



# NEWS FROM "THE MILL"

February 1 - 28, 2019

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## MESSAGE FROM MS. GODDARD, PRINCIPAL

Welcome to semester 2 and the halfway point of the year! Semester 2 began on Tuesday, January 29. Students reported to homeroom and received new schedules—like the **first day of school** all over again! I encouraged students to think back to their excitement and focus when the school year began in September, and to use that energy and to set goals for the second half of the year. The start of a new semester offers students the opportunity to have a clean slate and a renewed outlook for success on their path to college, careers, and beyond.

I am very proud of the seniors here at Watkins Mill. The scholarships and awards are pouring in to showcase our student's high achievements. To name a few of the awards and scholarships given, **Andre Tulloch** was chosen to receive The POSSE Award and **Josie Oshagbemi** was chosen to receive The 2019 Woman of Tomorrow Honoree from the Maryland State Commission for Women Award. If your student is amongst those receiving scholarships and awards, please be sure to let the counseling department know so we can celebrate their hard work.

The safety and security of students and staff are extremely important when it comes to teaching and learning. There must be an environment conducive to learning for learning to take place. Consequently, **administrators and I** are emphasizing certain **school policies and procedures** such as: students need to be in school every day, the attendance policy is in full effect: students risk failing the class with five or more unexcused absences as well as getting to class on time. We are also providing reminders about the serious action that will be taken if students are involved in bullying, fighting, any physical aggression, theft, drugs or drug paraphernalia, and any other serious incidents. We will not tolerate disruptions that interfere with the education of others. Resources to address and/or report bullying can be found [here](#).

We are reminding all students to keep their valuables in their pocket or secured in a locker at all times. While we will aggressively investigate and take action against thefts, we also need students to avoid carelessness, leaving phones in bathrooms, on desks, charging, etc. It is also important to talk to a trusted adult if there is ever a concern at school, at home, in the neighborhood, or online.

There will be a **college fair** featuring over **60 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)** on **Friday, February 22, from 4-8 pm at The Universities of Shady Grove** for all high school students and their parents. In addition, there will be On-The-Spot Admissions for seniors. Seniors who wish to interview should **see their school counselor to sign up**. For more information on how to register to attend, how to prepare or what to bring to the fair, please visit [this link](#).

**More important information for seniors:** By the end of February, letters will be mailed home to parents of seniors who are in danger of not obtaining necessary credits required for graduation, giving specific information regarding their graduation status. In the meantime, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your student's counselor at 301-284-4420.

**Graduation!** There will be an important meeting **for parents/guardians of all seniors on Monday, March 4 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium**. At this meeting you will receive the graduation packet, which includes important information about the graduation process, exam schedule, SSL requirements, bus reservations to DAR, financial obligations, and more. **It is critical that each student be represented by a parent or guardian at this meeting**. In addition to the graduation packet, a current SSL report, and a listing of your child's current obligations will be provided to each parent. Snow date is Monday, March 11, 2019.

#### **Course registration for 2019-2020**

2019-2020 registration is taking place, so students will be communicating with their counselors and parents are encouraged to ask questions and be part of this process. Please contact your child's school counselor if you have any questions regarding scheduling for next year.

**Drills** - MCPS mandates that every school perform at least five evacuation drills and six emergency drill each year in an effort to maintain a high level of readiness to effectively respond to any emergency. Staff and students at Watkins Mill High School practice the following drills.

1. **Fire Drill/Evacuation** - Everyone moves, quickly and safely, outside and away from the building. An example is a fire or bomb threat.
2. **Reverse Evacuation** – This practice is used to safely move staff and students into the building. An example would be a tornado warning in the area.
3. **Shelter in Place** – This practice is used if an emergency exists at or near the school. The building remains locked and all students are accounted for. Classroom lockdown is not required. An example is public safety alert.
4. **Lockdown** – This practice is used if there is immediate danger on or near the school campus. Rooms are locked, windows covered, everyone remains silent. Students are accounted for and under adult supervision. An example would be a perpetrator in or near the building.
5. **Drop, Cover, and Hold** – This practice is used in the event of an earthquake. Everyone will drop to the ground, take cover under furniture, and hold on.
6. **Severe Weather** – This practice is used when a local forecaster has issued a severe weather advisory. Everyone reports to a weather-safe area in the school. Anyone outside is instructed to come inside. An example would be a tornado or severe thunderstorm.

