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Shiloh Middle School
The Wolf Trail



Principal's Message

Can you believe the winter months are already upon us? Where have the past 3 months gone? What will the remainder of the school year bring? What will the new year bring? All of these questions make me think of the short story called "Time". Rather than sharing all of the logistical information that is normally shared in the principal's letter and that can be found numerous times throughout the remainder of the newsletter, I thought I would share this story with you as we enjoy the holiday season and begin the new year.

"Time"

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course!!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each

night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow". You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success! The clock is running.

Make the most of today. Treasure every moment that you have, and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special: special enough to spend your time. Remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the PRESENT!

During this holiday season and throughout the new year, enjoy the "present" of time with your children, your family, and your friends. In the years to come, it is not the games, clothes, or toys that will be remembered, but rather the time that your children spent with you and you spent with them.

Wishing you a happy, safe, and healthy new year,

Jeffrey J. Alisauckas
Principal



The mission of the Shiloh Middle School community is to create a rigorous academic program within a safe and respectful environment that empowers all students to reach their fullest potential.

Visit our web page at
www.carrollk12.org/sms



**SHILOH MIDDLE SCHOOL
BAND AND ORCHESTRA
WINTER CONCERT**

Wednesday, December 14th

Students must report promptly at 6:20 pm in order to prepare and tune. The concert will begin at 7:00 PM.



**SHILOH MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHORUS**

WINTER CONCERT

Tuesday, December 13th

Deck the Halls...

On Tuesday evening, December 13, 2011 at 7:00pm in the gym, the Shiloh MS 6th, 7th & 8th grade Choruses will present their Winter Choral Concert. This concert will feature each grade level chorus performing songs that will ring in the winter holiday season as well as a special number performed by all three choruses. The students have been working very hard to prepare for this performance, and we hope you'll join us. Doors open at 6:30pm. Seating is limited!

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Carroll County Public Schools and Shiloh Middle follow the guidelines set forth by the state of Maryland. Below are the guidelines we follow. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school.

If your child:

- Attends school for less than 2 hours, they shall be marked absent the entire day.
- Attends school for more than 2 hours, but less than 4 hours, they shall be marked present for a ½ day.
- Attends school for more than 4 hours, they shall be marked present for a full day.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Master Minds held Mondays 3:30 - 4:30
Girls in Motion held Tuesdays 3:30pm - 4:30 pm
Homework Club held Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

December 1 Yearbook Candid Photos
December 1 Team 1—Night @ the Zoo (6:30-7:30PM)
December 7 Outdoor School Presentation
December 12 PTO Meeting (7 pm)
December 13 Winter Choral Concert (7-8:30 PM)
December 14 Band and Orchestra Concert (7—8:45 PM)
December 12 Interims Sent Home
December 23 Early Dismissal (2 hours 45 minutes early)
December 23 Geography Bee
December 25-January 3 Schools Closed (Winter Holiday)



JANUARY

Master Minds held Mondays 3:30 - 4:30
Girls in Motion held Tuesdays 3:30pm - 4:30 pm
Homework Club held Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Ski Club held every Thursday 3:30 pm - 10:00 pm

January 3 Schools Re-open
January 5 Yearbook Candid Photos
January 9 PTO Meeting (7:00 PM)
January 12 ReadStep Parent Night 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
(1/17/12 Snow Date)
January 16 Martin Luther King Day (School Closed)
January 19 6th Grade Toby's Field Trip
January 25 Eighth Grade Parent Presentation @ NCHS
January 23 Outdoor School (1/23 - 2/3)
January 23 Book Fair Begins (1/23—2/03)
January 27 Schools Closed for Students—Professional Development for Teachers
January 31 8th Grade Parent Night—Westminster High School



School Counseling Newsletter

It is hard to believe we are more than a quarter of the way through the school year! Your school counselors have been visiting classrooms getting to know all students. The 8th grade students recently took career interest and skills surveys, followed by a trip to the Career and Technology Center (CCCTC). This gave them a chance to explore programs that would give them an opportunity to develop post-secondary skills. Students and parents are encouraged to attend the CCCTC open house next fall in order to learn more about the programs offered.

