



WINTERS MILL HIGH SCHOOL School Counseling Department

School Counselor Newsletter

Winters Mill High School
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Celebrate
Memorial
Day!

May 25,
2009

Important! Cell Phones and Your Teenagers

As many of you know, there have been instances where young people are sending inappropriate images via their cell phones. Parents can contact their phone company to have this function disabled on their child's phone if they wish to do so.



WMHS NEWSLETTER GOING GREEN!!!

Every month WMHS sends out approximately 1250 newsletters with usually a minimum of 5 pages each - this is at least a whopping 6250 pieces of paper a month! If you would like to stop receiving the paper version of the monthly newsletter and instead view the newsletter at our website, please either e-mail Ms. Norris @ tnorri@k12.carr.org or call 410-386-1500. We appreciate your help.

SAT Test Dates

June 6 SAT Test
Deadline: May 5
Late Registration Deadline: May 15
Register at www.collegeboard.com

ACT Test Dates

June 13 ACT Test
Deadline: May 8
Late Fee Required May 9-22, 2009
Register at www.actstudent.org

Honor Roll!

We are proud to announce that 71 students have qualified for Straight 'A' Honor Roll for 3 consecutive quarters. 530 students have qualified for either Straight A, Distinguished, or



Standard Honor Roll for all three of the last three quarters.

High School Assessments

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

May 18 - Biology

May 19 - Government

May 20 - Algebra

May 21 - English



Advanced Placement Tests

Administered May 4– 15. Students registered in March to take their AP tests.

Students and parents who wish to

learn more about advanced placement testing can get information from www.collegeboard.com/splash/

Tues. May 5	Spanish Language	a.m.
	Statistics	p.m.
Wed. May 6	Calculus AB	a.m.
	Calculus BC	a.m.
Thurs. May 7	English Literature and Comp.	a.m.
Fri. May 8	United States History	a.m.
	European History	p.m.
	Studio Art (portfolios due)	p.m.
Mon. May 11	Biology	a.m.
	Physics B	p.m.
Tues. May 12	Environmental Science	a.m.
	Psychology	p.m.
Wed. May 13	English Language/Comp.	a.m.
	Art History	p.m.
Thurs. May 14	World History	a.m.
Fri. May 15	Spanish Literature	a.m.
	Latin Literature	p.m.

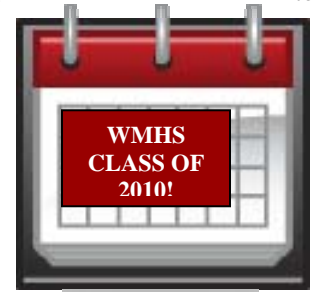
College Acceptances!

At this time, our 323 seniors have received 384 college acceptances! There is a bulletin board in the main hallway listing names of seniors and which colleges they have been accepted to. Congratulations seniors!



MEHC Junior/Senior MDgo4it Calendar

This 15-month calendar, which begins in the spring of the junior year and continues through the end of the senior year, is designed to assist students with organizing, planning, and tracking the many obligations and important dates as they prepare for postsecondary education options. This calendar can be accessed at the Maryland Higher Education Commission's website at www.MDgo4it.org, under Preparing for College in the left hand column, and then by clicking on the link *Calendar to Assist High School Juniors and Seniors*.



Carroll Community College Spring Open House

Thursday, May 7th –Open House, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm- Great Hall

Everything you need to get started. 6-7:30 pm – Drop In: Information tables and faculty available to answer your questions and tours of the college; Information Sessions: offer specifics regarding admissions and financial aid and the Hill Scholars Honors Program. RSVP: call 410.386.8430 or email openhouse@carrollcc.edu.

NCAA Eligibility

The NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse must certify any student interested in playing Division I or Division II college sports. Students should register with the NCAA at the end of 11th grade. For more information, please visit the website at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

Walk-In Scheduling

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

June 17, 2009	8:00-11:30 a.m.
	1:00-2:30 p.m.
June 23, 2009	8:00-11:30 a.m.
	1:00-2:30 p.m.

After June 23, if you would like to make a summer appointment, please call 410-386-1500 during regular business hours. Please keep in mind that although counselors will be working on a rotating basis throughout the summer, meeting times may be restricted. Therefore, appointments should be requested well in advance.



HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM 2009

June 29–July 31, 2009 (no classes July 3)

Information is available in the School Counseling Office

Summer School courses for high school students will be scheduled at Century, Winters Mill, Westminster, and Francis Scott Key high schools. Students currently attending these schools should register and attend at their home school. If a required course is not offered at the student's home school, the student should enroll at a site that offers the course. Students attending any of the other CCPS high schools should register at their home high school and may attend any of the schools listed.

Cost: \$175 per course taken for credit for Carroll County residents. This fee is waived for students who are eligible for Free Lunch. Students who are eligible for Reduced Meal prices must pay the full fee but may set up a payment plan at their school. Eligibility must be verified by the student's home school. No out-of-county students may enroll. Students who are Carroll County residents and attend a private school may enroll.

Times: Session I - 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Session II - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Transportation: Parents are responsible for the student's transportation during this program.

COURSES - Courses will be offered only for review credit. **No original credit courses will be offered.** Science courses will be offered only in lab settings at Winters Mill and Century. A student may enroll in ONE course per session.

The following courses will be offered at Century, Winters Mill, Westminster, and Francis Scott Key high schools:

Novel courses (web-assisted format):

English I World Literature US History World History Health Earth Science

Courses in a web-assisted, computer assisted, or small group instructional format. Sections of a course may be closed if enrollment exceeds capacity:

Geometry, Geometry B Algebra I, Algebra I B/ H.S.A. assistance Algebra II
US Government/ H.S.A. assistance Global Perspectives/ H.S.A. assistance

Courses offered in small group or lab settings only at Century and/or Winters Mill:

Chemistry I Conceptual Physics Biology/ H.S.A assistance Spanish I & II

Web-assisted curriculum: To receive credit for a course, the student must complete all required submissions (assignments). Students are expected to report to the credit recovery lab each day until they have completed all required submissions and tests for the course.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS - Opportunity to retake a High School Assessment test in Algebra I, Government, Biology, or English Global Perspectives will offered on the following dates:

Algebra I - Monday, August 3 English – Wednesday, August 5
Government - Tuesday, August 4 Biology – Thursday, August 6

It is recommended that students who are going to retake an H.S.A. during the first week of August participate in the summer course for that subject.

REGISTRATION: Students should register for summer courses and H.S.A. remediation through the high school guidance office. Registration and payment may be completed before the end of the school year. However, all registrations should be completed by Friday, June 26.

PAYMENT: Payment may be made in cash or by check made out to the student's home school or to the school at which the student is registering. **There is no charge for H.S.A. remediation or test-taking.**

Grade reports: Interim Reports are provided to students and parents. Final Grade Reports will be mailed to students and parents from each student's home school.



Scholarship and Award Opportunities

New For Seniors:

U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps Association Scholarship

The Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps Association seeks to recognize outstanding graduating high school seniors for their past achievements in leadership, academics, and community service by providing financial aid in order to help them accomplish their career goals through educational opportunities. High School seniors of active duty, reserve, and retired Army Military Intelligence soldiers are eligible to apply. Application deadline is **May 23, 2009**. Please see the school counseling office for more information.

Westminster Soccer Association Scholarship

The Westminster Soccer Association provides a \$500 scholarship to a graduate of Westminster High School or Winters Mill High School who participated in the program as a player and as a volunteer. They must provide copies of acceptance letters, two letters of recommendation and a letter explaining why they feel they are deserving of the scholarship and how they benefited from their involvement with WSA. Completed applications are due by May 11, 2009. See the school counseling office for more information.

New for Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors:

Navy Reserve Officer Training Corp Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corp for students graduating in the spring of 2010. Interested students should see the school counseling office for more information.

Previously advertised for Seniors:

Anderson University Music, Art and Theatre Scholarship Competition

If you are planning to attend Anderson University and would like to apply to compete for a music, art, or theatre scholarship, please see the school counseling office for more information.

The Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League

The Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League will offer three \$1,000 scholarships to Carroll County high school students who have been accepted into a college or university or, Carroll students currently enrolled in a college or university in a graduate or undergraduate program.

Preference will be given to students preparing for a career in governmental or public service. Please see the school counseling office for more information. Applications are due by **May 15, 2009**.

