



WINTERS MILL HIGH SCHOOL

School Counseling Office

Newsletter

January, 2011

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

Career Connections

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Making a career plan is part of a process that involves understanding self, exploring and researching. Very few people pull occupations out of a hat. With the changing economy, no one can afford to float through 4 years of high school without some sort of educational plan. Obtaining skills is an important preparation in securing opportunities. That is the reason that students, teachers, parents and counselors need to assess interest areas and encourage students to take as many courses from those cluster areas that will provide concentrated skills that can be applied to employment or furthering their education.

The BRIDGES program located on the school website has all kinds of information relating to various careers and ways to assess interests and skills. Click on school counseling/ career connections/career exploration. www.bridges.com

The Site ID is: 0091355

Password: falcons (lower case)

What a way to spend a cold and snowy day!!!

Carroll Community College

<http://www.carrollcc.edu>

Campus Tours: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

No RSVP is required.

Check in at the Admissions Office, A101 to meet a tour guide.

If you would like to arrange for an individual tour at an alternate time, please e-mail admissions@carrollcc.edu or call 410-386-8430!

High School Test Dates for Concurrent Enrollment:

Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning in October

Mon. January 31 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.



<http://www2.carrollk12.org/ccctc>

Soon, the website will be located at:

<http://www.carrollk12.org/ctc>

Please go to the website for a list of CCCTC programs.

Application Deadline Approaching

Applications from 10th graders for the 2011/12 school year will begin to be reviewed for placement starting December 1, 2010.

Applications from 10th graders for the 2012/13 school year will begin to be reviewed for placement starting February 1, 2011.

11th graders can continue to apply for programs and will be accepted as space permits.

Chorus Information



We are now into the New Year and also new music. All of the choruses are preparing for the next concert March 3, 2010. Please mark your calendars. We are also starting to work on music for the Eisteddfod Chorus. Each high school choral director chooses 14 students to represent their school. Rehearsals and concert will be in March. More information to follow.

Thank you for attending our concerts and your support. Happy New Year!

College Financial Aid

www.fafsa.gov
www.finaid.org
www.tuitionexchange.org
www.MDgo4it.org



Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Students are encouraged to apply for federal student aid using FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.gov. The online application will be smarter than ever in 2011-2012, with a customized experience for every applicant. Live, interactive help is accessible as the applicant uses the site; applicants also can get assistance by calling our toll-free number, 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 319-337-5665. **The 2011-2012 application should be available on the website in January.**

Financial Aid Information

Attention all Junior and Seniors!

The following link: <http://video.mpt.tv/video/1386604103/> will take you to a video from the Maryland Higher Education Commission in collaboration with Maryland Public Television called: You Can Afford College 2010. The video provides parents and students with information needed to navigate the financial aid process as students begin to prepare for college. You can find other useful information about postsecondary school options and financial assistance for education on MHEC's website www.MDgo4it.org

Additional financial aid websites include:

www.finaid.org
www.tuitionexchange.org

College Information

MyMajors.com

Do you need to find a college major? MyMajors.com provides useful advice for student on finding a college major based on your interests.

WhatWillTheyLearn.com

Visit this free college-guide website. This website asks a simple question about today's students: What will they learn? Specifically, will they gain the knowledge and skills they need to compete in the global marketplace, lead our nation thoughtfully, and be lifelong learners? Many college guides and ranking systems measure institutions' prestige and reputation, but no guide has looked at what students are actually required to learn.

State of College Admissions Report Released

According to the 2010 State of College Admissions Report, the percentage of students who apply to multiple colleges continues to increase. Nearly 25 percent of students applied to seven or more colleges in the fall of 2009. The increase in applications has created serious backlogs in admissions offices.

Other findings:

- *80 percent of all applications for fall of 2008 admission were submitted online.
- *Admission factors that increased include grades in college prep (+11 percent) and strength of curriculum (+19).
- *Admission factors that have declined include counselor recommendations (-4 percent), grades in all courses (-5 percent), and class rank (-7 percent).

It's a privilege to attend college, not a right. Twenty-two percent of colleges reported that they had revoked students' admissions during the fall of 2009 admission cycle. Common reasons for revoking admissions were final grades, disciplinary issues, and lying on applications.

