



NEWS FROM "THE MILL"

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MESSAGE FROM MS. GODDARD, PRINCIPAL

Happy Spring! The midpoint of the last marking period signals that the **end of the school year** is near, with many important events taking place each week. Please be sure to follow our calendars, website, and this newsletter about important end-of-year events, testing, graduation, schedule changes, and more.

Our Spring MCAP/IB AP testing is underway. The schedule was sent out to the school community on April 19th and is also linked below.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YljRx2e6ETXJpJzWhPIgJZPnAAMheviB0Djfx0_vRiY/edit

As you know, the **Class of 2022 Graduation will take place at DAR Constitution Hall on Monday, June 13 at 2:30 p.m.** Below are some important updates to help all graduates and families finalize their planning for this memorable occasion. As a reminder, **there will be no classes on June 13** due to the commencement ceremony that afternoon. Guests must arrive by 2:20 p.m. The ceremony will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m.

- **Caps and gowns will be distributed** to seniors on Thursday, May 26 from 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Students with obligations will not receive the cap and gown until items are resolved.
- **The Graduation rehearsal** will be on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 9:00 am in the main gym. After rehearsal, there will be a picnic for seniors only, in the school stadium. Tickets will be distributed at rehearsal.

- **Graduation tickets** All graduates will automatically receive eight tickets. Every guest must have a ticket (children, babies, and the elderly to enter, and again, there is a limit of eight tickets per graduate). Please plan accordingly. If you still have an obligation, students will **NOT** receive their tickets.
- **Financial obligations** any student with an outstanding obligation will not be cleared to participate in all senior events. Email Ms. Holderman @ [Lisa A Holderman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lisa_A_Holderman@mcpsmd.org) to determine if you have an outstanding obligation.
- **Expectations for behavior** (students, families, and guests in the audience) We expect all participants at graduation to conduct themselves in a dignified manner to make this a special and memorable ceremony for all.

Adding to the excitement at the end of the school year, our annual **Senior Awards Night** and scholarship presentations will take place on **May 26 at 7:00 p.m.** This is a unforgettable evening where we will be publicly recognizing our top scholars and announcing winners of local scholarships, including those sponsored by the **PTSA and Booster Club**. Students who are receiving awards will be notified prior if they are receiving an award.

Seniors— Please let Ms. Kessler know about your **college decisions and scholarship awards!** If you receive notice of any awards or scholarships—whether you intend to go to that college or not—please report it to Ms. Kessler in the Career Center. We want to hear about all scholarships that are offered to any school that you applied to. We would like to tally all of the scholarship offers and have an accurate count.

Seniors—the Senior Survey is now live and ready to be accessed in the About Me tab of your Naviance page. Final transcripts will NOT be sent unless you have completed your senior survey.

Looking ahead to the 2022-23 school year, we are now in the process of developing the master schedule for next year, based on the course selections that students made earlier this year. It's not too late to make changes, particularly if moving into Honors, AP, and IB courses, electives, or special programs. Students will be bringing home tentative course selections the middle of May. If you have any questions about **course selections or placement**, please feel free to call or email appropriate staff with any questions.

Sincerely,

Carol Goddard, Principal

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS AROUND THE MILL:

Look what's happening at the Mill!

Your PTSA/Boosters raised \$2,727 dollars in our first post-COVID Mulch Sale (1,620 bags sold), thanks to the extraordinary leadership of our Fundraising Coordinator, Carmen Frazier and team! Also, a big thanks to coach Chad Wilson and the football team for their invaluable help!

So far, your school store has raised over \$1,000 this Spring. Thanks to Vice President Margarita Maza and Secretary Dee Pinkowitz for their leadership!

And our Concessions team, led by Vice President Sheila Griffith, is raising money by providing snacks for your sporting events this Spring.

And where is all this money going? To projects like the ones approved just last Tuesday (4/26):

\$2,000. to supply every graduating senior with their own Senior Grad yard sign!

\$484. to support ESOL instruction via innovative theater production!

\$500. for gymnasium banners recognizing individual athletic achievement in various sports! . . .

as well as \$7,000 of scholarships awarded to seniors and special gifts of appreciation to our teachers throughout the year.

Your dollars in action!

Would you like to be a part of this amazing team? Nominations are being accepted for the election of officers for the 2022 – 2023 academic year. Put your name in the hat and join the team!

Happily serving you,

Norm Gordon, President
WMHS PTSA/Boosters

¡Mira lo que está pasando en el Molino!

¡Sus PTSA/Boosters recaudaron \$2,727 dólares en nuestra primera venta de mantillo post-COVID (1,620 bolsas vendidas), gracias al extraordinario liderazgo de nuestra Coordinadora de Recaudación de Fondos, Carmen Frazier y su equipo! Además, ¡muchas gracias al entrenador Chad Wilson y al equipo de fútbol por su inestimable ayuda!

