



NEWS FROM "THE MILL"

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MESSAGE FROM MS. GODDARD, PRINCIPAL

Happy April! Spring is here, we are continuing with our planning of graduation and the end of the school year. Spring sports are in full swing and our student athletes are working hard in the classroom and on the field. Please note that the 3rd marking period ended on March 30th, and report cards should be available in StudentVue and ParentVue on or around Tuesday, April 11th. Please continue your efforts to work hard and seek help from your teachers and mentors.

IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Break, (**School Closed**) no school for student's **April 3 – April 10**

Marking Period 4 Begins – **April 11**

Report cards available on Synergy - **April 18**

No School for Student -**April 21**

PROM – April 21 – **From 7pm -11pm**

Family Food Market – **April 22**

Senior Awards Night - **May 25 – 7:00 pm (Auditorium)**

Last day for Seniors - **May 26**

Memorial Day - **Schools and Offices closed - May 29**

Last Family Food Market for this school year – **June 10**

Watkins Mill HS -Graduation Day -**Monday, June 12-DAR Constitution Hall 2:30 pm**

Last day of school for students; **Early Release Day - June 16**

Sincerely,
Carol Goddard, Principal

WMHS PTSA & BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Attention WM Students, Parents/ Guardians, and Community,

Spring is here! And your PTSA/Boosters are springing into action! We need your support to help contribute to the WMHS community. Here's how YOU can help:

We have shut down orders for bags of mulch – we have 1600 bags ordered and cannot take any more orders now. But . . . we need volunteers – parents, students, anyone! – to help deliver the mulch on Saturday, April 8th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Can you help as a driver or a loader? Go to this Google sheet to sign up

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A0qhh8ZI6NRv0ISrBxFSOO5xfuxPrKuSVT3tK6EBxdw/edit?usp=sharing> or email our Fearless Fundraiser Carmen:
carmenfrazier6@gmail.com

We have opened the school store! We are normally open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:15 – 11:50 for students to purchase snacks and drinks to get them through the day. We are also raising money for school programs. Can you help during those hours? If so, contact Margarita Maza at 240-541-2273 or Dee Pinkowitz at deepinkowitz@yahoo.com

We have opened concessions for select Spring sports! If your son or daughter is playing a sport, please help open the concession stand by contacting Sheila Griffith at s.griff139@gmail.com. It is a double blessing for the school: having refreshments for games AND raising money for the school. But we can't do it without volunteers!

Do you or someone you know have an idea for benefitting our school? We have funding for you! Apply for a small grant fund of up to \$500 here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pAmo5_EMH5SyLtgODS8Zpy2Ym-cyQbBm50ZMNiH74M/edit. You must be a member of the PTSA/Boosters to apply.

Fentanyl is a synthetic drug. It is used because it is up to 50 times more potent than drugs made from plants (opium, etc.) It is cheaper than plant-based drugs and is typically mixed in with other drugs for the same effect at less cost. Drugs sold by a pharmacy are safe; those not sold through a pharmacy can contain fentanyl. Drugs sold on the street may contain fentanyl even if sold under another name; the pills look exactly the same. Six out of ten Fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills now contain a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl, according to the DEA. Your child could easily be exposed to lethal drugs without knowing it!

BE INFORMED. TALK TO YOUR STUDENTS. KNOW THE RISKS.

For more information, go to www.dea.gov/onepill

NEXT PTSA MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Last but not least, we are seeking officers for the 2022-2023 PTSA/Boosters. If you or someone you know wants to serve, please email Norm Gordon at ngordon0522@gmail.com

If you want to find out more, come to our next PTSA/Boosters meeting on Tuesday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. Details on the “Parents” page of WMHS website.

Thank you for investing in Watkins Mill High School!

Norm Gordon



PTSA/Boosters

WMHS PTSA & BOOSTER CLUB NEWS -ESPANOL

¡La primavera está aquí! ¡Y su PTSA/Boosters está entrando en acción! Necesitamos su apoyo para contribuir a la comunidad de WMHS. Así es como USTED puede ayudar:

Hemos cancelado los pedidos de bolsas de mulch: tenemos 1600 bolsas ordenadas y no podemos aceptar más pedidos ahora. Pero . . . necesitamos voluntarios: padres, estudiantes, ¡cualquiera! – para ayudar a entregar el mulch el sábado 8 de abril a partir de las 9:00 a. m. ¿Puedes ayudar como conductor o cargador? Vaya a esta hoja de Google para registrarse (

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A0qnh8ZI6NRv0ISrBxFSOO5xfuxPrKuSVT3tK6EBxdw/edit?usp=sharing>) o envíe un correo electrónico a nuestra recaudadora de fondos Fearless Carmen: carmenfrazier6@gmail.com

¡Hemos abierto la tienda de la escuela! Normalmente estamos abiertos todos los lunes, miércoles y viernes de 11:15 a 11:50 para que los estudiantes compren bocadillos y bebidas para pasar el día. También estamos recaudando dinero para programas escolares. ¿Puedes ayudar durante esas horas? Si es así, comuníquese con Margarita Maza al 240-541-2273 o Dee Pinkowitz en deepinkowitz@yahoo.com.