## **Important Dates**

**National Counseling Week – February 4 – 8**

**Report Card Distribution: Wednesday, February 6.** Will be distributed during homeroom class.

**ACT Administered: Saturday, February 9**

### **Honor Roll Celebrations:**

**9 & 10 grade honor roll students will celebrate on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and 11 & 12 grade honor roll students will celebrate on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in the Skybridge Conference Room at STEP. CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**Family Food Market:** Watkins Mill High School will be hosting another Family Food Market on **February 16**. Please come to school at 8:00 am and shop for food items at NO COST!

**Holiday, February 18, 2018:** No School for students, President's Day.

**PTSA Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 7pm.**

**The African Ball: Saturday, February 23, 6-11pm.**

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,

Carol Goddard, Principal

## **HAPPENINGS AROUND THE MILL:**

### **COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS:**

**MARYLAND GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT:** - **Deadline: March 1, 2018** Seniors who have significant financial need should apply for this Maryland grant that may cover up to \$18,400 in college tuition costs. Student must enroll in a 2 or 4 year college in Maryland, minimum cumulative high school GPA requirement is 2.5 and a completed FAFSA form ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).) in addition to the Guaranteed Access Grant application must be submitted by March 1, 2018. Please review the process to be considered for the 2018-19 grant:

<https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/apply.aspx>

An official HS transcript (through the Fall semester of their senior year) and a guidance counselor certification form must also be submitted to make the application complete. Students should see Ms. Barr in the Counseling Office to request the transcript and the completion of the counselor certification form. Students need to provide a stamped addressed envelope so that Watkins Mill can mail out the official transcript and certification form to the MHEC.

### **HBCU COLLEGE FAIR:**

**The United Negro College Fund, the NAACP and MCPS** will host a **College Night** featuring representatives from over 40 Historically Black Colleges and Universities for high school students and their parents. **There will also be on the spot admissions for seniors.** The fair will take place on **February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at The Universities of Shady Grove.** **Please visit the ABOUT ME section of your Naviance Account and click on the link found on the left side of the screen.** Here you will see the list of colleges attending and will be able to select which school(s) you would like to interview with. Interviews for seniors will begin at 4:00 p.m. **Students need to complete the online applications for those colleges on the colleges' websites before the event [found here.](#)**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**Students, please visit the Watkins Mill Career Center Website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/careercenter/> to review the list of scholarships available to students. Not all scholarships are for seniors only! If you have any questions, please visit Mrs. Heald in the College/Career center located in the Counseling department.**

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### **POSSE AWARD**

Seven MCPS students have been named recipients of full-tuition, four-year college scholarships from the [Posse Foundation](#). The Posse program identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential that may have been overlooked by traditional college selection processes.

Nationally, 56 colleges and universities each offer full-tuition, merit scholarships to students throughout the country and create multicultural teams—called Posses—on each campus. These student teams receive professional guidance before and throughout college and provide support to one another. On campus, these students serve in important leadership roles. The MCPS students were honored at a ceremony on Jan. 9 in Washington, D.C.

This year's MCPS recipients come from five high schools and will attend four different colleges.

We are very proud to announce one of the 2018 Posse Scholars is our very own **Andre Tulloch** and he plans to attend the University of Rochester. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## **NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK – FEBRUARY 4 - 8 2019**

Please join me in the celebration of National School Counseling Week 2018. Our High School Counselors will be celebrated on February 4 - 10, to focus public attention on the unique contributions of professional school counselors and highlight the tremendous impact they have in helping students achieve school success, plan a career, and be ready for college!



