



# NEWS FROM "THE MILL"

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### **MESSAGE FROM MS. GODDARD, PRINCIPAL**

**Congratulations** on your hard work during this first marking period! As usual, the time flew, and we are halfway through the first semester. I am very proud of how our students have worked hard throughout the quarter, sought the help of their teachers, and put forth the extraordinary effort needed to succeed in thought-provoking and challenging coursework and conquer academic demands. Across the school, student grades are improving. I am also thrilled with our continued growth of IB programs in the IB Diploma, IB Career Program, and IB Middle Years Program available to all students.

**Report cards** will be available in ParentVue on November 15. The second marking period begins on November 5 and ends on January 26, 2023.

As the 2nd marking period approaches, I would like to remind students and parents of the MCPS **attendance policy**. Please note that the **attendance policy** remains in place for all high school students in Montgomery County Public Schools. It is imperative that students attend every class every day to receive the best possible education and opportunities for success.

**Students who accumulate more than 5 unexcused absences in a marking period risk losing credit for that semester course, regardless of their current grade.** Teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators will work to keep parents and students informed. With extreme cases, we will collaborate to develop and

implement attendance contracts. However, students with serious attendance issues will lose credit for the entire semester of that course.

Congratulations to the following students for their induction into the **National Honor Society (NHS)** in October. These students represent the finest in their academic achievement, and exemplify traits in leadership, scholarship, and character. Congratulations to:

### **NHS New Members 2022-2023**

Induction Ceremony was held on Thursday, October 27, 2022

Adanma, Ezulike  
Begum, Saima  
Bender, Alasia  
Deleon, Katie  
Diaz-Flores, Wesley  
Dominguez, Roselind  
Eromosele, Obehi  
Ferrufino, Emily  
Granados, Gabriela  
Ilandara Devage, Rashmitha  
Karki, Aarju  
Kline, Jason  
Leonard, Christopher  
Mansaray, Fatimah  
Muhammad, Rahman  
Nogales, Helen  
Olajide, Huswat  
Osei-Bonsu, Melissa  
Sires, Jasmine  
Thanicatt, Sonia

### **Principal's Leadership Council New Members 2022-2023**

Please join me in congratulating the following students that were selected to be a part of the **Principal's Leadership Council** for the 2022 – 2023 School Year. Congratulations to:

Ashraf, Safwah  
Ashraf, Tasnia  
Collins, Tynia  
Coreas, Mikoela  
Dalliah, Therese  
Eromosele, Obehi  
Guy, Josephine  
Kim, Junee  
Mvogo, Angela

Martinez, Kyler  
Nwokoye, Somtochukwu  
Onafuwa, Kehinde  
Olajide, Huswat  
Oshagbemi, Roseline  
Puetate, Ashly  
Rahman, Muhammad  
Rodriguez, Ethan  
Sires, Jasmine  
Solomon, Rekik  
Soto, Mario  
Tsarni, Nebi

Sincerely,

Carol Goddard, Principal

## **NEWS AND HAPPENINGS AROUND THE MILL:**

### **SAVE THE DATES**

Marking Period 1 Ends - November 4  
No School (Grading/Planning) Professional Day November 7  
Election Day – November 8  
Marking Period 2 Begins – November 9  
Report Card Distribution – November 15  
Early Release Days- (K-12) November 21 – 22  
No School (Systemwide Closure) – November 23  
No School (Thanksgiving) November 24 – 25  
Early Release Day – December 7  
Early Release Day – December 22  
No School (Winter Break) December 23, 2022 – January 2, 2023  
No School (Holiday) January 16, 2023  
Semester 1 and Marking 2 Period End – January 26, 2023  
No School (Professional Day) January 27, 2023  
Semester 2 and Marking Period 3 Period Begins – January 30, 2023.

### **COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS**

#### **JUNIORS & SENIORS**

Please be sure to read the College & Career Bulletin from Ms. Kessler in your MCPS Gmail accounts every Friday. It contains important information about program opportunities, applying to college, scholarships, jobs and more! Parents, if you would like to receive the communications, please email Ms. Kessler at [Sarah\\_H\\_Kessler@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sarah_H_Kessler@mcpsmd.org) to be added in Naviance.

Each week college admissions representatives visit the WM College & Career Center to meet with our students. You can view the list of schools and register on the Naviance home page under “What's New” This is a great opportunity to meet one-on-one with the college staff member who will be reading your application.

#### **FINANCIAL AID/FAFSA**

The 2023-2024 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is open! If you filed 2021 income taxes and have an FSA ID, you will be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval (IDR) link. More info on the FSA ID and FAFSA here: <https://studentaid.gov/articles/steps-to-complete-fafsa-form/?excmid=FB-ED-CB-1>

Find info on upcoming FAFSA help sessions in the weekly College & Career Bulletin.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Check this [Scholarship Newsletter](#) with October and November deadlines. More opportunities are on the WM College/Career website [Scholarships](#) page.

