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From the Principal

Welcome to February!

February brings a whole new semester, and with it, the energy one gets from renewal. The weather has been cooperating; leaving us right on schedule. By now, you should have received your appointment for one of our two schedule selection nights in February. It is extremely important that these appointments are kept. It is from the students' course selections, that the school builds its Master Schedule. In order to ensure that your student is able to take the classes he/she needs, it is important that the selections are made on these evenings. Your appointment should be on February 1st or 9th between the hours of 4:30pm and 7:00pm. If you can't make your appointment, please email your student's advisor. We will also be conducting a survey for parents in our computer lab upon completion of your advisory conference. We will use the information we get from the survey to improve in areas you see fit and build on the areas you find satisfactory.

Winter sports are in full swing. Our SGA is has marked the February 17th boys basketball game as "Sarcoma Awareness Night." Students who are interested in purchasing a t-shirt for this event should do so by February 3 (\$15.00 for one shirt or buy two shirts and get one free). The girls basketball team will be taking donations for the American Cancer Society at the February 10th game. We are proud of their willingness to give to others.

Another fun event being held will be the Coffeehouse on February 6 from 6:30-8:00pm to support our Fine Arts programs. Students will be performing in a relaxed atmosphere in the cafeteria. It's a wonderful event that showcases the talent of our students. Additionally, some of our best and brightest will be competing here at Winters Mill on February 23, as we host the Academic Challenge. We wish our students good luck!

As you can see, although February may be a short month, we will be busy each and every day!

Ruthanne Kenney, Principal

February 2012

Vision and Mission Statement

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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LADY FALCONS SOFTBALL

In order to start the new year off on a good note, the Lady Falcon Softball team is sponsoring a raffle. We will be selling 150 chances for a 50" Panasonic Flat Screen Television at \$20.00 a ticket. We hope that everyone will support our endeavor, as the profit will be used to help with getting new equipment for the program.

We are looking forward to becoming a strong powerful team, not only in the County, but the State. With your help and support we know that this can happen.

Once again we are only selling 150 chances for \$20.00 for a 50" PANASONIC FLAT SCREEN. We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Part of career planning is building a resume and gaining experience in a field to determine if what you think you enjoy doing, is what you may actually want to do. Here are links to a government site that offers internships relating to science. Many of these summer opportunities require transportation and commitment. The deadlines are posted within the document. Please inform [sa-totte@carrollk12.org](mailto:satotte@carrollk12.org) if applying. https://www.training.nih.gov/resources/faqs/summer_interns#q2

<https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/sip>





Attention Seniors

Anyone planning on attending a post-secondary institution should complete a FAFSA application before March 1, 2012. Please check with your college/tech school for an earlier deadline. Also remember to apply for a pin (and one of your parents must apply for a pin) before you can begin the application process. This is a free service. This form is used to apply for federal and state student grants, work-study and loans. Visit to apply for a pin and to complete the FAFSA form:

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

US Naval Academy Summer Program

The US Naval Academy Summer Session application opened on 3 January, and is available at this URL: <http://www.usna.edu/admissions/nass.htm>

The Summer Seminar is for rising seniors, and provides a week long experience at USNA. It is geared towards students interested in pursuing admissions to a Naval Academy. Selection is limited and is based both on academics, extracurricular activities and geographical area. There are three separate sessions:

Session One: June 2 -7

Session Two: June 9 - 14

Session Three: June 16 - 21

There is a cost involved (\$350) but attendees receive a good amount of T-Shirts, shorts, etc.

The other service academies (USAFA, USMA, USCGA) offer similar programs. Students can attend summer seminars at more than one academy.

Early in Feb, application for the USNA STEM program will be available at this

From the Counseling Office

National School Counseling Week, Feb. 6-10. Sponsored by the American School Counselor Association to highlight the impact school counselors have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career, and to focus public attention on the important contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems.

WINTERS MILL HIGH SCHOOL
CELEBRATING
10 YEARS!

"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."

NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Art work by 24 WMHS students was on display at the CCPS office building during the months of December and January.

A mixed media portrait by junior Danielle May-West was selected from the exhibit to be displayed as part of a state wide student art exhibit in Annapolis through the end of March.

