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From the Principal

We made it to June!

I can't believe how quickly this school year has gone. It seems like a short time ago that I sent you my first newsletter. Now on June 5, 2011, at 7:30pm we will be graduating our seniors! Where did the time go? We hope they take all the lessons they have learned here to make a wonderful future for themselves. They are certainly a very capable group.

Once the seniors are gone, we still have classes until June 16. **All students are expected to be here until that date.** The last week of school, June 13-16, will be filled with exams. No students are allowed to take exams early. So, if your son or daughter will miss school during that time, please write me a note so we can schedule the exams between June 20 and June 30.

This summer, members of the staff and I are working to solidify the "Falcon Flight Plan for College and Career Success." This is our effort to assist our students and their families to plan their high school years to maximize the experience. We will also put together our comprehensive professional development plan focusing on literacy. It's the underlying skill we need for achievement in all areas.

Once again, we are ranked in the Washington Post Challenge. We are 166 out of 195 schools ranked. This rating is based on AP test takers.

Our sports teams this year have done very well. At this writing, we have three team State Champions: Track and Field, Wrestling and Girls Lacrosse. We also have students ranked at the state level in Track and Field and Wrestling. We are very excited that two of our students are eligible to compete at the National level in Track and Field. Congratulations to Ryan Spangler and Hannah Oneda!

We will be saying goodbye to some staff members this June. Mrs. Bonnie Kreamer, our media specialist, has been at Winters Mill since we opened. Her skills and expertise will be missed. Our loss is her grandchildren's gain, so we are very happy for her. We are losing three other staff members to other schools. Ms. Zawacki in Social Studies will be moving to Westminster to fill a need there. Dr. Young, in Science, will be moving to East Middle School to fill a need there. Both of these teachers have done a wonderful job for us during their first year. We wish them long, productive and happy careers. Mr. Kanther, Assistant Principal, is leaving us to fill a need at West Middle School. This will be a wonderful opportunity for him to expand his horizons. These staff members will be surely missed.

Thank you for all of your support this year. Have a restful summer!

Ruthanne Kenney
Principal

June 2011

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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May High School Assessments - Makeup Exams

Please mark the following dates on your calendar and remind your student to be prepared for these important assessments:

May 31 – English Makeup 2

June 1 – Biology Makeup 2

June 2 - Algebra Makeup 2

June 3 – Government Makeup 2



SENIOR COMMEMORATION

Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 pm

On June 2nd the seniors will be taking part in Commemoration, a time of remembrance for them and their families.

Commemoration will be held in the auditorium and dress is business casual.

SENIOR FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

The Farewell Assembly will be held on **Friday, June 3rd** beginning at 8:00 am in the auditorium. All seniors participating in graduation ceremonies are required to attend. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly. Many community and school awards along with scholarships will be announced at this time.

The senior *panoramic picture* will be taken in the stadium immediately after the Farewell Assembly with the *senior picnic* to follow.

SENIOR STATUS GUIDELINE FOR RISING SENIORS

Promotion to the next grade is dependant on the number of credits earned each year and the total number of credits a student has earned overall. In addition, any junior that has not submitted a minimum of 55 service learning hours by **June 1st** will not be promoted to senior status on their end of the year report card.

Current juniors that complete their 55 hours over the summer and submit their information by August 25, 2011 will be promoted in time for the first day of school. Any information received after August 25th will result in a delay in senior status until the beginning of the second semester. (Jan. 2012).

The credit count for promotion is as follows:

9th to 10th - 6 credits

10th to 11th - 12 total credits

11th to 12th - 18 total credits and 55 service hours

Summer school information is available in the guidance office.

If you have questions please contact a counselor.

**The last day of school for all students is Thursday, June 16, 2011.
There is a two hour 45 minute early dismissal on this day!**

QUARTER 4 REPORT CARDS

Student report cards for marking period 4 will be mailed home on June 24th!



