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From the Principal

Good end of summer to you all,

In the matter of a few short weeks, we will all be together again. I hope you have had a chance for rest, relaxation and rejuvenation this summer. We have spent the summer planning, primping and getting ready for your return.

One plan we will be rolling out is the “Falcon Flight Plan for College and Career Readiness”. They will be available during our “Back to School” night on August 25th. Please see the newsletter for all the details.

Last year, we began our Flex program during advisory time. This year, we are expanding it. Students and teachers will be encouraged to utilize this time for extra assistance, study groups, catch up and enrichment. Schools that have been using flex time have seen a marked improvement in student achievement and I am looking forward to the same.

This issue of the newsletter is full of dates, fall musical tryouts, sports, PSAT, SAT and grade reporting dates for the year. Please take the time to make note of the dates that are pertinent to your family. Be aware that athletes who participate in contact sports must have a concussion baseline test before they tryout.

We have new staff joining us this year. Promotions, relocations, and retirements and other opportunities have created openings. We are very lucky to have found wonderfully skilled people to fill each one. The interview process was very exciting because we were able to have such good choices. As was announced earlier, Mr. Brian Booz will be joining us in the administrative slot left open by Mr. Brett Kanther. See page 3 of the newsletter for all other changes.

Last year, we began using the Home Access Center (HAC) for grades. This year, we will continue using it. Since your log-in is your e-mail address, your emergency card is very important. The information from that card is at the heart of the HAC system. Please be sure all information on that card is correct.

This year, we begin our self-study time as we approach accreditation. We will be asking you for feedback. Through your feedback, we can make adjustments for success. I will have more information on this as the year progresses.

See you on August 25th for Back to School Night!

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Kenney
Principal

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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First Day of School

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 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 Carroll County Times* on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

Winters Mill: Time to Take Flight Thursday, August 25, 2011 Schedule of Events

New Students

5:00 to 5:15	<u>New Student Check in</u> (Cafeteria) Pick up schedule & Meet Advisor
5:15 to 5:40	<u>Advisory Time</u> Quick Tour Hand out Locker Card
5:45 to 6:15	New Students and Parents report to Auditorium

ALL Students

6:00 to 6:15	Returning Students Check in (Cafeteria) Pick up schedule
6:20 – 6:35	Mod 1
6:45 – 7:00	Advisory
7:10 – 7:25	Mod 2
7:35 – 7:50	Mod 3
8:00 – 8:15	Mod 4
8:15 – 8:45	Open House – Students are encouraged to visit B day teachers; pick up gym uniforms; visit the nurse if needed; complete Advisory paperwork and return to advisor before leaving; walk around the school.

Welcome Class of 2015!!!

Looking for school clothing or supplies??

Come to the school store located on Main Street between the gym and cafeteria. We have t-shirts, hoodies, sweats, hats, gloves, binders, and more! Start the school year dressed in style!

We will be open on back to school night, August 25.

Hope to see you then!

Please call the Guidance Office prior to coming in for the issuing officer's signature on a **work permit**.
Only a limited number of staff have been trained to sign the work permits.