Carroll County Farm Bureau Scholarship

The Carroll County Farm Bureau will offer two \$2000 scholarships. One scholarship will give preference to an agriculture major; the second scholarship will be given to any major. Applicants or their parents/guardians **MUST** be members of the Carroll County Farm Bureau. See the school counseling office for more information. Deadline for application is **May 1, 2009**.

Carroll County Reading Council

The Carroll County Reading Council is offering a \$300 scholarship. This scholarship is intended for students who plan to major in reading or a reading-related field and pursues coursework that will prepare him/her for a teaching career. In addition to pursuing a career in education, the applicant must show a need for this scholarship and complete an essay addressing that need. Applications are available in the school counseling office and must be postmarked by **May 15, 2009**.

Community College of Baltimore County

If you are planning to go to the Community College of Baltimore County, there are scholarships available for up to \$5000. Please see the school counseling office for more information. Application deadline is **June 1, 2009**.

ESB Education Foundation Fund, Inc. Loan and Scholarships Program 2009

The Trustees of the Engineering Society of Baltimore Education Foundation Fund, Inc. are offering an annual ESB Education Foundation Scholarship and Loan Program. The program will provide low-interest loans of up to \$2,500.00 at 3.0% interest rate and also of a one-year \$2,500.00 Larry Lewis Scholarship and a one-year \$1,500.00 ESB scholarship. The program is available to students graduating senior from Baltimore Metropolitan Area High Schools. This scholarship is for a senior who plans to enroll as a full-time student in an ABET accredited engineering program.

Federal TEACH Grant

This program provides up to \$4,000 per year in grants for graduate and undergraduate students who intend to teach full-time in high-need subject areas for at least four years at schools that serve students from low-income families. If you fail to complete the four-year teaching obligation you will have to repay the grant with interest. See the school counseling office for more information.

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster

The GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster is proud to offer a \$500 scholarship to a student who is graduating from Winters Mill High School in June 2009 and has been accepted into an accredited college for the fall term of 2009. Selection



will be based on volunteer activities, academic standing, extracurricular activities, college acceptance, future plans and financial need. Applications are available in guidance.

Deadline is May 1, 2009. The winner will be notified by phone on or about May 30, 2009, and will be awarded the scholarship at the WMHS Awards Assembly.

Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship for those graduating in 2009. Students selected for the program are awarded scholarships through a highly competitive national selection process, and receive full tuition and other financial benefits at over 150 of the country's leading colleges and universities. Visit the official website at www.nrotc.navy.mil to apply.

Westminster Lions Club

The Westminster Lions Club offers four scholarships to graduating high school seniors. A \$2000 one year scholarship will be awarded to seniors graduating from both Westminster H.S. and Winters Mill H.S. Two \$1000 one year scholarships will be awarded to a senior student from the Career and Technology Center. Applications are available in the School Counseling office and are due **May 4, 2009.**

Previously advertised For Freshman through Seniors:

The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

For information about the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program go to www.legion.org. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States, be under the age of 20, and be enrolled in a high school or junior high school.

Maryland Youth Leadership Forum

The Maryland Youth Leadership Forum is a unique career leadership program for high school students with disabilities. It is designed for students in their last two years of school. Applications may be found on the website: www.md-ylf.org.

Running Start

Running Start is accepting applications for their 2009 Young Woman's Political Leadership Retreat. This program encourages high school girls from across the country to channel their leadership into politics. The program will take place at American University from July 15 – 19, 2009 and is open to rising sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school. See the school counseling office for more information.

College/University Specific Scholarships:

Winters Mill receives scholarship information from some colleges throughout the year that are specifically for students accepted to those schools. While the best places to learn about college/university specific scholarships are the school's

website and admission staff, you may check in with us regarding information that we have received from various schools.

Schools with Specific Scholarships include:

Washington and Lee University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Ohio Wesleyan University
Rider University
Davidson College
Randolph College
Boston University
University of Virginia
University of Maryland, College Park
New York University
Washington University in St. Louis
American University

Also see:

www.collegeboard.com
www.MeritAid.com
www.bridges.com
www.fastweb.com

CSB offers students packages of up to \$10,000 in any combination of grants and interest-free loans. Full details for each program are listed at our website, www.centrlsb.org, along with basic eligibility requirements.

