




WINTERS MILL HIGH SCHOOL ***THE GUIDANCE GAZETTE***

January, 2010



<p>College Information: Application Procedures</p>	<p>College application season is well under way. Make sure your seniors are aware of their application deadlines. We ask that students put in transcript requests 10 school days before the deadline.</p>								
<p>College Information: Carroll Community College</p> 	<p>Important Fall 2009 Dates – Concurrently Enrolled Students</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Final Exams</td> <td>December 12-18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term Ends</td> <td>December 18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winter Break Begins</td> <td>December 19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>College Re-opens</td> <td>January 4</td> </tr> </table> <p>Final Exam Schedule Final Exams are held at different times than your regularly scheduled class time. Click here for the full schedule http://www.carrollcc.edu/courses/credit/schedule/exams/default.asp</p> <p>Spring Registration!! Spring Registration is on-going. Concurrent Students should be coming to you to receive approval now. Continuing Concurrent students (enrolled this fall), still require approval to enroll in the spring. New students for spring should be scheduling their placement tests now. They can call the testing center to schedule at 410.386.8450. Once they have tested, they will sign up for a concurrent first advising session (they have the new virtual option) and then register once they receive their test results.</p> <p>Eighth Semester Waivers If you are working with a student that may apply for or gain approval for an 8th semester waiver, please send some sort of verification with them that the HS is supporting this process. We will allow them to register, as long as we know that you are allowing them to proceed. If official approval has not been granted, please feel free to send an e-mail to me directly with the students name saying it's ok for them to register and that will suffice! We recognize that often they are required to register first before gaining approval.</p> <p>Hill Scholars Applications Early Action Application Deadline for Fall 2010– December 18, 2009 Advantages: Application fee is waived; notification of acceptance, mid-February</p> <p>If you need additional applications, recommendation forms, or for additional details, visit our website at http://www.carrollcc.edu/scholars/default.asp. Any questions regarding the application process, please contact me by phone, 410.386.8405 or by e-mail cedwards@carrollcc.edu or the Director the Honors Program Kristie Crumley, by phone 410.386.8572 or by e-mail kcrumley@carrollcc.edu.</p>	Final Exams	December 12-18	Term Ends	December 18	Winter Break Begins	December 19	College Re-opens	January 4
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High School Testing Dates (juniors considering Concurrent Enrollment next year)

Friday, January 22nd – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 23rd – 9:00 a.m. **and** Noon
Monday, January 25th – 9:00 a.m. **and** 1:00 p.m.

Presidents' Day Open House – Monday, February 15th, check in: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m., Program 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

High school students and their parents are invited to join us at this special event. Featured sessions include: What students should expect during their first year of college; transfer options- how to plan for the next step; exploration of career/major, and program options (opportunity to talk with faculty); admissions & financial aid process; and tour the college.

To register for the open house, call 410.386-8430 or e-mail openhouse@carrollcc.edu.

No snow date scheduled for this event!!

To register for any session above e-mail: admissions@carrollcc.edu or call 410.386.8430.

Placement Testing

High School juniors considering Concurrent Enrollment during their senior year and seniors planning to attend Carroll once they graduate, can take the college placement tests during the month of January. This will allow students to receive their results and then schedule their high school senior classes appropriately or schedule their college courses early. Priority registration for the fall term at Carroll begins in mid-April and this is the best opportunity to register for both the class and time slot that they want.

We have scheduled special high school testing dates at the College. They are scheduled days off (or ½ days) for your students. As always, if students are not available to test during these dates, they can arrange for another time at the College. **Students are required to contact** the Testing Center at 410.386.8450 to schedule their testing time slot whether it's in January or at another time. We will be unable to accommodate anyone that does not have an appointment. **Test dates and times** are listed below and attached is a flyer you can use for distribution:

Friday, January 22nd – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 23rd – 9:00 a.m. **and** Noon
Monday, January 25th – 9:00 a.m. **and** 1:00 p.m.

Don't forget to prepare before you test!