## **SOPHOMORES**

### **Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) now Recruiting**

Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) is a program that provides students with FREE college/career readiness support including college tours, SAT/ACT prep, FAFSA/scholarship application assistance, resume building and interview skills workshops, and more! ACES is now recruiting 10th grade students who are: historically underrepresented in higher education, first in their family to attend a college or university in the US, has a 504 plan or IEP, from a single parent household, from a low-income household or English language learners. For more info or to apply, visit <https://www.acesmontgomery.org/apply/>. If you have questions, contact Ms. Maria Abasi, ACES Student Success Coordinator at Watkins Mill in Room E107, call (240) 429-3072, or email [maria.i.abasi@mcpsmd.net](mailto:maria.i.abasi@mcpsmd.net). Please visit the [Watkins Mill College & Career website](#) for information about college applications, testing, scholarships and job and career programs.

### **FAMILY FOOD MARKET:**

The next family food market being held at Watkins Mill High School will be on:

Date: Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Location: Watkins Mill High School  
10301 Apple Ridge Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879  
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm (or until supplies run out).  
Contact: Mr. Marcus Wiggins [marcus\\_d\\_wiggins@mcpsmd.org](mailto:marcus_d_wiggins@mcpsmd.org)

Future Dates:

December 17<sup>th</sup>  
January 21<sup>st</sup>  
February 18<sup>th</sup>  
March 18<sup>th</sup>  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
May 20<sup>th</sup>  
June 10<sup>th</sup>

### **UNDERCLASS – MAKE UP PICTURE DATES**

Lifetouch photographers will be taking Make-up Underclass Portraits on Thursday and Friday, November 17 and 18. Students will be excused from their science class to go to the **auditorium** to have their picture taken. Student ID cards will also be issued when the picture is taken.

## **YEARBOOK NEWS**

### **GRAB A YEARBOOK DISCOUNT BEFORE THEY ARE GONE!**

Act early to take advantage of Watkins Mill's new promotional pricing plan for our 2023 yearbook! The price of our yearbook is \$100, but you can snag yours at a lower price if you order now.

We are offering a limited number of yearbooks at a discounted price if you take advantage of promo codes on Jostens.com **while supplies last**. The promotional pricing is only available for books sold online. The current promo code and available copies are displayed on Jostens.com.

As of today, we have 50 \$15 off promo codes remaining. Once those codes have been used, the next promo code for \$5 off will display on Jostens.com. No additional promo codes will be available after the \$5 off codes have been used. Once the code disappears from our website, the offer is offered and no additional promo codes will be issued.

Order at Jostens.com or [CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#). Payment plan options are available at checkout.



#### **CELEBRATING MOMENTS THAT MATTER**

**Specializing in Yearbook Publications | Graduation Products | Jostens Renaissance | School Branding & Partnerships**

## Yearbook/ Early Bird Ad Deadline

Attention **SENIOR CLASS PARENTS:**

The early bird deadline to purchase a congratulatory ad in the yearbook at discounted pricing expires on Monday 10.31.22.

The final deadline to purchase a congratulatory ad is 1.27.23. You can design and purchase your ad at Jostens.com. Payment plans available at checkout.



## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Join us in the "[Fiesta Forever](#)" dance to wrap up Hispanic Heritage Month on Friday, November 18 from 6 to 9 pm in the main gym. Tickets are \$20 and can be [purchased online](#) with a credit card or cash during lunch in the Mixing Bowl. Guest forms are available in the Main Office. See Ms. Flores or Ms. Monge-Sandoval with questions.

Únete al baile "[Fiesta Forever](#)" para concluir el Mes de la Herencia Hispana el viernes 18 de noviembre de 6 a 9 p. m. en el gimnasio principal. Los boletos cuestan \$20 y se pueden [comprar en línea](#) con tarjeta de crédito o en efectivo durante el almuerzo en el Mixing Bowl. Los formularios para invitados están disponibles en la oficina principal. Ver a la Sra. Flores o Sra. Monge-Sandoval con preguntas.

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### **WMHS ATHLETICS NEWS**

Fall sports are coming to a close and playoffs begin this week. Please check our athletics website for the locations and times and dates of any playoff contests. We are very proud of all our fall student-athletes and their coaches and look forward to the upcoming playoffs.

Winter sports begin on November 15th. Registration is open and [here](#) are all the details you need to register.

More information regarding winter sports will be shared with those who are registered and cleared by email.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [Lisa\\_Magness@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lisa_Magness@mcpsmd.org), Athletic Specialist.

We look forward to seeing you at our inside events soon! Go 'Rines!

### **MEDIA CENTER NEWS**

For this month's Media Center Newsletter, please see attachment below:

[November 2022 Media Center Newsletter](#)

### **Opportunity to Purchase a Piano Letter**

MCPS agreement with Schaeffer's Piano Company information. See link below

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TkA1KYNuQYOEFquF-4dCb2GDdippYDWVZnL4bchsWv0/edit>

### **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>

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