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# NEWS TIPS

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## School Holidays and Closings

### Monday, November 23

Schools Closed for Students – Parent Conference Day

### Tuesday, November 24

Schools Closed for Students

Professional Development Day for High School Teachers  
Parent Conference Day for Elementary and Middle Schools

### November 25–27

Schools/Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

## Giving Tree Campaign – South Carroll High School

The South Carroll High School media center will be sponsoring its annual Giving Tree Campaign to support the efforts of Neighbors in Need, which helps provide holiday gifts to over 1,000 low-income families through their Holiday Shop. All students, faculty, staff, and other members of the South Carroll High School community are welcome to send in a donation of a newly purchased item, such as warm articles of clothing (gloves, hats, mittens, scarves, etc.), pajamas, slippers, unwrapped assorted gifts for teenagers, or personal care items. All donations will be placed around the tree and taken to the Neighbors in Need Holiday Shop in Westminster. A complete list of gift donation ideas can be found on the following web page:

<http://www.carrollk12.org/Assets/file/SCH/Students/giftideas.pdf>.

The Giving Tree campaign will begin on **Monday, November 30**, and will end on Wednesday, December 16. For further information, please contact Iris Wingert at 410-751-3575.

Contact: Iris Wingert, Library Media Specialist, South Carroll High School, 410-751-3575

## Carroll County Holiday Kickoff Event - Westminster Elementary School

The Westminster Elementary School 5th Grade Band and 5th Grade Orchestra will perform at the Carroll County Holiday Kickoff Event on **Tuesday, December 1**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Carroll County Government Office Building on Center Street in Westminster. Formerly the Carroll County Holiday Tree Lighting, this event will feature holiday music from local music groups. This will be the second year in a row that 5th grade instrumentalists from Westminster Elementary have performed at this event.

Contact: Brian Thompson, Instrumental Music Director, Westminster Elementary School, 410-751-3222

### **College/Career Night – Winters Mill High School**

The School Counseling Department at Winters Mill High School will be hosting the Second Annual College/Career Night on **Wednesday, December 2**, from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend to learn more about the following topics: financial aid, NCAA Clearinghouse, PSAT interpretation, ASVAB interpretation, SAT vs. ACT, the 2-year college experience, the 4-year college experience, Advanced Placement, the Carroll County Career and Technology Center, and Career Connections.

Contact: Edie Abbott, School Counselor, Winters Mill High School, 410-386-1500

### **Shopping Night – Francis Scott Key High School**

Francis Scott Key High School will hold a shopping night on **Thursday, December 3**, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the cafeteria. The event is sponsored by the Key Club and will feature 27 vendors, including Pampered Chef, Longaberger baskets, Usborne Books, letsdotea, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Gourmet Coffee, Creative Memories, Mary Kay, Lia Sophia jewelry, and many other candles, crafts, and jewelry. There will be free hot cider and cookies.

Contact: John Elsen, Social Studies Department, Francis Scott Key High School, 410-751-3320

### **Budget Work Session and Board Meeting**

The Board of Education of Carroll County will hold a work session on FY 11 Operating Budget options for reductions on **Wednesday, December 9**, at 1:00 p.m. There will be no time for citizen participation at this meeting. A combined regular and administrative Board meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. There will be time for citizen participation at this meeting. Both meetings will be held in Room 007 of the Board of Education offices, located at 125 North Court Street in Westminster. The public is encouraged to attend.

The agenda and back-up materials for the Board meeting will be available for review on BoardDocs, which may be accessed by visiting the school system's website at [www.carrollk12.org](http://www.carrollk12.org) and clicking on CCPS Online Meeting Agenda on the home page. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 21, with rebroadcasts on Thursday, December 10, at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday, December 13, at 8:00 p.m.; and Thursday, December 17, at 8:00 p.m.

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or provision of services, programs or activities. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities, 410-751-3177. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or [publicinfo@carrollk12.org](mailto:publicinfo@carrollk12.org), or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

Contact: Carey Gaddis, Supervisor of Community and Media Relations, 410-751-3020

### **MD Recycle Contest – Westminster High School**

Westminster High School seniors Darby Pelton, Susanah Ruzbarsky, and Jeremy Drenner had

entries in the MD Recycle Contest. Jeremy Drenner received an award in the category of Most Creative.

Contact: Christine Wenderoth, Art Teacher, Westminster High School, 410-751-3630

### **Volunteer Training**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b> <b>+precedes a school event/activity</b> <b>*follows a school event/activity</b> <b>#part of a school event/activity</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CONTACT</b> <b>Please call the number</b> <b>provided to confirm the</b> <b>scheduled training</b> <b>session.</b>
November 23	Westminster High	2:00 PM	410-751-3630
December 4	Linton Springs Elementary	10:00 AM	410-751-3280
December 8	West Middle	7:00 PM	419-751-3661
December 9	Mechanicsville Elementary	6:30 PM	410-751-3510
December 10	Linton Springs Elementary	4:00 PM	410-751-3280
December 10	Linton Springs Elementary	7:00 PM	410-751-3280

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