



NEWS FROM "THE MILL"

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June 14, 2019

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL MESSAGE FROM MS. GODDARD, PRINCIPAL

Congratulations on an outstanding school year! I want to thank all parents, students, and staff for making 2018-2019 such a great school year. With impressive academic achievements; our continued growth as an IB World School; outstanding performances in athletics, the arts, and other extra-curricular activities; accomplishments inside and outside of the classroom; millions of dollars in scholarships and college awards; building up our pride in Watkins Mill (Orange Nation!); and much, much more. I am so proud of everything our students, staff, parent leaders, and community has accomplished. I am looking forward to another great school year in 2019-2020!

To our **graduates**, once again, congratulations! I am extremely proud of the Class of 2019 and all that they accomplished in their four years at Watkins Mill, culminating in a memorable graduation ceremony on June 7. Thank you to the entire community for being a part of this special celebration. I am looking forward to continued success for the Class of 2020 and beyond!

Throughout the summer, please check our website regularly for information on summer programs; math and reading information, IB expectations; fall sports tryout information; announcements; and preparations for the beginning of the school year in August. Please note that the first day of fall sports is August 14; and orientation for incoming 9th grade students will take place on Thursday, August 29; the first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 3; and Back-to-School Night on September 5, 2019.

Around the first week of August, we will publish a full summer packet with all Back to School information.

SENIOR PICTURES: Lifetouch photographers were on site at Watkins Mill High School to take the Class of 2020 Senior Portraits on the following dates:

June 6 in the small gym. Families should have received a card in the mail with the time and date for their make-up appointment. Instructions were included on how to reschedule, if necessary. If you did not receive the notification of your appointment time from Lifetouch, please call them at 1-800-445-1189.

BELL AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Katie Pesce for being selected as the staff award winner for the annual PTSA Bell Award for 2018-2019! This is the most prestigious staff award given each year to a member of the Watkins Mill staff. This is a well-deserved honor, recognizing all you do for the students of Watkins Mill.

THE NEWLY ELECTED 2019-2020 PTSA BOARD: Please note we are still looking to fill the open positions during the first meeting in the fall.

President: OPEN

Treasurer: Dr. Jude Edwards

Executive Vice President: Pamela Smith-Truesdale

1st Vice President: OPEN

2nd Vice President: OPEN

Recording Secretary: Martha Crews

MCCPTA Delegate: OPEN

A special thank you to everyone who helped out at a PTSA event or activity this year! You made a difference by volunteering for the PTSA and the school, and we appreciate it.

RISING SENIORS (Class of 2020): Don't forget the awesome college workshops offered by Ms. Heald in the Career Center over the summer. See below from Ms. Heald.

The Counseling Office and the College/Career Center will be offering **College Readiness Workshops** for rising seniors this summer. Workshops will include the College Search & Admissions Process, The Common Application, and the College Essay. **Space is limited to the first 30 students** to sign up for each workshop. A total of 15 students will be admitted to the essay writing workshops.

To sign up, students need to stop by the College/Career Center to complete the signup sheet for the workshop they would like to attend or download the registration form from the WMHS homepage and return it to Mrs. Heald by email, [Catharine E Heald@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Catharine_E_Heald@mcpsmd.org).

College Readiness Workshops for rising seniors:

Paying less and finding the right fit for college

Understanding the Nuts and Bolts of College Applications

University of Maryland Admissions – to be held at Clarksburg HS

Why Montgomery College

We will also be hosting a 5 session series workshop “Writing a Great College Essay” – Please see Mrs. Heald for more information.

Throughout the summer, we can be reached at Watkins Mill at (301) 284-4400 (main office); (301) 284-4420 (counseling); (301) 284-4400 X1089 (athletics); and by email. A full staff directory can be found here:

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

In addition, the school leadership team, and I will be meeting throughout the summer to engage in school improvement planning for 2019-2020. Our annual summer leadership week will take place July 15-17 and August 20-21 when staff, students, and parents will come together to discuss the promising future of Watkins Mill HS. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact or Evelyn.WilsonCarr@mcpsmd.org for more information. All are welcome!

Thanks for all of your support of our school and community, and have a great summer!

Carol Goddard, Principal