During October and November there was an emphasis placed upon bullying awareness. Counselors taught lessons to all grade levels on the harmful effects of bullying, and the great importance of not being a silent witness. Students were invited to participate in making a pledge against bullying. *These pledges were hung on a bulletin board which read, "United We Stand Divided We Fall." Students who participated received a blue bracelet which read, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall." Students and staff were also able to purchase anti-bullying t-shirts which read, "Are you part of the problem or part of the solution?"*

Thank you for all of your involvement and communication! Have a wonderful holiday!

Important Dates to Remember

March 14th and 15th Reading MSA

March 20th and 21st Math MSA

May 23rd Algebra HSA

Reminders From the School Nurse

1. Please encourage your child to eat breakfast before coming to school in the morning.
2. If your child isn't feeling well please check their temperature before sending them to school. If they come to us and have a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, we will have to send them home according to Carroll County school policy. **Also, according to new CCPS policy, if your child is sent home from school with a temperature of 100 or higher, they MAY NOT return to school until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications such as Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen. If your child returns the next day we will have to call to have them picked up. Likewise, if they are home sick from school with a fever they may not come to school the next day. This new policy will hopefully reduce the spread of infection within our schools. Please remember that body temperatures are normally lower in the morning and a student's fever may again spike as the day progresses.
3. If your child has any symptoms of possible "pink eye", conjunctivitis, such as redness, discharge from the eye, or itching, please consult with their doctor. If your child comes to us with these symptoms we will have to send them home. They can return to school when symptom free, or with a doctor note stating it isn't contagious.
4. Please remember that students may not carry medication with them to school. This includes all over the counter medications. The only exception to this is if they have a doctor's order on file with us to carry their inhaler or Epi-pen. In order for any medication to be given at school, a parent must bring in a bottle of medication with age appropriate dosing for the child, and sign our form. Any medication other than Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen must also have an MD order to be given in school.
5. Please remind students that good hand washing is the best way to stay well. Students may carry their own hand sanitizer, any brand, for personal use only.
6. As we are all aware, flu season is upon us. You may want to contact your child's doctor and consider the flu vaccine. Flu symptoms include a characteristic high fever of 100-102 F, lasting 3-4 days, headache, body aches, fatigue and cough and chest discomfort. It may also cause, although less commonly, cold symptoms such as stuffy nose, sneezing and sore throat. Symptoms of nausea, vomiting and diarrhea are not usually associated with the seasonal flu virus, but have been seen with H1N1 flu. These stomach symptoms may be caused by a different virus which is often referred to as the "stomach flu".
7. Our health room does not supply cough drops. Students may carry non-medicated cough drops with them to school. Shiloh requires a parent note be sent giving the child permission to take them during the school day.



Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sherry Auffarth, RN

Karen St Andre, RN

Shiloh School Nurse

DEADLINE: January 3 2012

Nominations received after 5:00 PM will not be accepted.
Nomination forms must be received in the Carroll County
Chamber of Commerce office (not just postmarked).

Mail Nomination forms to:
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
Attn. OTA
P.O. Box 871 • Westminster, MD 21158
FAX: 410-876-1023
Online: www.carrollcountychamber.org Outstanding Teacher

Guidelines
Eligibility: Any full-time teacher in the Carroll County Public School System may be nominated.

Criteria: Teachers will be judged on the degree to which the candidates exhibit qualities of excellence.

Process: Step 1—Teacher is nominated.

Step 2—Each teacher is notified of the nomination and is asked to complete a biographical form. Any teacher not completing the biographical form will not be considered for an award or recognized as an Outstanding Teacher.

Step 3—Judges review the Nomination Form & Biographical Form and select eight winners for the Chamber's Outstanding Teacher Award.

NOTE: The Chamber follows the MD Teacher of the Year guidelines so that the candidates are eligible for MD Teacher of the Year.

REQUIRED QUESTIONS

On a separate piece of paper please respond to the following three questions:

1. **Give specific examples** of how this teacher inspires students to learn.
2. **Give specific examples** of how this teacher builds confidence and self esteem.
3. **Give specific examples** of the ways that this teacher helps students apply what they have learned to real world situations.

Please feel free to make additional comments.