Art work by all levels of WMHS art students from Art 1 to AP art will be on display at the county wide Youth Art Month exhibit from Feb. 27 until March 27th. The exhibit is held on both levels of the Langdon Gallery at the Carroll Community College. The exhibit is open to the public during the colleges normal hours of operation. The opening reception is on Sunday, March 4th from 1 to 3pm. Everyone is invited to attend.



Music Booster News

Monthly Meeting: Come join us on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Media Center! All Band and Chorus parents are welcome.

Calling All Hospitality Majors: We are looking for helpers to organize and put on the Annual Music Banquet. Please contact Marian Davis at medavis@carrollk12.org or (410)848-1375 if you are able to assist. Last year over 150 students and parents attended. Remember....many hands make light work.

Mark Your Calendars Now!
2012 Music Banquet
On
Tuesday, May 29th

CLASS OF 2013

Wolfgang Candy Packets will be distributed on or around Feb 8th.

The Fundraiser will run from Feb 10th-29th, orders will be due on the 29th.

It is the goal of the Class of 2013 to have each student sell \$50 worth of candy or more. For every \$50 you sell, you will receive \$5 of a senior activity.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for a St. Patrick's Day celebration like no other—the Winters Mill Athletic Boosters Shrimp, Oyster and Bull Roast!

Saturday, March 17—7:00-11:00pm

Tickets are \$35 each

Great games, great food, great fun!

Please reserve your tickets now!



Contact Missie Wilcox at 410-840-2099 or Heather Zophy at 443-858-3437 for tickets, donations or volunteer information.

Congratulations to Mr. O'Neal's Latin students for participating in the MD Junior Classical League's "Saturnalia" Certamen on December 17th at Linganore High School. The Latin competitors were:

Summer Bowling (Level III)

Cat Raines (Level III)

Natalie Kristensen (Level I)

Christian Davis (Level I)

Michael Popielski (Level I)



They will be competing again on February 4th as WMHS and WHS co-host the "Cupid & Psyche" Certamen. Optimam fortunam habeatis!



ACADEMY SPOTLIGHT



Arts, Humanities, & Communications

AHC ACADEMY

Students at Winters Mill High School will be engaged in a rigorous academic curriculum with a career theme. This approach will enable them to see the link between what they learn in school and how their learning applies to the workplace and further education. To accomplish this in a smaller learning environment, four career academy programs have been established to provide a more focused program of study for each of our students.

Academy program activities include exploring career interests, incorporating cutting-edge technology, and participating in internships and partnerships with local businesses. The curriculum at Winters Mill High School is based around four broad career academies which include: (1) HEALTH, HUMAN, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES; (2) ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND COMMUNICATIONS; (3) SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH; & (4) BUSINESS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT.

Each of the next four months we will be spotlighting one of these Academy's in preparation for our Academy Fair to be held in the spring. This month's "Spotlight" is on the ARTS, HUMANITIES, & COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY or AHC Academy for short. The AHC Academy is geared towards students with interests in the Arts and Humanities types of careers; Music Performances, Visual Arts, Graphic Communications, Classical Studies, Drama, and Mass Communications. One student here is working on an internship in Music education; Melissa Richardson, who is in the Music program, is working at a local Middle school in grade 7th grade as a Teacher's Aide. She helps with Group Activities as well as One-On One's, she helps with Guitar lessons, warming up, practices, choris, and mentoring. She has also helped in preparing for the concerts at the school. Her time has been filled with many areas related to music here at Winters Mill as well as her time at East Middle School.

As you can see we are very busy here at Winters Mill High school and these are only 2 examples of what our students are doing. Please plan to join us May 17th, 2012 here at Winters Mill High School to see what all our Academy Interns are doing, or have been doing over this entire school year. Be on the lookout for next month's Academy Spotlight, BUSINESS & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT or BIM Academy, the last in our 4 part series..

CAREER CONNECTIONS

February is the beginning of a new semester. We have 21 interns from WMH this semester participating in various internships across the county. They will be reinforcing and applying skills learned in previous coursework, learning how to collaborate and cooperate in the world of work. What a great opportunity to experience and determine if you really like to pursue a field of interest!

We will have 6 Veterinary Science/ Wildlife Management interns and 3 in Food Service and Hospitality. In addition, we have 12 school system interns, who include Teacher Academy secondary education, Early Childhood and 6 various career majors representing our school in a variety of fields. I am proud that these students are making the most of their senior year. Good Luck Interns from WMH!