College Planning



www.princetonreview.com
www.collegeboard.org
www.commaapp.org
www.universalcollegeapp.com

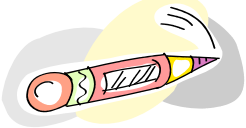
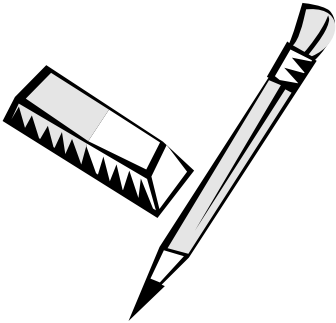

College Planning

Attention all Junior and Seniors!

Need help planning for college and finding a college that is best for you? Do you know about the common application? Visit the following websites to learn more and/or visit the school counseling office:

www.princetonreview.com
www.collegeboard.org
www.commaapp.org
www.universalcollegeapp.com

<p>Drama Announcing Audition Dates for Spring Production, "Harvey"</p>	<p>Spring Production: Drama students at WMHS will be performing "Harvey," a three-act comedy about an invisible rabbit. Performance dates are April 8, 9, 15, and 16. There will not be a matinee, but we are planning an Easter egg hunt! Rehearsals begin in February.</p>
<p>Eighth Semester Waivers</p>	<p>Students requesting 8th semester waivers should have a parent/counselor meeting in the spring of their junior year.</p>
<p>Fundraising-Athletic Boosters www.FalconMall.com lbrewer10@verizon.net</p> <p>Like to Shop?!</p>  <p>FalconMall.com!</p> <p>Shop Online, Earn \$ for WMHS!</p>	<p>Three Fundraisers this year: Market Day, Advertising Banners, FalconMall.com - Flyers are attached. Marketday -The food is really good and there is a 100% money back guarantee Banners - Do you want to advertise your business and have your banner displayed on our beautiful, new football stadium? The Athletic Boosters will be taking orders for banners. There are 3 sizes: 2 x 3 for \$250.00, 3' x 5' for \$500.00, and 5' x 8' for \$1,000.00. For more information, call Laurie Brewer at 410-236-1571 or send me an e-mail at lbrewer10@verizon.net. FalconMall.com - is now open for business. Go to this website, www.FalconMall.com and check out the website. There are over 600 stores in our mall! Go to FalconMall.com, click on one of the stores, and start shopping. We will automatically get credit for the sale and a percentage of the sale will go back to Winters Mill. Tell everyone you know about this! Thank you for all of your support! - Laurie Brewer, President, WMHS Athletic Boosters</p>
<p>Fundraising -Athletic Boosters</p>	<p>Athletic Boosters Meeting Dates: January 24, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Media Center February 28, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Media Center March 21, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Media Center April 18, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Media Center May 16, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Media Center</p>
<p>Media - Electronic Readers wmillmedia@gmail.com</p> 	<p>Winters Mill Media Center has two Amazon Kindles, a Barnes and Noble Nook and a Sony Reader which are loaded with books and can be taken out. Students are allowed to keep the readers for one week. Parents are also welcome to stop in and peruse them. These devices have a \$200 replacement cost when lost. If you <u>do not</u> want your student to take them out, please let us know. Email: wmillmedia@gmail.com or phone Bonnie Kreamer or Gail Faust at 410-386-1500 x253. Happy reading!!</p>
<p>NCAA Eligibility www.eligibilitycenter.org</p>	<p>The NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse must certify any student interested in playing Division I or Division II college sports. For more information, please visit the website at www.eligibilitycenter.org.</p>
<p>Service Learning Hours</p>	<p>Students may pick up blank forms in the School Counseling Office. Completed forms are also turned in to our office. 55 hours must be completed in order to achieve senior status. A total of 75 hours are required for graduation.</p>
<p>Scholarships Find the most up-to-date scholarship newsletter at: http://www.carrollk12.org/wmh/counseling/scholarship Other Websites to check out: www.scholarships.com www.fastweb.com www.carrollcommunityfoundation.org.</p>	<p>Starting in October, we started posting a scholarship newsletter to our website. This newsletter is also available to students and parents in the School Counseling Office. You will be able to find scholarship information on Winters Mill High School's website if you click on this link: http://www.carrollk12.org/wmh/counseling/scholarship. Applications for most of the advertised scholarships will be on file in the guidance office for students and parents to pick up.</p>

