



NEWS FROM "THE MILL"

January 1-31, 2012

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MESSAGE FROM MR. MURPHY, PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a restful Holiday season and have entered 2012 with renewed energy and commitment to our students' success.

Once again, **congratulations** to choral director Ms. Lisa Itkin and the Watkins Mill Chamber Singers on their outstanding performances at The White House in December, and the once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet President and Mrs. Obama. If you haven't heard about this exciting day, please read more [here](#).

The **end of the semester** is rapidly approaching, with **final exams** administered January 13-20. A full schedule can be found [here](#). Please be reminded that students are only required to attend during the exam or make-up periods when they have an exam scheduled. Normal bus transportation will be provided, and supervised study halls are available for students who do not have an exam and need to remain in the building. Report cards will be issued on February 1.

As we approach **exams**, classes will engage in review sessions and receive study guides over the next week. Please remember that there are several opportunities for **extra help**, including personalized assistance with teachers before school, after school, and at STEP. Please encourage your child to seek that extra help, as the staff and I are here to support our students' success any way we can.

PSAT scores have arrived! PSAT Score Reports from the October administration were distributed to students on December 22, with an explanation on how to read the score report. There are additional resources posted on Edline and our school website, and students and parents can also view the PSAT website at www.collegeboard.com/psattools for more information on reading the score sheet and how the scores help students with college planning. The PSAT Score Report is a valuable tool in predicting performance on the SAT and advanced level classes. More information can be found [here](#).

Registration for 2011-12 is underway! Got IB? Juniors and sophomores have begun registering for classes for next year, with underclassmen to follow in the coming weeks. When making decisions about course selections, please call or email appropriate staff with any questions. We expect all students to enroll in the most rigorous academic program possible, especially IB courses. Exposure and successful completion to these courses is known to have a direct correlation to college readiness, and is an enriching educational experience for the 21st century learner. Any student, regardless of their perceived abilities, can be successful in advanced courses with effective effort and hard work. We also want students to make informed decisions about their elective courses, as the master schedule will be built around student interests and needs.

Attention 10th grade parents: Please consider taking advantage of courses in our International Baccalaureate (IB) program, or consider enrolling in the IB Diploma Program. Regardless of the courses you have taken, you are eligible to consider IB now! Questions? Please contact Ms. Ingram, IB Coordinator, at Lisa_A_Ingram@mcpsmd.org.



Emergency Planning: In late November, we conducted a school lockdown/shelter-in-place and reunification drill. Please be assured that in the event of an actual emergency, the safety, well-being and security of your children is our paramount concern. The reunification process provides that when parents or guardians pick up a student, that **identification be provided and the student signed out accurately.** Please make sure that you keep your student's emergency contact up-to-date and provide contact information for any adult who is authorized to release your child. Questions? Please call Ms. VanGilder at 301-840-3970 or email her at: Ruthella_M_Vangilder@mcpsmd.org

The **second semester** will begin with a homeroom on Tuesday, January 24 (there is no school for students on January 23. During homeroom on January 24, students will receive new second semester schedules. Note: it is not too late for students to enroll in an Honors, AP, or IB class. If you are interested in making a change to an advanced-level class, please contact your child's counselor!

College acceptances and **scholarships** are coming in at a rapid pace for the Class of 2012! So far, thousands of dollars in merit-based scholarships have already been reported to our Career Center. If you receive notice of any merit-based awards or scholarships—whether you intend to go to that college or not—please report it to Ms. Prochnow in the Career Center. We want to hear about all scholarships that are offered to any school that you applied to. We would like to tally all of the scholarship offers and have an accurate count. Keep those award letters coming in!

Please also be sure to read our **College and Career News** below, as well as the monthly newsletter, for up-to-date information about SAT/ACT registration, college visits, financial aid, scholarships, and more. The newsletter can also be found here:

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/watkinsmillhs/careercenter/NewsJan12\(1\).pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/watkinsmillhs/careercenter/NewsJan12(1).pdf)

Remember—there is a college for everyone and we can help everyone make college affordable!