¡Hemos abierto concesiones para deportes selectos de primavera! Si su hijo o hija está practicando un deporte, ayude a abrir el puesto de comida comunicándose con Sheila

Griffith en s.griff139@gmail.com. Es una doble bendición para la escuela: tener refrescos para los juegos Y recaudar dinero para la escuela. ¡Pero no podemos hacerlo sin voluntarios!

¿Usted o alguien que conoce tiene una idea para beneficiar a nuestra escuela?
¡Tenemos financiación para ti! Solicite un pequeño fondo de subvención de hasta \$500 aquí

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pAmo5_EMH5SyLtjgODS8Zpy2Ym-cyQbBm50ZMNIH74M/edit). Debe ser miembro de PTSA/Boosters para aplicar.

El fentanilo es una droga sintética.

Se utiliza porque es hasta 50 veces más potente que las drogas a base de plantas (opio, etc.)

Es más barato que los medicamentos a base de plantas y, por lo general, se mezcla con otros medicamentos para obtener el mismo efecto a un costo menor.

Los medicamentos vendidos por una farmacia son seguros; los que no se venden a través de una farmacia pueden contener fentanilo.

Las drogas que se venden en la calle pueden contener fentanilo incluso si se venden con otro nombre; las pastillas se ven exactamente iguales.

Seis de cada diez píldoras recetadas falsas mezcladas con fentanilo ahora contienen una dosis potencialmente letal de fentanilo, según la DEA.

¡Su hijo podría estar fácilmente expuesto a drogas letales sin saberlo!

SER INFORMADO. HABLA CON TUS ESTUDIANTES. CONOZCA LOS RIESGOS.

Para obtener más información, visite www.dea.gov/onepill

PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN DE PTSA: MARTES 18 DE ABRIL

Por último, pero no menos importante, estamos buscando oficiales para 2022-2023 PTSA/Boosters. Si usted o alguien que conoce quiere servir, envíe un correo electrónico a Norm Gordon a ngordon0522@gmail.com

Si desea obtener más información, venga a nuestra próxima reunión de PTSA/Boosters el martes 19 de abril a las 7:00 pm. Detalles en la página "Padres" del sitio web de WMHS.

¡Gracias por invertir en Watkins Mill High School!

Norm Gordon



SENIORS

Prom and graduation will be here before you know it. Please make sure you have taken care of your obligations, i.e.:

1. Cap and Gown fees
2. AP Exam Fees
3. IB Exam Fees
4. Class Fees if you are taking the Hospitality and Tourism Class
5. And any obligation from previous years

Please see Ms. Holderman in the Financial Office if you have any questions or email her at :

Lisa_A_Holderman@mcpsmd.org

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Attention Watkins Mill Families of Graduating Seniors (Class of 2023),

This year's Graduation Ceremony is **scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023, 2:30 pm at Constitution Hall (DAR)**. DAR Constitution Hall follows all DC Health Department guidelines. You can find all information regarding Graduation on the Watkins Mill HS Seniors page. See link below

Senior Page

<https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/wmhs-seniors-class-of-2022/home>

PROM INFORMATION

Prom:

- o Friday, April 21, 2023 - 7 pm - 11 pm
- o Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian. 9751 Washingtonian Blvd. Gaithersburg, MD 20878
- o Tickets are \$65 each. Tickets go on sale starting April 14. All financial obligations must be resolved prior to purchasing
- o Point of contact: Ms. Melanie Gnatt (melanie_f_gnatt@mcpsmd.org)

Prom Permission Form for Guest-2023

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zDT6dxt_3HtcJV7LFX-zca3Y2w1

Brittany N. McIntyre
Watkins Mill High School
Social Studies Teacher
Extracurricular Activities Director
Sponsor, Class of 2023

STUDENT PARKING PERMITS

Student parking permits are still available for the Spring. The cost is \$26. Please come by the Financial Office and pick up a registration form. For those of you who have not yet purchased a parking permit for this semester and are parking in the lot, an obligation has been issued. Please come by the Financial Office to take care of this obligation. If you are a senior, you will not be able to attend graduation if this obligation is not paid.