<h2>Selective Service</h2> <p>www.sss.gov</p>	<p>Young men turning 18 are required to register with the Selective Service. Failure to register is punishable by fine or imprisonment. It is also a prerequisite for obtaining financial aid or government employment. You may register online at www.sss.gov</p>
<h2>Testing: ACT</h2> <p>http://www.actstudent.org</p> 	<p>January 7, 2011 is the deadline to register for the February 12 ACT. Visit http://www.actstudent.org to register and to get more information about the ACT. You may also call or stop by the School Counseling Office. We also have registration packets available in the office.</p>
<h2>Testing: High School Assessments</h2> <p>http://hsaexam.org</p> 	<p>The next administration of high school assessments will take place in January. Here are the dates:</p> <p>Jan. 10 English Jan. 11 Biology Jan. 12 Algebra/DA Jan. 13 Government</p> <p>For future dates or more information on the Maryland High School Assessments, please visit: http://hsaexam.org.</p> <p>By now, you should have received score reports for the spring HSAs. These are the passing scores: Algebra/Data Analysis: 412 Biology: 400 English: 396 Government: 394</p>
<h2>TEST PREP</h2>	<p>WMHS subscribes to "Bridges," which includes TestGear for SAT test prep, available at www.bridges.com. The site ID is 0091355, and the password is Falcons. This resource is free and for WMHS students and parents.</p>
<h2>Testing: SAT</h2> <p>www.collegeboard.com</p> <p>The college board also has information for parents! Access the link above to view their website.</p>	<p>Please visit www.collegeboard.com to get all information regarding dates, times, locations, costs, test sites for the SAT or you may call or stop by the School Counseling Office at 410-386-1501 for more information. We do have registration packets available in the office.</p> <p>February 11 is the deadline to register for the March 12 SAT.</p>
<h2>Transcripts</h2> <p>Transcript Request form can be found at: http://www.carrollk12.org/wmh/counseling/collegeinformation/</p>	<p>Please remember to give the School Counseling Office 10 days to prepare and mail your transcripts. Especially if you need forms completed and letters written. January 15 is a big deadline for colleges. Please start looking at the application procedures for the colleges you will apply to and turn in your transcript requests and paperwork ASAP!</p>
<h2>TRIP - FOREIGN COUNTRIES</h2> <p>adrill@carrollk12.org</p> 	<p>Experience the culture of a foreign country for yourself AND use those skills from your German and French classes in an authentic setting!</p> <p>Sign up to travel abroad this summer to: GERMANY, ITALY, SWITZERLAND and FRANCE— July 2011</p> <p>All parents and students are welcome to travel with us! A language background is helpful, but not a requirement!</p> <p>Contact Mrs. Rill at adrill@carrollk12.org for more information</p>

Calendar



- 1/3/11 Schools/Offices Reopen
- 1/7/11 Regular Deadline for ACT Registration
- 1/10/11 English Assessment
- 1/11/11 Biology Assessment
- 1/12/11 Algebra Assessment
- 1/13/11 Government Assessment
- 1/17/11 Schools/Offices Closed-Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 1/28/11 Quarter 2, Semester 1 Marking Period Ends
- 1/28/11 2 Hour 45 Minute Early Dismissal
- 1/31/11 Schools Closed for Students
- 2/3/11 Report Cards are Distributed

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 accommodation is needed.
7/99 Revised (7/02) (Revised 7/13/09)

Paint for Profit at

The Pottery Loft

a paint-your-own-pottery studio

To benefit the

Winters Mill Class of 2011

You are invited to Paint for Profit at The Pottery Loft on

Friday, January 28, 2011

20% of all sales, including gift certificates (with coupon below) will benefit the **Winter Mill Class of 2011**

THE
Pottery
LOFT

20%

of your sale will benefit the
Winters Mill Class of 2011- 1/28/2011

not valid with any other discount or promotion.

Buffalo Wild Wings Night
SENIORS!!!

January 18th 6-9pm

15% of food purchase donated to class
Coupon required to be distributed January 17th