## **MCPS NEWS**

Montgomery County Public Schools is launching the third year of its student contest, United We Learn. This year's contest, United We Learn: Schools of the Future, allows students to design their ideal learning space and challenges them to think critically about how their physical environment affects their ability to learn.

The [contest](#) follows a November 2018 survey that asked students and staff about how they use learning spaces at their schools, and what they would like classrooms and schools to look like in the future. Recurring elements mentioned in the survey included considerations regarding color, lighting, furniture, technology and security. That feedback will be used to support the continuous improvement of our educational facilities. The contest tasks students to consider these same elements as they design their vision of what an ideal learning space might look like in the future. By participating in this contest, students may also have the ability to help influence future design.

### **Contest Rules:**

- To be eligible, all members of the team must be enrolled in Montgomery County Public Schools.
- Entries must be an original product.
- Entries must be created in groups of two to five students
- Entries must be submitted via the online submission form by 5 p.m. March 15, 2019.
- Submissions will be judged by a panel comprised of representatives from Montgomery County Public Schools and participating partner organizations.
- For more information [click here](#).



## **CAP AND GOWN DUE DATE**

Cap and Gown payments were due to Ms. McIntyre by Friday, February 1. The cost is \$50.00. Payment has been extended to Monday, February 4. If payment is not made by then, it will become a financial obligation. See Ms. McIntyre in B110 or email at [brittany\\_n\\_mcintyre@mcpsmd.org](mailto:brittany_n_mcintyre@mcpsmd.org) with questions or concerns.

## **AFRICAN BALL**

You are cordially invited to the ASA Ball.

The African Students Association (ASA) will be hosting their annual Ball in collaboration with Clarksburg High School's ASA on Saturday, February 23 at 6pm. The Ball will feature a variety of entertainment such as our very own ASA dancers, a fashion show showcasing designs from across the continent and the Mr. & Ms. ASA talent competition. Delicious food will be catered and of course a DJ will be on deck to get the party started! It's going to be a great cultural experience. All students are invited to the Ball to experience a 'taste of Africa!'

Tickets will be sold until Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at school and we look forward to a great evening of fun and culture. Students can pick up permission slips allowing guests outside of Watkins Mill.

## **ATHLETIC NEWS**

The Registration Portal for Spring Sports is OPEN! Parents can register their athletes starting February 1<sup>st</sup>. Tryouts for the Spring season begins on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Information and directions can be found on our athletic website [watkinsmillathletics.com](http://watkinsmillathletics.com).

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## **Swim & Dive:**

The Wolverines went up against Seneca Valley this past weekend at GAC. We had three divers participate for the first time including Bryant Olivia, Dana Robinson, and Kebba Sanyang. Very proud of all divers, especially our first timers!

On the girls' side, Diana Yanes & Vivian Ingram got 1st and 3rd place in the 200 free. Lauren Flandrawu & Shelby Aguilar got 2nd and 3rd in the 200 IM, with Shelby swimming it for the first time ever. Jubilee Robinson swam the 100 fly for the first time, and got an awesome time of 1:30. Diana Yanes got first by a lot in the 500 free, dropping a lot of time in this event. Vivian Ingram had a great finish in this event as well, kicking it into the wall at the end of a long race. The girls 200 free relay got first place with an exciting last minute switch of teammates where Hali Janzen borrowed a uniform and got in the pool quickly so that her teammates could still swim! The most exciting race was Shelby Aguilar who out-touched a Seneca Valley swimmer by .07 in the 100 breaststroke!

On the boys' side, Brennan Guilds started off the meet in the 200 IM scoring 2nd, being our only representative for this event. Selvin Ariel Cruz got 2nd in the 100 back, representing WM in this event alone. The boys 200 free relay got first place with an exciting finish, consisting of Vim Jayalal, Bryant Olivia, Anis Gribri, and Brennan Guilds. Vim Jayalal represented WM in the pool in the 100 breaststroke, scoring points for the team.

Watkins Mill goes up against Kennedy & Seneca Valley again this coming weekend at Germantown Indoor swim center at 9:15! Come out to support the 'rines!