Winters Mill High School
Welcomes the Following New Staff

Administration

Brian Booz, Assistant Principal

Guidance

Cheryl Held—Crisis Counselor

Social Services

August Cheetham

Pupil Personnel Worker

Kathy Barrett

Teachers

Karen Bowersox—Social Studies

C. Brooke Harrell—Social Studies

Krystalyn Tullis—Family and Consumer Science

Matt Fogle—Business

Shannon Maas—English

Megan Bowen—English

David O’Neal—Spanish

Jamie Givoe—Permanent Substitute

Emergency Procedure Cards

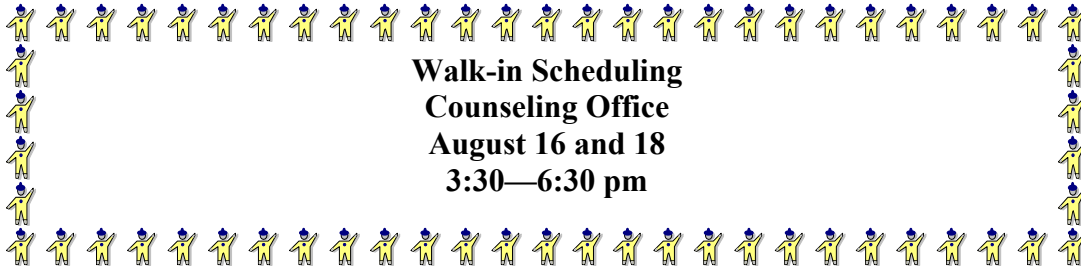
Emergency Procedure cards will be distributed to students the first day of school. Please complete these and return them to advisors the next day. Current medical information must be maintained on all students. The final deadline for collection is September 2, 2011.

Cell Phones

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

Please reinforce this policy with your son or daughter.

“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.”



**Walk-in Scheduling
Counseling Office
August 16 and 18
3:30—6:30 pm**

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 2011-12 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.

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 athletic fee (for sport participation) 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 or visit our web site for forms and applications - <http://www.carrollk12.org/wmh/index.htm>

(scroll down to the NEWS items for a link).

Student-Parent Handbook

Each student will receive a handbook (agenda book) the first day of school. It contains a great deal of important information. 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 2011—2012

Students are assigned to these counselors alphabetically. Counselors for pupils whose last name begins with:

Marissa Terrano	A-D
Seth Budai	E-K
Christina Mohlhenrich	L-R
Heidi Kohls	S-Z

SAT Dates and Registration Deadlines

SAT Dates:

October 1, 2011

November 5, 2011

December 3, 2011

Deadline:

September 9, 2011

October 7, 2011

November 8, 2011

Registration is done online at www.collegeboard.com

ACT Dates and Registration Deadlines

ACT Dates:

September 10, 2011

October 22, 2011

December 10, 2011

Deadline:

August 12, 2011

September 16, 2011

November 4, 2011

PSAT – Test Date — Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Juniors need to sign up in guidance

CAREER CONNECTIONS

Planning out your senior year is a part of helping you map out the best way to prepare you for further education, career exploration and job skill readiness. An internship is an effective way to do all of the above. This process should begin early to make sure you are taking courses that will allow you the most options during your senior year. We have students this summer interning at the National Cancer Institute, animal and vet facilities. This fall we have positions with Congressman Barlett, various middle and elementary schools along with continuation at NCI and various other internships.

If there are any **rising seniors that are interested in internships** for the upcoming fall semester or spring, you need to make an appointment to see Ms. Totten immediately so I can search for and arrange an internship.

2011-12 Grade Reporting Dates High Schools

Revised 5/26/2011

Term	MP Ends		Publish to Home Access by 4pm	Distribute	School Days
Interim 1	Sept 30 th		Oct 6 th	Oct 6 th	22
Report Card 1	Nov 3 rd		Nov 9 th	Nov 9 th	45
Interim 2	Dec 7 th		Dec 12 th	Dec 12 th	21
Report Card 2	Jan 26 th		Feb 1 st	Feb 1 st	50
Interim 3	Feb 29 th		March 5 th	March 5 th	20
Report Card 3	March 30 th		April 13 th	April 13 th	42
Interim 4	May 4 th		May 9 th	May 9 th	18
Report Card 4	June 14 th		June 18 th	Mail on/before: June 22 nd	46

Please Note the Following:

Report Card 4 Dates will be modified if the last day of school changes based on inclement weather days used. For Quarter 4 only, the schools should use the 'Publish to Home Access' day to also mark their retentions and run the Progress Reports from the School Counselor Web Center. The Progress Reports will go home with the student's report card.

End of Marking Period dates cannot change unless approved by the Board. When that occurs the marking period dates will then change for all schools in the County.

Community Service Learning Hours (CSL)

Students are required to perform and log at least 75 hours of service learning in order to meet graduation requirements. Seniors for the 2011-12 school year must have 55 community service learning hours in order to gain senior status!! Failure to have 55 hours coming into your senior year will result in loss of privilege to participate in senior related events.

