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December 19, 2011

Dear Students and Parents:

This letter is to inform you that we are now accepting applications for parking permits for the **2012 Spring Semester**. As a reminder, parking permits are a privilege, not a right. Parking is for **SENIORS ONLY** with the exception of OJT and internships. The Board of Education mandated fee of \$37.50 per semester will remain in effect for the 2011-2012 school year. This fee is non-refundable and will be collected from each student at the time the permits are issued. Applications are to be submitted to Dr. Thomas no later than **Friday, January 6th** by 3:30PM. **No application will be accepted after this date. Applicants will be notified in January if approved for a permit via automated phone call. Please do not submit the fee with the application. Permits will be distributed on Monday, January 23, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Student with a parking permit can start parking on Tuesday, January 24th.** 

 Students must resubmit an application each semester.

A parking permit will be issued based upon the criteria listed below:

- All students must maintain a 2.0 GPA at all times with no more than 1 failing grade. Permits will be revoked if students fall under a 2.0 GPA and parking fees will not be refunded.
- Students may not have an obligation to the Financial Office.
- Students must complete all hours required for Graduation via Student Service Learning.
- Handicapped students (must have physician's statement and handicapped sticker from the MVA).
- Students who are part-time attendants at other MCPS schools as part of their high school program (only if no alternative transportation is provided). Program must occur during school hours and be certified by a Wootton Guidance Counselor and /or internship coordinator. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO WOOTTON PROGRAMS. (Edison program students are not eligible for parking permits.)
- Students enrolled in a Wootton High School supervised work program or internship (only if no alternative transportation is provided). Program/work must occur during school hours and be confirmed and monitored by the Wootton program sponsor.
- Students enrolled in a minimum of two classes in the Montgomery College Institute at Wootton or enrolled in one Montgomery College Institute class at Gaithersburg High School.
- Clubs/team (Seniors as determined by the sponsor/coach)

Students who are involved in the above programs and are part of a carpool within that program will be given a higher priority. (SEE THE FAQ ON PAGE 2 & 3.)

Students that attend or participate in activities that meet after 2:10 pm will not be considered for a parking permit. (Approved sports season permits are excluded from this stipulation.)



STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE PREFERENCE REGARDING PARKING LOCATION.



Hanging, color coded decals will be issued each semester and must be attached to the rearview mirror. Students assigned to either parking lot will be assigned a numbered parking space. Rockshire Shopping Center has given Wootton permission to use designated spaces for student parking provided they have a Wootton parking permit. Security personnel will monitor these parking areas daily and ticketing/towing will be enforced for illegally parked vehicles. Students with any parking concerns should contact a member of security upon arriving at school for resolution of the concern.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ira K. Thomas

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for a parking permit?

-Seniors are eligible for a parking permit for the 2011 - 2012 school year. Eligibility is determined by the enrollment in Wootton sponsored programs that have the greatest need for student transportation to and from offsite locations. These programs do not offer school transportation, therefore parking permits are provided.

Is a parking permit guaranteed?

-No. Parking Permits are not guaranteed to anyone. Permits are granted based on availability. If parking spaces are not available, based on the number of students with priority, then students will be placed on a waitlist until a space is made available. Priority students are not guaranteed a parking permit. (See below.)

Who gets priority?

-Priority is given to seniors enrolled in programs such as the Business Internships, Science Internships, College Institute, Child Development Internships, and Psychology Internships. Sports teams (and a few club groups- Senior planning, SGA, etc.) are given one space each. The reason that these students are given priority has to do with the requirements of the program and needs of the organization. BUT-if space is not available, even these priority organizations do not receive a parking space. Programs are limited to a specified number of spaces. Once the program reaches that number, then the sponsor may arrange carpools for students enrolled in the program. Check with your program sponsor if you are willing to provide a carpool, or carpool with other students. After-school jobs and internships, as well as Thomas Edison HS programs, and regular medical appointments are not given a priority status. The school system provides transportation for Edison programs.

What if I am enrolled in multiple internships/programs/clubs/teams?

-GREAT! Your chances of receiving a space are higher. List all of these programs in order of priority on your application.

What if I am not in any of these programs or teams, but REALLY need a spot?

-Not to worry. You may still receive a space if one is available. Fill out the application and explain your needs. We cannot guarantee you a spot, but we will do our best to accommodate you. You may be placed on the waitlist for a semester or denied initially, BUT we will do our best to find a parking space for you.

I have a parking permit but forgot it in another car. Can I still park in my parking space?

-Yes, but you will get a \$25 ticket. So the real answer is NO. A student should park in their assigned space WITH their parking permit hanging from that car's rear view mirror. If you do not have your parking permit on a particular day, then do not park your car at Wootton that day. If you have lost your permit, you can purchase a replacement permit for a nominal fee.

What if my grades slip below a 2.0 GPA with more than one failing grade? Will I lose my parking space?

-Yes. Lesson: don't let your grades slip.

What if I have an obligation? Can I still get a parking permit?

-No. Lesson: pay your financial obligations. These include prior parking tickets.

Will you tow my car if I park illegally?

-Yes. We will tow cars

How do you assign parking spaces?

