



# Westminster High School *Owl*

November, 2009

# Newsletter

Website: <http://www.carrollk12.org/whs/>

## ADMINISTRATION

## Principal's Message

Kenneth J. Goncz, Principal  
Troy Barnes, Asst. Principal  
Christina Dougherty, Asst. Principal  
Bryan Wetzel, Asst. Principal

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### OUR MISSION

*Westminster High School is a large, dynamic community whose mission is to prepare all students for the future by cultivating academic, artistic, social, and physical skills in a safe and intellectually challenging environment.*

### Home of the Owls

Westminster High School  
1225 Washington Road  
Westminster, MD 21157

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As October draws to a close, we can look back on an exciting month at Westminster High. Our performing groups have excelled this season. Our varsity cheerleaders scored high and placed well in all three of their recent competitions. In addition, the junior varsity cheerleaders won the county championship. Our exceptional marching band ended its season by winning the Bands of America regional competition at Towson University. The only Maryland school to earn such an honor. For a band with a storied past, this was arguably our band's most decorated season. For more details on the success of these groups, see page six of this newsletter.

Our sports teams have also been very competitive. The field hockey team won the county championship and enters the playoffs with a perfect 14-0 record. The boy's cross country team finished second in the county meet with senior Ryan Taylor winning the race to be crowned county champion. In golf, the Owls placed second in the county as Jim Harbaugh won medalist honors at the county meet. Jim and John Reid qualified for the state meet, and Jim finished eleventh in the state.

I would like to commend the SGA for their excellent job with coordinating the Homecoming Week activities. The powder puff game, homecoming football game and dance were well-attended and filled with school spirit! Since the poor weather forced the cancelling of the pep rally, we have rescheduled this event for Friday, November 6.

I have been very pleased with the way students and teachers have embraced our new FLEX MOD. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, there have been 13,327 requests for students. Also, 1,603 out of 1,710 students have been requested for FLEX MOD at least once. Teachers report that far fewer students are receiving low grades due to incomplete work. A review of the data indicates that we have had a 9.5% drop in students earning F's as compared to first quarter last year. In addition, the total number of F's or D's assigned to students dropped 8.6%. I am happy to see these trends. I will be comparing the overall school GPA with last year's figures and will share that information when it becomes available.

The construction project is making good progress. The back field of the school is scheduled to be sodded within a couple of weeks. The first set of rooms on the second floor has been completed, and we anticipate class construction dates to remain on schedule.

I would like to thank parents and community members for their continued support of Westminster High School. Your involvement is instrumental to our success. American Education Week is November 16-20, and we welcome your visit to our school during that time. Also, our fall parent conferences will be held between 12:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on November 23. Students should have brought home a form for you to use requesting a conference time. The same form is available on our school website. In the meantime, please call or email a teacher, counselor or administrator if you have any concerns regarding your student. We are Westminster, We are one!

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Goncz

**Westminster High School  
Direct Phone Lines**

<b>Main Office:</b> 410-751-3630	Fax: 410-751-3640
<b>Counseling Department:</b> 410-751-3636	Fax: 410-386-4597
<b>Attendance:</b> 410-751-3641	
<b>Health Room:</b> 410-751-3958	
<b>Special Education:</b> 410-751-3644	
<b>Athletic Director – Mr. Molloy:</b> 410-751-3637	Fax: 410-386-4498
<b>Web Site:</b> <a href="http://www.carrollk12.org/whs/">http://www.carrollk12.org/whs/</a>	

Refer to the list below as to who your administrator will be this year.

Ms. Christina Dougherty, Assistant Principal,	A-HAN
Mr. Troy Barnes, Assistant Principal,	HAO-PI
Mr. Bryan Wetzel, Assistant Principal,	PJ-Z

**CCCPS ADA Compliance Statement:**

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 advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

**A.H.E.R.A.:**

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (A.H.E.R.A.) management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County are available for review at the individual Carroll County school locations and at the Office of Plant Operations located at: 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157. Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos-containing materials, if any are located in the school building.