Summer is the perfect time to perform service learning activities and turn them into the counseling office by **August 16, 2011!!!** Forms to document these hours are available in the school counseling office. Awards are given at graduation for outstanding service, as demonstrated by documented hours, so don't stop submitting those CSL hour forms when you reach 75!!! Ms. Sheri Hobson, in the Counseling Office, is the Service Learning Coordinator at Winters Mill.

TRANSCRIPT FEE CHANGE

Please be aware that effective immediately, the fee for high school transcripts of previous students is \$5.00 each. This change in policy has been posted on the CCPS website, <http://www.carrollk12.org/>. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact the WMHS Counseling Office at (410)386-1501.

Retention Policy Guidelines

The following guidelines explain the decision-making on placement, promotion, intervention, retention, and acceleration:

In grades 9 through 12, placement and promotion of students will be based on the number of credits earned as follows:

9th to 10th grade—completion of a minimum of 6 credits

10th to 11th grade—completion of a minimum of 12 credits

11th to 12th grade—completion of a minimum of 18 credits and a minimum of 55 service learning hours.

Eight Semester Waiver:

Student and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) shall meet with the principal and school counselor to discuss the request for a waiver and to develop a plan, if appropriate. This meeting should occur in the spring of the Junior year.

-A letter outlining the plan, requesting the waiver, and identifying the reasons for the request shall be submitted to the Principal by the student and parent(s)/legal guardian(s).

-The letter shall be signed by the student and the parent(s)/legal guardian(s).

-The counselor will complete the 8th semester checklist form and attach all required documents (Waiver of Enrollment/Credit Requirements Checklist)

-A letter from the college, vocational, technical, post-secondary school, accuplacer results for nonremedial course work or military indicating the student's acceptance shall be included in the required documents.

-The counselor shall submit the parent/student letter, 8th semester waiver checklist and the attached documents to the Principal (or designee)

-The Principal shall review the request and, if in agreement with it, forward it to the Superintendent of Schools for final approval. If the Principal does not agree with the request, the Principal may deny the request. If denied, the Principal shall notify the parent/legal guardian, in writing, of the denial and the reasons for it. The Director of High Schools will serve as the hearing officer should the parent(s)/legal guardians appeal the Principal's decision. The Superintendent or his designee will approve/deny the requests forwarded by the Principal then notify the Principal, who in turn, will inform the student, parent(s)/legal guardian(s), and the counselor. If those circumstances which are extenuating and do not meet the above administrative guidelines, an individual student's plan can be submitted to the principal for consideration.

Winters Mill High School Advisory Program

All Winters Mill High School students are assigned an advisor based on their academy selection.

Students meet with their advisor daily and will remain with their advisor for all four years of high school (unless the student chooses to change academies). Each advisory section is small (approximately 15-20 students) to allow the advisor to get to know their advisees. Lessons on topics such as portfolio development, study skills and character education are presented during the week. One day of the week is devoted to a reading activity. Clubs also meet during one of the advisory mods on a rotating basis.

During the year, the advisor will work with the student on their four-year plan for course selection. This will culminate in a parent conference where the student, parent, and advisor review the four-year plan and course selection for the upcoming school year. A goal of the advisory program is for students and parents to develop a close relationship with advisors and to communicate frequently.

Flex time meets during advisory. This is a time for students to meet with teachers to get extra help, study skills or enrichment.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Are you interested in Concurrent Enrollment for the fall Semester at Carroll Community College? Read about the requirements of Concurrent Enrollment on the WMH School Counselor- Career Connections- click on Concurrent Enrollment <http://www.carrollk12.org/wmh/counseling/careerconnections/default.asp#CE>

After reading the requirements listed for concurrent enrollment, take the Accuplacer Test at CCC. Call the College for testing times and make an appointment to take the test.

Schedule and take your [placement tests](#) by calling the [Testing Center](#) at 410-386-8450. If you have a disability, request special accommodations, prior to scheduling your tests by calling the [Office of Support Services](#) at 410-386-8329.

