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Vision and Mission

Vision

Winters Mill is a school community where all activities focus on learning, achievement, and involvement. Rigor, relevance, and relationships are the foundations for our success. It is a place where involvement breeds excitement for learning as we develop the leaders of tomorrow.

Mission

The mission of Winters Mill High School, an academy school with diverse learners, is to create a rigorous, supportive learning environment where each and every student and member of the staff can develop their individual potential and prepare for their roles as productive citizens, leaders, and life-long learners.

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From the Principal

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to the **2009-2010** school year at Winters Mill High School. Throughout the summer, the faculty and staff have been preparing new lessons, cleaning and modernizing the school, and beginning to get excited for **Tuesday, August 25th, the first day of school for students**. Students should report to their advisory classroom to begin the day **no later than 7:40 am**. Lists of advisors, students, and locations will be posted in the rotunda and hallways on the first morning. **Orientation for new students is on Thursday, August 20 from 6:00-9:00 pm**.

Winters Mill will remain a very busy place for the remainder of the summer. We will finish summer school and are again the site of many camps and county in-service activities. Marching band practice is in full swing and fall sports **tryouts start August 15th**. Information regarding tryouts is included in this newsletter. Please encourage your son/daughter to participate in extra-curricular activities this year. There is a high correlation between extra-curricular participation and success in high school. Also, for our parents of athletes, **Meet the Coach Night** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00 PM**.

To be successful and maximize their performance, it is important that students maintain good attendance throughout the school year. If your son or daughter does **miss school**, please call or e-mail the attendance office to report the absence. It is greatly appreciated if an absence note is sent in on the day they return. Absences due to family **vacations or college visits** must be approved in advance in order to be lawful. Students should bring in the note to the office a week prior to the absence. Parents of students who are **late** need to send a note into school, call the school, or e-mail the school on the day their child is late. This verification of the tardy is still an unexcused tardy as it pertains to after school activities and athletics. For **early dismissals**, parents need to send in a note, fax a signed note, or come into the main office to remove their son/daughter. E-mail and phone calls will not be accepted as verification for early dismissals.

Last year we kicked off our school year with a **"tailgate party"** prior to the first home football game. This year it will be held on **Friday, September 11, 2009**. Our Falcons take on Liberty that evening. Wear your school colors, bring your school spirit and join us for this fun activity! Let's start the new fall sports season off right! The dates for our homecoming game and dance are listed on the calendar page. We will have more information for homecoming week in future newsletters.

Parent support at Winters Mill is exceptional. Not only do parents contact teachers on a regular basis and stay involved with their children, they also work through organized groups to support our instructional and extracurricular programs. We are grateful for the tremendous support these groups provide to the school. Without these groups, we would not be able to provide the scope of programs we have at Winters Mill. I strongly encourage all of you to get involved with **your son/daughter's class booster organization, the athletic boosters, music boosters, or any other organization needing parental support**. We are hoping that participation in these groups will go up dramatically since you will see the relevance of the group and how it impacts your child.

I would like to inform you that Winters Mill High School will be switching from e-schoolnewsletter to **Alert Now** as another avenue to communicate with parents. This resource will allow you to receive information regarding emergency closings, calendar dates, and many other informational items through both e-mail and phone. It is **extremely important** that you **check your home phone numbers, cell phone numbers, and e-mail addresses on your son/daughter's emergency procedure card**. This system will pull the information directly from the information you provide us on the emergency procedure cards. There is no need to enroll in this service. **You will automatically receive Winters Mill High School information provided we have the correct contact information for you.**

As you do your back to school shopping, please **remember our Student Dress Code** and our **Purse/Backpack/Carry-all Policy**. As in the past, **a purse/carry-all is too large if some part of the agenda book is not visible/sticking out when placed in the purse/carry-all**. Drawstring backpacks and Vera Bradley type backpacks will not be permitted other than to transport P.E. uniforms.

Finally, enjoy the final days of summer. Please feel free to contact the staff if you have questions regarding any other issues mentioned in this publication.

Jeffrey J. Alisauckas
Principal

First Day of School

Tuesday, August 25, 2009 is the first day of school for students. **Students will report to their advisors on the first day instead of their mod 1 class.** After an extended advisory, they will follow their regular schedule. Students must be in their advisory no later than 7:40 am. Dismissal is at 2:30 p.m. Bus routes will be published in the *Back to School* edition of the Carroll County Times on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 and will also be available at www.carrollk12.org.