MEDICATION PICK-UP

All medications in the health room must be returned to a responsible adult by June 16th, the last day of school. After that date, all medications will be discarded. If you anticipate that you will need to store medications in the health room next year, please request a Medication Consent Form so you have one for summer doctors visits.

STUDENT FORMS

DURING THE SUMMER STUDENTS MAY NEED THE FOLLOWING FORMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN OFFICE:

SPORTS PHYSICAL; WORK PERMIT; MEDICATION CONSENT & SERVICE LEARNING HOURS FORMS.

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE MAIN OFFICE ARE MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

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).





IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 6/21 Walk-in Scheduling for 2011-2012 3:30-6:30 pm (see below)
- 6/16 Quarter 4 Marking Period Ends
- 6/24 Quarter 4 Report Cards Mailed Home
- 8/16 Walk-in Scheduling for 2011-2012 3:30-6:30pm (see below)
- 8/18 Walk-in Scheduling for 2011-2012 3:30-6:30pm (see below)

Walk-In Scheduling



The guidance office will have walk-in scheduling days in June and August as follows:

June 21, 2011 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

August 16, 2011 3:30-6:30 p.m.

August 18, 2011 3:30-6:30 p.m.

After June 16th, if you would like to make a summer appointment, please call the Counseling Department at (410) 386-1501 during regular business hours. **Counselors would like to meet with all seniors during the summer to review credit counts and schedules. Please call to schedule an appointment.**

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

The **“Back to School”** night for Winters Mill High School for the 2011-2012 school year is scheduled for **Thursday, August 25th** prior to the first scheduled school day of the year. New Student and Freshman Orientation will be held the same night. The tentative schedule is as follows:



6:00 – 6:45 pm New Student & Freshman Orientation in the auditorium.

7:00 – 7:15 pm “Back to School” night will begin. All students (all grades) and parents will report to advisory.

7:20 – 9:00 pm Open House for parents and students to follow their new schedule and to meet teachers.

Parents are also encouraged to stop by the cafeteria to meet representatives from both school and community programs.

WINTERS MILL 2011 SPORTS CAMPS/CLINICS



WMHS offers numerous athletic camps throughout the summer, please visit our athletic page of our website, <http://www.carrollk12.org/wmh/athletics/camps>, for complete details and permission forms for this years camps.

Girls Lacrosse, Boys Basketball, Football are currently available.
Please continue to check site for new additions.

FALL 2011 SPORTS TRY-OUTS

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

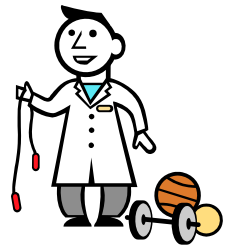
Any student trying out must have a current completed physical (please see below article) on file in order to participate.

Please plan your doctors appointments and vacations accordingly.

Thank you!

NEW SPORT PHYSICAL FORM FOR 2011-2012

CCPS has released a new/revised physical form for the 2011-2012 school year.



Physicals currently on file are valid through the end of their one year term.

ALL physicals must be on the new form for the 2011-2012 year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FALL ATHLETES

Any student trying out for a fall sport (with the exception of Golf and Cross Country) will need to complete a base-line concussion test. More information on testing will be forthcoming.



Books from the Media Center may be checked out for the summer starting on June 1. All books will be due August 31 or the first day of school for 2011-2012. The Media Center will be open on Tuesday, July 19th from 10:00am-12:00pm and Thursday, August 11th from 1:00-3:00pm for checkouts or returns.

2010-2011 YEARBOOKS - STILL AVAILABLE!!!!!!

There is still a small number of yearbooks available for purchase, \$75 each.

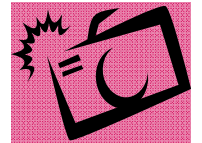


Yearbooks may be purchased in Room B226 from Mr. Hicks before/after school and during advisory, until supplies are gone!