After taking the placement test and receiving your scores **make a guidance appointment** at WMH. Counselors will help determine your schedule, map out your course work and get administrative approval and paperwork no later than August 5th. Remember the courses that you take at WMH are free and the courses you enroll in at CCC require payment. Make sure you are dedicated to college level coursework!

SCHOLASTIC LETTER – 2011-2012

Scholastic Letters are awarded to students who have earned a Quarter grade of "A", "B" or "P" in all subjects for eight (8) consecutive marking periods, grades 09 - 12. **STUDENTS MUST MAKE APPLICATION FOR THIS AWARD** by the below date and can only receive one Scholastic Letter during their high school career.

I believe I meet the requirements for a Scholastic Letter:

Name

Grade

Advisor

Please return this completed form to the Counseling Department by September 16, 2011.

Class of 2012—Graduation Information

The dress code for graduation is detailed below. Students who choose to participate in graduation must meet the school dress code for both the Farewell Ceremony and Graduation.

Appropriate Dress to Wear Under Caps and Gowns

To coordinate with their burgundy graduation gowns, gentlemen must wear the following to the Farewell Ceremony and the Graduation Ceremony:

White dress shirt

Dark tie (bow ties won't work because of the way the gowns are cut)

Navy blue or black dress slacks (No tan or khaki-colored trousers)

Dark brown or black dress shoes or dress boots. Dress shoes/boots are those which must be polished and have a hard leather sole. (Boots must be non-military style.)

Dark socks

Jewelry is permissible as long as it is not worn on or above the gown itself.

Service awards and honor pins may be worn on the gown. Only school issued awards are permissible.

To coordinate with their burgundy graduation gown, women must wear the following to the Farewell Ceremony and the Graduation Ceremony:

Dark dress shoes. No flip flops of any style.

An appropriate dress or shirt/skirt (Please make sure your dress is shorter than the gown and does not show at the collar.)

Jewelry is perfectly permissible as long as it is not worn on or above the gown itself

Service awards and honor pins may be worn on the gown. Only school issued awards are permissible.

Rather than spend a significant amount of money on the appropriate graduation attire, please consider other means to find the items you may need. Older relatives, friends, and neighbors are good sources for some of these items, especially dress shoes. **If you are borrowing a gown from a previous graduate, do not use the Class of 2006. The color of these gowns was different than all other years.**

Student Parking

All student drivers must purchase a valid Winters Mill High School parking tag and display that tag whenever parked on school property. The fee for a parking tag is \$20.00. Applications for parking permits are available in the Main Office. Only Juniors & Seniors are permitted to park on school property during the school day. Students who owe obligations, are academically or conduct ineligible, or students that should be seniors but have less than 55 service learning hours, will not be issued a parking permit. Student drivers are to maintain academic eligibility and may not receive an F in any subject. If a student driver becomes ineligible, parking privileges will be revoked for 45 school days. If a student failed a class during the 4th Quarter of the 2010-2011 school year he/she is ineligible to drive to school during the 1st Quarter of the 2011-2012 school year. Good attendance and punctuality are necessary. Unlawful absences from school or class cutting may be grounds for suspension of the driving privilege. Note: Lateness to school because of a vehicle related issue is not an excused reason for tardiness. Any student who provides transportation from school grounds for another student without proper authorization from a school administrator will have driving privileges suspended for a minimum of one month.



Drama News

Audition Dates for the Fall Drama Production

“Sweeney Todd”

August 17 and August 18

6:00pm—9:00 pm

Auditorium

Expect to Sing and Cold Readings!



Music Boosters - 2011

The Music Boosters will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the chorus room.

