



WATKINS MILL HIGH SCHOOL

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February 9, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

February is Black History Month, and Watkins Mill High School has been celebrating on a daily basis with activities that include announcements regarding the biographies of famous Black Americans, book club and wellness activities, drum line performances, and a myriad of other activities. Our school-wide celebration will be on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Timothy O'Shea Auditorium at Watkins Mill High School. Our Black History Month Committee sends a warm welcome for all to attend this important performance. Admission is FREE, so please mark your calendars to attend. There is a fantastic link on the WMHS website, which highlights the specific activities for this month, and also provides sample book readings. In addition, the Lockheed Martin Corporation has partnered with the Black History Month Committee and will host an Engineering Week on Tuesday, February 17, from 11-12 pm in the Auditorium.

February 27 is an early dismissal day for all students in Montgomery County Public Schools. This day is designated for teacher grading and planning. Please mark your calendars, accordingly.

Congratulations to the following students who were admitted to Coppin State University recently during an onsite admission session: Fatima Baba-Gana, Britney Cummings, Griselda Guevara, Sharon Gathoni, Laretta Mukam, Alejandra Obando, Ya-Haddy Sallah, and Matthew Steadman

Reminder for the Post Prom Meeting –Remember, tonight (Monday, February 9) there is a meeting of the Post Prom Committee in Skybridge Conference Room. Please join our PTSA in the planning of this exciting event!

Volunteers Needed!

We desperately need your help to prepare for Post Prom! We need help with:

- **Fundraising**
- **Donations**
- **Organizing**

Please consider volunteering for this important event! Contact Yvette Monroe, PTSA President @:

**[Yvette D Monroe@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Yvette_D_Monroe@mcpsmd.org) or
[@corrinabell@comcast.net">Corrina Bell, Post Prom Coordinator @
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Student Financial Obligations - This is a reminder to our parents and students that all financial obligations of seniors must be paid before graduation. Avoid the rush!!! All students must have their obligations paid in order to participate in prom.

Information from the Career Center - The United Negro College Fund and MCPS will host a College Night for juniors, seniors, and their parents at Einstein HS on February 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. Over 50 historically black colleges and universities will be present. Some will be conducting onsite admissions for seniors. Students should see Mrs. Prochnow in the Career Center or parents can email Mrs. Prochnow at Deborah.A.Prochnow@mcpsmd.org if interested in attending. If emailing, please give your student's name.

Attention all juniors: Sign up to take a practice SAT or practice ACT here at Watkins Mill on Saturday, February 21. Students can take either test under simulated testing conditions. Cost is \$10. Registration forms are in the main office.

Attention students: Now is the time to be looking at summer programs. Most colleges and universities offer summer sessions: some are academic, some are athletic, and some are **FREE**. All will offer you an opportunity to stay on campus and get an idea of what living on a particular college campus would be like. Information about many different programs has been received in the Career Center and can be found on the Career Center page of the WMHS website under Summer Programs.

Watkins Mill will be offering the ASVAB on February 27th. The **ASVAB** is an excellent Career Exploration test that will help students link their skills & aptitudes with related occupations. Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 can take the test with parental permission. See Mrs. Prochnow in the College/Career Center for a permission slip.

Attention seniors:

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For Your Education?**

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Music Department Fundraiser – The Music Department is selling Joe Corbi's pizza and cookie kits as part of their fundraiser. The fundraiser will last through March 6. If you would like to buy any of these delicious treats, please call the Music Department at 301-840-3984, or you may email Lisa.R.Itkin@mcpsmd.org for information.



Our Watkins Mill High School Best Buddies Chapter would like to thank the Watkins Mill Booster Club for their continued support.

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT - Remember to check out the WMHS athletics website, located at www.WatkinsMillAthletics.org. There you can find athletic announcements, forms and files, sport schedules and game scores/results.

The girls' varsity basketball team gets it done on the court and in the classroom! As the 2nd marking period came to a close and 2nd semester exams were approaching our girl's varsity basketball team applied the full court press to their studies and here are the results...

9 out of 11 players had a 3.00 marking period average or better and the remaining 2 players earned above a 2.5 mpa

Congratulations to the girl's varsity basketball team. Well done ladies!

Senior girl's soccer player, Dyanna Cuevas has committed to play soccer with the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD

BOOSTER CLUB – Our Booster Club is conducting a fundraiser for their Spring Mulch sale. The mulch will be distributed on Saturday, March 21. There is free local delivery with an order of 10 bags or more. Cost is \$4.25 per 3 cubic foot bag of shredded hardwood mulch. The cost if you pick it up on-site is \$4.00 per bag. What a deal! For more information visit the booster website at:

http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/booster/mulch_2009/sale.shtm

I look forward to seeing you at our Black History Month Celebration on February 26!

Sincerely,

Kevin Hobbs, Principal

February 15-28, 2009

February 16

HOLIDAY – Presidents' Day – No School

February 17

Black History Month Committee and will host Engineering Week

PTSA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center – Subject: Wellness Feasibility Study

BB G-Watkins Mill at Kennedy V 7 pm

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February 24

BB B-Northwest at Watkins Mill V 7 pm

BB G-Watkins Mill at Northwest V 7 pm

February 25

Honors Concert - Auditorium, 6 pm

February 26

Black History Month Celebration – Auditorium, 7:00 pm

February 27

Early Dismissal Day – WMHS dismissal at 11:40 am