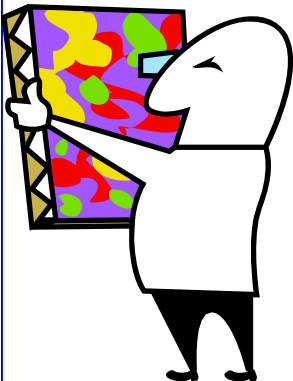
Victor O'Neill Studios will take Class of 2012 Senior portraits on

July 25th, 26th & 27th 2011 in the WMHS Auditorium

Individual mailings will be sent to all seniors with their appointment date & time and all necessary information.



NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT



Congressman Roscoe Bartlett announced the winners of the 2011 Congressional Art Competition. Two WMHS art students earned first place for their media category. Congratulations to **Anna Eckard**, who won for her lino block print and **Marshal Chang**, who won for his pencil still life. Their artwork was on display for an artist reception and awards ceremony on May 19, at the Washington County District office.

WINTERS MILL ARTISTS RECEIVE AWARDS

Nearly 100 pieces of art work created by WMHS art students were exhibited at Westminster Ridge during their annual Spring Art Show held on May 1.

The following students received a certificate and pin for their winning art work:

Katie Stein—1st Place

Emily Stevens—2nd Place

Trey Lewis—3rd Place

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.

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 no later than **month of July**. 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!

**ANNUAL MEAL PLAN
STUDENT ENROLLMENT FORM
(One per child)**

Child's Name: _____

School/Grade: _____

Breakfast: (✓ Selection)

Elementary - \$206.25 _____

Middle & High - \$247.50 _____

(available only at breakfast
serving schools)

Lunch: (✓ Selection)

Elementary - \$340.00 _____

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

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

**CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL MEAL PLANS
2011 –2012 School Year**

GREAT NEWS – Lunch prices will remain the same for the 2011-2012 school year.

Two different meal plans will be available to students for the 2011-2012 school year. We encourage you to choose the plan that is most convenient for you. In addition to these plans, daily payment is always available. These plans are a convenient, simple way to ensure that your child will be eating a well-balanced, nutritious school lunch every day.

ANNUAL MEAL PLAN

Using this plan, parents can pay for their child’s lunch in a one-time payment for the entire school year. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Money Order, Cash or Personal Check. The cost for a full year starting August 30, 2011:

Lunch:

Elementary	\$340.00*
Middle & High (Regular)	\$382.50*
High School (Super)	\$467.50*

* Reflects a 10 meal discount.

Breakfast - Only available at schools serving breakfast:

Elementary	\$206.25*
Middle & High	\$247.50*

*Reflects a 15 meal discount.

If your child attends a field trip please notify the cafeteria manager one (1) day prior to the event and a bagged lunch will be provided.

To enroll your child by cash, check or money order:

complete an enclosed enrollment form (titled **Annual Meal Plan**) for each participating child. Check and money orders should be made payable to Carroll County Public Schools. Remit to CCPS, Food Service Department, 125 N. Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157. **(Please do not send to your child’s school)**

To enroll your child using a VISA or MasterCard:

call 410-751-3040 or 410-751-3087 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, beginning July 5, 2011.

If you would like to have your child’s plan in effect for the first day of school, we recommend that you order prior to August 26, 2011. Please note there are no refunds on this plan unless your child moves outside the CCPS system.

We would like to thank you for your past participation in the Food Service Program, either through daily payment or one of our meal plans. If you have not been a past participant, please consider the options we are offering. We look forward to serving you again this year and hope that the “Lunch Program” will be a positive experience.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN

Using this plan, parents can pay for their child’s lunch through an easy direct debit from a checking or savings account. Payments will be withdrawn in equal monthly installments on the 20th of each month, August thru April.