President—Marian Davis

Vice President—TBA

Secretary—Gail Stuart

Treasurer—Tina Thomas



Chorus Dates—2011-2012

- Oct. 13 - Fall Choral Rehearsal/Concert
- Oct. 17 - Fall Band Concert
- Dec. 5 - Winter Concert Band Rehearsal
- Dec. 6 - Winter Band Concert
- Dec. 15 - Winter Choral Concert
- Feb. 27 - Festival Concert Band Rehearsal
- Feb. 29 - Festival Band Concert
- Mar. 1 - Festival Choral Concert
- Apr. 26 - Excellence in the Arts Assembly Set-Up
- May 4 - NHS Induction Practice
- May 8 - NHS Inductions
- May 21 - Spring Concert Band Rehearsal
- May 22 - Spring Band Concert I
- May 23 - Spring Band Concert II
- May 24 - Spring Choral Concert
- May 29 - Music Banquet
- May 30 - Spring Dance Concert Tech Rehearsal
- May 31 - Spring Dance Concert



Instrumental Music Department Information

Please be on the lookout for emails from Ms Gottleib regarding dates for next year and supplies needed for class. This information can also be found on the WMHS school website under "Students" and then "Music". Two dates to add to the list: Music Banquet May 29, Graduation June 6th at 7 pm. Please contact Ms Gottleib at kegottl@carrollk12.org with questions.

All Instruments and supplies will be used on the first day of school. Thanks!

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. They provide assistance to many clubs, classes, and activities, and plan a variety of informational meetings for the parent community at large.

Each of these organizations needs the support of new parents that enter our school community.

Music Booster meeting:	Second Tuesday of the month	7 pm	Chorus Room
Athletic Booster meeting:	Third Monday of the month	7 pm	Media Center

Class of 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015 Boosters: (TBA during the school year)

Making a Difference Together

Volunteering is an excellent way for parents and family, community members, and business partners to build and strengthen ties with the Carroll County Public School System. Volunteers offer their time, effort, and/or talents to benefit all students in the school system. CCPS Volunteer Program Guidelines outline consistent standards for volunteers. **Level I Volunteers** (guest readers, concession stand operators, business representatives, event ticket collectors, guest speakers, etc.) **must annually register at a school site before volunteering.** **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.**

Volunteer training sessions are held at schools and regional locations throughout the school year. **Volunteer training, obtained during the 2010-2011 school year, is only valid through September 30, 2011.** As plans for the 2011-2012 school year are developed, volunteer training may be included as part of a scheduled school event or activity. **Attending required annual volunteer training prior to October 1, 2011 will maintain your eligibility to volunteer and alleviate gaps in your volunteer service.**

By late summer, a comprehensive list of volunteer training sessions will be available by accessing the CCCPS website (<http://www.carrollk12.org>), Channel 21, and local newspapers. Additional information may also be obtained by contacting Jane Farver, CCPS Volunteer Program Coordinator at 410-386-1536 or ejfarve@k12.carr.org.

Volunteers make countless educational endeavors happen!



FALL 2011 SPORTS TRY-OUTS

Please remember that all try-outs for fall sports begin **Saturday, August 13th.**

Any student trying out must have a current completed physical on file in order to participate and also completed the concussion testing. (Please see below for information regarding the baseline concussion testing)

Please plan your doctors appointments and vacations accordingly.

Thank you!

IMPACT Baseline Concussion Testing

As a new way of better protecting our Carroll County Public Schools students, WMHS is now required to ensure that all athletes take part in the countywide IMPACT Baseline Concussion Assessment. The idea behind this program is to make certain that all student-athletes are symptom-free of concussion-related injuries and as healthy as possible to participate on our CCPS sports teams.

Each session runs for approximately one hour, including student log-in and the actual test. 15 athletes can be assessed in a given session. They will take place in the WMHS Computer Lab. The school's Athletic Trainer, Coaching Staffs, and Athletic Director will all be involved in overseeing the process. It is a controlled, but stress-free environment.