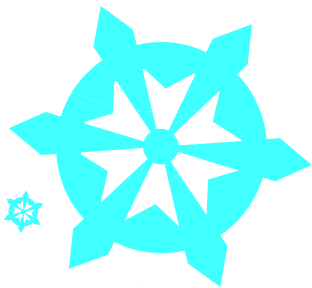
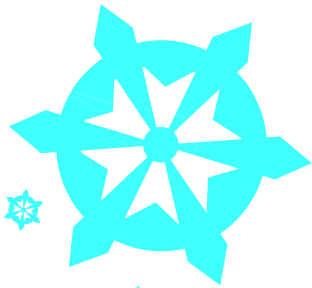
Please encourage students to visit our website so they know what to expect when they take the placement tests <http://www.carrollcc.edu/services/testing/placement/default.asp>. The questions cover an array of topics, if it has been a while since you have taken a **math** course we recommend you review before coming in to take the test. Please visit the Accuplacer section of the College Board website where you can practice with sample questions <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/preparation-sample.html>.






College Tours




Mondays at 6:00 pm and Fridays at Noon

Come and tour our state of the art facilities. We keep growing and changing. Classroom building number 4 will be open for classes this spring! You do not want to miss this opportunity if you are considering attending Carroll. All tours are led by student ambassadors who can answer questions from the student perspective. Registration is not required. Check in at the Admissions, Advising & Counseling Center, Room A-102. Tours leave promptly and run approximately 30-45 minutes.

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<p>College Information Financial Aid IMPORTANT!</p> 	<p>IMPORTANT – PARENTS OF SENIORS Free Application for Federal Student Aid The 2010-2011 FAFSA forms should be available in December, but may not be submitted until January, 2010. Forms are available online. Visit this website: www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/collprep. Please file the FAFSA between January 1 and March 1 each year to be eligible for state aid.</p>
<p>College Information NCAA</p>	<p>NCAA Eligibility The NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse must certify any student interested in playing Division I or Division II college sports. Seniors should register with the NCAA now. For more information please visit the website at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net</p>
<p>Event Best Buddies and key Club Winter Semi-Formal</p> 	<p>Best Buddies and key Club will be hosting a Winter Semi-Formal on January 23, 1010 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. at Winters Mill High School. Tickets will go on sale January 6 for \$10.00. Please plan to attend. Contact: Ms. Lintz</p>
<p>Event East Middle Students to Perform with WMHS Students</p>	<p>January 29 and 30, 7:00 p.m. The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree East Middle and Winters Mill students to perform in WMHS auditorium</p> 
<p>Fine Arts News All County Band and Orchestra</p> 	<p>The following students auditioned and were accepted into the All County Band:</p> <p>Katie Taylor, bassoon (orchestra too) Garrett Stair, horn (orchestra too) Nick Wolf, trumpet Derek May-West, trombone (orchestra too) Sean Linfield, trombone (orchestra too) Lucas Wentz, trombone</p> <p>Their concert will be at FSK on Saturday February 13.</p> <p>The following students auditioned and were accepted into the All County Orchestra:</p> <p>Audra DeBoy, violin Kyla Weir, cello Burke Stanton, bass</p> <p>Their concert will be at WMHS on Saturday February 6.</p>
<p>Fundraiser</p> 	<p>Athletic Boosters: Vera Bradley Bingo, Saturday, February 20, 2010, at WMHS, doors open at 5:30 and games begin at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>There will be no fashion show. It has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled. Thank you for supporting Winters Mill Athletic Boosters!</p>
<p>Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.</p>	<p>Vehicles for Change Program Contact: Kelley Rainey, 410-386-6661 Need help getting to work? Ever though about owning your own vehicle and building your credit? Application Requirements: Qualify for Low-income</p>