Winters Mill Back to School Night and Freshman Orientation

This year we will again be combining our Freshman Orientation and Back to School Night on August 20, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Students **and parents** are asked to attend this informational evening. We will also be having a volunteer training session at 5:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Freshman and new students will meet at 6:00 in the auditorium and returning students will report at 7:00 to Advisory to receive their schedules, agenda books and a detailed schedule for class visitations. A tour of the school will be provided for new students and questions will be answered regarding the first day of school. While this is occurring, a special program will be presented for parents in the auditorium. Parents and students will then reunite in the rotunda and may walk around the building to follow their student's schedule. The Athletic Boosters and the Music Boosters will have representatives available to speak with parents, as well as other clubs and organizations.

Please make every effort to attend this very important evening event!

AlertNow Announcement for Newsletters

The Carroll County Public School System is now using the AlertNow Rapid Communication Service to provide parents with information from their child's schools and the school system. AlertNow replaces eSchoolnewsletter and is capable of delivering both e-mail and phone alerts at no charge to parents. You do not have to sign up for the new system. All information is taken from emergency procedure cards. AlertNow was piloted in six schools last year and we have had very positive feedback. We are excited about the new capabilities AlertNow offers and believe it will greatly enhance our communication with parents and our school communities.

**Winters Mill High School
Welcomes the Following New Staff**

Administration

Joe Guerra—Assistant Principal

Teachers

Leah Beck

Angelique Davies

Gail Faust

John Knauth

Sherri Rubin

“Video/audio cameras are placed on school buses to protect students and staff and provide for a safe and orderly environment. The privacy of students and the recording are kept secure and are reviewed only by the authorized Carroll County Public Schools personnel.”

DINING SERVICES AND MEAL PLANS

Winters Mill High School will serve both breakfast and lunch for students and staff. Food prices in the Carroll County School System for the 2009-10 school year are (same as last school year):

- Elementary Lunch - \$2.00
- Middle & High Lunch - \$2.25
- High School Super Lunch - \$2.75
- Reduced Lunch - \$.40
- Breakfast - \$1.50
- Reduced Breakfast - \$.30
- Adult Lunch - \$3.25

Parents will again have the option to pre-pay meal plans for the entire year or to pay for meals using a monthly payment plan. Payment can be made using a variety of means—credit card, check, or money order. You must pay through the Food Services Department at Central office—phone 410-751-3000. An information sheet and order form are attached to this newsletter.

Free and Reduced Meal Facts....

Approval is automatic if you receive temporary cash assistance or Food Stamps.

You may apply or reapply at any time during the year.

You may be eligible for any period during unemployment with a completed application. You may apply if there is a change in income or family size. If approved, the \$80.00 athletic fee will be waived. If approved, there is a reduced fee for Advanced Placement and PSAT Registration.

Please call the office at 410-386-1500 for more information.

Underclass Portraits

School portraits will be taken by Victor O’Neill Studios on Thursday, August 27, and Friday, August 28, 2009. Information packets will be distributed to students. If you wish to purchase school pictures you must pre-pay for them on the day the picture is taken. All underclass students will have their portraits taken because these also serve as the photo for their student identification card and their picture in the year-book. Seniors that did not use Victor O’Neill for senior portraits must also have student ID pictures taken on this day.

Emergency Procedure Cards

Emergency Procedure cards will be distributed to students the first day of school. Please complete these and return them to advisors the next day. Current medical information must be maintained on all students. The final deadline for collection is August 28, 2009.

Cell Phones

Students are allowed to carry cell phones to school. **However**, they must be turned off and out of site during the day. Violations to this policy will result in disciplinary consequences as outlined in the county regulations.

Please reinforce this with your son or daughter.

Student-Parent Handbook

Each student will receive a handbook (agenda book) the first day of school. It contains a great deal of important information. Holidays and parent conferences are listed. The front of the handbook contains school rules and regulations. Parents are asked to review the contents of the handbook with their students. They are accountable for the information it contains. Students will also receive a Carroll County Student Handbook on the first day of school.

Counselor Assignments for 2009—2010

Winters Mill has four full-time counselors. Students are assigned to these counselors alphabetically. Counselors for pupils whose last name begins with:

- A - D Edie Abbott
- E—K Tara Robinson
- L—R Christina Mohlhenrich, Dept. Chair
- S—Z Steve Byrnes

GRADE REPORTING DATES/INTERIM AND REPORT CARDS

***END OF MARKING PERIOD**

- October 29, 2009
- January 22, 2010
- April 1, 2010
- June 10, 2010

REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED

- November 6, 2009
- January 29, 2010
- April 13, 2010
- June 24, 2010

INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTED

- October 1, 2009
- December 11, 2009
- March 4, 2010
- May 7, 2010

***Actual marking periods may be adjusted depending on the use of emergency closing days**

SAT Dates and Registration Deadlines

SAT Dates: Deadline:

