



NEWS FROM "THE MILL"

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MESSAGE FROM MS. GODDARD, PRINCIPAL

Happy March! After a February full of winter surprises, and as spring approaches, we begin planning for the excitement of graduation and the end of the school year. Please note that interim grades will be available around March 6th, as the 3rd marking period ends on March 31st. Let's finish strong!

Board of Education Appoints Next Superintendent, in a Historic Announcement

CONGRATULATION to Dr. Monifa B. McKnight who was named permanent superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools on Tuesday, Feb. 8th. She is the first woman and second African-American to lead the school district. Dr. McKnight will move from her interim position into the permanent role as MCPS superintendent as of July 1, 2022.

MCPS has announced the 2021-2022 make-up days for inclement weather closures.

- Friday, April 1, 2022, will be an early release day for all students
- The last day of school will be Friday, June 17, 2022, which will be an early release day for students.

The countdown to graduation has begun—with only about three months left until our commencement ceremony on June 13, 2022, at 2:30 pm at DAR Constitution Hall! In the meantime, please visit our website for additional details about senior events and graduation.

As teachers grade assignments and enter those grades into Synergy, the 50% rule will be applied to any missing or incomplete assignments at week 3 and week 6 of each marking period to provide your child(ren) feedback before they take advantage of the opportunities to reassess or resubmit (as applicable in the content area or course).

Please encourage your child(ren) to

- Attend class every day and be an active participant (complete assignments, talk to their teachers and peers about the lesson, ask questions, etc.), and
- To check their grades regularly in StudentVUE.

All Watkins Mill staff members are here to support your child(ren). If you have any questions about the information provided, please contact your child(ren)'s counselor or administrator.

Counselors are assigned to students alphabetically.

| Counselor | Alpha |
|------------------|---------------|
| Mohan | A - Cal |
| Foreman | Cam - Esp |
| Blankinship | Esq- Gon |
| Jiron | Goo - Lol |
| Salomon | Lom -Ord |
| Horkan | Ore - Sam |
| Wojtyna | San - Z |
| Valverde | ESOL: A - Lem |
| Fetzer -Munoz | ESOL: Len - Z |

Administrators are assigned to students by grade level.

9th grade Jennifer Bado-Aleman jennifer_bado-aleman@mcpsmd.org

10th grade Lora Johnson lora_s_johnson@mcpsmd.org

11th grade Kerrin Torres-Meriwether kerrin_a_torres_meriwether@mcpsmd.org

12th grade Ryan Graves ryan_graves@mcpsmd.org

Sincerely,

Carol Goddard, Principal

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS AROUND THE MILL:

WMHS PTSA & BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Your PTSA/Boosters are ON THE MOVE! Here's what we've done JUST THIS MONTH:

1. Created a portfolio of videos all THANKING OUR STAFF for their sacrificial work this past year through the pandemic. See it on the "Parents" page of the WMHS website. A big thanks to our Secretary Dee Pinkowitz and Fundraiser Carmen Frazier for leading the effort.
2. Re-opened the SCHOOL STORE during cafeteria hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays so students can purchase snacks and drinks for very reasonable prices to get them through the day. Are you a parent who would like to volunteer to help? Call Vice President Margarita Maza at 240-541-2273.
3. Awarded two GRANTS to members who are investing in the Watkins Mill community: \$250 to Mr. Chai for a field trip for Special Education and \$350 to Ashley Huynh for a county-wide town hall meeting of the Minority Scholars Program. Do you have an idea for investing in your school that needs funding? Email President Norm Gordon at ngordon0522@gmail.com.
4. Announced that the SPRING MULCH SALE is back! Double shredded hardwood mulch (3 cu ft) bags will arrive in bulk on Saturday, April 9th, 2022 at a cost of \$5 per bag. Any orders of 10 bags or more gets FREE delivery within ten-mile radius of WMHS. Last day to submit an order is Friday, April 1st, 2022. To make an order head to tinyurl.com/wmmulch. Questions? Email Fundraiser Carmen Frazier at carmenfrazier6@gmail.com

Do you want to become part of the movement? Come to our next PTSA/Boosters meeting on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. and find out what's next! Information about the meeting on WMHS website under "parents".