## SPORTING DATES:

02/01/2019	Friday	Boys Varsity Basketball	Kennedy at Watkins Mill 7:15 PM
02/01/2019	Friday	Girls Varsity Basketball	Kennedy at Watkins Mill 5:30 PM
02/02/2019	Saturday	Coed Varsity Swim & Dive	Division IV Swimming and Diving Championship at Olney Swim Center 7:30 am - 1:30 pm
02/02/2019	Saturday	Varsity Wrestling	Rockville and Seneca Valley at Watkins Mill 1 PM
02/05/2019	Tuesday	Boys Varsity Basketball	Watkins Mill at Northwood 7:15 PM
02/05/2019	Tuesday	Girls Varsity Basketball	Watkins Mill at Northwood 5:30 PM
02/06/2019	Wednesday	Coed Varsity Swim & Dive	Metro Swimming and Diving Championship (2/6/19 - 2/9/19) at Germantown Indoor Swim Center
02/08/2019	Friday	Boys Varsity Basketball	Watkins Mill at Clarksburg 5:30 PM
02/08/2019	Friday	Girls Varsity Basketball	Watkins Mill at Clarksburg 7:15 PM
02/12/2019	Tuesday	Boys Varsity Basketball	Watkins Mill at Wheaton 5:30 PM
02/12/2019	Tuesday	Girls Varsity Basketball	Watkins Mill at Wheaton 7:15 PM
02/15/2019	Friday	Boys Varsity Basketball	Quince Orchard at Watkins Mill 5:30 PM
02/15/2019	Friday	Girls Varsity Basketball	Quince Orchard at Watkins Mill 7:15 PM

## MVA MARYLAND LEARNERS PERMIT

Maryland Learners Permit testing process is offered by the MVA at Watkins Mill High School. The test will be conducted on 3/9/19 and will begin at 12:00 pm. Please see the main office for more information and permission slip.

## NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Science Department Engaging, inspiring and challenging students in the world of Science  
Educational Opportunities for Students in STEM

### **\*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

Educational Opportunities from NOAA

**\*The National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp)** is a residential STEM program designed to honor and challenge some of the nation's rising STEM leaders. At the NYSCamp, STEM professionals present lectures and lead small-group directed studies on a broad array of STEM topics; some delegates are able to conduct research at the nearby Green Bank Observatory. The NYSCamp experience also features excursions into the Monongahela National Forest including backpacking, rock-climbing, caving, kayaking and, mountain biking. Delegates are required to participate in the NYSCamp program for its entirety; the fast-paced activities and remote location simply make travel to and from the NYSCamp very difficult. The NYSCamp is offered to selected participants at NO COST so that talented students may attend regardless of their financial ability – transportation included. The NYSCamp's online application system can be accessed at: (<http://apply.nyscamp.org>); exceptions are considered on a state-by-state basis.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must graduate from high school between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019.
- Must have documented superior academic proficiency, including recognition in STEM.
- Must have documented leadership abilities and social maturity.
- Must have documented skills and achievements outside the realm of STEM and outside academia.
- Must demonstrate a curiosity and an eagerness to explore new topics.
- Must intend to pursue higher education and a career in a STEM-related field.
- Must be willing and able to participate in the entire NYSCamp program.

**Important Dates:**

- February 28, 2019 - Deadline for students to submit their application
- June 27, 2019 - First day of the NYSCamp
- July 20, 2019 - Last day of the NYSCamp

**\*The National Aquarium's Promise for the Planet award** is an accolade for youth, by youth. It recognizes an individual student or group of students who are leading ocean conservation initiatives that significantly impact or affect change within their community, state or district. Eligible students in sixth through twelfth grades that are MD or D.C. residents may be nominated by peers, themselves or other individuals, in recognition of their conservation efforts, particularly work that aligns with the National Aquarium's three conservation priorities: ocean and human health, urban conservation and diversity, and climate change and resiliency. Nominated students lead by example, demonstrate determination and fearlessness in meeting an environmental challenge and inspire change within their communities, making our world a better place. Winning students or student groups will receive:

- Free admission to and recognition at our Youth Ocean Conservation Summit-Baltimore at the National Aquarium (Spring 2019)
- Framed certificate and plaque/trophy
- National Aquarium membership
- National Aquarium-branded prizes
- Recognition in National Aquarium communications

To apply or for more information please visit: <https://aqua.org/Connect/Student-Programs/promise>.

