



WATKINS MILL HIGH SCHOOL

Montgomery County Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Watkins Mill High School. Our teachers have been very busy the past week in preparing for students. Our building is sparkling and we have enthusiastically awaited the start of school today.

First, please understand that MCPS has concerns about our ability to contact parents and students in the event of an emergency. Emergencies could be related to school closures caused by H1N1 or a bomb threat, or the need to convey critical information to parents. Please be aware that we have two venues to assist us in communicating with parents: the ConnectEd System and Edline. ConnectEd is the vehicle by which you can receive telephone calls from school and important information can be communicated, by voice, in an expeditious manner. Edline is another venue for us to communicate which will provide an opportunity to email you, and also simultaneously permit you to access your student's real-time educational record. **MCPS is requesting your cooperation in assuring that your contact information remains up-to-date. An active telephone number is required to be on record, preferable with voice-mail ability. A current email address is also required for you to receive email announcements.** I encourage you to check your student's Edline account to ensure that information is current. If you do not have an Edline account, please obtain one. Assistance in obtaining an Edline account is available by contacting Mr. Mitch Joy (Mitchell_Joy@mcpsmd.org) or Mr. Joe Bellino (Joseph_C_Bellino@mcpsmd.org) at Watkins Mill High School. You may also contact our Registrar, Mrs. Jacobson, to ensure that the telephone number on record is updated. **Up-to-date information is CRITICAL to our ability to contact you in the event of an emergency, and your assistance is very appreciated.** Your enrollment in an Edline account will also guarantee your direct receipt of this bi-monthly newsletter which is transmitted electronically twice a month during the school year.

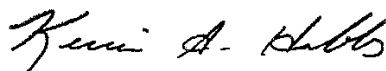
Your student will receive two days of orientation and information through homerooms. The regular schedule will begin on Wednesday, September 2. Your student will be receiving a lot of information and forms today in preparation for the school year. The school will host grade level assemblies to explain expectations and procedures. Please take the time to go through all the literature carefully, returning those items that need to be signed. Some of the activities over the next two days include:

- Distribution of Agenda Book (Planner, Discipline Policy and Hall Pass included)
- Distribution of class schedules
- Pictures taken with receipt of school ID's (grades 9-11)
- School computer access
- Village Time information
- Review and acceptance of Code of Conduct
- Review of emergency information
- Free/Reduced lunch forms
- Student accident insurance forms
- Diploma order form (seniors only)
- Fire drill procedures

I am looking forward to another exciting year at Watkins Mill High School and working with you and your student. Please feel free to call the main office at (301) 840-3959 with any questions or concerns. Please remember to join our PTSA and Booster organizations and continue to support our school. We look forward to working with you this school year.

Below is a calendar which outlines events for the first two weeks of school:

Sincerely,



Kevin Hobbs,
Principal

August 31

First Day of School – Homeroom Schedule

September 1

Second Day of School – Homeroom Schedule

Student pictures taken and ID's issued (grades 9-11)

September 2

Student pictures taken and ID's issued (grades 9-11)

September 7

HOLIDAY – No School – Labor Day

September 8

Back-to-School Night – 7-9 PM

September 12

Last day for senior portraits (book through Blanton Photographers (telephone: 301/840-8044))

September 15

PTSA Meeting – 7:00-9:00, Media Center

Hispanic Heritage Month