¡Sus PTSA/Boosters están EN MOVIMIENTO! Esto es lo que hemos hecho SOLO ESTE MES:

1. Creé un portafolio de videos en los que AGRADECE A NUESTRO PERSONAL por su trabajo sacrificado el año pasado durante la pandemia. Véalo en el sitio web de WMHS bajo "padres". Muchas gracias a nuestra Secretaria Dee Pinkowitz y a la recaudadora de fondos Carmen Frazier por liderar el esfuerzo.
2. Reabrió la TIENDA ESCOLAR durante el horario de la cafetería los lunes, miércoles y viernes para que los estudiantes puedan comprar refrigerios y bebidas a precios muy razonables para pasar el día. ¿Es usted un padre que le gustaría ser voluntario para ayudar? Llame a la vicepresidenta Margarita Maza al 240-541-2273.
3. Otorgó dos SUBSIDIOS a miembros que están invirtiendo en la comunidad de Watkins Mill: \$250 al Sr. Chai para una excursión de Educación Especial y \$350 a Ashley Huynh para una reunión del ayuntamiento del Programa de Becas de Minorías en todo el condado. ¿Tiene una idea para invertir en su escuela que necesita financiación? Envíe un correo electrónico al presidente Norm Gordon a ngordon0522@gmail.com.

4. ¡Anunció que la OFERTA DE MULCH DE PRIMAVERA está de vuelta! Las bolsas de mantillo de madera dura triturada doble (3 pies cúbicos) llegarán a granel el sábado 9 de abril de 2022 a un costo de \$5 por bolsa. Cualquier pedido de 10 bolsas o más recibe entrega GRATUITA dentro de un radio de diez millas de WMHS. El último día para enviar un pedido es el viernes 1 de abril de 2022. Para hacer un pedido, diríjase a tinyurl.com/wmmulch. ¿Preguntas? Envíe un correo electrónico a la recaudadora de fondos Carmen Frazier a carmenfrazier6@gmail.com

¿Quieres formar parte del movimiento? Venga a nuestra próxima reunión de PTSA/Boosters el martes 15 de marzo a las 7:00 p. m. y descubre lo que sigue! Información sobre la reunión en el sitio web de WMHS bajo "padres".

Norm Gordon
President
WMHS PTSA

WMHS BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The Watkins Mill High School PTSA/ Booster Club is excited to bring back their "Mulch Madness" fundraiser!

WMHS PTSA/ Booster Club is selling three (3) cubic foot bags of Master Gardener double shredded hardwood mulch. All proceeds support WMHS and the surrounding community. Bags are \$5.00 dollars each. FREE delivery for orders of 10 or more bags of mulch.

The ordering deadline is April 1, 2022. Order at TINYURL.COM/WMMULCH

Pick up is schedule for Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Watkins Mill High School, in the parking lot.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT CARMEN FRAZIER AT CARMENFRAZIER6@GMAIL.COM OR 301-7554983. See Flyer Link Below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uCPM2TPhFM1pVFMIMH_7BBjUeEzqG64m/view?usp=sharing

IMPORTANT DATES

Interims available **March 7**
Early Release Day **March 11**
SAT administered **March 23**
Early Release Day **March 24**
End of Marking Period **March 31**

TESTING INFORMATION

On Wednesday March 23rd all students in the Class of 2023, 11th grade, will take the SAT during the school day. No registration is required.

- Students taking the SAT will report to school at the regular time and have the opportunity to eat breakfast from 7:15am – 7:40am. The school will provide No. 2 pencils and calculators for testing. Student may bring their own graphing calculator, but should check the College Board website for approved calculator models (<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/what-to-bring-do/calculator-policy>). Student may also want to bring a drink and snack (for the break). Lunch will be served at 12:30pm.
- Students in grades 9, 10, and 12 we follow the [modified school schedule](#) and report to school at 12:30pm for STEP/Lunch, 5th, 6th, and 7th periods. All afternoon classes will engage in student well-being activities, there will be no new instruction. Students who are not testing that require transportation to school may arrive at their regular time; however, they will report to the Auditorium for a supervised non-instructional activity from 8:00am – 12:30pm.

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 March 19th

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: April 23rd

May 21th

June 11th

JUNIOR/SENIOR SPRING BREAK 2023

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 *requires all students to meet their **75 SSL hour requirement for graduation.*** This means, you need to have a total of **75** hours to graduate in June.

There are many **virtual and in-person** 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>.