SPRING SPORTS INFORMATION

Try-outs for spring sports will begin on March 1, 2012. Students trying out **MUST** have a completed physical on file with the athletic department before they can participate in try-outs. In addition, potential athletes need to have completed the IMPACT concussion test. If an athlete tested for a fall or winter sport, they do not need to test again for the spring. We are offering two dates for concussion testing in February:

February 14 - 3:15-4:15pm or 4:15-5:15pm

February 16 - 3:15-4:15pm or 4:15-5:15pm

Please call the school office to reserve a time for your student.

Career and Technology Education Don't Go To College Without It! **CTE Current**

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Happy New Year from the Office of CTE!

January 15, 2012

Supervisor's Message

The world and certainly the economy has changed in recent years. So what are the expectations for members of the workforce of tomorrow? The Institute for the Future has identified ten key skills:

- Sense-making
- Novel and adaptive thinking
- Social intelligence
- Transdisciplinary
- New media literacy
- Computational thinking
- Cognitive load management
- Cross-cultural competency
- Design mindset
- Virtual collaboration

These skills inform and affirm our current emphasis in CTE on career and college readiness—the need for a strong, rigorous academic foundation that is coupled with a relevant career focus.

This month's issue of *CTE Current* provides information on the value-added in all CTE programs. This is especially important in January as students review their high school and post-secondary plans and make course selections for the coming year. What better way to begin a new year!

Career and Technology Education:
Don't Go To College (or into the workforce) Without It!

Happy New Year to All!

—Marjorie

Marjorie Lohmes
Supervisor of Career & Technology Education

http://www.ict.org/system/files/ict/ctecurrent/CTE_ReturnToWorkSkillsSummary.pdf

Career & Technology Education: Value Added

Every Career and Technology Education complete program is delivered to students with value added above and beyond the typical high school program. Whether successful program completion is tied to college credits or an industry certification, a student will receive more than just a final grade on his/her report card. The chart below details what value added is available in each program.



Available at the 8 comprehensive high school Available at CCCTC
Available Regionally Available at Francis Scott Key High School

Transcribed College Credit

Accounting • Biomedical Sciences (Project Lead the Way) • Education—Middle & High School (Teacher Academy of Maryland) • Engineering (Project Lead the Way) • Financial Services (Academy of Finance)

Advanced Placement

Computer Technology

Articulated College Credit

Administrative Services • Animal & Veterinary Science • Automotive Services Technology • Business Administration & Management • Carpentry • Cisco Networking Academy • Collision Repair Technology • Culinary Arts • Drafting • Early Childhood Education • Electrical Construction • Emergency Services Technology • Floral Design • Food Service & Hospitality Management (ProStart) • Geographic Information Systems & Technology (Pending) • Heavy Equipment & Truck Technology • Horticulture • Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning • Landscaping Design & Construction • Manufacturing & Machine Technologies • Marketing • Masonry • Print Production • Textiles & Fashion Careers (Pending) • Welding (Pending) • Wildlife & Natural Resources

Industry Certifications

Academy of Health Professions • Administrative Services • Automotive Service Technology • Building Maintenance • Carpentry • Cisco Networking Academy • Collision Repair • Cosmetology • Culinary Arts • Early Childhood Education • Education—Middle & High School (Teacher Academy of Maryland) • Electrical Construction • Emergency Services Technology • Financial Services (Academy of Finance) • Food Service & Hospitality Management (ProStart) • Geographic Information Systems & Technology • Heavy Equipment & Truck Technology • Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning • Manufacturing & Machine Technologies • Masonry • Print Production • Welding

For further information on value added, please visit the Value Added information online which can be accessed at <http://www.carrollk12.org/instruction/instruction/secondary/cte/value/default.asp>. For clarification on the difference between transcribed and articulated credits, and the process of receiving industry certifications, please see reverse!