Since this has now become a CCPS requirement, **almost all student-athletes will have to complete this program before being permitted to tryout and play for WMHS**, with the exception of only Cross Country, Golf, the non-jumping Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field events, Tennis, and Corollary Athletics Teams, for whom testing is optional. Currently, we are focusing on our Fall Season students. Once passed, the test is current for two years. Further information regarding this entire process can be found on the Fact Sheet (yellow) available and the corresponding Consent Form (green), both available in our WMHS Main Office. Each student will have to obtain two of the informational sheet (one to be signed and returned, the other for families to keep) and one of the release forms, also to be returned to the school. **No athlete will be allowed to complete the assessment without all forms submitted.**

We thank you very much in advance for your cooperation with this new project. Again, initiatives like these have been designed for the purpose of serving your children in the safest way possible during their experiences as members of the Carroll County Public Schools System, while here with us at Winters Mill High School.

New Athletic Admission Price

\$5.00 is the new adult admission price for athletic events. Students and Senior Citizens will remain at \$2.00

Athletic Schedule

Go to www.HighSchoolSports.net and select our school. When looking for a sport's schedule, be sure to check the school year at the bottom of the screen. This will be automatically updated when there are changes.

Fall Sports Information

The **athletic fee** will be \$100.00 this school year for one student and \$140.00 for more than 1 student.

Family passes will be \$125 for up to 4 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 2011-12 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 13**. **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 2010-11 school year, are **INELIGIBLE** for the first marking period of the 2011-12 school year.

Golf Try-Out Information

Westminster National GC

Monday, Aug. 15 - 3:30pm

Tuesday, Aug. 16 - 3:30pm

Wed., Aug. 17 - 3:30pm

Must have your own equipment. Proper golf attire is required. First match is Aug. 23.

Field Hockey Try-Out Information

August 13—August 20

All 10:30—12:30 Practice

J.V. 10:30 am

Varsity must remain at Winters Mill. Please bring a snack

Boys Cross Country

The boy's cross country team will meet Saturday, Aug. 13th at 8:00 AM by the track for our first day of practice. The following Monday we will start at 6:00 PM by the baseball diamond and will continue that pending any necessary changes for back to school etc. Those schedules will be announced at our practices.

Girls Soccer

Girls Soccer tryouts start on Saturday August 13th at 7:00 am. Girls who are planning on attending the tryout must have the following completed prior to the start of practice:

★ Completed up-to-date Physical

★ Completed the Concussion Testing

★ Completed Emergency Forms

★ The morning session will begin promptly at 7:00 am.

★ The afternoon session will begin at 3:00 pm.



Volleyball

Volleyball tryouts will be August 15-19, 8:30-12:00



Annual Football Tailgate Party:

September 23rd at 4:00-6:30 pm

Organized By the Winters Mill Athletic Booster, WM Boys Basketball Team, and WM Girls Lacrosse Team

Burgers, Hotdogs, Desserts, Music, and Much More

Before the Winters Mill vs. South Carroll Football Game

Tickets will be sold At lunch the week before the game. Tickets may also be purchased by e-mailing Mr. Herman dmherma@carrollk12.org

More information will be sent out at the start of school.



Homecoming 2011:

- Spirit Week, 19-23 September, themes will be announced in the September Newsletter
 - Powder Puff Game, Wednesday, 21 September, 6:00 p.m.
 - Homecoming Game vs. SCHS, Friday, 23 September, 7:00 p.m.
 - Homecoming Dance, Saturday, 24 September, 8-11:00 p.m.



Tenth Anniversary of "The Mill"

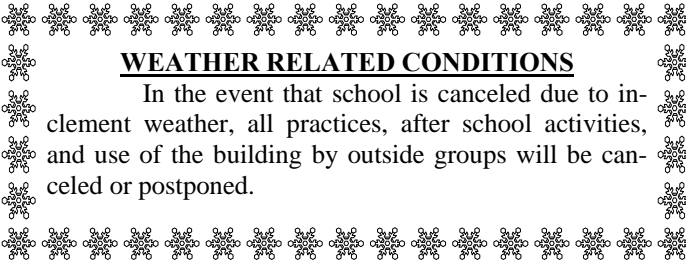
"Winters Mill High School is going to devote the 2012 - 2013 school year to celebrating the tenth anniversary of the opening of the school. As part of the celebration, we want to recognize our alumni. Over the course of the next year, a committee will be gathering and organizing information regarding our alumni. During the 2012 - 2013 school year, we will use this information to serve several purposes, such as:

- Alumni Speaker Days
- Advisory Lessons Featuring Alumni
- Alumni recognition at extracurricular events
- Culminating ceremony commemorating the opening of the school

For more information, visit the celebration website at <http://carrollk12.org/wmh/media/10thanniversary/default.asp>, or on Facebook, under search "Winters Mill High School 10 Year Celebration."