Thank you for your support of your students and our school community. If we can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to email or call. A full staff directory can be found here:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/staff/directory.aspx>

Sincerely,

Scott W. Murphy, Principal

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS

FAFSA

Watkins Mill recommends that the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form be completed for all seniors planning to attend college or a career school regardless of family income. A student never knows when he/she might need a student loan, and the FAFSA needs to be on file. The completed FAFSA should be submitted as soon as possible but before March 1, 2012 to be considered for need-based aid from both the federal government and the state of Maryland. Some colleges request that the FAFSA be submitted before March 1st, so be sure to adhere to your colleges' financial aid deadlines.

There are 4 types of financial aid:

Grants which do not have to be paid back and are based on financial need; **scholarships** which are awarded to students based on special talents, skills or high academic achievement; **loans** which must be repaid usually with interest after you graduate; and **Work-study** which allows students to work and earn money to pay for school.

FAFSA Help Day – Sunday, January 29, 1:00 p.m. at WMHS

Dr. Herm Davis, author of Financial Aid for Dummies, will help students and parents complete the 2012-13 FAFSA Worksheet so that they can then submit the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov Items to bring:

2010 parents' tax return; 2010 or 2011 W2; value of parents' checking, savings, and investments; parents' date of birth; date parents were married, divorced, separated; student's driver's license number; if perm. resident, alien registration number

Hispanic Financial Aid Seminar – January 22 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at Watkins Mill H.S.

This free seminar for parents of students in grades 9 through 12 will provide information in Spanish on how to go to college and how to pay for it including scholarships and financial aid. The seminar will be held in the Media Center.

College Goal Sunday - February 12 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Montgomery College Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, Student Services Center. (Snow Date 2/19)

Financial aid advisors from the state of Maryland will be present to help you complete the FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is a **FREE** event. Bring proof of 2011 income such as estimated federal tax returns and W-2 forms or year-end pay stubs for the student and the parent(s). Bilingual advisors will be present. For more information visit the following website: www.CollegeGoalSundayMD.org

Seniors and their parents can (and should!) register for their FAFSA PIN (Personal Identification Number) now. If you fill out the form on-line you will need this information in order to "sign" it. To apply for this number please visit the U.S. Department of Education website: www.pin.ed.gov. This is an important first step in applying for federal student aid.

Word of caution: There are many sites which charge a fee for filling out the FAFSA form such as fafsa.com. The real site is www.fafsa.ed.gov. **There is no charge for applying for federal student aid.**

There is **FREE help** available:

Online at www.fafsa.ed.gov "Help" buttons on every page of the online application will take you to additional help. You can also click the "Live Help" button to chat with a customer service representative directly online between the hours of 8 am and midnight EST.

For additional help, go to www.studentaid.ed.gov to find the online version of Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid. This guide covers a range of topics.

You can also get **FREE help by phone toll-free** between the hours of 8 am and midnight EST by calling 1 -800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

Get an idea of how much federal aid you might receive by using the FAFSA forecaster tool at www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov or by using the new financial aid calculators on each college's website.

Special program for Junior Girls at UMBC – FREE!!

Apply for the University of Maryland, Baltimore County's (UMBC) Bits & Bytes program, open to all high school junior girls interested in finding out more about technology majors in college. This event is sponsored by the Center for Women in Technology (CWIT) at UMBC and Northrup Grumman. FREE overnight event, attend a college class with a student, and receive a tour of campus. The event will take place on UMBC's campus on Sunday evening, February 19 - Monday, February 20 (President's Day). Apply online at www.cwit.umbc.edu/his/bitsbytes/. Online apps due by January 15. For more info, contact Katie Glasser at 410-455-8076 or kglasser@umbc.edu, or visit www.cwit.umbc.edu

Check out the **Summer Opportunities** section of the Career Center webpage at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/careercenter/>. Here you will find a listing of pre-college programs for high school students. Hurry! Many deadlines begin in January or February. Some of the opportunities are **FREE**, some will offer scholarships or financial aid. Please check each program's website for details.

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To all 10th grade parents and students:

The scheduling season is upon us. The IB Coordinator visited 10th grade classes to give information and get some interest and course preference feedback from students. IB Diploma two year plan sheets are being created, and will be shared with students and counselors when rising 11th graders make course selections. Students were given advice to do their own investigating to be sure to pick the courses and programs that **best suit each individual's interests and talents**. Any students or parents who have questions about the IB Diploma Program options are encouraged to see Mrs. Ingram in the IB office before or after school or in A200 at lunch.

