: Saturday April 23rd

Location: Watkins Mill High School
10301 Apple Ridge Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Contact: [Lora S Johnson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lora_S_Johnson@mcpsmd.org)

Future Dates: May 21th

June 11th

JUNIOR/SENIOR SPRING BREAK 2023...France*!

The 2023 Spring Break Trip destination will be...FRANCE! The trip will include a tour of Paris, Brittany, and Normandy! Visit the D-Day landing beaches and battlefields, the cathedrals, the castles, and more as you and your friends eat phenomenal meals and take a night time river cruise through the heart of Paris before you journey to the top of the Eiffel Tower.

Registration has already started, so if you want a great Spring Break experience next year, sign up ASAP. The price of the trip increases over time, so get in now to lock down the lowest price! Visit the following website or call to register...

eftours.com/2493024PA or call (800) 665-5364

This trip is for Juniors and Seniors Only!

See Mr. Sneddon in the Social Studies Office at STEP if you have any questions.

Merci

“The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page.” – Saint Augustine

STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING HOURS (SSL)

MCPS is ***still requiring all students meet their SSL hour requirements for graduation.*** This means, you need to have a total of **75** hours to graduate in June. There are many **virtual** opportunities available to students. Students may find SSL opportunities at the following quick links: <https://bit.ly/SSLOpportunities> and <https://bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020>

If you want to access an overview of the current state of the SSL program at <https://bit.ly/SSLOverview2020> and step-by-step directions for viewing your SSL record on StudentVUE at <https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE>.

The **Certificate of Meritorious Service requirement for this year has been reduced to 240 hours or more.** This is down from 260! If you are a *senior* and interested in reaching this award, you must have your hours in by **April 1st!** No later! All other grade levels can continue to turn in hours after.

Krista Jiron
School Counselor (GOO-LOL)
SSL Coordinator
[Opportunities to Earn Hours](#)
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COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS:

COLLEGE FAIR FIELD TRIP

We are counting down the days to the first in-person college fair in over two years! The 2022 National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) College Fair will be held on April 5th, 2022, at the Adventist HealthCare Fieldhouse (formerly known as Discovery Sports Center) in Boyds.

All Juniors are invited to attend a field trip to the fair. The bus will depart Watkins Mill at 10:00 AM and return at approximately 12:00 PM. All students will be offered a bagged lunch upon their return to school. Students must complete this [Google Form](#), register at the [NACAC website](#) and submit a permission slip (available in the Counseling Office) by **Friday April 1** to attend.

The fair is also open to all high school students, and their families, from 6:30–8:30 PM that evening. The Universities of Shady Grove will lead a workshop/panel on “Connecting Career Education to College Planning,” from 6:30–7:30 PM. If you have

any questions about the event, please email Sarah Kessler, College & Career Coordinator at Sarah_H_Kessler@mcpsmd.org.

JOBS & APPRENTICESHIPS

Check out the WM [Careers & Apprenticeships](#) page for info about summer jobs, apprenticeships, and more! Currently, GAC Services, an HVAC and electrical company, and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) pharmaceuticals are looking for full-time employees. There is also a brand new WMHS [Internship Program](#) website with opportunities for students.

SCHOLARSHIPS

To date, our seniors have reported over \$3,875,000 in scholarship awards! Class of 2022: please visit the Watkins Mill Career Center [Scholarships](#) page to view the many opportunities available to students. The list is updated DAILY and many are open to students with a range of GPAs. Don't miss out!

COLLEGE NEWS

Seniors, please email or see Ms. Kessler in the counseling offices when you get college acceptance letters, merit awards, and/or scholarships. It is very important we have a record of this information. We want to hear about and share your successes!

STAY INFORMED

Important updates related to college, careers, scholarships, programs, and more are sent every Friday to the MCPS Gmail accounts of Juniors and Seniors via Naviance. Information is also regularly updated on the [WM College & Career website](#). Please email Sarah_H_Kessler@mcpsmd.org if you would like to receive these emails or have any questions.

Please follow the WM College/Career Center on Twitter [@WMHS_CCIC](#) for news & updates.

Sarah H. Kessler
College & Career Coordinator
Watkins Mill High School
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[WM College/Career Center](#)

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Follow this link for the April Media Center Newsletter:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vGkQ4IZLcd0sXCL0g4-h7Vj-03tvnGBXIJyH_otuPI0/edit?usp=sharing

WMHS ATHLETICS NEWS

Follow this link for the April Athletic Newsletter:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1avNpKRYnjV9nLzXqbUtuP4Pvo8Wp8eaFwrzDfxMDb2Q/edit?usp=sharing>

As always, our Athletic Department is here to answer any of your questions. Please email Lisa_Magness@mcpsmd.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you on the sidelines cheering on our Wolverines when it is safe to do so! Stay safe! Go 'Rines!

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Make sure to follow all things Wolverine Athletics:
- Twitter: @WMRinesSports
- Instagram: @wmrinessports
- Facebook: Watkins Mill Athletics
- Website: www.watkinsmillathletics.com
- Athletic Teams Accounts: <https://watkinsmillathletics.com/athletic-social-media-accounts/>

IMPORTANT LINKS

WMHS Website Home:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/> Athletics:

<https://watkinsmillathletics.com/>

Calendar: [Calendar](#)

Staff Directory:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/staff/directory.aspx>

PTSA Information:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/ptsa/>

Booster Club: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/boosters/boostersClub.aspx>

Lunch Pre-Payments: <https://www.mylunchmoney.com/>

Student Service Learning:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ss/> Bullying:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/230-35.shtm>

Free SAT/ACT Prep: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/hsi/testprep.shtm>

Free & Reduced Lunches: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>