



NEWS FROM "THE MILL"

March 1 - 31, 2023

Watkins Mill High School

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MESSAGE FROM MS. GODDARD, PRINCIPAL

Happy March! 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 Mid-March, as the 3rd marking period ends on March 30th. Let's finish strong!

The countdown to graduation has begun—with only about three months left until our commencement ceremony on June 12, 2023, 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
Mr. Mohan	A-Cal
Ms. Foreman	Cas-Gal
Ms. Zapata	Gam-Guz, ESOL 2
Ms. Jiron	H-Kpz
Ms. Salomon	Kqa-Okz
Mr. Horkan	Ola-Sam
Ms. Harrison	San-Z
Ms. Fetzer-Munoz	ESOL-1Mets

Administrators are assigned to students by grade level.

9th grade Marcus Wiggins Marcus_d_wiggins@mcpsmd.org

10th grade Ryan Graves ryan_graves@mcpsmd.org

11th grade Francisco Valverde Francisco_J_Valverde@mcpsmd.org

12th grade Kerry Cunningham Kerry_E_Cunningham@mcpsmd.org

Sincerely,

Carol Goddard, Principal

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS AROUND THE MILL:

WMHS PTSA & BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The Watkins Mill High School PTSA will be holding its Mulch Sale Saturday, March 25th, 2023. All proceeds support Watkins Mill High School and the surrounding community. We are proud to partner with local garden center Grey Goose Farm to offer Master Gardener double shredded hardwood mulch (3 cu ft) at \$5.50 per bag. Come pick up your order at the school on March 25th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM rain or shine. Any order of 10 bags or more gets FREE delivery within a 5-mile radius of WMHS. The last **day to submit an order is Friday, March 17th, 2023**. To order go to [tinyurl.com/wmptsamulch](https://www.tinyurl.com/wmptsamulch) For any questions contact Fundraising Chair, Carmen Frazier at carmenfrazier6@gmail.com or 301-755-4983

IMPORTANT DATES

Interims available **Mid-March**

Early Release Day **March 3 and 15**

Family Food Market **March 18**

End of Marking Period **March 30**

Professional Day for Teachers/ **March 31 - No School for Students**

Holidays – April 7 and 10

Spring Break -April 3rd -April 10th- All students will return on April 11th

Beginning of Marking Period 4 -April 11

Logo Design for MCPS Students

Students! MCPS leaders are looking for your help in designing a logo for their summer conference. The logo must be a digital image that matches the conference theme Beyond All Limits: A Celebration of Leadership. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, March 10th, 2023. You may submit your logo designs using **THIS** Google Form. Students will be contacted after our committee meeting to let them know their status in the selection process. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Ms. Alyson Gordon at Alyson_L_Gordon@mcpsmd.org.

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:

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

Date: Saturday March 18th
Location: Watkins Mill High School
10301 Apple Ridge Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Contact: marcus_d_wiggins@mcpsmd.org

Future Dates: April 22nd
May 20th
June 10th

SPRING BREAK TRIP 2024 COSTA RICA

Attention current Juniors and Sophomores:

You can still sign up for our Spring Break Trip in 2024 to Costa Rica. Our group still has around 10 open spots, so register ASAP to secure your spot on our most adventurous tour so far. You'll visit both the East and West Coast beaches, the tropical rainforests, and volcanoes of the central highlands, and participate in amazing outdoor adventures. You'll snorkel in the crystal blue and green waters, go whitewater rafting down jungle rivers, and fly through the trees on our zipline adventure. So if you're going to be a junior or senior in 2024...JOIN US! You can use the link below to register or see Mr. Sneddon in B-112 for more details.

<https://www.eftours.com/tour-website/2586185WN>

STUDENT SERVICE-LEARNING HOURS (SSL)

MCPS *requires all students to 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.