The monthly installment is as follows:

Lunch:

Elementary	\$40.00/month
Middle & High (Regular)	\$45.00/month
High School (Super)	\$55.00/month

Breakfast - Only available at schools serving breakfast:

Elementary	\$25.00/month
Middle & High	\$30.00/month

If your child attends a field trip please notify the cafeteria manager one (1) day prior to the event and a bagged lunch will be provided.

Installments are debited on the 20th of each month and cover meals to be served starting on the first day of the subsequent month. Enrollment forms must be received by the 15th of the month to secure your child’s start date on the 1st day of the subsequent month. Applications received after the 15th will be processed on the 20th of the following month. If your bank rejects a debit twice, this plan will no longer be available to the student.

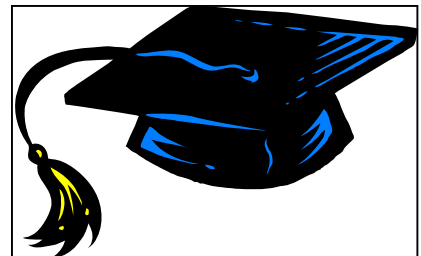
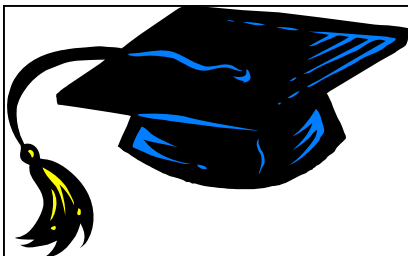
To enroll your child in this plan, complete the enclosed forms: **Installment Meal Plan Student Enrollment Form & Installment Meal Plan**

Authorization Agreement. Remit the original signed forms with a voided check to: CCPS, Food Service Department, 125 N Court St. Westminster, MD 21157 **Please note there are no refunds on this plan unless your child moves outside the CCPS system.**

LOOK WHAT THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS HAVE DONE FOR OUR
KIDS.....

1. Field work on the softball field.
2. Dirt for the baseball and softball field.
3. Uniforms for Girls Lacrosse
4. Uniforms for Baseball
5. Scholarships
6. Sports Banquet
7. Wrestling Mats
8. Batting Cages
9. Lunches for teams that qualified for States.
10. Maintaining the football stadium.
11. Transportation for teams to go to tournaments.
12. Pitching machine for softball.

The members of the athletic boosters work very hard for our student athletes as well as for all the students at Winters Mill High School. **It would not be possible without the help and support of Winters Mill High School parents.** We would like to thank you all for a very successful year and hope that next year will be just as successful.



***CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
CLASS OF 2011***

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

**WINTERS MILL FALCON OPEN
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Friday, July 29, 2011

**7:30 Shotgun Start - Rain or Shine
Westminster National Golf Course**

Registration/Breakfast: 6:00 AM

Format: 4-Man Scramble/Captain's Choice
Individuals and foursomes welcome
Individuals will be placed on teams
All proceeds benefit student-athletes of Winters Mill High School

Keep watching for more details and registration information.....

Questions: Call Laurie Brewer, Golf Tournament Committee Chairman
410-236-1571

WINTERS MILL FALCON OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, July 29, 2011

7:30 Shotgun Start - Rain or Shine

Westminster National Golf Course

Registration/Breakfast: 6:00 AM

Cost: \$75 (Includes Green Fees, Cart, Continental Breakfast, Range Balls, Lunch, Gifts, Men and Ladies Prizes, and Refreshments on course)

Format: 4-Man Scramble/Captain's Choice
Individuals and foursomes welcome
Individuals will be placed on teams
All proceeds benefit student-athletes of Winters Mill High School

Questions: Call Laurie Brewer, Golf Tournament Committee Chairman
410-236-1571

Burgundy Sponsorship: \$390 - includes sign and foursome entry fee
Other Sponsorships Available

Mail entries to: **Winters Mill Athletic Boosters Golf Tournament**
c/o Laurie Brewer
546 Willow Avenue
Westminster, MD 21157

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Deadline for entries: July 15, 2011 (checks payable to WMHS Athletic Boosters) Please mail you registration money along with the entry form or bring it with you the day of the tournament. You can call Laurie Brewer at 410-236-1571 to register.