**ALERT NOW - SCHOOL CLOSINGS:**

When weather conditions cause the closing of schools, the Alert Now system will notify parents/guardians of any announcements via email or telephone calls. These emergency closing announcements will also be announced over the area radio and television. Please do not call the school for this information. We must keep the telephone lines open for emergency use. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. On days when there is an early dismissal because of inclement weather, or when school is closed - **ALL** practices, events and activities will be canceled. Announcements regarding closings will be made on the following: WTRR – Westminster, WHVR – Hanover, WBLA, WCAO, WCBM, WMAR-TV, WPOC, and WLIF – Baltimore.

**American Education Week:**

American Education Week is November 16-20. Parents and Guardians are welcome to visit Westminster High School classrooms. Upon arrival, please visit the Main Office. Guests will be escorted to their child's classroom. We look forward to greeting you!

**Carroll County Public Schools Volunteer Program:**

***Making A Difference Together***

Level II Volunteers (classroom helpers, tutors, chaperones, mentors, etc) are required to attend an annual training session at least seven (7) school days prior to volunteering. School Days are defined as days when schools are open for students. Scheduled training sessions for the 2009-2010 school year are available at the Carroll County Public Schools' Web Site [www.carrollk12.org](http://www.carrollk12.org).

Thanks in advance for supporting student achievement by volunteering in our schools. Additional information about the school system's volunteer program can be obtained by contacting Jane Farver, CCPS Volunteer Program Coordinator at [ejfarve@carrollk12.org](mailto:ejfarve@carrollk12.org) or 410-386-1536.

### **Cell Phones, Pages and Other Communications Devices:**

Electronic communication devices must be turned off and placed out of view before entering the school building and remain off and out of view during the entire school day. Reference the *Carroll County Public Schools Student Handbook* for further details.

**Early Dismissals:** If your student will be leaving school before the end of the school day, please be sure to send in an early dismissal note with the student. They are to take the note to the Attendance Office first thing in the morning to get an “Early Dismissal” pass. This is helpful in cutting down on classroom interruptions and also helps you and your student make it to important appointments on time.

**Eligibility Policy:** Please remember that the academic eligibility policy is in effect. Any student who receives an “F” or an “I” for the first quarter of the current school year will be ineligible for extracurricular activities during the second quarter.

**Emergency Card Changes:** Please keep the school informed of any address, home or work phone number, or email address changes by contacting our Data Clerk, Mrs. Hall at 410-751-3630 x 2254 or e-mail mahall@carrollk12.org This up-to-date information is critical in case of an emergency.

### **Honors Breakfast:**

Annual continental breakfast to honor students who meet specified eligibility requirements.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the Honors Breakfast students must have:

Straight A’s or Weighted GPA greater than/equal to 4.0 for the first and second marking periods for the current school year.

Projected date: March 3, 2010

Notification process: Students and parents will receive a letter inviting them to a continental breakfast. A list of eligible students will appear in homerooms for students to check. If their name does not appear and they believe they are eligible, they should see Mrs. Bowen in the Main Office.

### **Scholastic Letter**

Annual certificate of achievement award presented at the May Faculty Meeting to honor students who meet the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility: Eight (8) consecutive marking periods with a **Final** grade for every course of A, B, P or U (One school year = 4 marking periods). To meet 8 consecutive marking periods, students could have 2 complete school years, back to back, or 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of a school year, then both semesters of the next school year and the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the next school year. Only Juniors and Seniors are eligible due to the need to complete the 8 complete marking periods. Students who receive a Scholastic Letter as a Junior are not eligible for a second Letter as a Senior.

Date: May 4, 2010 Faculty Meeting - Auditorium- 2:40 p.m.

Application process: Late February, early March 2010, morning announcements will be made for students to pick up an application form in the Guidance Department or Main Office. Students are responsible for completing an application and returning it per the directions on the application. Application deadline is April 16, 2010.

Notification process: Students will be notified if they apply and they do not meet requirements. A list of eligible students will appear in Homerooms for students to check. If their name does not appear and they believe they are eligible, they should see Mrs. Bowen in the Main Office. Parents will receive a letter inviting them to a tea and ceremony for the students.

### **Service Learning:**

Below is a link that will give students the opportunity to participate in several upcoming community service projects.