Important Dates for Class of 2012

April

Middle of month	Mr. Knill will visit your advisory to answer questions you have about graduation. You will receive your graduation booklet with all the information you need about graduation.
April 13, Friday	Senior Breakfast – See Ms. Lahner for more information

May

May 4	2011 GRADUATION TICKET REQUEST & RELEASE AGREEMENT FORM is DUE. This form must be turned in to the office in the specially marked box or to Ms. Rill or Mr. Knill. If you need to make any changes to your ticket request form, you must do so in writing to Mr. Knill or Ms. Rill. Phone calls are NOT acceptable. Email wgknill@carrollk12.org	
May 4	Service Learning Hours are due.	See Ms. Hobson for further information.
May 16	Auditions for students wishing to perform during the Awards Presentations.	See Mrs. Bezanson for more information.
May 12	Prom	See Ms. Lahner for more information
May 25, Friday	Senior Exam Mod 3	See your teacher for more information
May 29, Tuesday	Senior Exam Mod 2, 2B	See your teacher for more information
May 30, Wednesday	Senior Exam Mods 2A, 4, 4A	See your teacher for more information
May 31, Thursday	Senior Exam Mods 1, 4B	See your teacher for more information
May 31, Thursday	LAST SCHOOL DAY FOR SENIORS	
June 1, Friday	Senior Make Up Exams Senior Failures are due at 8AM	Seniors are not to report to school unless you are taking an exam.
May 29, Tuesday	Practice for Awards Presentation Performers (Performers only)	WMHS Auditorium 2:30 pm See Mrs. Bezanson for more information.

June

June 4, Monday	Graduation Practice, Mandatory Inform employers NOW	WMHS Gymnasium 9am to 1:30 Seniors, please do not arrive before 8:30 am. Seniors will receive tickets if all obligations have been met.
June 4, Monday	Community Awards Presentation	WMHS Auditorium 7 pm Dress attire
June 5, Tuesday	School Awards Presentation, Mandatory Inform employers NOW	WMHS Gymnasium Seniors arrive at 8:00 am. Guests should arrive at 8:45 am (after buses have left). Senior Class photo will be taken immediately following ceremony. You may leave once the photo has been taken.
June 5, Tuesday	Senior Photo Senior Picnic	Immediately following senior photo. Food and Fun Ms. Lahner will have more information.
June 6, Wednesday	Graduation Practice at McDaniel, Mandatory Inform employers NOW	McDaniel College 12pm to 2pm Arrive by 11:45am
	Graduation, Mandatory Inform employers NOW	McDaniel College -- Seniors report by 6:00 pm. Doors will open for ticket holders at 6:15 pm and will close at 6:45 pm for the processional.

Graduation Tickets: Each senior will receive 8 tickets to graduation. Additional tickets can be requested on the proper form in the graduation booklet. Every person needs a ticket for graduation. Yes, that means babies and toddlers.

Mark Your Calendar...

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1 - Advisory Conference Night - 4:00-7:30pm**
Report Cards distributed during Advisory
- Feb. 6 - Tri-M Music Honor Society Coffeehouse - 3:30pm - Cafeteria**
- Feb. 7 - Student of the Month Ceremony - 6:00pm - Wakefield Valley**
Music Boosters Meeting - 7:00pm - Media Center
- Feb. 9 - Advisory Conference Night - 4:00-7:30pm**
- Feb. 20 - Schools/Offices Closed - President's Day**
- Feb. 21 - Schools closed for students**
- Feb. 22 - Market Day Pick Up - 5:00pm - Cafeteria**
- Feb. 27 - Athletic Boosters Meeting - 7:00pm - Media Center**
- Feb. 29 - Festival Band Concert - 7:00pm - Auditorium**

MARCH

- Mar. 1 - Festival Choral Concert - 7:00pm - Auditorium**
- Mar. 5 - 2 Hr. 45 Min. Early Dismissal**
Quarter 3 Interims Distributed during Advisory
- Mar. 6 - Student of the Month Ceremony - 6:00pm - Wakefield Valley**
Music Boosters Meeting - 7:00pm - Media Center
- Mar. 7 - Student/Faculty Basketball Game - 6:30pm - Main Gym**
- Mar. 13 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:00-7:30pm**
- Mar. 17 - Athletic Boosters Bull & Oyster Roast - 6:00pm - Reese Fire Hall**
- Mar. 19- Tri-M Benefit Coffeehouse - 5:00pm - Cafeteria**
Athletic Boosters Meeting - 7:00pm - Media Center
- Mar. 20 - Market Day Pick Up - 5:00pm - Cafeteria**

SCHOOL HOURS CHANGE NEXT YEAR

For the 2012-2013 school year, the hours of the day for students will be 7:30am-2:20pm.

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, TTY (410) 751-3034, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157 at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

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.