



# NEWS FROM "THE MILL"

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## **MESSAGE FROM MR. MURPHY, PRINCIPAL**

### **GAZETTE HONORS**

Congratulations to boys soccer coach Jeff Heckert on being named the All-Gazette Coach of the Year in boys soccer. Well deserved!

<http://www.gazette.net/article/20111207/SPORTS/712079459/1073/1073/2011-all-gazette-boys-soccer&template=gazette>

And to senior Patrick Pato on being the Gazette Player of the Year!

<http://www.gazette.net/article/20111207/SPORTS/712079494/1023/1023/watkins-mill-8217-s-pato-leads-all-gazette-boys-soccer-team&template=gazette>

### **SINGERS HEADED TO THE WHITE HOUSE**

Congratulations to choral music teacher Lisa Itkin and the Chamber Signers on being selected to perform at The White House next week! This follows an exciting trip to Annapolis today, where our singers will perform at a holiday function for the Governor.

Here is a great article on Patch:

<http://gaithersburg.patch.com/articles/christmas-kudos-for-watkins-mill-choir#video-8636897>

### **CHARACTER COUNTS**

I would like to share a great story that has to be told, about three Watkins Mill students. Recently, three seniors were walking through the hallways on the lower level between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> periods. In the commotion of a crowded hallway between classes, they came across something very surprising lying on the floor: **\$200** in cash-- ten 20 dollar bills right there before their eyes. Hmmm. What is a teenager to do? After brief deliberation and without any adults watching...the students promptly delivered the cash to the main office in hopes that the money would be returned to the person who lost it, and who was probably very upset. Turns out that the money had fallen out of the pocket of a highly respected staff member, and the students obviously made that person's day. No expectation of a reward. No public recognition. No adults watching. Simply the right thing to do. Ultimately, the students were called down to Mr. Murphy's office for congratulations and thanks, and were issued a small token of appreciation. This is a testament to the wonderful students of The Mill!

### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT THIS EVENING**

Come out and see our student's perform in their Winter Instrumental Music Concert with performances by the Band, Orchestra, and Class percussion. This is going to be a spectacular concert tonight; I hope you can come out and join us.

The concert will start at 7pm in the auditorium, Admission is FREE!

The National Honors Society is also sponsoring a **Toys for Tots** drive at the concert tonight. You can contribute by bringing a new unwrapped toy to help a great cause.

Be sure to check out the holiday tour at various shopping establishments this holiday season.

**BOYS BASKETBALL HOME OPENER FRIDAY NIGHT**

Come to our home basketball opener – the Boys vs Richard Montgomery High School. The JV game begins at 5:15 p.m., and Varsity at 7:00 p.m.

The girls are having an away game tomorrow night, also vs. RM.

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