

## Watkins Mill HS Announcements

Friday, April 19, 2024

[Morning announcements video](#)

### April is Arab American Heritage Month

Each day we will celebrate Arab Americans throughout the past and present, and recognize their invaluable contributions to our country.

- **Farouk El-Baz:** Geologist Farouk El-Baz has conducted field investigations in every major desert on earth and searched for ground water. He's credited with discovering groundwater resources in Egypt, Oman, Somalia, Sudan and the United Arab Emirates. Born in Egypt, El-Baz served as NASA's lead geologist for the Apollo space program from 1967 to 1972. Following that, he launched the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies at the National Air and Space Museum. Today, El-Baz is a professor and director of the Center for Remote Sensing at Boston University.

### Fun/Fitness Walk - every Wednesday at 11:30

- Attention staff and students!! Are you interested in getting a few more steps in during the day? If so, you are in luck! Mrs Davis Vaughan will be hosting any staff or students during lunch for a fun/fitness walk every Wednesday at 11:30!! This is a great opportunity to get outside, get some exercise and talk to people you don't always get to see during the day. No reservations necessary. Bring yourself and some water to join the fun!!

### School Musical - April 19 and 20

- Our O'Shea Theater will be presenting the musical "The 25th annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" this Friday and Saturday at 7pm. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Bring a friend and enjoy the show! Hope to see you there.

### Class of 2027 - field trip to McDaniel College April 24

- Attention Class of 2027: Don't miss out on the field trip to McDaniel College next Wednesday, April 24. Pick up your permission slip from the counseling office with Mrs. White. **Permission slips must be completed and returned by Monday, April 22 to secure your spot.** Let's start thinking about your future!

### International Night - April 25

- Join us for International Night on Thursday, April 25, from 5:30-7:00pm in the Auditorium. We will have music, performances, information and food! Questions? See Ms. Flores in the IB office, or click [here](#).

## 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.*

### 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.

## 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

### 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 Room D109 or a member of the Hispanic Honor Society.

### 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 - program and workshops

- Are you a junior and plan on attending college or trade school after high school? Do you need help with finding the best fit college and/or trade school? CollegeTracks can help you with that process! Feel free to stop by the CollegeTracks office, located in the Media Center, to speak with staff and/or register for the program. They have begun hosting workshops which include researching colleges/trade schools, discussing application types, financial aid opportunities to help make college affordable, and more. You must be registered for CollegeTracks to attend these workshops so make sure you [sign up](#) ASAP. Students who are in ACES are not eligible to apply.

### 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

### **Volleyball this Friday, April 19 - come support our undefeated team**

- Have you heard the news? Our coed volleyball team is undefeated this season! They have a big match up this Friday April 19 at home at 7pm against Rockville and we need the stands PACKED!! Grab your friends and come out and support.
- Tickets can be purchased on GoFan. If you need to use cash, stop by to see Ms. Magness during lunch on Thursday or Friday in Room G003 and she can assist you. Cash is not accepted at the door. You will need a ticket to enter the event.
- The boys team is working hard and improving drastically this season as well. They play on Friday at 5:30pm. Tickets work for both games!
- Let's spread the word and pack those stands 'Rines!

### **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!