IB NEWS



CHANGES – If your student is temporarily going home with a friend or relative after school, we must have a signed note requesting that your student ride an alternative bus. Please indicate the student's name, ID number, where they are going, including the correct bus number, and the dates of the change. This note is to be brought to the main office in the morning. We will verify and stamp the request, so that the bus driver will accept the note. Questions? Call the main office at 301-840-3959.

SECURING PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL - Image is everything with your teen. They need to have the latest clothes and most importantly, the latest and greatest electronics. I'm sure your teen has on their Holiday list the latest must-have electronic item. It could be the new iPhone or the Samsung Galaxy, iPod, Dr. Dre Beats headphones or something you've never heard of before. Once they get it, they want to bring it to school to show off to their peers. Unfortunately, these electronic items are also the must-have items for teens who choose to steal them. So here are some good preventive measures to take to keep your teen's items safe from theft.

- (1) The best theft preventive measure is to leave it at home! At any time during the school day, your child needs to contact home, they are welcome to use the school phone. At any time you the parent needs to contact your child, call the school.
- (2) **Don't advertise the merchandise.** I ask kids if they would walk into a class and display \$400 in cash for all to see and then put it on their desk or in their backpack and walk away. The answer of course is no way! But this is what they're doing when they display their electronic item for all to see.
- (3) **Keep it in your front pant pocket at all times.** In the 12 years I've been Security here at the Mill, no one has reported a theft from their front pant pocket. Awake or asleep!

- (4) Lock it up. This is a must for P.E. classes. Lock it up in your gym locker. Putting it in your backpack in a locked locker room does not mean it is locked up. At any time, a class may come back earlier than your **child's class and now the locker room is open with backpacks on display. Also, lock it up in your hall locker.** To my knowledge, no one has had any items stolen from their hall locker that they were not sharing with **another student! Don't share your locker with anyone.**
- (5) **Don't lend it to a friend or an acquaintance. You would be surprised** at the items that are not returned when loaned out to others.

In the event that your child is a victim of theft, they should inform Security immediately. The longer your teen waits, the less likely Security will be able to **recover the item. Also, don't assume that if an item is lost or stolen, that it will not return.** Security has a box full of phones and other electronic items that have been turned in and are unclaimed. A final note, keep the receipt, box it came in and/or write the serial number down of the item.

--Steve Smith, Security Assistant

2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The calendar has been approved by the BOE for next year and can be found at:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/future/>

What's New in the Media Center? **We've received 6 KINDLES for students and teachers** to use. This is great for listening or reading some great books. Make sure you pick up a permission form in the Media Center and get your name on the waitlist! The following titles are on the Kindles: The Hunger Games Trilogy, Silence by Fitzpatrick, Bluford Series: Breaking Point, Pretty Ugly, & The Test, Black Eyed Susan Books: All Unquiet Things & Girl, Stolen. There will also be a number of classic novels. Come by to see the newest list.

If you like hardback and paperback, we have a new series on the FBI as well as the new books below. These are just a few!

TITLE	AUTHOR
How to understand Israel in 60 days or less	Glidden, Sarah.
Inheritance /Book 4	Paolini, Christopher.
Long distance running for beginners /	Spilling, Michael.
Microsoft Excel 2010 plain & simple /	Frye, Curtis.
Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2010 step by step /	Cox, Joyce.
Modern-day slavery /	Bickerstaff, Linda.
My spiritual journey: personal reflections	Bstan-dzin-rgya-mtsho,
Mystics and psychics /	Mattern, Joanne.
Naruto Series	Kishimoto, Masashi.
Shadowmarch, vol. 1 /	Williams, Tad.