Information on the Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Access Grant offered through the Maryland Higher Education Commission is available in the counseling office.

Scholarship & Financial Aid Websites

www.fafsa.ed.gov-free application for federal student aid
www.cashe.com – free scholarship search engine
www.scholarships.com – provides information on scholarships and financial aid
www.finaid.com – financial aid resource; free scholarship search engine
www.fastweb.com – free scholarship search engine
<http://fdncenter.org> – links to private foundations for scholarship
www.wiredscholar.com – free scholarship and college search engine.



Career Websites

www.careerview.com – career search engine
www.online.onetcenter.org – Career exploration website
www.stats.bls.gov/ocohome.htm - Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH); careers
www.jobprofiles.com – profiles people who are actually working in a given occupation
www.ajb.dni.us – America's Job Bank website
www.eguidance.com – career development information, college search, financial aid.

Testing Websites

www.collegeboard.com – provides information related to the

PSAT/SAT tests

www.act.org – provides information related to the PLAN/ACT tests

www.review.com – standardized testing information; test prep courses

www.testprep.com – online test preparation information

College Websites

www.embark.com – college, scholarship and career search engine

www.collegeview.com – provides information on careers, financial aid, college,...etc.

www.petersons.com/ugrad/ - college search engine; college

advice

www.usnews.com – college rankings and information; college search engine

www.collegenet.com – college and scholarship searches

www.kaplan.com – advice on college admissions; links to colleges/universities

www.princetonreview.com – college search engine

www.allaboutcollege.com – general college information

Additional Websites

www.ncaa.com – provides information for student athletes

www.myfuture.com – provides information on life after high school/ROTC & Military

www.cns.gov/ - Americorps



NEED A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT?

WINTERS MILL'S COOKBOOK PREMIERE!



Use the form below to order Winters Mill's first cookbook sponsored by the language clubs! They are \$10 each and half of the proceeds will be donated to UNICEF.

Checks can be made out to **Winters Mill High School** with a memo of *German Club Cookbook*.

Return this form to Ms. Dreibelbis Rill.

Cookbooks will also be sold during all lunch mods May 4th-8th

Name _____ Advisor _____ # of Books _____ Total _____



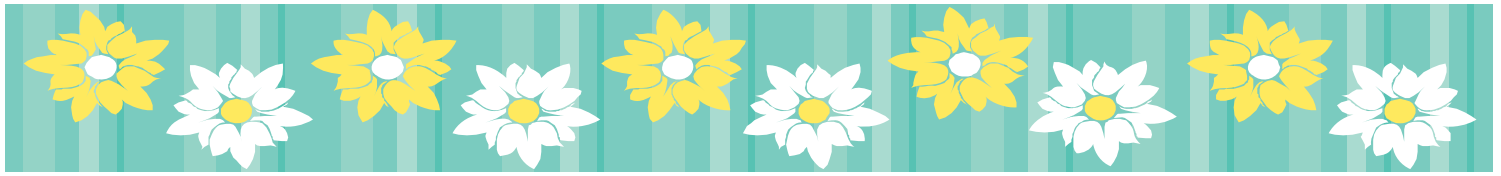
Yearbooks are Coming!

The yearbooks will be delivered some time this month. Listen for announcements for their arrival date.

Some yearbooks will still be available for purchase after distribution; the cost will be \$66.00. We are not ordering as many extras this year so books will be on a first come first serve basis.



The Athletic Boosters would like to thank everyone who supported the Vera Bradley Bingo and the Bull Roast. We appreciate your time and support!



Peer Facilitators 2008-2009

Tim Bangerd
Jennifer Bock
Kevin Bond
Kurt Brewer
Cara Chamberlain
Olivia Cook
Sam Corbel
Rachael Cuber
Tyler Czarnowski
Kayla Davis
Jenny Diamond
Casey Fogle

Emily Frye
Jake Hoffman
Aubrey Hong
Kevin Hummons
Audrey King
Teal Koch
Elise Marengo
Gus Mohlhenrich
McKensie Robinson
Crystal Wine
Brendan Wolf
Ceili Wonilowicz



A Way to Welcome New Students

A Message from Our Peer Facilitators

By Ceili Wonilowicz and Jake Hoffman

For many eighth graders, Transition Day at Winters Mill can be as intimidating as the first day of school. Seeing brand new classrooms and older students for the first time is, without a doubt, frightening. As peer facilitators, our goal is to make this new experience less overwhelming for our incoming freshmen. Tours of the school familiarize them with the new environment, and information about clubs and sports allow them to begin to become involved in our school.