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| October 10, 2009 | September 9, 2009 |
| November 7, 2009 | October 1, 2009 |
| December 5, 2009 | October 30, 2009 |

ACT Dates and Registration Deadlines

ACT Dates: Deadline:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| September 12, 2009 | August 7, 2009 |
| October 24, 2009 | September 18, 2009 |
| December 12, 2009 | November 6, 2009 |

HSA Testing

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| October 5 | Biology |
| October 6 | Algebra |
| October 7 | Government |
| October 8 | English |

PSAT – Wednesday, October 14, 2009 8:00 am—11:30 am

Students in 9th and 11th grade must pay a fee of \$15.00 to take the PSAT. Once again this year, CCPS will pay for all sophomores in a Carroll County High School to take the PSAT. In order for a 10th grade student to be exempt from taking the PSAT, a parent must make a request in writing. Registration information will be available at a later date.

(see the next page for additional information)

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)

Each fall sophomores and juniors have the opportunity to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). This year it will be administered in each county high school on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 during regular school hours.

Students often ask, "Why should I take the PSAT?" For **juniors**, the best reason for taking the PSAT is that the participant automatically becomes eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program that can yield monetary reward. Students may only qualify for the National Merit program in their junior year.

For **sophomores**, the major advantages of taking the PSAT are to become acquainted with a test that is similar in length and structure to the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Also, by testing against a national group, sophomores can more accurately assess their educational strengths and weaknesses, resulting in an increased awareness of academic areas in need of attention.

Developers of the SAT have indicated that one of the best ways to improve scores is to take the SAT or tests like the PSAT again and again, providing practice and an opportunity to reduce test anxiety.

Carroll County Public Schools will pay for all sophomores in a Carroll County high school to take the PSAT. Prior to the test, students will be presented a special advisory lesson to assist in their understanding of the structure and scope of the PSAT. When scores are received, each school will offer an interpretation session for parents and their students. These sessions should assist them in understanding how to use these scores to increase academic performance in the future.

Each school will also receive a report called "AP Potential". It identifies students that, based on their PSAT performance, have the potential to take and do well in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. This information will also be shared with parents and students.

Sophomores may opt out of the PSAT if a written request is made by a parent. Please be aware that the county will not pay for juniors to take the test, even if they did not take it in their sophomore year.

All sophomores and juniors who are considering any form of post-secondary education, such as a four-year college, community college, trade or technical school, or the military are encouraged to take the PSAT. Please contact your guidance counselor if you have any questions.

Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser

Sept 16 Winters Mill High School

Sept 23	North Carroll High School
Sept 30	Westminster High School
Oct 7	Century High School
Oct 14	South Carroll High School
Oct 21	Manchester Valley High School
Oct 28	Liberty High School
Nov 4	Francis Scott Key High School

The top 4 schools will then move on to the Spring Round, Those dates will be determined after round 1 so we can work with the 4 semi finalist schools schedules.

Come out and support this great fundraiser and come hungry!!

Chorus News

Welcome back to all chorus members; new and old! I am working on our new music and getting excited about learning new songs. I hope you have had a great summer and are ready to sing. Listed below is a partial list of dates for 2009-10. Looking forward to seeing you!

Caren Bezanson, Choral Director

Important Dates to remember: All Concerts are mandatory

***Thurs. Oct. 8, 2009 - 7PM - Choral Concert (this is a short one)

Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony- Nov. 16, 2009

***Thurs. Dec 10, 2009 -7PM -Winter Choral Concert!

***Thurs. March 4, 2010 - 7PM - Choral Concert featuring Festival selections

Tues. March 9, 2010 – County Choral Festival from 9-4

Fri. March 26, 2010 –7:30PM –WHS – Eisteddfod Concert

***Thurs. May 20, 2010 - Spring Choral Concert

Attention all Instrumental Music Students

Everyone should have materials and instruments for the first day of school. WE WILL BE PLAYING THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. PLEASE BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS.

Questions contact Mrs Stoetzer at kestoet@carrollk12.org.

Thank you!

The SGA Executive Board Officers for the 2009-2010 school year are:

President: Dalton Haschert

Vice-President: Scott Dell

Secretary: Rebecca Wagman

Parliamentarian: Aastha Kaul

Historian: Parrian Parry

Publicist: Allison Gibson

Member-at-Large: Anna Myers

Member-at-Large: VACANT

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Non-Voting Member: Elizabeth Welliver (CCPS School Board Student Member)

Congratulations!