DVD- Invisible children

Audio Book- Tyger tyger : a goblin wars book

STUDENT SUCCESS:

ROBOTICS TEAM - Early Saturday morning the Watkins Mill Robotics team headed to Woodson High School in Washington D.C. for the First Tech Robotics Qualifier Tournament that took place on Dec 17. The D.C. Qualifier tournament was the first time a First Tech tournament was held in the nation's capital, with over 15 teams from the DC Metro Area competing. The Wolverines headed into the event ready to put the robot that they had designed, constructed, programmed and worked on every Tuesday and Thursday after school since September to the test. The Wolverine's robot which was driven by Kristoffer Lizardo and Jacob Gubas, dominated the competition making it past the semifinals and winning the final match along with their alliance partner. During the trophy presentation ceremony The Wolverines were presented with the Most Innovative award for their robot design and Winning Alliance trophies. The Watkins Mill Robotics team is now headed to the State Championship in February at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab in Laurel, Md. Congratulations to Kristoffer Lizardo, Wei Trinh, Matthew LaVeck, Jacob Gubas, Kathy Nguyen, Thoi Dotrang, Jose Almeida who is the team captain, Bob Eckman who is the team mentor from Lockheed Martin and Andre Braxton the teams Coach.



AP/IB Environmental Sciences

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) hosted the 3rd annual Journeys in Engineering, Technology, and Science (JETS) event on Saturday, December 3rd at USG. The day of hands-on learning attracted a crowd of 400 MCPS middle school students and 300 parents, aiming to energize attendees about careers in the areas of bioscience and medicine, engineering and environmental science, and computer technology. After hours of planning and giving up an entire Saturday, Mari Villacorta, Bethel Etta, Andrea King, Jennifer Wright and Jackie Hasemi did an amazing job representing AP/IB Environmental Science at Watkins Mill. They received gifts for their service as well. We had a popular table with a focus on water conservation. Of course the water balloons were a huge attraction!



CHAMBER SINGERS PERFORM AT WHITE HOUSE – Congratulations to Ms. Itkin and our Chamber Singers for their performance at the White House on December 13. They did a spectacular job and made Watkins Mill High School PROUD!

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| Abbott, Elisabeth | Perez, Randy |
| Bauerle-Berg, Jeffrey | Segal, Mehar |
| Fianko, Charles | Shrestha, Astha |
| Hicks, Kalen | Stokes, Caroline |
| Lowery, Leah | Teasley, Precious |
| McCarthy, Delany | Vega-Iraheta, Ashley |
| Moore, Maya | Ventura, Pablo |
| Morogiello, James | Wood, Troy |
| Myren, Amber | Wynn, Karisma |

SCIENCE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

December, 2011

Congratulations to the following Science Students of the Month for

Gowtham Manogaran
Melanie Burgess
Fabrice Ngaleu
Khine Zaw
Giacoma Minano
Hauwa Muazu
Kaylen Baldwin
Heqi Wang

Araceli Machicado
Moukam Landry
Afsana Hossain
Sokleap Vuth
Aayush Thapa
Brian Viera
Ayite Gaba
Glory Malonda

Lily Ellerson
Ariel Beltran
Jared Thomas
Ryan D'Souza
Jenny Chen
Francesco Gallegos
Anderson Iglesias
Adrian Carmona

CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB - The Child Development Preschool Laboratory is currently accepting applications for next school year and that we only have 6 spots available. Spots are reserved in the order the application is received, all the information is on the school website. Parents can print applications from the school [website](#). Please e-mail specific questions to Mrs. Krill at Kimberly.A.Krill@mcpsmd.org

HOMEWORK HOTLINE LIVE! - This show airs live on-the-air (and streaming live online) each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the school year providing help for students who call 301-279-3234 as well as those who text us at 724-427-5445 (7244-ASKHHL), email us at questions@AskHHL.org or post a question on our AskHHL.org website or on our Facebook page ("Like" us at Homework Hotline Live!).

BIG NEWS! This year, when the show ends at 6, the help continues! Hotline teachers will remain available on-line from 6pm to 9pm answering questions submitted via text, email, website and Facebook. That's five hours of help each night. Please tell your students about this service.

EDLINE UPDATE – Contact Mitchell.Joy@mcpsmd.org if you don't have an activated Edline account. An activated Edline account will allow you to:

- Check your child's latest grades and see missing work
- See the status of credits for graduation
- Receive email alerts when new grades are posted
- Receive emails with school or class information
- View team and club activities
- Email your child's teachers
- View upcoming assessments
- Check your child's attendance

Our Watkins Mill HS website has a link on the right hand side for edline, and there is also a "how to activate my edline account guide" there as well. Here are two important url's:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/www.edline.net>

ATHLETICS: **GAZETTE HONORS**

Congratulations to the 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>

ECA Fee

Extracurricular Activity Payment (one-time payment for the school year) must be paid in order for student athletes to be on the official team roster.