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Miller at memille@carrollk12.org."





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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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”!

**Victor O'Neill Studios will take Class of 2012
Make-up Senior portraits on
October 10 and 11, 2011 in the WMHS Auditorium.**

VIOLENCE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE TIPLINE

We currently have in place a Violence and Alcohol Abuse Tipline (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 and parent supplies the medication. 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.

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.

Underclass Portraits

School portraits will be taken by Victor O'Neill Studios on Thursday, September 15th, and Friday, September 16, 2011. 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 yearbook. Seniors that did not use Victor O'Neill for senior portraits must also have student ID pictures taken on this day.



NEVER FORGET 5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN

WHAT: 1 MILE FUN RUN AND 5K RACE

WHERE: NORTH CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL, 1400 PANTHER DRIVE, HAMPSTEAD, MD 21074.

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2011

5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN/WALK BEGIN AT 9:00AM

ON SITE REGISTRATION: 7:30 -8:45 AM

WHO: YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

SPONSORED BY: SHILOH MIDDLE SCHOOL'S HISTORY CLUB

COST: 5K FEES PRE-ENTRY \$25.00, RACE DAY ENTRY \$30.00. 1 MILE FUN RUN/WALK ADULT \$20, CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$15, RACE DAY ADULT \$25 CHILDREN \$15. T-SHIRT GUARANTEED TO ALL PRE-ENTRY REGISTRANTS.

DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED AND CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO: SHILOH MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY CLUB, AND CAN BE MAILED TO SHILOH MIDDLE SCHOOL 3675 WILLOW STREET, HAMPSTEAD, MD 21074.

To REGISTER: VISIT WWW.RUNNINGMARYLAND.COM TO REGISTER ONLINE

PROCEEDS GO TO THE WTC TRIBUTE CENTER, STEPHEN SILLER TUNNEL TO TOWERS RUN FOUNDATION, FD
HOOD FOUNDATION, FDNY RESCUE 1, AND THE HAMPSTEAD VFC

NAME: _____ GENDER: ___ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ T-SHIRT SIZE: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____ AGE ON RACE DAY: _____ REGISTRATION FEE: ___ \$25
FOR 5K

___ \$20 ADULT FUN RUN/WALK _____ \$ 15 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FUN
Run/walk

Howhho

Mark Your Calendar:

August	13	First Day of Fall Sports Tryouts
	15	Athletic Booster Meeting—7:00—Media Center
	16 & 18	Walk-in Scheduling—Counseling Office—3:30—6:30 pm
	17	Audition for Fall Drama—6—9pm—Auditorium
	18	Audition for Fall Drama—6—9pm—Auditorium
	24	Fall “Back to Sports Night”—6:00– Auditorium
	25	Winters Mill: Time to Take Flight (Back to School) 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Auditorium: Please see page 2 of this newsletter for the ‘Back to School’ itinerary
	25	Volunteer Training—4:00—Auditorium
	30	First Day of School 7:40 am - 2:30 pm
September	5	Labor Day – Schools Closed
	13	Volunteer Training—6:00 pm—Chorus Room
	13	Music Booster Meeting—7:00—Chorus Room
	15-16	Underclass Portraits 8—2:30
	19	Athletic Booster Meeting—7:00 pm—Media Center Volunteer Training—6:00 pm—chorus room
	21	Powder Puff Game—6:00
	23	Homecoming Game
	23	Tailgate Party—4—6:30
	24	Homecoming Dance
	29	Schools Closed—Rosh Hashanah (No games or practices)

Volunteer Training at Winters Mill High School:

August 25	4:00 p.m.	Auditorium (prior to Back to School night)
September 13	6:00 p.m.	Chorus Room (prior to Music Booster meeting)
October 11	6:00 p.m.	Chorus Room (prior to Music Booster meeting)

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 is needed.