Get on the "BALL" and
 support our Falcon Athletes!
 First Athletic Booster Club Meeting
 Monday, August 17, 2009
 7:00 pm WMHS Media Center
 Visit our Spirit Item table at
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
 On August 20th !



Music Boosters

Looking for a way to support the music programs at WMHS? Join the WMHS Music Boosters. We are looking forward to a busy and productive year. Our first meeting this year will be August 6th at 7 p.m. in the Chorus room. The following meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month in the Chorus room at 7 p.m. Look for more information on our upcoming Pizza Sale and Scrapbooking Crop Day this fall.

2009-2010 WMHS Music Booster Executive Board

- Pam Parker – President
- Dierdre Crowl – Vice President
- Becky Holt – Secretary
- Michelle Barboza – Treasurer

Upcoming Activities

- Aug. 6th – Music Booster Meeting – 7 p.m. in Chorus room
- Sept. 10th - Music Booster Meeting – 7 p.m. in Chorus room

Drama News

We begin this year with a THRILLER. Edgar Allen Poe's famous poem "The Fall of the House of Usher", adapted by Tim Kelly. Auditions are September 4th at 3:00. Please have a monologue prepared. It calls for a huge cast, lots of imagination and a bit of the spooky factor. Show dates are November 19, 20, 21 with a matinee on Saturday at 2:00 pm.

We will be working every Friday after school on our "A Night of One Acts" preformed on October 22, directed by Paul Griffin. Save this date!

Our first Drama Booster meeting will be September 15th, 7:00 pm. Hope to see all parents...

January, our drama students will be supporting East Middle's production. All students can earn service hours helping Mr. Andrews with his production.

A musical I am sure all will enjoy, "Grease" will finish our season, April 15, 16, 17 with a matinee at 2:00 pm on Saturday.

Come out and be a part of the Drama at Winters Mill!

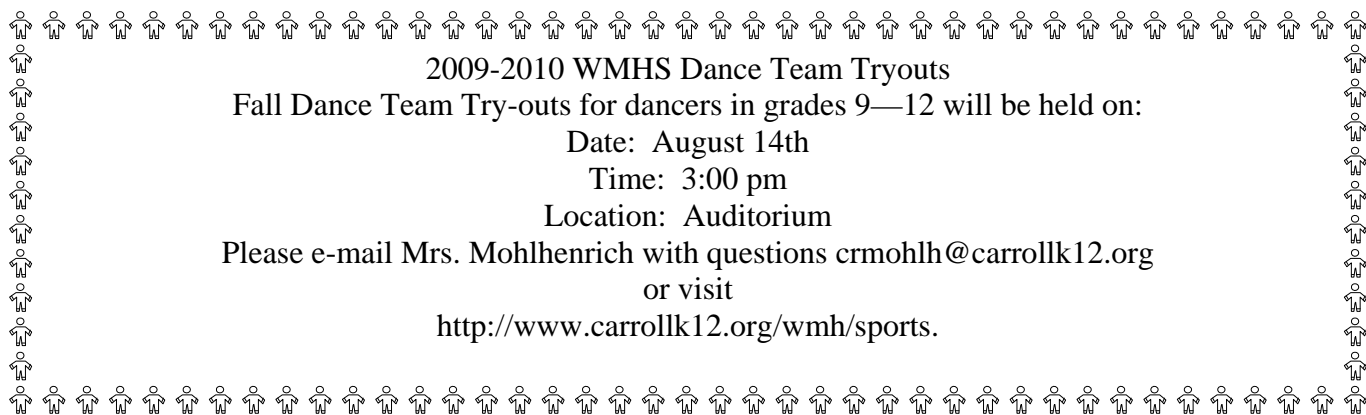
Thank you, Mrs. Traynor

Fall Sports Information

The **athletic fee** will be \$80.00 again this school year for one student and \$120.00 for more than 1 student. **Family passes** will be \$125 for up to 5 immediate family members residing at the same address and \$10 for each additional pass. Individual passes will be \$45 for adults and \$30 for students. The passes are good for all 09-10 home games (excluding playoff games).

Student athletes planning to participate in fall cheerleading, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls soccer, football, field hockey, golf, and volleyball are reminded that all fall sports begin practice/tryouts on August 15. **To begin practice/tryouts, athletes must have a completed physical examination form and also a completed Emergency Medical and Field Trip form. Blank forms are available in the main office.** Physicals are valid for one year from the date of the examination.

Eligibility/Extra-Curricular Activity - All students entering grade nine for the first time are automatically **ELIGIBLE**. Pupils who failed any courses during the 4th marking period of the 2008-09 school year, are **INELIGIBLE** for the first marking period of the 2009-10 school year.