Please visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/fms/payeca.shtm> for ECA payment options. **All winter athletes must have their ECA fees paid by January 13, 2012.**

POMS: Watkins Mill HS Poms will compete in their first competition of the season January 7th at 6 pm, at Damascus HS. Please come out and support our team. We are very proud to be representing Watkins Mill and we are excited to show what we have been working so hard for since August! Tickets are \$5.00, buy from any Pom squad member here at school, or at the door.

PRIDE OF THE MILL!

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized by their school counselor as December's Pride of the Mill!

Jaiana Brunner	Heritiana Rakotomanana	Giacomo Minano Lopez
Victoria Soto	Saul Lopez Molina	Zamir Courtney
Shaliah George	Marta Figueroa	

These students have demonstrated their commitment to academic and personal success through:

- P-Perseverance
- R-Reliability
- I-Integrity
- D-Determination
- E-Enthusiasm

CHOIR – Congratulations to Delany McCarthy who was selected as a member of the 2012 Senior All-State Choir! Almost 1,500 students auditioned throughout the state and he was selected!

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SCIENCES

GEMS Summer Internship Program

Army Educational Outreach Program- Gains in the education of Math and Science

GEMS offer students hands-on laboratory experience in environmental, physics, Computer science, robotics and human engineering.

Details:

- Program date: Summer, vary with location and level
- Students age 12 and up
- Students receive a stipend that will depend on experience and length of program
- Registration deadline: March 15

For more information visit: <http://www.usaeop.com/programs/GEMS/index.htm>

SEAP: Science and Engineering Apprentice Program

Sponsored by George Washington University and the Department of Defense

Students participate as research assistants in professional research laboratory settings, attend demonstrations and field trips. At the end of the summer students prepare final reports and present their research at a final seminar.

Details:

- This is an 8 week summer program
- Locations and research focus varies
- First year participants receive an educational stipend of \$2000.
- Deadline February 25

For more information visit: <http://www.usaeop.com/programs/SEAP/index.htm>

NASA DEVELOP National Program Research Internships

For students with a strong interest in atmospheric science, environmental science, Earth science, physics, chemistry, technology, and computer science. **Students interested** in environmental policy, or mathematics, are strongly encouraged to apply.

Details:

- June 4 through August 10
- High school (must be 16 yrs.) with a 3.0 GPA
- Several locations to choose from
- Salary is dependent upon student's educational status
- Application deadline: January 30

For more information go to: <http://develop.larc.nasa.gov/>

NIH Summer Internship Program for Biomedical Research

Summer programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) provide an opportunity to spend a summer working at the NIH side-by-side with some of the leading scientists in the world, in an environment devoted exclusively to biomedical research. The NIH consists of the 240-bed Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center and more than 1200 laboratories/research projects located on the main campus in Bethesda, MD and the surrounding area as well as in Baltimore and Frederick, MD. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis from November through April by scientists in the Institutes and Centers of the NIH.

- Highly competitive
- Prospective candidates must apply
- The deadline is March 1

For more info and to apply, go to <https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/sip>

2012 West Point Bridge Design Contest

HOW TO ENTER

- 1** [Download](#) and install the **West Point Bridge Designer 2012 software.**
- 2** **Use the software to design and test a virtual bridge.**
- 3** [Register](#) your team.
- 4** [Log in](#) and submit as many designs as you like.

It's absolutely FREE!



Who: U.S. students age 13 through grade 12 are eligible for prizes. *Anyone else* may enter our Open Competition. More about [eligibility](#)...

When: The 2012 contest will begin on January 17, 2012, and the Qualifying Round will end on March 1. More about the [contest schedule](#)...

Prizes: Each member of the first-place team earns a \$10,000 scholarship. Each finalist wins a notebook computer. More about [prizes](#)...