-Parking spaces are assigned randomly. Wootton currently has an agreement with the Rockshire Shopping Center to share parking spaces. This agreement is contingent upon the cooperation of our students, staff, and the leasing company. None of the retailers at the shopping center are permitted to give students parking spaces. This includes

Giant. These companies do not own the lot, but lease their retail space from a management company. This management company is very strict with regards to student parking and WILL TOW STUDENT VEHICLES. Disrespect or disregard of guidelines may jeopardize individual parking and perhaps any future use of the lot.

I have qualified for a parking permit and need a space close to the school. Can I have a space in the lower lot?

-Parking spaces are determined on a random basis. There is NO guarantee that if you parked at Rockshire during the fall semester, you will get a space in the lower lot next to school for spring semester; or if you parked in lower lot fall semester, there is NO guarantee you will be there again for spring semester. IMPORTANT: Students that cannot agree to this stipulation should not apply for a parking permit.

What if I live far, far ...far away and need a spot?

-If you do not qualify for a spot, based on the criteria above, your options may be to search the surrounding neighborhood for a parking space. (Warning: There are many locations in the surrounding neighborhood that have prohibited parking during school hours. Read all posted signs carefully!) Also the school bus is a good option. (Even for seniors!) And if you live within two miles or so, and do not have access to a school bus then we suggest carpools to and from school.

If I have a permit, can I leave school grounds for lunch and return for my classes?

-No. You cannot. If you leave school grounds, it is expected that you are leaving for your internship/program. This does not give you permission to go out to lunch. If you are found in violation of this rule, or other driving infractions, then your permit will be revoked.

How do I add a new vehicle to my application?

-If you begin to drive a new vehicle please make sure to add that vehicles information to your application by giving the information to the security office.

Can my friends use my space when I don't need it?

-No. Vehicles parking in an assigned space must be the permit owner and the vehicle should be registered with security and match the Vehicles Legal Owner as stated on the application. If students are found violating this policy then the permit holder will have the permit revoked.

When will the distribution of permits occur?

-Parking permits will be distributed for the spring 2012 semester on Monday, January 23, 2012 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Students will not be able to receive them early. We receive them from the MCPS central office and distribute them at that time.

What if I still owe hours for SSL but complete them spring semester?

-If you still owe SSL (Student Service Learning) hours, which are a requirement for graduation, you will not be approved for a permit. However if you complete the hours spring semester and they are approved by Ms. Parson you may apply for the permit. Once accepted, you will be allocated a space IF one is available.

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PARKING REGULATIONS

Parking regulations are strictly enforced. Suspension of driving privileges, ticketing, towing of vehicles and suspension from school may occur for violations of parking regulations. Students will be held fully responsible for understanding and following all parking regulations.

1. A student parking permit is required to park both at Wootton and the Rockshire Shopping Center (Rockshire Shopping Center spaces designated for students are numbered and marked in yellow). All vehicles must be registered with the security office and clearly display the hanging parking permit from the rearview mirror. License numbers or vehicle changes must be reported to the Security Office. **Students with a parking problem (lost permit, space taken, driving a different car, etc.) should contact a member of security for information on where to park. Any student parking in either location without a permit and /or in a space not assigned to them will be ticketed (No exceptions). In addition, vehicles parked in a staff space, visitor space, fire lane, other assigned parking spaces or blocking any unmarked areas will also be ticketed. First and second parking violations will result in a \$25 ticket each time and the third and subsequent violations will result in towing of the vehicle (at the owner's expense) in addition to a \$25 ticket. Students receiving parking violations will be assigned a \$25 obligation with the Financial Office. Obligations assigned for parking violations must be cleared prior to the end of the marking period. Failure to clear the obligation will result in loss of parking privileges and permit. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED IF A PERMIT IS REVOKED.**
2. Any misrepresentation or falsification of records will result in the loss of driving privileges and parking permit.
3. Reckless driving, excessive speed or operating a vehicle in an unsafe manner is prohibited. This applies to Wootton High School property, the Rockshire Shopping Center and Wootton Parkway in the vicinity of the school. Speed on Wootton property is not to exceed 10 mph. Violations of any of the aforementioned will result in the loss of parking privileges.
4. The school is not responsible for the vehicle or its contents.
5. Students may not return to their vehicles during school hours, leave school grounds or transport other students off grounds without administrative approval.
6. Applications will be accepted from and permits will be issued only to students who possess a valid driver's license. Fee is to be paid by **CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY.**
7. Students that park at the Rockshire Shopping Center are to be respectful to the Center customers and the residents that live in the area and use the marked crosswalks when crossing Wootton Parkway.
8. Failure to obey the direction of school staff while in or operating a vehicle will result in the loss of driving privileges and parking permit.
9. Permits are not transferable and shall not be sold or given to other students.
10. Students with financial obligations or incomplete SSL hours are not eligible for parking permits.
11. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA at all times. Permits will be revoked if students do not.
12. Only senior students will be given priority for parking spaces. (See guidelines on previous page.)
13. Students that enroll in Montgomery College/Einstein Visual Arts/Edison programs are not given priority.



Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

PARKING IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT OR REQUIREMENT. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE REGULATIONS WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF PARKING PRIVILEGES AND PERMIT.