**Deadline to apply is February 26, 2019**

**2020 SPRING BREAK TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

The 2020 Spring Break Trip destination will be...PORTUGAL! The trip will include a tour of Porto, Lisbon, the Algarve, and more! Visit the beaches, the cathedrals, the castles, and more as you and your friends eat phenomenal meals and visit one of the most unique cultures in the world. Registration has already started, so if you want a great Spring Break experience next year, sign up ASAP. The price of the trip increases over time, so get in now to lock down the lowest price!

Visit the following website or call to register...

[eftours.com/2167282YC](http://eftours.com/2167282YC)

(800) 665-5364

This trip is for Juniors and Seniors Only!

See Mr. Sneddon in the Social Studies Office at STEP if you have any questions.

**Obrigado**

**A NOTE FROM OUR BOOSTER CLUB**

**Hello Wolverines Families-**

Happy New Year!

A Big **THANK YOU** to all the parents, teachers, students and Ms. Goddard for all the help during the 2<sup>nd</sup> WMHS Pom Invitational. We are also grateful for all the donations that were received for this event. We had over 600 people for the event and a total of 15 teams competed for Division I, II & III. Thank you as well to our Judges for a great event. We encourage all the students to be on the lookout for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo contest results coming out soon.

**Our next BOOSTER meeting will be Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @7:00 pm in the Skybridge conference room.** We invite all parents, students, and school staff interested in learning more about your Booster Club to join us.



**All parent volunteers:** Please remember to send your monthly volunteer hours to our Volunteer Coordinator, Mariana Hildesheim, at [hildeshm@comcast.net](mailto:hildeshm@comcast.net). Here is the link to the form to submit: [https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/watkinsmillhs/news/Volunteer%20Log%20311-56\(2\).pdf](https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/watkinsmillhs/news/Volunteer%20Log%20311-56(2).pdf)

As always, the Booster sign up can be found at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b49afaa28a1ff2-concession>  
Thank you!

### **A NOTE FROM OUR PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student Association)**

**Please join us for our next PTSA meeting on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Media Center. The Media Center is located on the second floor at the back of the school. Each meeting is a great opportunity to meet with our principal, Carol Goddard, and with fellow Watkins Mill parents, students and staff to discuss what is important to you. Snacks will be served, and we hope to see YOU there.**

### **There are a number of volunteer opportunities coming up – we need your help!**

We are looking for additional members for our **scholarship committee**. We need parents (who do not have a senior child) to work with the Career/Counseling office and a team of other parents to review and choose scholarship recipients for the May awards program. We also are asking for volunteers to organize **graduation buses** for people who can or prefer not to drive into D.C. We would also like to get volunteers for our **May Staff Appreciation** Week. Please consider getting involved and helping out.

Are you interested in any of these opportunities? Want to learn more? Contact Pamela Smith-Truesdale at [pasmith127.ps@gmail.com](mailto:pasmith127.ps@gmail.com) for additional information.

**Are you on Facebook?** Then be sure to visit the Watkins Mill HS PTSA/Boosters page and "like" us. It's another great way to get information out to the parents and learn about events and activities.

**Are you on our Yahoo listserve group?** You'll automatically be added when you join the PTSA, but if you'd like to start receiving communications now, please send me an email and I'll add you to the list.

Pamela Smith-Truesdale/PTSA Vice President

### **CLOTHING DRIVE**

Key Club and Muslim Student Association are teaming up for a clothing drive project. They are collecting gently used clothing for local shelters.

### **IT'S ACADEMIC**

It's Academic is doing a Hot Chocolate fundraiser to raise money for upcoming National Quiz Bowl tournaments.