<http://bridgecontest.usma.edu/>

A NOTE FROM OUR PTSA PRESIDENT – MARTHA CREWS

Are you the parent of a senior who's applying for scholarships? For consideration for PTSA sponsored scholarships, you must be a member of the PTSA. We accept memberships throughout the year. Remember, your PTSA membership is joint with Boosters membership.

Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/ptsa/ to download a membership form. One form, one fee, and you're a part of two great organizations!

Would you like to learn more about "March to the Mill"? You can -- at our next PTSA meeting on **Tuesday, January 17 at 7pm!** Come learn about an exciting new sports camp being offered to rising 5th-8th graders in our Watkins Mill Cluster. Our own Watkins Mill athletes will be working with students at the camp, and we need your help to spread the word. You'll be certain to learn a lot -- you won't want to miss it!

Also at our PTSA meeting, we will be discussing a number of important issues affecting our PTSA: upcoming elections, bylaws review, staff appreciation, graduation busses, Bell Awards, scholarships, and county issues affecting our schools. Our meeting will be brief, but important, so please plan on attending to learn about what's going on at the Mill!

Hope to see you on Tuesday, January 17!
Martha Crews, PTSA President

BOOSTER CLUB – INFORMATION FROM JIM MARSH -

Please help promote this exciting camp that will be held for rising 5th through 8th graders this July.

The purpose is to give kids the opportunity to prepare for high school sports and activities and introduce them to all Watkins Mill has to offer. Participants will:

- ☆ Try a different sport each day
- ☆ Play on the Watkins Mill fields and courts
- ☆ Work with Watkins Mill varsity coaches
- ☆ Learn from Watkins Mill varsity athletes
- ☆ March with the Watkins Mill band

- ☆ Make friends with kids from other schools
- ☆ Two sessions run July 9 - 13 and July 16 - 20
- ☆ Just \$85 per session or \$150 for both sessions.

Kids play a different sport each day, allowing them to experience new sports and activities and meet the coaches they will be working with in high school.

All participants get a FREE WMHS Sports Camp tee shirt and pinnie.

Visit MarchToTheMill.blogspot.com for more information and to register.

Watkins Mill Booster Club Valentine Gala and Silent Auction

The Watkins Mill Booster Club is presenting the Valentine Gala, our major annual community builder and fundraiser, on February 11.

We'd like to ask a couple of things of you:

First, and most important, please attend. You mean so much to the school, you are such an important part of our success, and the party just won't be as much fun without you.

Second, please use this opportunity to support your favorite sport, club, or activity. If you donate something for the auction, you can direct the proceeds it garners to an organization of your choice or to the general Boost Club operating fund. Great items to donate are gift certificates to local businesses, time at a beach house, lake house, or ski house if you have one, sports memorabilia, bottles of nice wine, jewelry, tickets to events, gift items, bikes, electronics, and artwork -- just about anything nice.

Finally, please spread the word. Please print the flyer at the end of the Newsletter to remind and share. This event is open to anyone who wants to have a great night out and spend some money to support the school. So invite your friends and family to join you. For more info, email Lynne.Rusnak@hughes.com, Spirit805@aol.com, or tonimarsh101@gmail.com

See you there!

The Gala and Silent Auction Committee - Lynne, Lyn, and Toni

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 4

WR-Watkins Mill at Clarksburg V 6 pm/JV 7 pm

January 5

8th Grade Parent Night – Media Center, 7 pm

January 6

BB B-Watkins Mill at Rockville V 7 pm/JV 5:15 pm
BB G-Rockville at Watkins Mill V 7 pm/JV 5:15 pm
Information about Senior Graduation Tickets mailed home

January 7

SW-Watkins Mill, Wheaton and Einstein at Germantown
Indoor Swim Center 11:30 am
Invitational Pom Competition at Damascus HS, 6 pm

January 9

English H.S.A. Exam – Select Students – Regular Bell Schedule
Booster Club Meeting, 7 PM

January 10

Biology H.S.A. Exam- Select Students – Regular Bell Schedule
BB G-Watkins Mill at Northwood V 5:15 pm/JV at WM 3:30 pm
BB B-Watkins Mill at Northwood V 7 pm/JV at WM 5:15 pm

