

Watkins Mill HS Announcements
Friday, February 16, 2024
[Morning announcements video](#)

Black History Month

- Happy Black History Month! This month we celebrate achievements and accomplishments African Americans have made in the past and present, despite oppression, and recognize key figures' contributions to societies around the world. Let's honor cultural impacts that Black people have made in the past and significant contributions they continue to make throughout Black History Month and beyond.
- **Today's Black History Month fact:** In 1908, John Taylor became the first African American to win gold in the Olympics
- **Interested in earning SSL hours?** Sign up with Coach Wilson to perform, set up or narrate for the Black History Month assembly. You can visit him in Room B205 or email him to volunteer: Chad_Wilson@mcpsmd.org

[Free Computer Distribution Program](#)

- "Montgomery Connects," Montgomery County's digital equity and inclusion program, has launched a new program to distribute 60,000 free laptop computers to low-income families. There is a limit of one computer per resident. Eligible recipients must be Maryland residents, do not need to be U.S. citizens and may not have already received a computer from the County before April 2023.
- Residents must [make an appointment online](#), certify that they do not have access to a computer, and appear in person to pick up the computer. Appointments open for registration open approximately two weeks before the event date. The schedule for upcoming computer distribution events is as follows:
- **Wednesday, Feb. 14.** Noon-4 p.m. Germantown American Jobs Center, 12900 Middlebrook Rd, Germantown
- **Saturday, Feb. 17.** 3-7 p.m. Executive Office Building Cafeteria, 101 Monroe St, Rockville
- **Tuesday, Feb. 20.** 3-7 p.m. Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Ave, Gaithersburg
- **Friday, March 1 .** 11 a.m-3 p.m. Germantown American Jobs Center, 12900 Middlebrook Rd, Germantown

Family Food Market - new date Feb 24

- The Family Food Market scheduled for February 17 has been canceled due to impending weather conditions. The Family Food Market is rescheduled for Saturday, February 24.

International Night -

- Attention students, clubs, and organizations: are you interested in showcasing your talents and celebrating your culture? Then we need you for International Night!! Please complete the volunteer form at bit.ly/wminternational2024 or see Ms. Flores in the IB Office.

Prom - April 26

- This year's prom theme is Old Money Masquerade! **Cash tickets for prom sales have started!** Tickets are \$65 and you can see Dr. Cloyd in Room C006 in order to purchase a ticket with cash. If you'd like to buy your tickets online, they're available through [SchoolCash Online](#) or you can scan the QR code posted outside of Room C006.

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.

Minority Scholars town hall - Friday, Feb 16

- Please join the Minority Scholars Program (MSP) for their annual town hall this Friday, February 16 after school at 3:00pm in the auditorium. This year's topic is favoritism in the media. SSL hours and food will be provided. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please see Ms. Saxon in Room B212.

Asian American Student Union fundraiser - Saturday, Feb 17

- The Asian American Student Union (AASU) is having a fundraiser this Saturday, February 17, at the Bobapop Tea Bar in Germantown. Thirty percent of total purchase proceeds will go toward supporting the AASU, future meetings, activities, supplies, and future events. Grab a fresh drink or boba while supporting your Asian American Student Union at WMHS!

Theater Club - spring musical

- Attention all students! Do you like to sing, dance or act? Do you like to build things? Do you need SSL hours? Come and be a part of the Theater Club! This year's musical is "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee". Sign-ups are on the Theater Board located at the end of the B hallway on the second floor. If you just want to be a part of the crew, sign-ups will be on the call board as well.

Star Vogue Fashion Club

- Want to design your own clothes? Maybe you want to model or become a makeup artist. If so, the Star Vogue Fashion Club wants you. Join us every Monday and Wednesday after school in Room A206. Stop by Room A206 during lunch to find out more!

Wolverine Time - for students who are learning English

- Wolverine Time is recruiting students who are learning English. This is an after-school program to help you with your academics and to provide socio-emotional support. The activity is free. The Spring session starts on January 22. It runs from 2:35 - 5pm, Monday to Thursday. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Wellness Center in Room D104 or Ms.

Wingert in Room B120B.

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 classroom D109 or a member of the Hispanic Honor Society.

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.

Spring Break Trip 2025

- The 2025 Spring Break Trip to Germany has limited spots remaining. Next year's juniors or seniors who are interested should sign up ASAP to hold a spot and to secure a \$200 discount. The discount expires on April 1, so sign up now for the best price. You can get registration info off the posters in the Social Studies Hallway or see Mr. Sneddon at STEP in Room B112.

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

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](#)

- **CollegeTracks is now recruiting students to join their Class of 2025.**
If you plan to graduate in 2025 and plan on attending college or trade school, CollegeTracks is here to help you. We assist students through the entire college application process including researching colleges and careers, preparing for college entrance exams, creating college lists, submitting college and financial aid applications, reviewing financial aid awards to help determine which college would be the best financial fit for you, and more. We will be beginning our programming for the Class of 2025 in March or April so we encourage you to sign up now to secure your spot. Once you register with CollegeTracks, you will need to complete your New Student Meeting which is a conversation we have with students to learn more about you and your academic goals so we know how to best support you through this process.
- CollegeTracks does not have requirements to join but we have noticed that students who come from low-income families or are the first in their family to attend a US college usually get the most out of our services. Students who are in ACES are NOT eligible to join CollegeTracks. Come see us in the Media Center if you are interested in joining. If you have already joined, make sure that you schedule your New Student Meeting ASAP so you are ready to go when workshops begin.

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

Congratulations to Rines own boys Varsity swimmer and senior, Jarod Andele Naulgan!

- On Saturday February 10, Jarod broke two long standing swim records for Watkins Mill. He is now the new record holder for the 50 Free with a time of 21.82 and the 100 Free with a time of 48.40. The previous 50 Free record was set 24 years ago and the 100 Free previous record was set 27 years ago. Please be sure to congratulate Jarod when you see him!

Spring Sports Registration - opens Jan 22

- Spring sports registration will open on January 22 at 12pm. Registration is through ParentVue. All student-athletes who are interested in playing a spring sport must have a parent register them and have a valid physical by 5pm on Feb 27. No late registrations will be taken. Spring sports begin on March 1. See Ms. Magness in Room G003 for any questions during STEP.

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!