## **HEALTH ROOM**

THE HEALTH ROOM STILL HAS FREE DOSES OF THE INFLUENZA VACCINES FOR STUDENTS! ANY STUDENT WANTING TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE SHOULD PICK UP A CONSENT FORM IN THE HEALTH ROOM!

REMEMBER...FLU ACTIVITY OFTEN PEAKS IN FEBRUARY and can last into May.

FLU viruses are very contagious and are spread by cough, sneeze or talk.

Stay home when you are sick.

Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.

Wash your hands.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Nancy Caruso, RN/BSN/SCHN  
School Community Health Nurse  
301 840 3954 Health Room  
240 406 1546 School Based Wellness Center  
Fax 240 406 1548

## **SPRING MUSICAL, "SISTER ACT"**

Auditions were held for the O'Shea Players spring musical "Sister Act". The musical will be presented on March 29, 30, and April 5,&6th at 7 pm. More details to follow.

Also, many of the O'Shea Players participated in the MCPS Theatre Festival on Friday, January 25th. This festival allows all middle and high schools within MOCO to meet, improve theatrical training through workshops, on the spot college auditions in singing, acting, tech design, and dancing.



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## **FUNDRAISER**

Show your school spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support our Programming Club. Come in to the Chipotle at **564 N. Frederick Ave.** in Gaithersburg on Tuesday, February 5 between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. **Tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Watkins Mill High School Programming Club.**

## **STUDENT PARKING PASSES**

Student Parking: 2<sup>nd</sup> semester parking passes are due no later than February 8, 2019. Those students who purchased a 1<sup>st</sup> semester pass need to see Miss Holderman in the financial office to pay for their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester parking pass. Ticketing will begin on Monday, February 11, 2019.

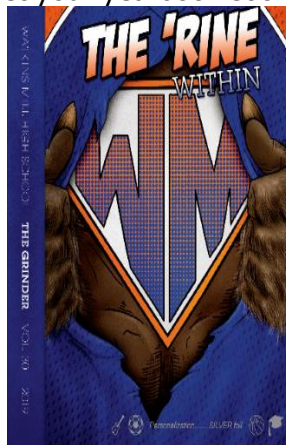
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## **YEARBOOK**

Do you have the 'Rine Within? Time is running out to get your yearbook before prices go up! Get your yearbook for \$84.80 online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) where you can pay by credit card, check, Bill Me Later, or PayPal. You can also take advantage of the monthly installment plan and make 3 online payments. Want to use a cash or check? See Mrs. Walthers in room A209 during STEP or after school. Prices go up to \$90.10 on February 15th, so get your yearbook soon!



## **HBCU FAIR**

### **HBCU Fair Set for February 9**

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Fair will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22 at The Universities of Shady Grove, Building 3, 9640 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville, MD 20850. All high school students and their parents/guardians are invited to participate. Representatives from dozens of colleges and universities will be present to talk to parents/guardians and students about their programs and several will conduct on-the-spot admissions interviews for high school seniors. You can register [here](#).

### **Feria de HBCU Programada para el 9 de Febrero**

La Feria de Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) tendrá lugar el Viernes 22 de Febrero, de 4:00 a 8:00 p.m., en las Universidades de Shady Grove, Building 3, 9640 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville, MD 20850. Todos los estudiantes de las escuelas secundarias y sus padres/guardianes están invitados a participar. Representantes de docenas de colegios universitarios y universidades estarán presentes para hablar con los padres/guardianes y con los estudiantes acerca de sus programas y varios estarán haciendo entrevistas de admisión al instante para estudiantes del Grado 12. Usted puede inscribirse [aquí](#).

## **WINTER 2019 PARENT ACADEMY**

### **Winter 2019 Parent Academy Schedule**

The Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) Parent Academy offers parents/guardians and community members the opportunity to attend workshops that provide information, resources, tools, and tips to support their children's success in school. The 2019 winter season of

workshops has begun. You won't want to miss sessions on college and career planning, coping strategies for anxious children, cybersafety and social media, understanding Individualized Education Program goals, and many more topics. Parent Academy workshops are free. Childcare and interpretation services are provided at all sessions. A full list of courses is available on the [Parent Academy website](#).