2009-2010 WMHS Dance Team Tryouts

Fall Dance Team Try-outs for dancers in grades 9—12 will be held on:

Date: August 14th

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Auditorium

Please e-mail Mrs. Mohlhenrich with questions crmohlh@carrollk12.org

or visit

<http://www.carrollk12.org/wmh/sports>.

2009 WMHS GOLF TRYOUT SCHEDULE

All practices are at Westminster National

Aug 15th - 3:00-6:30

Aug 17th - 3:30 - 7

Aug 18th - 3:30 - 7

Also posted on the team website

<http://members.thinkport.org/members.aspx?MPTUserLogon=kjwalke73>

Cross Country Tryouts

The cross country teams will have their first practice on Saturday, August 15th at 8:00 am. We will meet immediately outside the stadium. Coach Replogle



Boys Soccer Try Outs

Saturday August 15 - JV is from 8:30 to 10; Varsity is from 10:15 to 12:30;
Both JV and Varsity meets again from 4:30 to 6:30.
Monday August 17 and 18 - Both JV and Varsity will meet from 3 to 6.
Cuts will be made on Tuesday, August 18. Coach Kucharski



Girls Soccer Try Outs

August 15: Saturday

7:30 am- 9:30 am: Running and conditioning
3:00 pm-5:00 pm: Practice

August 16: Sunday off

August 17: Monday

7:30 am- 9:30 am: Running and conditioning
3:00 pm-5:00 pm: Practice

August 18: Tuesday

6:30 am- 8:00 am: Running and conditioning
3:00 pm-5:00 pm: Practice

August 19: Wednesday

6:30 am- 8:00 am: Running and conditioning
3:00 pm-5:00 pm: Practice

August 20: Thursday

6:30 am- 8:00 am: Running and conditioning
3:00 pm-5:00 pm: Practice

August 21: Friday

6:30 am- 8:00 am: Running and conditioning
3:00 pm-5:00 pm: Practice

August 22: Saturday

10:00 am-12:00 pm: First pre-season inter-squad scrimmage
Cut day



TAILGATE PARTY

“GO FALCONS”

September 11th—4:00 - 6:30 Outside the Stadium
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Music and More

Come out and support the Winters Mill Athletic Boosters and then cheer our football team to a victory!

Tickets are **\$3.00** and will be sold at Freshman Orientation/Back to School Night, all lunch mods and at the door.

Parents, students and community members are welcome!

**Winters Mill Football Freshman Information
2009**

Contact Information

Varsity Coach: Coach Johnson
School #: 410-386-1500, krjohns@k12.carr.org

Weight Room Schedule:

Mon,Wed 6-7 PM, starting July 20

Practice Schedule

Friday Aug 14, 12 Noon-2 PM. **Organizational meeting for 9th grade.**
Meeting is for players only. Parent meeting will be later in August.
Sat Aug 15 Practice 8 – 10 AM, 1 – 3 PM.
Monday Aug 17 – Monday Aug 24 Practice 3-6 PM.
Tuesday Aug 25 After school practice, 3-6 PM
Practice will be after school every day 3-6 PM weather permitting

Forms/Insurance Requirement

Completed athletic physical exam. form signed by doctor, parent, athlete.
Completed emergency med info and field trip form signed by parent.
Health insurance information on physical exam form completed.
Forms will be available in the main office at school.

Equipment Needed

Football shoes, athletic shoes for indoor, athletic shorts, extra socks, shorts, t shirt,
athletic supporter, mouthpiece, lock. All other equipment provided by school. Bring lunch
for double practice sessions.

Cheerleading Try-out Information

August 15 9:00 —2:00
August 17 4:30—7:00
August 18 4:30—7:00
Aux. Gym

Coach Alouisa

Field Hockey Tryouts

NEW Tryout Information:

When: August 15th and August 17th
Varsity 7:00 am mile test
Practice 7:00 - 9:00
All 10:30 - 12:30 practice
J.V. 10:30 am mile test
August 18th - 22nd
J.V. and Varsity 3:00 - 5:30 pm
*****Aug. 15th and 17th - Varsity must remain at WM,
please bring a snack**

What to bring:

***Physical
Stick
Shin guards
Mouthpiece
Water
Cleats
Running Shoes

What to Expect:

One running test, you must pass or you will need to test again until you pass

Varsity:

1 mile under 7 minutes

J.V.:

1 mile under 8 minutes

*****DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE WEEK BEFORE TO START CONDITIONING AND PLAYING*****

*****BRING YOUR JOURNALS*****

**Volleyball Tryout Information
Main Gym**

August 15th—JV and Varsity—8:30—12:00
August 17— JV and Varsity—8:30—12:00
August 18th—August 21:
Varsity - 2:00—5:00
JV—3:30—5:30

WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS

In the event that school is canceled due to inclement weather, all practices, after school activities, and use of the building by outside groups will be canceled or postponed.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF STUDENTS

The policy is contained in its entirety in the Student/Parent Handbook. Any questions or concerns regarding staff and student relationships should be directed to the attention of the principal immediately.