[www.studentenvironmentalteam.com](http://www.studentenvironmentalteam.com)

### **Verifying Student Absence :**

Carroll County Public Schools will accept a written note, email, facsimile, or phone call from a student’s parent or legal guardian as verification of the reason for a student’s absence. As always, parents are strongly encouraged to report their child’s absence as soon as possible, including the reason for the absence. They may do so by sending a written note with their child; faxing a note to 410-751-3640 (Attn: Attendance); emailing the school at [WHSAttendance@carrollk12.org](mailto:WHSAttendance@carrollk12.org) ; or calling the school at 410-751-3641 or 410-751-3630.

**Please note** that these methods are for absences and tardiness only. They are not acceptable for early dismissals. Students who will be leaving early are required to bring a written note to the Attendance Office before homeroom.

## Westminster High School on the World Wide Web!!

Bookmark <http://www.carrollk12.org/whs/> to get Westminster High School online! Our user-friendly Home Page will point you in the right direction for our latest schedules, dates, times and places for all of our important events. Faculty lists, e-mail addresses, departments, program of studies, calendars and special events are available at the click of a mouse. Our site is updated on a weekly basis. Be sure to take a look at the Media Center portion of the web page. There are links to all of WHS subscription databases that students may use for research at school as well as at home. Follow the events of the 2009-2010 school year online.

## Work Permits:

The Department of Labor has revised the procedure for applying for work permits. If you are a minor 14 to 17 years old, you will need a Minor Work Permit if you want to get a job in Maryland. To get a work permit; Go to [www.dllr.state.md.us](http://www.dllr.state.md.us), scroll down and click on Minor Work Permit and follow directions:

1. Print a hard copy Work Permit Application, Complete the "To the Minor" section
2. Have your employer complete and sign the "To the Employer" section
3. Have your parent or guardian sign and date the application after they review it
4. Fill out the online application completely using the data collected on the hard copy application
5. Follow directions on the Application Receipt

For questions write to: [dllr@dllr.state.md.us](mailto:dllr@dllr.state.md.us)

Bring the completed application, receipt page and your Proof of Age (birth certificate, valid driver's license/permit, state identification card, passport or any other valid government issued document) to WHS Guidance Department for approval. Please allow 5 days for approval of the work permit.

## Seniors:

This is a reminder that any senior who had a picture taken at a local studio must have her/his picture submitted by **December 1**, in order to appear in the yearbook. Pictures must be head shots taken in formal attire on a blue background WITHOUT props (refer to last year's book for examples). All local photographers should submit the pictures on CD as either a .tif or .jpeg file. The photographer must include a thumbnail of all pictures with the seniors' names. Please call your photographer and ask her/him to send the CD to Ms. Doolan at Westminster High School. If you do not have a digital copy of your picture, the hard copy must be mailed to Ms. Doolan or dropped off at room A137. Please understand that non-digital copies will NOT be as nice as the digital copies due to resolution issues. Be sure the student's name is clearly marked on the envelope. **THE YEARBOOK STAFF IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACQUIRING YOUR PICTURE FROM ANY PHOTOGRAPHER OTHER THAN VICTOR O'NEILL.**

Any questions should be directed to Ms. Doolan: [lldoola@carrollk12.org](mailto:lldoola@carrollk12.org)

## Notes from the Nurse:

Cold and flu season is upon us. Here are some important tips to remember:



1. Hand washing is the single most important step in controlling spread of illness. Regular soap is as effective as antibacterial soap for washing germs off your hands. Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
2. Signs of the **COMMON COLD** can be: stuffy, runny nose (the mucus may be clear or colored, depending on the stage of the cold), sore throat, fever, cough, watery eyes and feeling tired. It takes a week or more to completely get over a cold. **Do not ask your doctor for antibiotics. They do not work on colds.** The only way to treat a cold is to treat the symptoms.
3. Signs of the **FLU** can be: fever, headache, fatigue, weakness, chest discomfort, cough, general aches and pain. It can take several days to several weeks to get over the symptoms of the flu. **Do not ask your doctor for antibiotics. They do not work on the flu.**
4. Cold viruses can spread from hard surfaces as well as direct contact with a sick person. Touching a doorknob or telephone, for example, and then touching your nose or eyes can transmit the virus. The flu is rapidly spread by coughs and sneezes. Obviously, good hygiene is key to prevention. Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing and wash hands and hard surfaces frequently.
5. Signs of Strep throat include bright red tonsils, pus on the tonsils, fever and swollen glands in the neck. Kids will sometimes get a sandpaper-like rash. Kids with **Strep throat** usually do not have other cold symptoms like a runny nose or cough. **Strep throat does need to be treated with antibiotics.** Ask your doctor if your child needs a strep test before any antibiotics are prescribed.
6. Treat sore throats by mixing 2 teaspoons of salt with an 8-ounce glass of warm water. Have the child gargle with the mixture several times a day.
7. Students **ARE** permitted to carry cough drops in school. Please place a few in their book bag in case they are needed.
8. **STUDENTS MAY NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL FEVER-FREE FOR 24 HOURS WITHOUT MEDICATION.**