January 11

Algebra H.S.A. Exam- Select Students – Regular Bell Schedule
WR-Watkins Mill at Richard Montgomery V 6 pm/JV 7 pm

January 12

Make-UP H.S.A. Exam- Select Students – Regular Bell Schedule
Exam Review Day

January 13

Semester Exams for Period 1 & 2 (7:25-9:35 and 10:00-12:10) – Special Bell Schedule (No classes held)
BB G-Wheaton at Watkins Mill V 5:15 pm/JV at WH 3:30 pm
BB B-Wheaton at Watkins Mill V 7 pm/JV at WH 5:15 pm

January 14

SW-Clarksburg and Watkins Mill at Montgomery College - Takoma 2:30 pm

“News From The Mill” will be published electronically on the first day of each month through the following venues:

- ✓ *Edline*
- ✓ *WMHS Website*
- ✓ *Announcement on Twitter*

If you don't have access to a computer, a hard copy can be picked up in the main office.

Notifications of special events and other last-minute news will also be announced electronically throughout the month.

January 16

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY – SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED

January 17

Semester Exams for Period 3 & 4 (7:25-9:35 and 10:00-12:10) – Special Bell Schedule (No classes held)
PTSA Meeting, Media Center, 7 pm

January 18

Semester Exams for Period 5 & 6 (7:25-9:35 and 10:00-12:10) – Special Bell Schedule (No classes held)

January 19

Semester Exams for Period 7 & Make-Up by appt. (7:25-9:35 and 10:00-12:10) – Special Bell Schedule (No classes held)

January 20

BB B-Seneca Valley at Watkins Mill V 7 pm/JV 5:15 pm
BB G-Seneca Valley at Watkins Mill V 7 pm/JV 5:15 pm
End of 2nd Marking Period

January 21

SW-Northwood, Seneca Valley and Watkins Mill at Germantown Indoor Swim Center 11:30 am
WR-Kennedy at Watkins Mill V 1 pm/JV 2 pm

January 22

Hispanic Financial Aid Seminar –1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

January 23

Professional Day for Teachers – No School for Students

January 24

BB B-Poolesville at Watkins Mill V 5:15 pm/JV at PO 3:30 pm
BB G-Poolesville at Watkins Mill V 7 pm/JV at PO 5:15 pm

January 27

BB B-Watkins Mill at Damascus V 5:15 pm/JV at WM 3:30 pm
BB G-Watkins Mill at Damascus V 7 pm/JV at WM 5:15 pm
Order form for Graduation Tickets Due to Main Office

January 28

SW-Watkins Mill and Rockville at Montgomery Aquatic Center 9:15 am
WR-Einstein and Northwood at Watkins Mill V 2:30 pm

January 29

FAFSA HELP DAY – Cafeteria – 1 pm

January 30

BB B-Watkins Mill at Einstein V 7 pm/JV 5:15 pm
BB G-Einstein at Watkins Mill V 7 pm/JV 5:15 pm
MID YEAR GRADUATION STATUS LETTERS MAILED

January 31

Counseling Office Open until 6 pm

WR-Watkins Mill at Whitman V 6 pm/JV 7 pm

Athletic Key:

SW = Swimming & Diving

BB B = Boys Basketball

BB G = Girls Basketball

WR = Wrestling

IMPORTANT LINKS

WMHS Website Home: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/>

Athletics: <http://www.watkinsmillathletics.org/>

College/Career Monthly Newsletter:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/careercenter/>

Calendar:

<http://coldfusion.mcps.k12.md.us/cfms/webteam/calendar/calendar.cfm?calendarID=watkinsmillhs>

Staff Directory: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/staff/directory.aspx>

Edline: www.edline.net

Edline Assistance: Joseph_C_Bellino@mcpsmd.org, Mitchell_Joy@mcpsmd.org

PTSA Information: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/ptsa/>

Booster Club:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/boosters/boostersClub.aspx>

Lunch Pre-Payments: <https://www.mylunchmoney.com/>

Student Service Learning: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>

Bullying: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/230-35.shtm>

Free SAT/ACT Prep: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/hsi/testprep.shtm>

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Watkins Mill High School Presents 8th Grade Parent Night