Answer the questions fully but please limit your response to fit on one page. Your answers are used by the judges to determine the winners. **Please print or type.**

2012 Carroll County Chamber of Commerce



Outstanding Teacher Awards
Nomination Form

Teacher Information (Please print clearly) (* Required field; incomplete forms will not be accepted)

*Teacher's Name: First _____ MI _____ Last _____

*Nominee is a **FULL TIME TEACHER**: Elementary School Middle School High School
Career & Technology Special Education Counselor Media Specialist

*Teacher's School: _____

*School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominator Information (Please print clearly) (* Required field; incomplete forms will not be accepted)
 My name may be released to the teacher I've nominated if requested, otherwise nominations are confidential.

*Nominator Name: First _____ MI _____ Last _____

*Nominator is: Parent of a student Student Teacher School Administrator

*Nominator's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Phone #: _____ Email: _____

***A RESPONSE TO THE THREE QUESTIONS ON THE LEFT IS REQUIRED, AND USED BY THE JUDGES TO DETERMINE THE AWARD WINNERS.**

Submit nominations online Nov 1—Jan 3

Visit the Chamber website at www.carrollcountychamber.org **Nominate early!**

Heavy use of the online site may interfere your nomination being received.

Nominations close on Jan. 3, 2012 at 5:00 PM

Mail to: Carroll Co. Chamber of Commerce 9 E. Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157

Yearbooks! Yearbooks! Ready to Purchase Yearbooks!



Did you know? Shiloh has three options for ordering yearbooks.
You can order your yearbook **Jan. 3 through Jan. 31.**

1. Online

- A. Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com
- B. School Code - 29176
- C. Follow the online prompts.
- D. You will be assessed a convenience fee of \$3.50 for this option.



OR

2. Phone

- A. Call toll free 1.866.287.3096
- B. Monday – Friday hours 9 to 6.
- C. School Code - 29176
- D. You will be assessed a convenience fee of \$3.50 for this option.



OR

3. Mail order

- A. Fill out the Memories envelope when it is sent home in January.
- B. Enclose your check or money order. **NO credit cards** are accepted by mail.
- C. A convenience fee is not charged for mail orders.
- D. Please make checks/money order payable to: Larry Allen & Co.

Place your order envelope in another envelope and mail to:

Larry Allen & Company, Inc.
11800 Greencastle Pike
Hagerstown, MD 21740



Orders are due to Larry Allen & Company by January 31.

Unfortunately, our school will not be able to purchase additional copies of the yearbook to sell after the January 31, 2012 deadline, so please order your yearbook today.

Did you know?

Shiloh has a recycling center in the main lobby. Look for the big blue, wooden structure. We recycle plastic bottles & aluminum cans, plastic bags, laser & inkjet cartridges, and cell phones.

If you are looking for a place to recycle the environmentally friendly light bulbs (the swirly shaped ones) and rechargeable batteries, Lowe's has a recycling center inside the door by the returns

Carroll County Recreation & Parks

Carroll County Recreation & Parks is pleased to announce the release of the Winter Community Recreation Program Guide. You may access the Program Guide via the internet at www.ccrecpark.org Register online with VISA or MASTERCARD. You may also mail or drop off registration and payment to the Recreation & Parks office in the Robert Moton Center, 300 S. Center Street in Westminster. Some classes have limited registrations and all programs are filled on a first come, first served basis. Many programs are eligible for senior discounts (age 60 and older) or early bird discounts (register by November 30). Financial assistance is also available to families or individuals who may qualify based on income levels.

Program Guides will be distributed to all branches of the Carroll County Public Library, Carroll County Senior and Community Centers, Bear Branch and Piney Run Nature Centers, the Carroll County Farm Museum, and the Carroll County Office Building.

Please call 410-386-2103 if you have any questions regarding programs and services or visit www.ccrecpark.org for more information about Carroll County Recreation and Parks and to register online.

BUS PASSES



The school office receives many requests to issue bus passes because a student wishes to ride a different bus from his or her assigned bus or to get off at a different bus stop. The Transportation Office of Carroll County Public Schools does not allow student to do this except in cases of "an emergency, extenuating circumstances, medical necessity or to a regular (daily) work location."