BODY PIERCING/TATTOOING

If students choose to have body piercing or tattooing done, it is suggested that it occur when healing can occur on non-school time. Proper scheduling by the student would eliminate the need to carry over the counter medicines, which is a violation of the drug and alcohol policy, and the missing of class for routine care, or unexpected care in case of complications. Please call Mrs. Hale, school nurse, with any concerns.

SCHOOL OWNED MATERIALS

Carroll County Public Schools provide textbooks, library books and other materials and equipment for student use. These items remain the property of the school system and may be assigned for any length of time. Students are responsible for the proper care and return of school property. Should a student damage or fail to return textbooks, library books, or other school owned property; or have other outstanding obligations, the Principal shall prohibit the further issuance of school owned property or supplies until appropriate restitution has been made.

STAFF AND STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS

Interactions and relationships between students and staff should be professional at all times. Carroll County Public Schools has developed a specific policy regarding this issue. The policy is contained in its entirety in the Student/Parent Handbook. Any questions or concerns regarding staff and student relationships should be directed to the attention of the principal immediately.

CONSENT AND RELEASE

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video, a photograph, or the school website, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites or in publications unless such notification is received.

7/8/09

ATTENTION: PARENTS/GUARDIANS

RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION TO MILITARY RECRUITERS

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act (*Public Law 107-107*) provides that high schools will, upon request by military recruiters for recruiting purposes, release student names, addresses, and telephone numbers to military personnel. However, Carroll County Public Schools will not release a student's information if a parent or guardian provides written information stating that permission for such release is not granted. Parents or guardians requesting that information regarding their son/daughter not be released to military personnel must check off the appropriate box on the student's emergency procedure card. Anyone with questions regarding this information should contact Sherri-Le Bream, Director of High Schools, at 410-751-3044.

Contact: Sherri-Le Bream, Director of High Schools, (410) 751-3044

VIOLENCE TIPS HOTLINE

We currently have in place a Violence Tips Hotline (410-386-2045). This number goes directly into the States' Attorneys Office. Information is confidential or it can be anonymous if necessary. This line can also be used to report any criminal activity.

LOCKERS

Lockers will be issued to all students on the first day of school. Students must store all bags in their lockers during the school day. Carrying backpacks and book bags to classes will not be allowed during the day. Students taking physical education will have time to pick up and drop off their gym bag before and after class. Students are responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness, and condition of the assigned locker. Lockers not working properly should be reported to the office.

Medication Consent Form

Nurses can administer medications (prescription and over-the-counter) **ONLY** when ordered by an authorized prescriber (physician, nurse practitioner, etc). The Medical Director of Carroll County Health department, has agreed to give a standing order to the nurses in the schools to administer Ibuprofen (Advil) and Acetaminophen (Tylenol) in over-the-counter doses to students in Carroll County Schools with parent consent. This means that parents may still bring in these two medications and the school nurse will administer them as before. No additional doctor's orders will be needed. All other medications must have a doctor's order if the medication is to be administered in school.

Unless a medication consent form is on file in the health Suite, **NO** prescription / non-prescription drugs can be administered by staff of CCPS. **ONLY PARENT(S) / GUARDIAN(S) ARE TO BRING IN PRESCRIPTION / NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE** to school. Included with the medicine should be the student's name, directions for administering the drug, and the name of the drug. It must be in its original container, have the proper form from the student's physician, and be signed by the parent authorizing the administration of a prescription medicine. All of the information noted above must be on file at the school. Forms are available from Mrs. Hale, health nurse, and the main office.

Students possessing prescription/non-prescription medications without following the above procedures, subject themselves to serious consequences, as outlined in the Carroll County Student Handbook. Included in this newsletter is a copy of the medication form.

Balfour Dates and Activities: 2009—2010

Sophomore Ring Assembly	September 4, 2009	During Mod 2—cafeteria	Balfour will be visiting to hand out Class Ring Information
Ring Orders will be taken	September 9, 2009	Rotunda 5:00—7:00pm	
	September 10, 2009	During Lunch Mods and	
		Rotunda from 5 pm to 7:00 pm	
	September 11, 2009	During Lunch Mods 11 am – 1 pm only	
Sophomore Ring Ceremony	December 3, 2009	7 pm – 9 pm	WMHS Auditorium

Attention Winters Mill Parents!