FREE MATH HOMEWORK HELP

[Math HW help English](#)

[Math HW Help Spanish](#)

FREE HOMEWORK HELP

Free Homework Help Service Now Available - TutorMe.com, a new, free student online tutoring and homework help service, is now available in any subject for students in grades 3-12. TutorMe.com is a secure, online resource easily accessible through MCPS student Canvas and StudentVUE accounts and offers on-demand assistance. The TutorMe.com service provides assistance that aligns with the MCPS curriculum, including knowledge of new curriculum tools being implemented. The service maintains rigorous standards providing high-quality, diverse tutors, screened for excellence (including a criminal background check). The service is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Learn More here:

<https://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/quicknotes/tutorme-free-service-is-now-available-2/>

FAMILY FOOD MARKET:

The next family food market being held at Watkins Mill High School will be on:

Date: Saturday April 22nd

Location: Watkins Mill High School

10301 Apple Ridge Road

Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Contact: marcus_d_wiggins@mcpsmd.org

Future Dates: May 20th

June 10th (The last one of this school year)

JUNIOR/SENIOR SPRING BREAK 2024 *COSTA RICA!!**

WE ARE BACK! Our wolverines are about to travel to France for this year's trip...and we are currently accepting enrollment for next year, COSTA RICA!

The 2024 Spring Break Trip destination will be...COSTA RICA! The trip will include a tour of both the East and West Coasts and locations in the interior of the country, such as Monteverde and Arenal! This is our most adventurous trip yet, you'll zip-line through the jungle, go whitewater rafting down rivers, and snorkel along the amazing coastal beaches.

Registration has already started, and SPACE IS LIMITED, 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!

This trip is for next school year's Juniors and Seniors Only!

Visit the following website or call to register...

eftours.com/2586185WN or call **(800) 665-5364**

See Mr. Sneddon in the Social Studies Office or Room B-112 at STEP if you have any questions.

PURA VIDA!

“The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page.” – Saint Augustine

STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING HOURS (SSL)

Attention seniors! You need to have a total of **75** hours to graduate in June.

There are many opportunities available to students.

Check out our WM Opportunities page for opportunities:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cOIeHF3NuyLZX9jNo1-m0NSZYU_3VAo3ikazmx4uSMQ/edit

Students may also find SSL opportunities at the following quick links: <https://bit.ly/SSLOpportunities>

If you want to access an overview of the current state of the SSL program at <https://bit.ly/SSLOverview2020> and step-by-step directions for viewing your SSL record on StudentVUE at <https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE>.

Krista Jiron
Resource Counselor (H-Kpz)
SSL Coordinator
[Opportunities to Earn Hours](#)
Watkins Mill High School
(301)284-4420
An International Baccalaureate World School

KPOP DANCE SHOWCASE

The second annual Hallyu Showcase will be hosted by the NOVA Kpop dance team at WMHS on Friday, **April 14th from 7-9 pm**. There will be 18 teams performing, ranging in age from middle school through college. Admission will be \$3 at the door. The first 100 paid admissions will get a free fiber optic light stick! Hope you can join us!!

Thank you!

Karen Doerrler
Science Teacher, NBCT

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

<https://bit.ly/wminternational2023flyer>




See flyers below.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Thursday, April 20TH 5:30-7:00 PM
Watkins Mill High School Cafeteria

Come and enjoy this free event for you
and your family



MUSIC  FASHION  TALENT  Food & Info.
FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Participants are still needed!!!

Can you dance, sing, participate in a fashion show, make a cultural poster board, or do a cultural performance?



Please complete the volunteer form at
<https://bit.ly/wminternational2023>

NOCHE INTERNACIONAL

Jueves, 20 de abril 5:30-7:00 PM
Cafetería - Watkins Mill High School

Ven y disfruta de este evento gratuito para ti y
tu familia



MÚSICA MODA TALENTO COMIDA E INFORMACIÓN
DE DIFERENTES PARTES DEL MUNDO

¡¡Se necesitan participantes!!

¿Puedes bailar, cantar, desfilas un atuendo cultural, hacer un cartel
de un país o llevar a cabo un acto cultural?



Si quieres participar completa el formulario

<https://bit.ly/wminternational2023>

SPRING MUSICAL

This year's Spring Musical will be "RENT".