However, the job of a peer facilitator does not end here. Throughout the year, we aim to give students, especially those who are new to Winters Mill, a positive high school experience. For students who enroll late in the year, a peer is always there to walk them to class and sit with them at lunch. Our New Student Breakfasts provide a comfortable atmosphere for these students to get to know one another.

High school can be a stressful time, therefore, peer facilitators are always available to listen and help students deal with any conflict. We can help them cope with and solve problems with family, friends, or a boyfriend or girlfriend. Students can stop by the guidance office any time to see us!

Thank You to Our Peer Facilitators!

Each high school across Carroll County offers a Peer Facilitating Club. Peer Facilitators are trained juniors and seniors who help others so they can have a positive experience at Winters Mill. They assist new students in the building by leading tours, introducing teachers and potential friends, and hosting the New Student Breakfast. They sensitively listen to students who may be coping with family difficulties or conflicts with friends. While peers are recognized for their emotional maturity and trustworthiness, they are also taught the importance of confidentiality, empathy, and positive support as they help others.

The 2008-2009 peers have done an outstanding job! The Guidance Department would like to thank each member for their contributions. We have enjoyed getting to know you and wish you luck with your future endeavors.

*Tara Robinson
Guidance Counselor (E-K)
Winters Mill High School*



Important Dates!

May, 2009

- 1 Service Learning Hours due to Ms. Herman
- 2 SAT administered
- 1-7 National Physical Education & Sports Week
- 3-9 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5 AP Exams – Spanish Language, Statistics
- 5 National Teacher Day
- 5 Deadline to Register for June 6 SAT
- 4-8 Pupil Personnel Worker Week
- 6 AP Exams – Calculus
- 6 Salute to School Food Service and Nutrition Personnel Day
- 7 AP Exams – English Literature
- 8 AP Exams – European History, Studio Art (Portfolios due), and United States History
- 10 Mother’s Day
- 11 AP Exams – Biology, Music Theory, Physics
- 12 AP Exams –Environmental Science, Psychology
- 13 AP Exams – English Language/Comp., Art History
- 14 AP Exams –World History
- 15 AP Exams – Latin Literature and Spanish Literature
- 15 Late Registration for June 6 SAT –late fee of \$23.00
- 15 Interim Reports Distributed
- 18 No Advisory – BIOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT}
- 19 No Advisory – GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT
- 20 No Advisory – ALGEBRA HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT
- 21 No Advisory – ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT
- 25 Schools/Offices Closed for Memorial Day
- 26 South Carroll Career & Technology Certificate Ceremony 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Carroll County Career & Technology Certificate Ceremony 6:00 p.m. & 7:45 p.m.

May Chorus Activities

- 1 State Choral Festival, Morgan University
- 7 Field Trip to Toby’s dinner theatre to see “Beauty and the Beast,” 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 9 Competition at Hershey Park (Ensemble and Select Choir)
- 21 Spring Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m. , WMHS Auditorium
- 28 Music Banquet

May Instrumental Music Activities

- 2 Spring Instrumental Picnic! Please respond to the E-Invite. Rain or Shine!
- 19 Concert I – Concert Band & Wind Ensemble. Guest artist Jim McFalls (Retired, US Army Jazz Ambassadors, faculty at Towson Univ.) to perform Johan de Jeij’s “T-Bone Concerto” for trombone & wind ensemble. Free Admission, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Concert II – Percussion Ensembles, Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble will perform. Don’t miss “Ogoun Badagris,” a voodoo piece for percussion ensemble! The orchestra will perform Vivaldi’s “Winter” from “The Four Seasons.” Guest trumpet artist, Dave Ballou (Towson University) will perform with Jazz Ensemble. Free Admission. 7:00 p.m.