Please consider volunteering your time at “The Mill” this year! We need volunteers to help with newsletters, chaperone dances, fundraisers, helping in a classroom, etc. We have several dates scheduled for training here at our school or you can check-out the Carroll County website to see other locations to train. We’ll look forward to seeing you during the school year! Please see the Mark your Calendar page in this newsletter to see all our dates for training. Also, attached is a Volunteer Form to turn into the main office.

See you at “The Mill”!

Substance Abuse

The Carroll County Board of Education supports the concept that substance abuse is both a health care problem and an illegal act. Violations of alcohol/drug laws will be handled as school disciplinary infractions, as well as, illegal actions. In all cases, parents and students are advised that appropriate law enforcement agencies will be contacted by school system officials immediately upon the violation of the county substance abuse policy. This policy is described in its entirety in the Carroll County Student/Parent Handbook and the CCPS Informational Calendar.

Parent Involvement Opportunities

Many opportunities exist for parent involvement at Winters Mill High School. One of the easiest is through involvement in one of the booster organizations.

Each organization has a standard meeting date throughout the year. I encourage you to attend music booster meetings if your son or daughter is involved in either the chorus or the instrumental music program. If your child is interested in trying out for an athletic team you should consider the athletic boosters. Each group works to plan and fund extra opportunities that enhance the basic music and athletic programs. Each of these organizations needs the support of new parents that enter our school community. The same group of parents can't do it all! So, please consider attending one or more of the meetings and **GET INVOLVED**. Please check the 'Mark Your Calendar' page for dates included in this newsletter. Bring a friend!

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

Carroll County Public Schools offers career and technology education programs in business, agriscience, allied health, trade, industrial and technical education, family and consumer sciences, and technology education. Business, agriscience, family and consumer science and technology education programs may be offered in each of the county's eight high schools. Trade and industry and technical programs are offered at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center and South Carroll High School. An allied health program is available at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center. These programs are open to students who are in the grade levels served by the programs and who are interested in and qualify for these educational program options.

At the Carroll County Career and Technology Center and at the Career and Technology Center at South Carroll High School, students receive specialized career training and education, as well as earning credits toward high school graduation. Students may enroll in grades 11 and/or 12 in the centers' competency-based programs, provided they meet prerequisites for specific courses. Students enrolled in the programs at the centers are also enrolled concurrently in their home schools in order to complete graduation requirements and participate in extracurricular activities. School bus transportation is provided for the students from the home schools to and from the centers. A support service team is available to work with those disadvantaged and handicapped students who need additional assistance in order to be successful in their career and technology education program. For details about programs, contact the guidance office at each high school.

Carroll County Public Schools provides career and technology education opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, religious belief, national origin, or disabilities. The Title IX Coordinators are Judy Klinger and Jim Rodriguez; the Section 504 Coordinator is Ray Prokop. These coordinators may be reached at Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, 410-751-3000.

A local application for career and technology education programs has been prepared and submitted to the Maryland State Department of Education for approval. The application is available for review and/or comment by the public. Contact Marjorie Lohnes, Supervisor of Career and Technology Education, Carroll County Public Schools, (410) 751-3104 to review this application.

Attendance Procedures

- All students who were absent the day before will go to the cafeteria to receive an absence slip (whether or not they have brought in a note from home).
 - If a student is issued an unexcused “No Note” slip, then the student should bring their note the following day to the cafeteria to receive an absence slip.
- Students who have not received an absence slip by 7:35 should report to mod 1 **on time**.
- First mod teachers will take attendance and check absence slips. If a student was unable to get an absence slip from the table in the cafeteria, then they must use an AGENDA PASS and go to *the attendance office* to get an absence slip.
- Absences and late arrivals may be verified by a written note, signed fax, e-mail or phone call. Early dismissals will still require a signed note or signed fax from the parent/guardian. Administration will call to confirm e-mails.

Please observe the following guidelines:

- a. **Written Note** - If you send in a written note, please include the student's full name, grade, reason for absence, and a phone number where a parent or guardian can be reached.
- b. **Fax** - Please fax notes to 410-386-1513. These faxed notes should include the student's full name, grade, reason for absence, and a phone number where a parent or guardian can be reached.
- c. **E-Mail** - Please email notes to the following address: WMHAttendance@k12.carr.org. These e-mails should include the student's full name, grade, reason for absence, and a phone number where a parent or guardian can be reached.
- d. **Phone Call** - Please phone in student absences to 410-386-1500. If leaving a message, please state the student's full name, grade, and reason for absence. Also, please leave a phone number where you can be reached during the school day.
- e. If your method of reporting your son/daughter's absence or lateness is fax, e-mail, or phone call, no further written notification is required under this new policy.