PICK-UP / DROP-OFF

There have been several complaints from bus drivers that the bus lanes have been blocked due to parked vehicles in the bus lanes. Please do not park in the bus lanes between 2:50 pm and 3:30 pm.

Thank you.

Club News

Student Council

Student Council is planning its annual Toy Drive which benefits needy children in Carroll County through Neighbors in Need. We are collecting new toys, unwrapped from Nov. 28 through Dec. 15. We are also supporting the cold weather shelter. We are collecting new men's and women's gloves, hats and scarves for the folks who sleep there this winter. Students who are interested can sign up to help Mrs. Finch's dinner group serve a meal one night. In December we will be traveling to senior centers and assisted living homes to sing carols and deliver cookies. Our web page is just being completed; look for it on the Shiloh website soon! For details contact Mrs. Finch or Mr. Dotterweich.



MasterMinds

MasterMinds of Shiloh Middle School is an after school club for students who want to build higher level thinking skills, individually and through collaboration with others. Open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, the club mainly offers Rubik's Cube and chess instruction and competitions. These higher level thinking activities (where you need to plan 2 and 3 steps ahead) will set the students up for future success in high school and college!!!!



Homework Club

Homework Club is up & running on full-steam! We have over 60 students & more than 10 teachers who attend on various days, and we're always accepting new members. Our goal is to help any students who need assistance, and to help make sure all Shiloh students can be successful.



Girls in Motion

Girls in Motion is an after school club that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:15-4:30. The purpose of the club is to provide an opportunity for Girls to unite to build their confidence and fitness levels in an environment that is motivating, fun and inspiring for all who join the club. Permission slips are available in the Girls Locker room or the Guidance Office.



Multicultural Club/SHOUT

We are proud to announce that Shiloh Middle School will be having a Multicultural Club this year! This is an after school club designed to offer students opportunities to explore various cultures and encourage tolerance & acceptance in our school environment. Additionally, we will be incorporating SHOUT into our club, providing students with community service projects and activities.

Team News

Team 5 had their first Reward Day for students on November 15th. Students who showed "Pride in the Pack" via behavior and academic success were allowed to choose an activity they enjoyed. Team 5 also won the first reward for earning the most PRIDE cards for September. Extra recess is always a fun reward! Don't know what PRIDE cards are? Ask your child. Discover how many they've turned in and why they earned them.

Ms. Flowers's ELA classes are exploring career options while working on refining research and presentation skills.

Mrs. Fosnot's classes will have the opportunity to complete a gingerbread house project prior to winter break. The students will be creating and following a budget and using scale drawings to create a gingerbread house. Look for more information to come home with your child.

Algebra: The Algebra classes are moving into unit 4 which focuses on graphing linear equations using a variety of methods.

8th Grade Math: These classes will be working on percent applications and then will move into geometry when we return from winter break.

Mrs. Gelhaus's ENG I has just started To Kill a Mockingbird. They will be reading the novel and discussing the story in Literature Groups. The unit will culminate with a Southern Buffet and the classic movie.

ELA classes are continuing to learn vocabulary using Word-up Raps. They are almost finished the first Glencoe unit and will be taking the Unit test. The Big Question for Unit 1 has been "How Do You Stay True to Yourself?" Students have delved into a myriad of characters' lives looking for the answer to this question.

Team 5 wishes you a delightful holiday season!

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The CCPS provides nondiscriminatory access to school facilities in accordance with its policies and regulations regarding the community use of schools (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts). The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Gregory J. Bricca

Director of Research and Accountability

125 North Court Street

Westminster, Maryland 21157

2012 - 2013 SCHOOL TIMES

NEXT YEAR – SHILOH MIDDLE SCHOOL – 8:25-3:00

This will be an adjustment of 10 minutes.

Students will start school 10 minutes earlier and dismiss
10 minutes earlier than 2011-2012.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q: Why is Carroll County Public Schools changing its school start and end times next school year?

A: Last year, the Superintendent asked each department head to examine their operations in an effort to improve efficiency and to look at potential cost saving measures. The Transportation Services Department, through the restructuring of school starting and ending times and the realignment of bus routes, found significant efficiencies leading to the elimination of 40 buses with an annual cost savings of at least \$1.2 million. This change led to a reorganization of school start and end times.