	<p>Have a valid Maryland Driver's License Be able to pay a short-term bank loan Be employed at 35 hours/week or have a verifiable offer of employment at 35 hours/week Not own any other vehicle Be insurable, drug free, and no criminal background Be able to cover the cost of insurance, taxes, tags, and title</p> <p>Comp-U-Kids Program Contact: Tina Gordan, 410-386-6636 Need a computer for your school aged child? Requirements for the program: Meet the low income requirements Have a school aged children in the household No other computer in the household Be able to prove children in household with a birth certificate or social security card</p>
<p>Meetings-Music Boosters</p>	<p>Music Boosters are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the chorus room. Please join us.</p>
<p>Meetings - Athletic Boosters</p>	<p>Monday, January 25, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. in the media center. All parents are invited to join us!</p>
<p>Scholarship Information</p>	<p>Please check the School Counseling Office's website at: http://www.carrollk12.org/wmh/counseling/collegeinformation</p>
<p>Selective Service System</p>	<p>Virtually every man living in America and U.S. citizen abroad is required to register with Selective Service within 30 days of his 18th birthday. It's his legal and civic responsibility. In fact, it's the law! Once a young man registers, he stays eligible for programs and benefits connected to registration, such as college loans and grants, government jobs, job training, and citizenship for immigrant men seeking to become U.S. citizens. Students can register online at www.sss.gov or they can stop by the guidance office to pick up materials to register by mail. The phone number for the Selective Service System is 703-605-4078.</p>
<p>Testing - ACT</p>	<p>The next administration of the ACT takes place at various sites on February 6, 2010 The deadline to register is 1/5/10. Late registration takes place 1/6-1/15/10 and a late fee is charged. Stop in the school counseling office for a registration packet or register online at: www.actstudent.org.</p>
<p>Testing - SAT</p>	<p>The next administration of the SAT takes place at various sites on January 23, 2010 The deadline to register is 12/15/09. The late registration deadline is 12/30/09.</p>
<p>Testing-High School Assessments</p> 	<p>1/11 – Biology 1/12 – Algebra 1/13 – Government 1/14 – English (Global Perspectives) 1/19-1/23 – Makeups for all content areas</p>
<p>Volunteers</p> 	<p>Training is required to be a classroom helper, tutor, chaperone, mentor, etc. Attend training at least 7 school days prior to volunteering. Volunteer training dates can be found on the CCPS website at http://www.carrollk12.org</p>



Not My Child

January 2010

“Your CHILD and Life Transitions”

Heraclitus, an ancient Greek philosopher, stated “There is nothing permanent except change.” This may very well be true; however, although change is natural, it doesn’t make it any easier – especially for teens. Studies show that adolescents who haven’t experimented with drugs or alcohol are more likely to start during times of transition in order to cope with stress.

Every child faces normal and anticipated life progressions - welcoming a new baby into the family, new grade level, puberty, and graduation. Even these changes may cause unexpected anxiety for your child. The state of the economy has caused many families to make their family’s lifestyle. But traumatic events, such as the parent by death or divorce, are especially difficult for particularly when the adults in their lives are also trying to



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Stress is the **#1** reason that teens may turn to drugs.

Top 5 Reasons Teens Use Drugs During Transitions

- To combat loneliness, low self-esteem, anxiety, or depression.
- To mentally “check out” of family issues or school trouble.
- To ease discomfort in an unfamiliar situation.
- To look cool or change their image/reputation.
- To fit in with a desired group of friends.

But don’t worry - while change is a part of life, risky behaviors like drug and alcohol use, don’t have to be. Although parents can’t control the changes that impact their ‘tween or teen, you can pay attention to their feelings, concerns, and needs. The most important thing you can do during these transitions is to stay involved in your child’s life. Studies show that only 18% of teens whose parents are significantly involved in their lives engage in high-risk activities. So set aside regular times for one-on-one conversations, encourage open dialogue, and discuss the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Consider using the time spent in the car transporting your child, to stay current with his/her worries and concerns. You will have a captive audience!

For more information on how to recognize transitions, to understand why they are tough, and how you can help, please go to: http://www.timetotalk.org/downloads/transition_guide_1c.pdf. If you have concerns about your child’s stress level or have had a significant life change within your family or would like additional resources, please contact your school counselor.

Calendar

- 1/4//10 Schools/Offices Reopen
- 1/5/10 Deadline to register for the Feb. 6 SAT
- 1/11/10 Biology High School Assessment
- 1/12/10 Algebra High School Assessment
- 1/13/10 Government High School Assessment
- 1/14/10 English High School Assessment
- 1/18/10 Schools/Offices Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 1/19/10 Thru 1/23/09 Makeup High School Assessments
- 1/22/10 Second Marking Period Ends
- 1/22/10 2 Hour 45 Min. Early Dismissal System-wide
- 1/23/10 SAT Administered at Various Sites
- 1/25/10 Schools Closed for Students Prof. Day for Teachers
- 1/26/10 Third Marking Period Begins
- 1/29/10 Report Cards Distributed



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Carroll County Public Schools ADA Compliance Statement

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or provision of services, programs, or activities. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities, 410-751-3177. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, 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 accomodation is needed.

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