WELCOME MONTGOMERY VILLAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND NEELSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

WHO? All Current 8th graders and their parents who are coming to Watkins Mill High School in 2012-2013

Date: Thursday January 5, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Watkins Mill High School Media Center



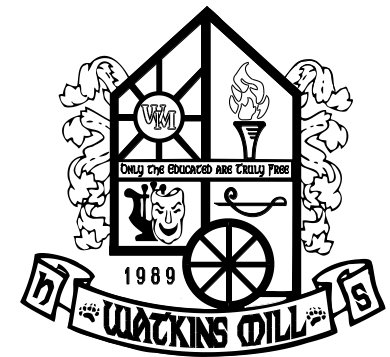
- Meet Mr. Murphy, Principal
- Hear about the day in the life of high school students
- Learn about course registration for 9th grade
- Learn about International Baccalaureate (IB) Opportunities
- Hear about all the extracurricular opportunities! And more...



First Semester Examination Schedule – January 2012
And
High School Assessment Schedule
It's exam time!
Here's some helpful information!

Exams

Monday, January 9, 2012	English HSA-Paper/Pencil & Online (Retakes for specific students)	Regular Bell Schedule
Tuesday, January 10, 2012	Biology HSA-Paper/Pencil & Online (Retakes for specific students)	Regular Bell Schedule
Wednesday, January 11, 2012	Algebra HSA-Paper/Pencil & Online (Retakes for specific students)	Regular Bell Schedule
Thursday, January 12, 2012	Online HSA & Make-up Paper/Pencil (Retakes for specific students)	Regular Bell Schedule
	Semester 1 Exams - Review Day	Regular Bell Schedule
Friday, January 13, 2012	Period 1 Exam	7:25-9:35 a.m.
	Period 2 Exam	10:00-12:10 p.m.
Monday, January 16, 2012	MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY	
Tuesday, January 17, 2012	Period 3 Exam	7:25-9:35 a.m.
	Period 4 Exam	10:00-12:10 p.m.
	Online H.S.A. (specific students)	Contact Ms. Bodden
Wednesday, January 18, 2012	Period 5 Exam	7:25-9:35 a.m.
	Period 6 Exam	10:00-12:10 p.m.
	Online H.S.A. (specific students)	Contact Ms. Bodden
Thursday, January 19, 2012	Period 7 Exam	7:25-9:35 a.m.
	Make-Up Exams	10:00-12:10 p.m.
	Online H.S.A. (specific students)	Contact Ms. Bodden
Friday, January 20, 2012	Make-Up Exams	7:25-9:35 a.m. &
	End of Semester/2 nd Marking Period	10:00-12:10 p.m.
	Online H.S.A. (specific students)	Contact Ms. Bodden
Monday, January 23, 2012	Professional Day – No school for students	



SNOW/WEATHER CONTINGENCIES: Please check the Watkins Mill H.S. homepage for contingency plans in the event of weather-related delays or closings: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/>

There are no regular classes on semester final exam days. Students attend school only during a scheduled exam.

School buses run at their regularly scheduled times. Students in the building but not taking an exam will report to their regularly assigned teacher in the morning and remain in a supervised study hall in the auditorium in the afternoon.

Students who miss a scheduled exam must pre-arrange a make-up exam with the individual teacher. The excuse note is given to the exam teacher.

The cafeteria is open between exams.



Save the date...

Watkins Mill Booster Club Presents

*A Valentine's Day Gala
And Silent Auction*

***An affair you won't want
to miss....***


Saturday, February 11, 2012

North Creek Community Center

Montgomery Village, Maryland

\$10 per person

7 p.m. to 11 p.m.



Watkins Mill High School SPORTS CAMP

Date: July 9—13 and July 16—20

Time: 10:30—3:30

- Do a different sport every day!
- Work with real Watkins Mill coaches!
- Play with real Watkins Mill athletes!
- Run on real Watkins Mill fields!
- Play with the real Watkins Mill band!
- FREE tee— shirt and pinnie for all kids!

March to the Mill



More information and registration at
MarchToTheMill.blogspot.com or call 202.510.4163

Location:

Watkins Mill High School

10301 Apple Ridge Road

Gaithersburg, Maryland