## Calendario de Invierno 2019 de la Academia para Padres

La Academia para Padres de Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) ofrece a los padres/guardianes y miembros de la comunidad la oportunidad de asistir a talleres que proveen información, recursos, herramientas y consejos para apoyar el éxito escolar de sus hijos. La temporada de talleres del invierno 2019 ha comenzado. No querrá perderse las sesiones sobre planificación universitaria y profesional, estrategias de adaptación para niños que sufren de ansiedad, ciberseguridad y los medios sociales, entendiendo las metas del Programa Educativo Individualizado (Individualized Education Program–IEP), y muchos temas más. Los talleres de la Academia para Padres son gratuitos. En todas las reuniones se proveerá servicio de cuidado infantil e interpretación de idiomas. Una lista completa de los talleres está a disposición en la página virtual de la [Academia para Padres](#).

## MEDIA CENTER NEWS

February 2019 Media News

Research projects are in full swing!

Students are learning how to use MCPS online databases  
and how to avoid plagiarizing.

Here are some links for students to revisit:

[Plagiarism | Define Plagiarism at Dictionary.com](#)  
[www.dictionary.com/browse/plagiarism](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/plagiarism)

Plagiarism definition, an act or instance of using or closely imitating the language and thoughts of another author without authorization and the representation of that author's work as one's own, as by not crediting the original author.

Be sure to CITE your work to AVOID plagiarizing!

Students can visit the following websites/databases to help them with citations and research:

[Purdue Owl](#)  
[Easy Bib](#)  
[Citation Machine](#)  
[Noodle Tools](#) (use your Google log-in)  
[MCPS ONLINE DATABASES](#)  
[WMHS MEDIA CENTER PAGE](#)

(Students will need to access their Google Classroom to get  
Usernames/passwords to access these databases at home)

*Other Information*

Common Sense Media Links for Parents

[Alcohol, Drugs, & Smoking](#)  
[Screen Time](#)  
[YouTube](#)



## **HOMWORK HOTLINE LIVE!** (FREE HOMEWORK HELP)

### **New Season of Homework Hotline Live!**

Homework Hotline Live! (HHL) is back for its 28th season, offering students in grades K-12 free homework assistance from MCPS teachers. Students can call, send text messages, or email questions on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4 to 9 p.m. Questions received by phone are answered between 4 and 6 p.m.; all other questions are answered up until 9 p.m.

Students can ask questions by:

- Calling 301-279-3234
- Visiting the HHL website [askhhl.org](http://askhhl.org)
- Sending a text message to 724-427-5445
- Emailing [question@AskHHL.org](mailto:question@AskHHL.org)
- Posting a message to Facebook ([facebook.com/AskHHL](https://facebook.com/AskHHL))
- Posting a "tweet" to Twitter (@askHHL)



**Celebrating Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Save the Date**  
**Watkins Mill High School**  
**is turning 30 Years Old...**  
**Are YOU Ready??**

**WMHS Boosters Club is having a 30th Anniversary Spirit Wear Competition**

- 1. All submissions must be original pieces of work**
- 2. Each entry must use the current WMHS Wolverine logo.**
- 3. Submissions will be accepted electronically to [Julia\\_Broyles@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Julia_Broyles@mcpsmd.org) or hand delivered to Ms. Broyles (Business Administrator) or Ms. Holderman (Financial Specialist)**
- 4. All Submissions are due no later than 3 pm on Friday, February 8th, 2019**
- 5. Submissions can be individual or groups**
- 6. Only one entry per person or group**
- 7. All submissions will be judged anonymously**
- 8. There will be 2 rounds of judging...a secret committee and the student body**
- 9. If you have any questions please send inquires to [wmhsboosterprez@gmail.com](mailto:wmhsboosterprez@gmail.com)**

## **IMPORTANT LINKS**

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

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>

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>