## Not My Child Online Activities” November 2009



Most children today have personal cell phones, and these devices are invaluable for allowing instant contact between parents and their children. However, these same cell phones are also being used to record all manner of videos. On sites like *YouTube* and *eBaum's World*, you will find videos of deadly car wrecks, dangerous stunts, embarrassing moments, and illegal activity. Underage drinking is also a popular theme for kids. “I’m going to chug a pint of Jack Daniels out of this here beer bong,” announces a boy who’s made a home video from his college dorm room.” Each day, 70,000 videos are being uploaded to *YouTube*, and kids are “pushing the envelope” trying to do more outrageous things so they can post a video that will draw a high number of viewing hits.

The vast majority of teens spend a significant amount of time online. According to a recent Harris Interactive Poll, 72% of teens have an online social-networking profile (*MySpace*, *Facebook*), 73% use cell phones, and 91% have an email address. But what information are they sharing? Consider these statistics:

- 59% believe posting personal information or photos on public blogs or social-networking sites is “somewhat unsafe” or “very unsafe.”
- 7% believe posting personal information is “very safe.”
- 34% believe posting personal information is “somewhat safe.”
- 62% post photos of themselves.
- 45% post the name of their school.
- 4% post their home address.
- 14% post their cell phone number.

It is important that parents stress to their children that anyone has access to view videos that have been uploaded to a public website, such as *YouTube*, including potential employers and college admissions staff. Because these videos are recorded “in private” and uploaded on a personal computer in the seclusion of a bedroom or home office, children tend to think their videos are private and anonymous. In reality, it’s easy for someone with sophisticated search tools to track down the person who uploaded a video. Explain the potential dangers of posting embarrassing videos online and make sure your kids understand that once they post information on the Internet, it can’t be taken back.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact:

Anna Bible, Coordinator of Safe and Drug-Free Schools

Carroll County Public Schools

410-751-3331

[ambible@carrollk12.org](mailto:ambible@carrollk12.org)

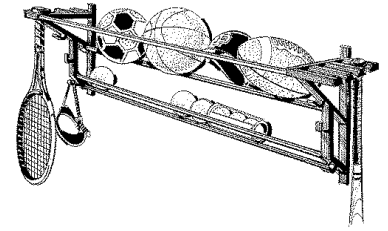
Excerpts taken from “Online Fools,” Wednesday, September 30, 2009, [www.connectwithkids.com](http://www.connectwithkids.com)

Great online resources for parents can be found at:

<http://www.onguardonline.gov/topics/safety-tips-tweens-teens.aspx>

<http://www.ikeepsafe.org/>

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**2010 Shrimp and Bull Roast**  
Saturday, February 27th, 2010  
Pleasant Valley Fire Department  
**Get Involved and support our Silent Auction!**  
**More information will be announced.**  
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Bob Wilkins at [bobwil86@comcast.net](mailto:bobwil86@comcast.net) with questions.

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**Who Are the WHS Athletic Boosters?**

The Athletic Boosters are parents and/or friends who join together to support the student athlete and support and promote the athletic programs at Westminster High. To name a few, a booster member can volunteer to be a director for the snack bar, volunteer to work in the snack bar or volunteer to help with a fund-raising project. Call or email Beth Nave (410-857-9363 / [evynave@comcast.net](mailto:evynave@comcast.net)) for more information regarding working in the snack bar.

Most people do not know that our Athletic Director, Terry Molloy, receives NO monies from the Board of Education. His main source of income for financing all programs, equipment, filed maintenance, uniforms, etc. is from the money collected at the gate of all the stadium events and fundraising.

