

Watkins Mill HS Announcements

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

[Morning announcements video](#)

The MCPS Equity unit, along with the county wide Student Government, has created an anti-bullying/hate-bias video. The Watkins Mill High School community is committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all. That includes inclusivity, understanding and appreciation of all cultural, ethnic, racial, religious, gender expression, and sexual orientation communities in our school. Students, staff, and families - please watch [this video](#). If you would like to discuss the content of this video, or need help with circumstances surrounding bullying, please reach out to your counselor or trusted adult in the building. Together, Watkins Mill will continue to foster positive relationships among all in and out of the building.

April is Arab American Heritage Month

Each day we will celebrate Arab Americans throughout the past and present, and recognize their invaluable contributions to our country.

- **Mo Amer:** Mohammad "Mo" Amer was born in 1981 in Kuwait to Palestinian parents. During the Persian Gulf War, he and his family emigrated to Texas. As a high school student, Mo was often on the truancy list until his English teacher made a deal with him to come to school and would allow him to perform comedy acts in class. Throughout his career, Mo has starred in Hulu's show *Remy* and has had his own standup special on Netflix. Since the Israel-Hamas war, Mo has been outspoken against the violence against innocent civilians.

Career Fair - today, April 24

- Today we will be holding the second annual Career Fair in the Aux Gym from 10:00am - 12:15pm. Montgomery College certificate and job training programs, educational support organizations, government employers, apprenticeships, full-time employers, military options and some part-time/seasonal employers will all be represented at the fair.

Class of 2024 - Graduation performance auditions April 25

- If you would like to sing a solo or play an instrumental solo for Graduation, please plan on coming to audition in Room T002 on Thursday, April 25 after school.

International Night - April 25

- Join us for International Night on Thursday, April 25, from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Auditorium. We will have music, performances, information and food! Questions? See Ms. Flores in the IB office, or click [here](#).

Prom - April 26

- Prom is this Friday, April 26 at Glen Echo Park in the Spanish Ballroom. Doors open at 7pm. You can pick up your tickets in Room D009. Make sure to bring your receipt to pick up your ticket.

MCAP testing

- We will be administering MCAP Assessments in Spring for English Language Arts (ELA), Algebra (ALG), NSL Government (GOV) and Life Science (MISA).

Participation in these exams is a graduation requirement. Seniors who do not participate during their high school career will not graduate. For students enrolled in Biology and NSL, the GOV & MISA assessments will count as a portion of students' second semester grade.

- Our testing dates will be:
 - May 1 for MCAP GOV
 - May 2 for MCAP LS MISA
 - May 9 and May 10 for MCAP ELA
 - May 16 for MCAP ALG
 - All testing will take place beginning at 7:45.

Fun/Fitness Walk - every Wednesday at 11:30

- Attention staff and students!! Are you interested in getting a few more steps in during the day? If so, you are in luck! Mrs Davis Vaughan will be hosting any staff or students during lunch for a fun/fitness walk every Wednesday at 11:30!! This is a great opportunity to get outside, get some exercise and talk to people you don't always get to see during the day. No reservations necessary. Bring yourself and some water to join the fun!!

Clubs and other programs - meetings and events

To all students who are participating in one or more extracurricular activities or clubs this school year, please make sure you are registered as a club member! Find the ECR flyers with the QR codes or ask your sponsor for the roster link. Club sponsors will verify your membership once you've registered and you will be eligible to earn an MCPS Certificate of Student Engagement based on the number of clubs in which you participate.

National Honor Society - Food Pantry

- The National Honor society has a food pantry to help out the school and community. It's located in the teacher's parking lot! Make sure to stop by and take advantage of this great resource especially done for you! NHS is also taking donations of canned goods, non perishable items and other home essentials all year round. Drop off any donations you have in Room B203. NHS thanks you in advance.

Tutoring/ Writing Center Help

National Honor Society - Tutoring available during STEP

Are you in need of help in any of your classes? The National Honor Society has you covered! There is no excuse to fall behind with the NHS on your side!

- **Monday** - Sciences, Room C217
- **Tuesday** - ESOL, Room B203
English, Room A206
World Languages, Room C119
- **Wednesday** - Math, Room B127
- **Thursday** - CTE, Room A001
- **Friday** - Social Studies, Room B118

Hispanic Honor Society - free tutoring

- Do you want to improve your Spanish level? Do you need help with class activities? Do you need to improve your conversational skills? We invite you to attend the tutoring sessions offered by the Hispanic Honor Society every Friday

in Room D109 at lunch time. For more information, contact Mr. Ortiz in Room D109 or a member of the Hispanic Honor Society.

Writing Center - Room A206 during STEP, every day

- The Writing Center is now open every day during STEP in Room A206. Drop in for help with any writing assignment, from resumes to college essays, from research papers to routine homework. Click [here](#) to sign up

College/Career Center News

College Tracks - program and workshops

- Are you a junior and plan on attending college or trade school after high school? Do you need help with finding the best fit college and/or trade school? CollegeTracks can help you with that process! Feel free to stop by the CollegeTracks office, located in the Media Center, to speak with staff and/or register for the program. They have begun hosting workshops which include researching colleges/trade schools, discussing application types, financial aid opportunities to help make college affordable, and more. You must be registered for CollegeTracks to attend these workshops so make sure you [sign up](#) ASAP. Students who are in ACES are not eligible to apply.

SSL Program - 75 hours needed to graduate

- Click [here](#) for an overview of the Student Service Learning (SSL) Program, including links to current opportunities and step-by-step directions for viewing your SSL record on StudentVue

Wolverine Sports

Events Calendar

Season Passes

- Did you know that there are season and all year passes for athletic events? Look around the school for the posters hanging to see the amount of the season pass versus the year pass. We want the stands PACKED this year at our athletic events. Be sure to purchase a season ticket or a year pass!