Players

Name

Address

Phone

If sponsoring a foursome – Name for sign

ART NEWS:

The Winters Mill High School Student Art Exhibit was held Friday evening, May 13th. It was attended by nearly 400 patrons of the arts. Hundreds of drawings, paintings, sculpture, mixed media and AP portfolios filled the cafeteria.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Best art in the following media categories:

Graphite.....Jordan Pugh

Pen and Ink.....Brennan Cox

Scratchboard.....Jen Swan

Pastel.....Katie Stein

Watercolor.....Hannah Lynn

Tempera.....Lewis Lawson

Acrylic.....Zach Diehl



The ***Young American Creative Patriot Art Awards*** were presented to 3 WMHS students by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Westminster VFW post. First prize went to Alexa Kern. Her poster will now move on to the state level competition. Second prize went to Caryn Schuitt and third

Best in show Josh Bussiere

Voted the People's choiceNicole Simesky

Strongest Body of AP Work.....Tommy Pittinger



CLASS OF 2014 FUNDRAISER

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 4

8:00AM-12:00PM

WHERE: STUDENT PARKING LOT

WHY: TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE CLASS OF 2014

KEY CLUB'S JUNE NEWSLETTER

Keep an ear open for what the Winters Mill Key Club is up to! We have been quite busy lately, and are planning even more. On the weekend of March 25- 27, we participated in the Key Club District Convention. There, we established new relationships with other districts, our own district and with one another. We had the opportunity to listen to inspirational speakers, who definitely got the message through about our service. Our club is even more willing and ready to help our community. Along with attending convention, Key Club has continued working with the Westminster Ridge, the senior community across the street. Through cards, coffee, reading, and trivia the students have really been able to connect with our elders. On April 26, the Winters Mill Key Club held an appreciation dinner for Kiwanis, the older version of our organization. At this dinner, the Club made and served baked ziti while the Kiwanis' Board started their meeting. The Kiwanis family mentioned in their newsletter that they really enjoyed that evening. In the next couple of weeks, Big Mill's Key Club have a few important events; we will attend a District Council meeting, help raise money at a Pancake Breakfast at Applebees (See Mrs. Earp if you'd like a tasty breakfast on Saturday, June 4th!), and participate in the Adopt A Highway Foundation.

Key Club has TONS in store! We will be fundraising for **Eliminate** and the **Children's Miracle Network**. **Eliminate** is a foundation that helps people of third world countries be vaccinated to prevent tetanus. Just \$1.80 can save a mother and her child from death. The **Children's Miracle Network** is a foundation to collect profits for children's hospitals. All-



JUNE	
1	HSA Make-up Exam - Biology
1	Graduation Rehearsal - Auditorium - 10:00am
1	WMHS Athletic Awards Ceremony - Cafeteria/Auditorium - 6:00pm
2	HSA Make-up Exam - Algebra
2	Graduation Rehearsal - McDaniel College - 8:00 am
2	Commemoration - Auditorium - 7:00pm
3	HSA Make-up Exam - Government
3	Farewell Assembly - Auditorium - 7:45am (seniors report by 7:30 am)
3	Senior Panoramic Picture -- Stadium - 10:30 am
3	Senior Picnic - 1:00 pm
4	Class of 2014 Yard Sale -- Student Parking Lot - 9:00am-2:00pm
5	Graduation Ceremony - McDaniel College - 7:30 pm (seniors report by 6:30 pm)
13	Dance Team Auditions - Auditorium - 2:30pm
16	Last Day for Students (2 hr. 45 min. early dismissal)
21	Walk-In Scheduling - Counseling Office - 3:30-6:30pm
JULY	
25-27	Senior Portraits - Auditorium - by appointment with Herff/Jones/Victor O'Neill

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.