Hasta ahora, la tienda de su escuela ha recaudado más de \$1,000 esta primavera. ¡Gracias a la Vicepresidenta Margarita Maza y al Secretario Dee Pinkowitz por su liderazgo!

Y nuestro equipo de Concesiones, dirigido por la Vicepresidenta Sheila Griffith, está recaudando dinero proporcionando refrigerios para sus eventos deportivos esta primavera.

¿Y adónde va todo este dinero? A proyectos como los aprobados el pasado martes (26/4):

\$2,000. para proporcionar a cada estudiante de último año que se gradúe su propio letrero de patio de graduación.

\$484. i para apoyar la instrucción ESOL a través de una producción teatral innovadora!

\$500. i para pancartas de gimnasios que reconozcan los logros atléticos individuales en varios deportes! . . .

así como \$7,000 en becas otorgadas a personas de la tercera edad y obsequios especiales de agradecimiento a nuestros maestros durante todo el año.

¡Tus dólares en acción!

¿Te gustaría ser parte de este increíble equipo? Se están aceptando nominaciones para la elección de oficiales para el año académico 2022 – 2023. ¡Pon tu nombre en el sombrero y únete al equipo!

Felizmente sirviéndole,

Norma Gordon, presidente
WMHS PTSA/refuerzos

YEARBOOK

Hey, Wolverines -- The yearbook staff is excited to announce that the 2021-2022 yearbook is complete. The staff has worked hard to document this year, and we have already sold over half of the available books. There is a limited number available (77 copies left as of 4/25/22), and once we sell out, we cannot order additional books. Order now to reserve your copy. Log in to Jostens.com to order online.

Here is the link for ordering yearbooks:

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1066844/WATKINS-MILL-HIGH-SCHOOL/2022-Yearbook/20211015133124607126/CATALOG_SHOP

IMPORTANT DATES

Professional Day for Teachers, no school for students **May 02**

AP Exams Starting **May 5**

Early Release Day for students **May 18**

Sports Awards Night **May 19**

Family Food Market **May 21**

Cap and Gown "drive thru" pickup **May 26**

Last day for Seniors **May 27**

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

Graduation Rehearsal **June 10**

Graduation Ceremony **June 13**

Last day of school for students; early release day **June 17**

TESTING INFORMATION

AP Exams are quickly approaching!

Below you will find the AP Exam Schedule

| Test | Date | Time | Location |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| AP Calc AB | May 9 | 8:00 AM | Small Gym |
| AP Calc BC | May 9 | 8:00 AM | Media Center |
| AP Computer Science JAVA | May 4 | 12:00 PM | B103 |
| AP Computer Science Prin | May 9 | 12:00 PM | small gym |
| AP Spanish Lang/Culture | May 11 | 8:00 AM | Gonzalez classroom |
| AP Stat | May 5 | 12:00 PM | B210 |
| AP US History | May 6 | 8:00 AM | small gym |
| AP World History | May 12 | 8:00 AM | small gym |
| AP Gov/Politics | May 20 | 12:00 PM | small gym |

Please make sure that you report to your testing location at 7:30AM if your exam is in the morning and at 11:30AM if your exam is in the afternoon. Students will be able to access their own snack and water bottle during the break time of the exam.

Please contact Erin Schultze (Erin_Schultze@mcpsmd.org) with any questions or concerns.

Thank you!
Erin Schultze
Watkins Mill High School
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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 May 21st
Location: Watkins Mill High School
10301 Apple Ridge Road
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Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Contact: Lora_S_Johnson@mcpsmd.org

Future Dates: June 11th -The last one of this school year.

JUNIOR/SENIOR SPRING BREAK 2022...SPAIN*!

2023 SPRING BREAK TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

WE ARE BACK! Our wolverines just returned from a successful trip to Spain. The world is open for business, join us next year.

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, and SPACE IS LIMITED, 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 next school year's 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 opportunities available to students. Check out the WM Opportunities page:

[WMHS SSL Opportunities](#)

Students may also 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>.

Krista Jiron
School Counselor (GOO-LOL)
SSL Coordinator
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COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS:

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Check the Friday e-Bulletins from the College & Career Center for information on job opportunities, college visits, educational programs, testing, and more! Please email Sarah.H.Kessler@mcpsmd.org to be added to the Naviance list serve.

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

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Follow this link for the May Media Center Newsletter:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-z9-cl5nJziPMK3URRc0S60m1borLVoAP6BvVMnQak8/edit?usp=sharing>

WMHS ATHLETICS NEWS

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rBQFhiJdMeJ07I_1EGqBThFQ3NhuGiHdEG_A5VevNLYA/edit?usp=sharing

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/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>