Please note that a phone call may be made to verify authenticity of the phone call, e-mail, note or fax.

NOTICE

Anyone needing special accommodations in order to attend any of the meetings referred to in this newsletter, should notify the school at (410) 386-1500, or the Office of Community and Media Relations (410) 751-3020 or TDD (410) 751-3034 no later than one week prior to the event. Auxiliary aids and/or services will be provided.

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, 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.

Mark Your Calendar:

August	6	Volunteer Training—6:00—Chorus Room
	6	Music Booster Meeting—7 p.m. in Chorus Room
	15	First Day of Fall Sports Tryouts
	17	Athletic Booster Meeting—7:00—Media Cente
	19	Meet the Coach Night—6:00—Auditorium
	20	New Student Orientation and Back to School Night 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Auditorium
	20	Volunteer Training—5:00—Auditorium
	25	First Day of School 7:40 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. First mod <u>begins</u> at 7:40 a.m.
	27—28	Underclass pictures taken during the day
	September	4
4		Sophomore Ring Assembly—Advisory—Cafeteria
7		Labor Day – Schools Closed
9		Balfour Ring Orders taken in the Rotunda 5:00—7:00 pm
10		Balfour Ring Orders taken during lunch mods and rotunda from 5—7 pm
10		Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Chorus Room
10		Volunteer Training—6:00—Chorus Room
11		Balfour Ring Orders taken during lunch mods only
11		Football Tailgate party—4:00—6:30—Stadium
16		Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser
18		Early Dismissal 2 Hr. 45 Min. system wide
18		Rosh Hashanah (5pm)
19		Rosh Hashanah
21		Athletic Booster Meeting—7:00 Media
October	28	Schools closed—Yom Kippur
	1	Senior Portrait Make-up during the day
	2	Senior Portrait Make-up during the day
	8	Music Booster Meeting 7:00 Chorus Room
	8	Volunteer Training—6:00—Chorus Room
	5 –8	HSA Testing
	14	PSAT Testing– all 10th grade —also open to 9th and 11th grades
	16	Schools closed for students and 10 month staff—professional day for teachers
	20	Underclass picture make-up
	23	Homecoming Football Game
	24	Homecoming Dance
	29	Marking Period Ends—2 hours 45 minutes early dismissal
November	9	Early dismissal—2 hr. 45min. System wide
	16	Volunteer Training—9:00 am—main office conference room
	23	Schools Closed for students
	24	Schools Closed for students—Professional Day for Teachers
	25—27	Schools/Offices Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday

Volunteer Training at Winters Mill High School:

August 6	6:00 p.m.	Chorus Room (prior to the Music Booster Meeting)
August 20	5:00 p.m.	Auditorium (prior to the Freshman Orientation and Back to School night)
September 10	6:00 p.m.	Chorus Room (prior to the Music Booster Meeting)
October 8	6:00 p.m.	Chorus Room (prior to the Music Booster Meeting)
November 16	9:00 a.m.	Main Office Conference Room
January 13	6:00 p.m.	Auditorium



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
REGARDING WMHS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

The monthly Winters Mill newsletter (Guidance Gazette & Talon) is posted every month on our school website at, <http://www.carrollk12.org/wmh/schoolinfo/newsletters/default.asp>.

In our efforts to 'go green' we are asking that if you would like to be removed from the mailing list and view the newsletter online please complete and return the below information and return to Ms. Norris in the main office as soon as possible.

In addition, if you would like to receive a monthly e-mail with the newsletter attached (Adobe PDF) please include your correct e-mail address (you may add as many e-mail addresses as you like).

Thank you for your help in our efforts to 'GO GREEN'.

I would like to stop receiving a paper copy of the monthly WMHS newsletter.

Names of all students at WMHS: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

ATTENTION WINTERS MILL PARENTS!

2009-2010 VOLUNTEER FORM

Please consider volunteering your time at Winters Mill High School in one of the following ways. We appreciate any time that you can give to support the students, staff and administration at Winters Mill High School this year!

Please complete the form below and return it to our main office. Also, be sure to attend a volunteer training session by Sept 30th.

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Advisor _____

Please specify where you could volunteer your time:

- Chaperone Dances (approx. 7:30 p.m.- 11:15 p.m.)
- Newsletter (Daytime hours only)
- Fundraisers (Day/Night Hours)
- Volunteer as a helper in a Classroom (Daytime Hours) Etc.

Please provide us with days and times that fit your schedule:

Please return this form to the Winters Mill Main Office