Students may find SSL opportunities at the following quick links:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cOIeHF3NuyLZX9jNo1-m0NSZYU_3VAo3ikazmx4uSMQ/e/dit (For local/school opportunities)

<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 March 30th!** No later! All other grade levels can continue to turn in hours after. *If you have met the 240 hours (and turned in all of your SSL forms), you will automatically receive this award. You do not need to complete any additional paperwork to receive this. Your hours must reflect 240 on your studentVUE or you will not be eligible.*

Krista Jiron

Resource Counselor (H-Kpz)

SSL Coordinator

[Opportunities to Earn Hours](#)

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An International Baccalaureate World School

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS:

JUNIORS:

COLLEGE FAIR

The NACAC (National Assn. for College Admission Counseling) fair will be held in-person at the Adventist Healthcare Fieldhouse (SoccerPlex). Students will have the opportunity to attend the fair as a field trip during the school day on April 18 Between 10:00 and 11:30 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 22, more info [HERE](#).

CAREER/APPRENTICESHIPS FAIR

On March 29 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, we will be holding a resource fair at Watkins Mill for juniors and seniors. Students will learn about options for immediate, full-time employment, technical/alternate education, apprenticeships and more. Attendees include:

- > Montgomery County Government (police, fire & rescue, correction, 911)
- > Montgomery College Career & Technical Programs
- > Universities of Shady Grove
- > Full-time Jobs (childcare, property management, electrical, mechanical, etc.)
- > Summer Jobs (City of Gaithersburg, Montgomery Village Foundation and more)
- > All branches of the U.S Military

SENIORS:

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! Please let Mrs. Kessler know about all scholarships you receive!

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

Summer RISE Program

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Current Sophomores and Juniors:

We are pleased to inform you of a unique opportunity for your child this summer. Summer RISLE is an initiative led by the Montgomery County Public Schools Department of Partnerships in collaboration with businesses, nonprofit and government agencies to provide school year 2023-2025 rising juniors and seniors with an enriching career-based learning opportunity from June 26 to July 28, 2023. See the link below for more information.

[Summer RISE 2023 Participant Information](#)

AP EXAM INFORMATION

AP Exam Payment and Fee Waiver Deadlines Reminder

If you have not paid for your AP exam, please do so by **February 24, 2023 to avoid a financial obligation**. If you have any questions, please contact

Amy Crumrine (Amy_A_Crumrine@mcpmsmd.org) in room D101.

- To pay online, go online to Watkins Mill High School website. Scroll down (on the left) to “School Cash On-line”. Register for “School Cash On-line. You will get an email with detailed instructions. Follow the instructions and make the payment online. A 3.75% fee will be added to the purchase price of a school purchase as a site service fee. This fee is not collected by MCPS but is a processing fee of the company hosting site. If you have filled out the Waiver form, then please only pay for the 16\$ exam fee.
- To pay by check, make checks/money orders payable **Watkins Mill High School** and include your student’s name and ID number in the subject line. Send your payment to Lisa Holderman at 10301 Apple Ridge Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. Give it to Mrs. Holderman in the Financial Office.
- If your family needs support in paying for some or whole exam fee, please fill out the Title IV Scholarship Form

Below, you will see a picture of the two online payment options for the AP Exam. Please make sure that you submit a separate payment for EACH exam. If your family has filled out the waiver form, please pay the \$16 for EACH exam. If your family has not filled out the waiver form, please pay \$101 for EACH exam that your student is taking. If you have any questions in regards to payment, please do not hesitate to contact Amy Crumrine Amy_A_Crumrin@mcpmsmd.org

Scan below to pay online.

Select	Activity No	Activity Name	Teacher/Sponsor	Grade	Course/Class	Act. Date	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BY298-209	AP Exam Fees Full payment \$95 for each test	Schultze,Erin	N/A	NA	NA	\$95.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	BY298-210	AP Exam Fees Waiver \$15 for each test	Schultze,Erin	N/A	NA	NA	\$15.00



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Follow the link below for the March Media Center Newsletter:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QYDcBFyeuGF7GMe67LfNERYfQ_RmkIOwyda0gETLQ9o/edit?usp=sharing

WMHS ATHLETICS NEWS

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hwj1I97LkvF37u4WNIEmBXsKMNFwclmo/view?usp=share_link

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/Booster Club:

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

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

Social Media

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