Performances are April 28,29,May 5,6th @ 7pm. 5\$ for Students and 10\$ for adults. If you come to multiple shows, it's 3\$ for students and 8\$ for Adults for each show after your first. Please come out and support your future stars of tomorrow.

IB EXAM INFORMATION

11th and 12th grade IB DP/CP Program and course students who are registered to test are in full swing completing Internal Assessment exam components for their IB exams and the rest of their testing will happen in May ([Calendar here](#)).

- Failure to submit/take any exam component or dropping the testing subject will result in the forfeit of any waivers and/or financial assistance and will incur a charge for the full exam fee (\$124 per exam).

- Exams cannot be rescheduled. Students need to sit for the exam on the scheduled date and time.
- There will be no refunds for missed exams or incorrect test selection.

IB Exam fees (including any fee adjustments due to waivers or financial assistance requests) have been added to student accounts. If you have not paid for your IB exam, please do so as soon as possible **to avoid a financial obligation**. If you have any questions, please contact Reina Flores (reina_i_floressesnich@mcpsmd.org; 301-284-4375).

1. By credit, debit cards, and eCheck using [SchoolCash Online](#) (Recommended); payment can be total or increments.
 - o [Registration instructions in English](#) // [Instrucciones de registro en español](#).
 - o PIN Issues: If your student was enrolled in MCPS by July 1, you should have received an email from SCOPinProcess@mcpsmd.org with instructions and a PIN number. If you did not receive that email or can't find it, please contact Lisa Holderman at lisa_a_holderman@mcpsmd.org or 301-284-4416.
2. Cash, check, or money order at the Finance office at WMHS during lunchtime
 - o Check Payable to: WMHS (add student's ID number in the memo section) 10301 Apple Ridge Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20879

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS:

JUNIORS: COLLEGE FAIR FIELD TRIP

The 2023 National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) College Fair will be held on April 18 at the Adventist HealthCare Fieldhouse (formerly known as Discovery Sports Center) in Boyds. The bus will depart Watkins Mill at 10:00 AM and return at approximately 12:00 PM. All students will be offered a bagged lunch upon their return to school. Students must complete this [Google Form](#), register at the [NACAC website](#) and submit a [permission slip](#) (hard copies available in the Counseling Office) by Friday April 14. All juniors are encouraged to attend!

The fair is also open to all high school students, and their families, from 6:30–8:30 PM that evening. A workshop on “College 101-Simple Steps to Get You Started” will be held. If you have any questions about the event, please email Sarah Kessler, College & Career Coordinator at Sarah_H_Kessler@mcpsmd.org.

SENIORS: SCHOLARSHIPS

To date, over \$4,103,160 in scholarship awards has been reported by the Class of 2023. Please visit the Watkins Mill Career Center [Scholarships](#) page to view the many opportunities available to students. The list is updated DAILY and many are open to

students with a range of GPAs. It is very important we have a record of this information. We want to hear about and share your successes!

STAY INFORMED

Important updates related to college, careers, scholarships, programs, and more are sent every Friday to the MCPS Gmail accounts of Juniors and Seniors via Naviance. Information is also regularly updated on the [WM College & Career website](#). Please email Sarah_H_Kessler@mcpsmd.org if you would like to receive these emails or have any questions.

Follow the WM College/Career Center on Twitter [@WMHS_CCIC](#) for news & updates.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

The following is the link for the Media Center newsletter for April –

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k3FdNt6iSq0469esrd60Yb_adq0BJviXMkojqiTDA8/edit?usp=sharing

WMHS ATHLETICS NEWS

Happy April, Orange Nation. Spring sports are in full swing and our teams started games, matches and meets the week of March 20th. Be sure to check our [athletics website](#) page for all the latest greatest news in athletics. Announcements and scores will be posted here when available. Please see the link below.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Q40yZR2IIOfHiWv2-baGPmSYJWxNYoDj/edit?usp=share_link&oid=106645621066673638818&rtpof=true&sd=true

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Make sure to follow all things Wolverine Athletics:
- Twitter: @WMRinesSports
- Instagram: @wmrinessports
- Facebook: Watkins Mill Athletics
- Website: www.watkinsmillathletics.com
- Athletic Teams Accounts:
<https://watkinsmillathletics.com/athletic-social-media-accounts/>

IMPORTANT LINKS

WMHS Website Home:

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

<https://watkinsmillathletics.com/>

Calendar: **Calendar**

Staff Directory:

<https://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>

Free & Reduced Lunches: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>