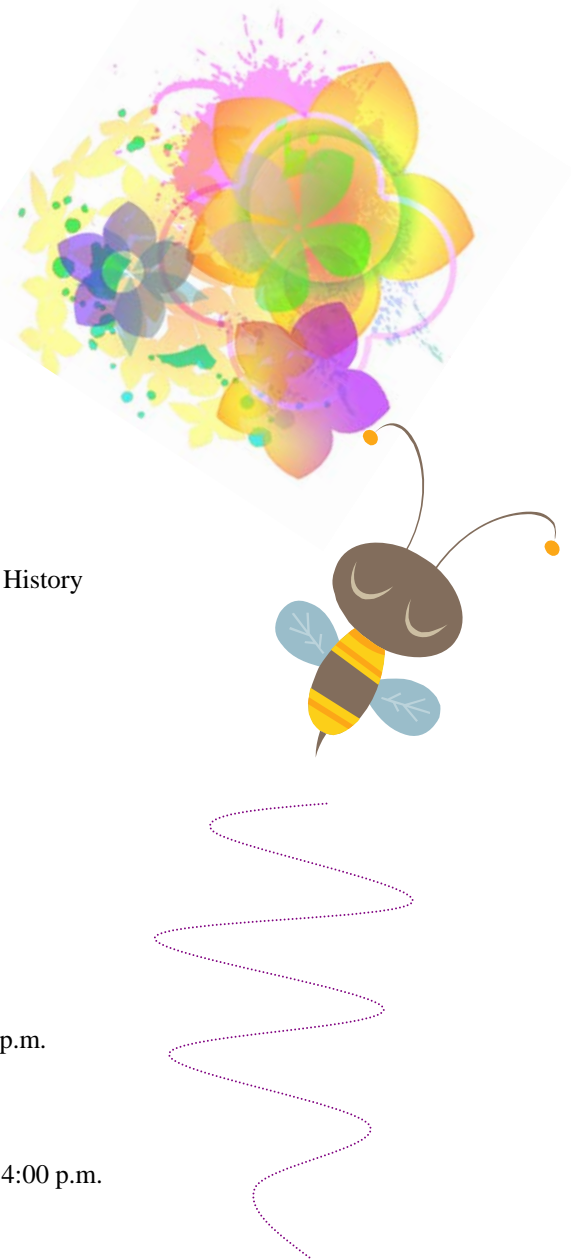
Drama Performance

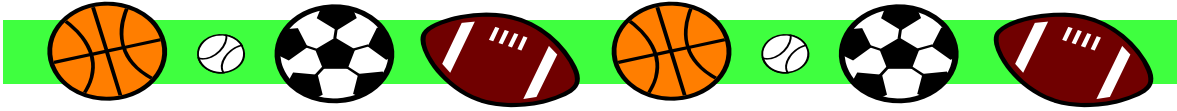
On May 21, Winters Mill Drama Department will be performing at Towson University. The Winters Mill Fine Arts Department will be presented the Kennedy School of Distinction Award for Fine Arts. We are pleased to represent the entire fine arts department!

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, 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.





Recognizing all sports from all seasons,
 Celebrating your accomplishments and successes would be the reasons !
 A time to be proud, a time to shine,
 'Cause Falcon Athletes and the Class of 2009 are mighty fine !

You and yours are cordially invited to. . .
 Winters Mill High School Annual Sports Banquet
 Monday, June 1, 2009 6:00 pm
 Pleasant Valley Fire Hall

Highlights of tonight's program. . .

- ◆ Silver Falcon Awards will be presented
- ◆ An 2008-2009 Outstanding Female and Male Athlete will be named
- ◆ Athletic Boosters will award scholarships
- ◆ A delicious meal and socializing with fellow Falcons !



Tickets: Adults-\$20.00

Children 10 and under-\$10.00

***** It is the Athletic Boosters Club pleasure to admit Varsity Team Members free of charge. *** Advanced ticket sales only!**

Tickets will be available for sale in the Main Office. They will also be sold during the week of May 18 in the Cafeteria during lunch



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 please RSVP by May 22. Return payment and this slip to
 Athletic Boosters mailbox ATTN: Laurie Brewer

_____ Yes, we will be attending the Annual Sports Banquet.

Number of guests _____ Number of Varsity Athletes _____

_____ No, unfortunately we will not be able to attend.

Parent Name _____

Student Name _____