Any **high school senior** who has submitted documentation to show the completion of **240 SSL hours or more** by April 1, 2022, will earn the Certificate of Meritorious Service along with a purple tassel for graduation. This award requirement has been prorated to account for the period of time during which school buildings were closed.

The required deadline for all documentation that qualifies seniors for the Certificate of Meritorious Service is **April 1, 2022**.

All SSL forms (MCPS Form 560-51: Student Service Learning Activity Verification form - <https://bit.ly/SSLReflection>) should be emailed or turned in to the school's SSL coordinator by the **required deadline of April 1, 2022**, to be considered for these awards.

SSL OPPORTUNITIES

- The **Choose Respect Video Contest** remains open until **February 28, 2022!** This year, students may earn 10 SSL hours for quality video submissions. Interested students may view information on the opportunity posting [website](#).
 - The **Choose Respect RespectFest** will also be held virtually from **March 21-26, 2022** virtually, and in person **March 27, 2022** and will include opportunities to earn SSL hours and win raffle prizes! Interested students may view this [Flyer](#).

- Check out the [WMHS SSL Opportunity](#) page for more opportunities to earn hours!

Krista Jiron
School Counselor (GOO-LOL)
SSL Coordinator
Watkins Mill High School
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Student Service Learning:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/> 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>

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS:

Seniors, please email or stop by to see Ms. Kessler when you get your 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!

Still want to apply to college? It's not too late, come to the counseling offices to speak to Ms. Kessler. Interested in an apprenticeship or career after high school? There are many opportunities available, see the [WM Careers & Apprenticeships](#) webpage for more info.

SUMMER RISE

Summer RISE is an initiative led by the MCPS Partnerships Unit in collaboration with businesses, government agencies, higher education institutions, and nonprofit organizations. The program is for rising MCPS juniors and seniors to participate in a career-based learning opportunity during the summer. Students will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning opportunities related to their field of interest.

An in-person information meeting will be held in the Watkins Mill College & Career Center on Tuesday March 1 at 11:15 AM during lunch/STEP. Students can learn more about this opportunity from the MCPS Partnerships Unit. There will also be a virtual student and parent/guardian Information Session on March 1 at 7:00 PM. Register [HERE](#)

COLLEGE FAIR

The NACAC (National Assn. for College Admission Counseling) fair is back in-person for the first time in two years! Students will have the opportunity to attend the fair as a field trip during the school day on April 5 at 10:30 AM. Over 200 colleges from across the country will be present to meet with our students. Be on the lookout for more information coming out in the next month.

QUESTBRIDGE COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS

The College Prep Scholars Program equips high-achieving high school juniors from low-income backgrounds with the knowledge, confidence, and resources to apply to top colleges. Awards for College Prep Scholars include a full scholarship to a top college summer program, financial awards and college application assistance. Due March 24, more info [HERE](#).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors, please visit the Watkins Mill Career Center [Scholarships](#) page to view the many opportunities available to students. New information added daily! There are opportunities for students with a range of GPAs and backgrounds. Don't miss out!

Important updates related to colleges, scholarships, and more are sent every Friday to Seniors via Naviance to their MCPS email. Information is also regularly updated on the [WM College & Career website](#). Please email Sarah_H_Kessler@mcpsmd.org with any questions.

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

Twitter: @WMHS_CCIC
Watkins Mill HS uses RepVisits

AP EXAM INFORMATION

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mtS7ln5tryEUIREWGIDZHa5PIHIZlqPeFRY9-ZEkRVo/edit>

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Follow this link for the March Media Center Newsletter:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/121w66Urc-ITfAnkivcAHFcvVobz9-tkT2dmIVi7AVCU/edit?usp=sharing>

Spanish Version:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rGbc1onSVPSIyuR8O3b74eBdGiUM6JMB36sGfSMvFvo/edit#>

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QYDcBFyeuGF7GMe67LfNERYfQ_RmklOwyda0gETLQ9o/edit?usp=sharing

WMHS ATHLETICS NEWS

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1upY1-mms9aaSMZ6jtyK7wsyr3q91s4na3dsWyXW4iLg/edit?usp=sharing>

IMPORTANT LINKS

WMHS Website Home:

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

<https://watkinsmillathletics.com/>

Calendar: [Calendar](#)

Staff Directory:

<http://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/>

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/>