**Come and help out WHS Athletics!**

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room B203 (across from the main office). We invite and encourage everyone to join us!

**Contact Us!**

President: Debbie Cavey • 410-552-1616 • [drjcavey@comcast.net](mailto:drjcavey@comcast.net)  
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**Band News**

1st Place in every Finals Competition  
USSBA Preview Show - 1st Place  
USSBA Century HS Show - 1st Place  
USSBA Westminster HS Show - 1st Place  
1st Place at the Bands of America Towson University Regional  
(The only band from the state of Maryland to win a BOA  
Regional and to do it twice—Once in 2003 and now in 2009)  
4th Place Prelims Bands of American West Chester University  
Regional (Finals were canceled due to rain)  
1st Place at the United States Scholastic Band Association's  
Mid-Atlantic Regional



**Cheerleading News:**

Congratulations to the JV Owls Cheerleaders who are the new Carroll County Champions! The JV squad also participated in two invitational competitions this season placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> respectively. They had clean routines throughout the season. You can check out their high flying, high energy, high jumping routine at the JV football games or the Pep Rally on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.



## WINTER CHEERLEADING TRY-OUTS

will begin on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the balcony gym. Anyone interested in trying out to be a part of our award winning teams should pick up an informational packet from Ms. Ganske's room (A107) or the Main Office. Please remember to have an updated physical form on file. You can contact Kari Ganske with any questions by phone or email at the school.



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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisory Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to pay by cash or check, please attach your payment and send it to Ms. Doolan's attention in room A137 or mail it to the address below. Orders online do not require any additional paperwork. Please contact Ms. Doolan with any questions (410-751-3630 x300). Checks should be payable to WHS yearbook.

Ms. Doolan, yearbook sponsor  
Westminster High School  
1225 Washington Road  
Westminster, MD 21157

# Seniors! Parents! Friends! Get your Senior Ads NOW!

All ads will be in FULL COLOR in our full-color book!

Please submit all ads by **December 15.**

1/8-page ad = \$75 (4" x 2.75")

1/4-page ad = \$125 (4" x 5.5")

1/2-page ad = \$200 (8" x 5.5")

**full-page ad = \$275 (8" x 11")**

The larger your ad, the more photos and text we can include. The numbers below are guidelines only. We can try to include more words or pictures, but please understand the more you give us, the smaller they will be.

ad size	rec. # photos**	rec. words of text
full page	8-10	up to 30
half page	4-5	20-25
quarter page	2-3	15-20
eighth page	only 1	10-12

***\* Please DO NOT send original photos! Please send them digitally as .tif or .jpeg files only.***

Send the following information with your pictures (CD or e-mail) and payment to Ms. Doolan, yearbook sponsor, at WHS. Your check should be made out to WHS.

***Name of Senior:***

Contact Information of Purchaser:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Check one of the following:

full page

quarter page

half page

eighth page

Text:

If you wish to provide some input on ad design, please attach a drawing of how you would like the ad to be laid out.



# BASKET BINGO



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**WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL  
INSTRUMENTAL BOOSTERS**

**When:**

**Saturday, November 14, 2009**

**Where:**

**GAMBER FIRE HALL**

**Doors Open at 5:00**

**Games Start at 7:00**

**TICKETS \$14.00**

**TICKETS AT THE DOOR \$17.00**

**Food and Refreshments will be available to purchase**

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857-9363  
WITH QUESTIONS.

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# Class of 2012 Parent Boosters

Please join us at our next meeting, November 17. Fundraisers are in the works and plans are moving ahead for Bingo! Come and share your ideas.

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7pm in the second floor cafeteria.

Yankee Candle orders will be distributed December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Want to get email reminders from the Boosters? Send your email address to [boosters2012@yahoo.com](mailto:boosters2012@yahoo.com).

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## *Class of 2012 UnFundraiser*

Please consider making a donation to the class of 2012 through the **UnFundraiser**. 100% of your donation goes directly to benefit the Class of 2012. The **UNFUNDRAISER** is an easy way to show your support for your child's class.

