



September 15, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We have had a great opening of school. At our Back-To-School Night, we hosted over 380 parents who came to learn about their student's academic program and opportunities to volunteer or assist in the school. We thank our parents for coming! Mr. and Mrs. Michael King will be our volunteer coordinators. Please contact them, and record your volunteer hours through the email link: WMHSvolunteers@gmail.com

Important Information:

PTSA - Please remember that the next PTSA meeting for Watkins Mill High School is on Tuesday, September 22. PTSA membership forms are on the website. The PTSA is currently seeking committee chairs for the following positions: Membership and Directory. We also specifically need a representative for the NAACP, which will be hosting a meeting this week. If interested, please email Yvette Monroe at Yvette_D_Monroe@mcpsmd.org if interested.

Student Parking -We will continue to sell parking permits for the county price of \$37.50 per semester. All students parking in the campus lot must be permitted by 9/23. Violators will be ticketed and cars may be towed. If needed, a payment plan can be arranged to purchase parking permits. Please see the Financial Assistant, Mrs. Spigler.

Edline - If you need help with Edline activation, please email Mr. Joy at: Mitchell_Joy@mcpsmd.org Edline gives you the perfect opportunity to view your student's academic progress throughout the year.



Giant Bucks Program - Watkins Mill High School is participating in the GIANT BUCKS PROGRAM. Please make sure that when you shop at Giant Food, your purchases are recorded to benefit our school. Our Bonus Bucks Code is 00825.

Drama Club – Is holding auditions on September 16th and 17th at 2:30pm. Sign up on the Drama Call Board at the side entrance of the Auditorium or see Mr. Allen in room D004A.

Volunteers Needed - The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy (The Saturday School) needs student volunteers at any of the centers they host on Saturday mornings from 8:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Would you like to tutor? Contact the GBTLA Offices at 301-320-6545. Centers are located at the

following high schools: Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, Gaithersburg, Kennedy, Northwest, Magruder, Paint Branch, Rockville, Sherwood, Springbrook, Watkins Mill and Wheaton!

More Information of Volunteering (SSL Hours) -

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

Students gain CITIZENSHIP SKILLS from high quality service learning.

- SSL is a graduation requirement in the state of Maryland. Understand the SSL plan in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) by contacting the SSL coordinator in any middle or high school and exploring the SSL Web site www.mcpsssl.org.
- Service performed during the summer for which SSL hours are desired must be documented on MCPS Form 560-51, *Student Service Learning Activity Verification* and turned in to the SSL coordinator by the last Friday in September (September 25).
- All organizations and opportunities for which SSL hours are desired must be preapproved. Check the list of organizations tagged, "Approved SSL MCPS" and opportunities tagged, "MCPS SSL Approved" at the website www.mcpsssl.org or get MCPS Form 560-50, *Request for SSL Preapproval* granted in advance of any involvement.
- The award of SSL hours outside of the instructional day (before school, lunchtime, after school) is one SSL hour for every hour of service within a 24 hours period. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- SSL is provided without financial compensation.

Information from the College/Career Center:

College visits in the College/Career Center:

Each fall, college admissions representatives visit Watkins Mill to speak with our juniors and seniors. These visits take place in the College/Career Center during the school day. The complete list of colleges can be viewed on Family Connection, www.connection.naviance.com/wmhs. Students have a personalized user name and password to enter the site. Parents can enter the site as guests using the password "Watkins." **To sign up for a visit, students must sign up on Family Connection then come to the College/Career Center on the morning of the visit to pick up a pass for teacher approval.** It is the student's responsibility to have this pass signed. Only students with signed passes can attend a visit. Teachers reserve the right to keep a student in class. Our first visit occurred on 9/10 when Molly Lennon from the University of Maryland, College Park will come to the College/Career Center to talk with interested students.

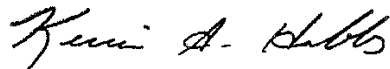
Mark your calendars for **September 23** for our annual **Senior Information Night** to be held at **7:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium. On that night, the senior advisors, Ms. Kimberly Krill and Mr. Jae Lee, will speak about senior fees and deadlines, and the Counseling Office will explain the college application process as well as other options for students after high school.

The counselors will speak with seniors on September 9th in their English classes about the college application process. Students will learn how to request teacher recommendations, counselor recommendations and official transcripts.

Please check out the Career Center page of the WMHS website, http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/cc/career_center_new.shtm. Here students and parents can obtain information about college testing, upcoming college fairs, scholarships, financial aid, the military, college searches, career information and more. Also, on the webpage see the monthly College/Career Center Newsletter filled with information about upcoming events and special opportunities for students.

Interested in receiving emails from the College/Career Information Coordinator, Mrs. Prochnow? Parents of juniors and seniors can receive information by sending Mrs. Prochnow, the student's full name, student's ID#, parent's name and email information. Email Mrs. Prochnow at Deborah_A_Prochnow@mcpsmd.org

Sincerely,



Kevin Hobbs,
Principal

Important Dates:

September 15

GO-(Montgomery County)Girls 9 Hole Tournament #4 at Poolesville Golf Course 3 pm
CC-Northwood at Watkins Mill 3:30 pm
VB G-Watkins Mill at Magruder JV 5:30 pm/V 6:30 pm

September 16

Drama Club Auditions, 2:30
FB JV-Kennedy at Watkins Mill 5:30 pm

September 17

Drama Club Auditions, 2:30
GO-Einstein, Kennedy, Seneca Valley and Watkins Mill at Sligo 3 pm
TEN G-Watkins Mill at Springbrook 3:30 pm
FB V-Kennedy at Watkins Mill 6:30 pm

September 21

FH-Wootton at Watkins Mill V 3:30 pm/JV 5 pm
SOC B-Watkins Mill at Seneca Valley V 5 pm/JV at WM 3:30 pm
TEN G-Einstein at Watkins Mill 3:30 pm
SOC G-Watkins Mill at Seneca Valley V 7 pm/JV at WM 5:30 pm

September 22

PTSA Meeting, 7:00, Media Center

GO-Wheaton, Watkins Mill, Springbrook and Northwood at Laytonsville Golf Course 3 pm

VB G-Watkins Mill at Seneca Valley JV 5:30 pm/V 6:30 pm

September 23

Senior Information Night, 7:00 p.m, Auditorium

GO-(Montgomery County)Girls 9 Hole Tournament #5 at Laytonsville Golf Course 3 pm

SOC B-Clarksburg at Watkins Mill V 5 pm/JV at CL 3:30 pm

SOC G-Clarksburg at Watkins Mill V 7 pm/JV at CL 5:30 pm

September 24

FH-Watkins Mill at Northwest V 3:30 pm/JV 5 pm

September 25

VB G-Einstein at Watkins Mill JV 5:30 pm/V 6:30 pm

FB V-Watkins Mill at Clarksburg 6:30 pm

September 26

FB JV-Watkins Mill at Clarksburg 10 am

September 28

Yom Kippur – Holiday – No School for students/teachers

September 29

FH-Watkins Mill at Clarksburg V 3:30 pm

TEN G-Watkins Mill at Kennedy 3:30 pm

September 30

CC-Paint Branch, Seneca Valley and Watkins Mill at Blake 3:30 pm

VB G-Watkins Mill at Wheaton JV 5:30 pm/V 6:30 pm