Q: Are the school times final?

A: Yes. The school times as published are the official start and end times for the 2012 – 2013 school year. There may be a need to make changes in future years for specific schools pertaining to student population growth, school boundary adjustments, and transportation efficiency. However, these are the final start and end times for next school year.

Q: Why are high schools starting earlier than middle and elementary schools?

A: The high school instructional day (6 hours and 50 minutes) is 15 minutes longer than the middle school day and 20 minutes longer than the elementary school day. If high schools had the later school times, elementary schools would have to start as early as 7:30 a.m. to allow high schools to start within the earliest time range of 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. With this starting time range, the high school day would not end until 4:05 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

High school boundaries are much larger in area. This means high school bus routes are also longer, and many students would not arrive home until well after 5:00 p.m. While students at all grade levels participate in after school activities, many high school students participate in extra-curricular activities and many have after school job requirements. In addition, many elementary and middle school parents rely on an older high school sibling to provide after-school care.

Q: Why wasn't I notified earlier?

A: The Transportation Efficiency Study and the proposed 2012-2013 school times were discussed at several public Board of Education meetings, beginning at the March 23, 2011 meeting. The proposed school times were published on the Carroll County Public Schools website with the opportunity for parents and community members to provide feedback. There was much public discussion about the plan and several hundred emails were received. There were also several articles printed in the Carroll County Times and other local publications regarding the proposed changes for school start times. An attempt was made by the school system to make sure that all families were informed of the proposal and received as much input as possible prior to a final decision.

Q: Was the need for daycare considered in developing the new school times?

A: There is no school schedule that would fulfill every family's personal schedule and daycare needs. The school system recognizes that the changes in school schedules will alter many families' current home schedules. As is currently the case for many families, before and after-school daycare service may be required.

Q: Will my child's bus number be the same next year?

A: Buses will be assigned to routes in the most efficient and economical manner based on the location of bus contractors and school routes. Many students staying within the same school will have a different bus number next year.

Q: You have eliminated 40 buses; does that mean my child's bus ride will be longer?

A: No, student ride times will not be made longer or shorter as a result of the reduction in the number of buses or the adjustment to school start and end times. However, because the school starting and ending times are changing for most schools, students will board buses and depart buses earlier or later depending on the change in school times. The reduction in the number of buses results from arranging the school start and end times to achieve the maximum use of each school bus every day. In most cases, each bus will complete three routes per day in school year 2012-13 allowing us to eliminate the 40 buses. We will not make any adjustments to bus routes that would impact student ride time beyond our normal adjustments for new students or students leaving.

Q: Will the changes to school start and end or the reduction in the number of buses impact special education routes?

A: No, the study that resulted in the new school times did not include special education routes. The 40 buses being eliminated are all regular education buses.

Q: When will specific information regarding next year's bus schedules be made available?

A: Bus routes and times will be published on the school system's website and given to schools in early August. The Carroll County Times normally publishes bus routes (by school) at least one full week before the start of school.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event it becomes necessary to close schools for the entire day because of inclement weather, the announcement will be made no later than 6:45 AM through the following media sources:

(Westminster) WTTR

(Hanover) WHVR

(Frederick) WFMD & WZYQ

(Thurmont) WTHU

(Baltimore) WBAL, WCA0, WPOC, WCBM,
WMAR-TV, WFBR, WMIX, WLIF, B104, WNUV-54,
WJZ-TV, WYST, WQSR, WRBS & WGRX

(Washington D.C.) WMAL, WTOP & WJLA-TV

(Williamsport) WCRH

HOMEWORK HOTLINE

Access Homework Hotline Online at
www.carrollk12.org/sms

The Homework Hotline will be activated from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M.

Steps for using the Hotline:

1. Call the school phone number
(410-386-4570)
2. A message will be given
("You Have Reached")
3. Enter the voice mail box number of the team you wish to hear:
 - Team One is 1
 - Team Two is 2
 - Team Three is 3
 - Team Four is 4
 - Team Five is 5
 - Team Six is 6

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