Avoid all the other fundraisers guilt free! How easy is it? Just send in your tax deductible donation and 100% will benefit the Class of 2012 in their senior year. Anyone can participate: grandparents, aunts, uncles and other family members.

Please send all monetary donations to the Class of 2012's treasurer at the following address. Please make checks payable to:

**WHS CLASS OF 2012 PARENT BOOSTERS**

*Mail to:*

Ann Richards  
2109 Herbert Ave  
Westminster, MD 21157

If each family could donate **\$20.12** each year for the entire four years, most of our expenses will be covered. Thank you again from the Class of 2012 Parent Boosters.

Enclosed, please find \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name and Relationship:\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Email address:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone#\_\_\_\_\_

(Please add me to your e-mail list to receive copy of meeting notices and updates)

***Thank you***

**WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL**

**PARENT ADVISORY MEETINGS  
2009-2010**

Wednesday, November 4, 2009	8:30 a.m.	B-203 (Social Studies / Math)
Wednesday, February 3, 2010	8:30 a.m.	B-203 (P.E.& Health / Guidance)
Wednesday, March 10, 2010	8:30 a.m.	B-203 (English / Special Education)
Wednesday, April 7, 2010	8:30 a.m.	B-203 (World Languages / Business)
Wednesday, May 5, 2010	8:30 a.m.	B-203 (Technology Education / Fine Arts)

**ALL** parents are welcome to attend. Meetings are held during the day and focus on different departments and instructional changes. Visits to classrooms will always be part of these sessions. These will be publicized through special mailings or the newsletter. There will be no pressure to join the committees, etc. This is strictly informational. We hope you can join us!

For further information or to have your name added to our list to receive monthly reminders, please fill out the attached form and return it to:

Westminster High School  
1225 Washington Road  
Westminster, MD 21157  
Attn: Ms. Bergbauer, Main Office

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_(Home) \_\_\_\_\_(Work)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Or Call**

Kenneth J. Goncz, Principal - 410-751-3630, ext. 2204  
or

Sherry Brengle, Office Manager - 410-751-3630, ext. 2206

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**Kenneth Gomez, Principal**  
School Counseling Office Phone: 410-751-3636  
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November 2009

### School Counselors

Ms. Myers A-Con  
Mr. Minnier Coo-Han  
Ms. Greeley Hao-Mai  
Ms. Berkowitz Maj-Pi  
Ms. Naugle Pj-Ti  
Ms. Harper Tj-Z

### Crisis Counselors

Ms. Held A - Mai  
Ms. Berkowitz Maj-Z

Ms. Muskin has accepted a transfer to Manchester Valley High School. We anticipate her replacement will start in January. In the meantime Ms. Greeley and Ms Naugle will work with her seniors to ensure their college transcripts and recommendations are completed. Ms. Berkowitz will be working with Ms. Muskin's 9, 10 and 11 grade students.

### Counseling Notes

College application season has started. Make sure your seniors are aware of their application deadlines. We ask that students submit their transcript requests two weeks before the deadline.

### Requesting Homework

Homework requests may be made through the Counseling Office if a student is going to be out two days or more. Please understand that it takes 24 hours for teachers to prepare homework to be sent home. Homework that is being collected can then be picked up in the Guidance office.

### Student Employment

Work permits are available at <http://www.dlir.state.md.us/labor/empm.shtml>. We also have a job board listing employment opportunities. Details about the law and youth employment can be found at <http://www.youthrules.dol.gov/>

### NCAA Eligibility

The NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse must certify any student interested in playing Division I or Division II college sports. Seniors should register with the NCAA now. For more information please visit the website at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

### Outdoor School

Are you a positive role model and have good leadership skills? Do you enjoy working with kids and being in the great outdoors? If so, then being a Counselor at Camp Hashawha Outdoor School might be for you. Juniors & Seniors interested should stop by the Counseling Office to fill out an application.

