



WATKINS MILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We have now entered into the second marking period. Report cards will be distributed via students tomorrow, November 11. I encourage you to routinely access your student's EDLINE account to keep abreast of how he/she is doing in school. Please be proactive in your student's education, and make sure you avail yourself of the many opportunities to learn about Watkins Mill High School.

STUDENT RECOGNITION – Please join me in congratulating the following students:

B. Darrin Barry received the Nordstrom Scholarship, presented at school on October 16. Also **Macarena Torres-Girao** and **Kashira Turner** have been named Finalists in the Questbridge Scholarship Program.

The program “It’s Academic” will air on Saturday, December 6, at 10:30 a.m. on NBC4. The program was taped on Saturday, October 25. Our team placed second and consists of: Team Captain (Junior) **Quetina Quartey**, with team members (senior) **David Gaynor**, and (Sophomore) **Suraj Mali**. **Arvind Harinder** is our first alternate.

The following students were recognized and accepted into the National Honor Society Chapter at Watkins Mill High School on September 26: **Andrew Hayes, Louis Lam, Siomara Parada, Will Ludgate, Theresa Cabauatan, and Sahson Raissi**. Congratulations!

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAM INFORMATION MEETING -

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m., in the WMHS media center. Stop by and learn about the exciting opportunities available to WMHS students through participation in the IB Program. The meeting will be geared primarily for parents and students currently in 8th, 9th, and 10th grades, but may be helpful as well for elementary school parents and students who wish to make long range plans to become involved in the IB program at WMHS. Please refer questions to the WMHS IB office (301) 840-3975, or email the IB Coordinator, Lisa Ingram, at Lisa_A_Ingram@mcpsmd.org.

CAREER CENTER WEBSITE - Remember to check out the Career Center website on a regular basis:

http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/cc/career_center_new.shtm

WMHS FALL DRAMA PRODUCTION – A NEW BEGINNING – A Rotating Repertoire of three shorter plays:

High School Yearbook, by Burton Bumgarner
The Philadelphia, by David Ives
Kuwait, by Vincent Delaney

The story is of a young lady's journey through life and her various perspective-changing encounters. Watch how she develops from a high school yearbook editor into a new reporter in Kuwait. Each new encounter creates in her mind a new picture – a new perspective – A NEW BEGINNING. Mark your calendars:

Dates and times:

Nov. 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 22nd at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP - A financial aid workshop will be held at Watkins Mill High School on Thursday, November 20, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. This workshop is very important for parents of 12th grade college-bound students. Melissa Gregory, a financial aid representative from Montgomery College, will present the workshop. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be discussed along with other pertinent financial aid information. The FAFSA form should be completed for all seniors planning to attend college or a career school regardless of family income. A student never knows when he/she might need a student loan, and the FAFSA needs to be on file. The form will be available to students in mid-December but cannot be filed until AFTER January 1, 2009. The form needs to be submitted by March 1 to qualify for Maryland need-based aid. (The University of Maryland College Park's deadline is 2/15). In addition, important information from the Maryland Higher Education commission about Maryland State financial aid will be presented. Parents attending will get answers to their financial aid questions. This information session will be conducted in both English and Spanish in adjacent rooms, the Band room and the Choral Music room, both on the lower level of the school.

This edition of the Principal's Edline/Calendar Update provides you with information related to school activities for the second half of the month of November. Calendar items are listed below for easy reference. I hope this information proves helpful to you in planning your family activities in conjunction with school events.

Kevin Hobbs, Principal

November 15-30, 2008

November 15

Winter Sports Tryouts:

Wrestling, Wrestling Room 10:00-12:00 noon

Cheerleading, Main Gym, 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Boys Varsity Basketball, Main Gym, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Boys JV Basketball, Small Gym, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball, Main Gym, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Girls JV Basketball, Small Gym, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Boys JV Basketball, Main Gym 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Boys Varsity Basketball Small Gym & Main Gym, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

November 17

Indoor Track Tryouts, WMHS Track, 3:00 p.m.

November 18

PTSA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

November 19

Honor Roll Ice Cream Party, Grades 9 & 10, Small Gym (rescheduled from 11/11/08)
Swimming Tryouts, Montgomery College Germantown Pool, 3:00 p.m.

November 20

Honor Roll Ice Cream Party, Grades 11 & 12, Small Gym (rescheduled from 11/12/08)
Financial Aid Workshop, 7:00 pm
Booster Silent Auction, Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.

November 21

Straight A Celebration in Skybridge Conf. Room (rescheduled from 11/13/08)
A New Beginning – 7:30 p.m.

November 22

A New Beginning – 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
“Preparing for Success” 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Montgomery College Germantown Campus,
pre-registration required.

November 25

Fall Sports Awards Night, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

November 26

Early Release Day for all students K-12

November 27-28

Thanksgiving Holiday – No School