Winters Mill High School



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING WMHS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The monthly Winters Mill newsletter (Guidance Gazette & Talon) is posted every month on our school website at, www.carrollk12.org/wmh/parents/newsletters.

In our efforts to 'go green' we are now sending the newsletter out via the AlertNow e-mail system (this will go to the parent(s) e-mail address entered on your student's Emergency Procedure Card).

If you would like to continue to receive the monthly newsletter via U.S. Mail please complete this form and return to:

WMHS
Attn: Newsletter
506 Gorsuch Road
Westminster, MD 21157

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

I would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the monthly WMHS newsletter for the 2011-2012 school year.

Names & Grades of all students at:

WMHS: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

ATTENTION WINTERS MILL PARENTS!

2011-2012 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

**ANNUAL MEAL PLAN
STUDENT ENROLLMENT FORM**

(One per child)

Child's Name: _____

School/Grade: _____

Breakfast: (√ Selection) Lunch: (√ Selection)

Elementary - \$206.25 _____ **Elementary - \$340.00** _____

Middle & High - \$247.50 _____ **Middle & High (Reg.) - \$382.50** _____

(available only at breakfast serving schools) **High School (Super) - \$467.50** _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Payment Type (Select one):

Cash/Money Order _____

Check _____

Credit Card:

Visa _____ or Mastercard _____

Account # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date ____/____/____ 3 Digit Security Code ____ ____ ____

(last three digits located on back of card)

**Remit to:
Carroll County Public Schools
Food Service Department
125 N. Court Street
Westminster, MD 21157**

Thank you for your participation in our meal plan program

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**INSTALLMENT MEAL PLAN
STUDENT ENROLLMENT FORM**

(One per child)

Child's Name: _____

School/Grade: _____

Breakfast: (✓ Selection) **Lunch:** (✓ Selection)

Elementary - \$25.00/mo. _____ **Elementary - \$40.00** _____

Middle & High - \$30.00/mo. _____ **Middle & High (Reg.) - \$45.00** _____
(Available only at breakfast serving schools) **High School (Super) - \$55.00** _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK

Remit to:

**Carroll County Public Schools
Food Service Department
125 N. Court Street
Westminster, MD 21157**

Thank you for your participation in our meal plan program

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**INSTALLMENT MEAL PLAN
AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT
DIRECT PAYMENTS (ACH DEBITS)**

I (we) hereby authorize, Carroll County Public Schools/Food Service, hereinafter called COMPANY, and the financial institution named below, hereinafter called FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking/savings account indicated below.

_____		_____
(Financial Institution Name)		(Branch)
_____		_____
(Street address)	(City/State)	(Zip Code)
_____	_____	Type of Account () Checking
(Routing Number)	(Account Number)	() Savings

This authority is to remain in full force and affect until COMPANY has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and manner as to afford COMPANY and FINANCIAL INSTITUTION a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my FINANCIAL INSTITUTION at least 5 days before my account is to be charged. Futhermore, I (we) acknowledge that a \$10.00 Service Fee will be charged for early termination.

Remit to:
Carroll County Public Schools
Food Service Department
125 N. Court Street
Westminster, Md. 21157

(Authorized Signature)

(Date)

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM !

(please see next page)

Secondary Prepaid Meal Form
(Limit – 20 meals per line)

Student's Name _____

Student's Grade _____

Regular Lunch _____ x \$2.25 = \$ _____

Super Lunch _____ x \$2.75 = \$ _____

Reduced Lunch _____ x \$.40 = \$ _____

Regular Breakfast _____ x \$1.50 = \$ _____

Reduced Breakfast _____ x \$.30 = \$ _____

(Only available at breakfast serving schools)

Prepaid meals purchased are non-refundable and are not carried over from year-to-year. Your child's cafeteria manager will take reasonable care to prevent a large number of unused prepaid meals for your child.