### SAT 2009-10

Registration forms are available in Guidance, or sign up now online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Test Dates	Regular deadline	Late deadline
Dec 5, 2009	Oct 30, 2009	Nov 12, 2009
Jan 23, 2010*	Dec 15, 2009	Dec 30, 2009
Mar 13, 2010	Feb 4, 2010	Feb 18, 2010
May 1, 2010*	March 25, 2010	April 8, 2010
June 5, 2010*	April 29, 2010	May 13, 2010

#### \*given at WHS

Most colleges want your test scores to arrive directly from the College Board. Save time and money by listing your colleges when you register for the SAT. Avoid late fees, register now. Westminster High's school code is 211080

### ACT 2009-10

This test is also accepted for college admissions. Packets are available in Guidance or register online: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee
Dec 12, 2009	Nov 6, 2009	Nov 20, 2009
Feb 6, 2010	Jan 5, 2010	Jan 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	Mar 5, 2010	Mar 19, 2010
June 12, 2010*	May 7, 2010	May 21, 2010

\*Given at Carroll Comm. College

### Free Test Prep

WHS subscribes to "Bridges", which includes TestGear for test prep, available at [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com). The site ID is 10000675, and Password is owls.

A variety of private SAT prep courses are available outside of school.

### Carroll Community College News

Hill Scholars Information Night

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Concurrent Information Session

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Workshop

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

**Prepare for the Placement Test!!**

### College Visits

During the school year, college representatives visit WHS. Juniors and Seniors interested in these colleges can sign up in the Guidance Office.

College name	Date of Visit
Univ of Scranton	Mon, 11/2
Salisbury Univ	Wed, 11/4
Wiedner Univ	Wed, 11/4
Randolph College	Fri, 11/6
Loch Haven Univ	Wed, 11/11
Eastern Univ	Fri, 11/13

### Scholarships and Contests

The guidance office receives information on scholarships and contests open to students. Students may come to the guidance for a complete listing of scholarship information available. New scholarships will be listed in the newsletter, and a complete list will be available on our website. Other helpful websites include [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.carrollcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.carrollcommunityfoundation.org)

#### Carroll Community College

Seniors: Expect Success Carroll Community College First Year success program.. [www.carrollcc.edu](http://www.carrollcc.edu)

#### College of Notre Dame of Maryland

Clare & Robert Moore Scholarship Fund awards a \$1,000 educational scholarship to a qualifying college student who demonstrates interest in the field of English and/or Theater. Funds may be applied to the expense of tuition, books, or room & board. The student may qualify to receive the award for each of the four college years. <http://crmoorescholarship.org> deadline March 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Carroll Community College

Martin K.P. and Kelly W. Hills Scholars Program. The Hill Scholars Program is a selective admission, honors cohort program for entering first year college students. This cohort program is made up of honors courses linked by a common theme, seminars, and extra-curricular enrichment opportunities. For more details see the website. [www.carrollcc.edu](http://www.carrollcc.edu)

#### KFC Colonel's Scholars

Seniors, to qualify you must have a GPA of 2.75, plan to further your education, and demonstrate financial need. [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org) The online scholarship

#### Baltimore Community Foundation

Seniors the BCF is offering the following scholarships that apply to our seniors. Christa McAuliffe: GPA of 3.0 and looking to be a teacher, Al Sanders:GPA 3.0, degree in music, WJZ-TV: GPA of 3.0, degree in broadcast journalism. [www.bcf.org](http://www.bcf.org) Early application, Feb. 15, 2010. Standard application, April 1, 2010

#### William Winchester Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Maryland DAR awards scholarships to Maryland residents. Applicants must plan to attend a college or university in the US and pursue an Associate's or Bachelors's degree. Scholarships are renewable for up to an additional 3 years upon annual review and approval of an official college transcript. Application in Guidance Dec. 1, 2009.

#### National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

NSDAR awards scholarships through the DAR scholarship Committee. Applicants must obtain a letter of sponsorship from their local DAR chapter. Financial need is a requirement for these five scholarships. Pittenger scholarship is to promote the study of history, Holt: is for nursing, Dunn: son or daughter of a NSDAR member, Cogswell: is nursing, Borgens:one for a teacher at elementary level, and one for secondary level. Come to Guidance for an application. Varying deadlines

#### Central Maryland Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics

Captain John A. Skinner Scholarship. Each scholarship is an award of \$10,000, \$2,500 for each year of a four year education. Students must be planning to enter a science or engineering field of study supportive of national defense (i.e. engineering, telecommunications, computer science, math, or other related tech electives.) Come to Guidance for an application 19-Dec-09

#### The 2010 Chesapeake Bay Trust Arthur Dorman Scholarship

Seniors must be a minority student who motivates and inspires other students by promoting environmental awareness throughout the school and community. GPA of 3.0, [www.chesapeakebaytrust.org](http://www.chesapeakebaytrust.org) 20-Nov-09

#### National Scholarships

National Scholarships available for seniors \$1000 to \$7500 History Buff? Enjoy Politics? Government or Military Service in your Future? gwcf.org

## Westminster High School

### Dates to Remember

2009-2010



Friday	November 6	Report Cards Distributed
Monday	November 9	2 Hr & 45 Min. Early Dismissal
Thursday	November 12	Fall Play - 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
Friday	November 13	Fall Play - 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
Saturday	November 14	Fall Play - 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
Wednesday	November 18	Career Speaker Day
Monday	November 23	School Closed for Students
		Parent-Teacher Conferences
Tuesday	November 24	School Closed for Students
		Professional Day for Teachers
Wednesday	November 25	Schools & Offices Closed
Thursday	November 26	Schools & Offices Closed
Friday	November 27	Schools & Offices Closed
Friday	December 4	Winter Sports Begin
Tuesday	December 8	Orchestra/Jazz Concert - Auditorium, 7:30 pm
Thursday	December 10	Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 pm
Friday	December 11	Interims Distributed
Monday	December 14	WHS Choral Concert - Auditorium (Snow Date - December 21)
Wednesday	December 23	Schools/Offices Closed - 2Hr & 45Min. Early Dis.
Thursday	December 24	Winter Holiday
Friday	December 25	Winter Holiday
Monday	December 28	Winter Holiday
Tuesday	December 29	Winter Holiday
Wednesday	December 30	Winter Holiday
Thursday	December 31	Winter Holiday
Friday	January 1	Winter Holiday
Monday	January 4	Schools Reopen
Monday	January 11	HSA Testing
Tuesday	January 12	HSA Testing
Wednesday	January 13	HSA Testing
Thursday	January 14	HSA Testing
Monday	January 18	Schools & Offices Closed
Friday	January 22	2 Hr & 45 Min. Early Dismissal for Students
		End of the 2nd Marking Period
Saturday	January 23	SAT and SAT Subject Testing
Monday	January 25	School Closed for Students
		Professional Day for Teachers
		Non Work Day for Instruction Assistants
Tuesday	January 26	Beginning of 3rd Marking Period
Friday	January 29	Report Cards Distributed
Saturday	January 30	Winter Snowball Dance - Gym 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm Sponsored by Freshman and Sophomore Classes
Thursday	February 4	Course Selection 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Monday	February 8	Course Selection 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	February 11	Winter Play - 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
Friday	February 12	Winter Play - 7:30 p.m. Auditorium

Saturday	February 13	Winter Play - 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
Monday	February 15	Schools & Offices Closed
Tuesday	February 16	School Closed for Students
Wednesday	March 3	Honors Breakfast
Thursday	March 4	Interims Distributed
Saturday	March 6	Battle of the Bands - Auditorium 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thursday	March 11	District Band Concert - Auditorium 7:30 pm
Saturday	March 13	SAT Testing
Monday	March 15	2 Hr & 45 Min. Early Dismissal
		Professional Day for Teachers
Thursday	March 18	CCPS Band Festival
Friday	March 19	CCPS Band Festival
Thursday	March 25	Mock Interviews
Friday	March 26	Eisteddfod Concert - Auditorium
Thursday	April 1	2 Hr & 45 Min. Early Dismissal
		End of the 3rd Marking Period
Friday	April 2	Schools & Office Closed - Spring Holiday
Monday	April 5	Schools & Office Closed - Spring Holiday
Tuesday	April 6	Beginning of the 4th Marking Period
Saturday	April 10	Underclassmen Prom 8 pm - 11 pm
Tuesday	April 13	Report Cards Distributed
Thursday	April 22	Spring Musical - 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
Friday	April 23	Spring Musical - 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
		NAHS Art Auction/Bake Sale
Saturday	April 24	Spring Musical - 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
		NAHS Art Auction/Bake Sale
Monday	April 26	School Closed for Students & Teachers

\*NOTE: These dates are subject to change depending on number of snow days used.