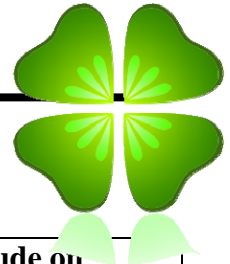






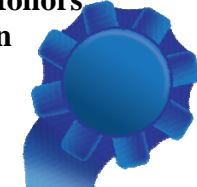
WINTERS MILL HIGH SCHOOL






School Counseling Office


Newsletter



March, 2010

<p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: 3RD MARKING PERIOD EXTENDED!</p>	<p>The third marking period will be extended and conclude on Thursday, April 8, 2010. The 4th marking period will begin on Friday, April 9, 2010.</p>
<p>Senior Banners</p>	<p>The class of 2010 is selling senior banners to be hung in the hallways starting on or about May 10, 2010. The banners are white vinyl with burgundy and grey lettering. They are approximately 24 inches long and 20 inches wide. The students will be given their banners before graduation. Order forms can be picked up in the main office. Price: 25.00, Due: April 23, 2010, Make checks out to WMHS and put in an envelope marked "Senior Banner" and either hand into the office or your advisor. Questions? Please contact Ruby Kimbrow or Theresa Sharkey at 410-386-1500 or Dawn Nickoles at 410-876-0507.</p>
<p>College Information: Application Procedures</p>	<p>Make sure your seniors are aware of their application deadlines. Some colleges require mid year reports or semester 1 grades. We ask that students put in transcript requests 10 school days before the deadline.</p> 
<p>College Information: Colleges Visiting WMHS</p> 	<p>The following colleges will be visiting Winters Mill High School. There may be others during the month of March. Students should stop to check periodically or listen to the daily announcements to see which colleges are planning to visit. Students sign up in the school counseling office to attend these meetings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lincoln Tech visiting Monday, March 8 at 9:15 a.m. in the guidance conference room. Lincoln Tech specializes in automotive, auto body, diesel & truck tech, HVAC, Electrical Tech., Motorcycle Tech, Welding</p> <p>Carroll Community College visiting Thursday, March 11 at 9:45 a.m. in the Career Ctr.</p>
<p>College Information Financial Aid IMPORTANT!</p>	<p>IMPORTANT – PARENTS OF SENIORS Free Application for Federal Student Aid The 2010-2011 FAFSA forms are available at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/collprep. Please file the FAFSA before March 1!</p>
<p>Course Selections</p>	<p>All course selection sheets should be turned in to school counselors at this time.</p>
<p>Daylight Savings Time</p>	<p>Spring forward! On Sunday, March 14, 2010, turn your clocks up 1 hour.</p>
<p>Early Dismissal</p>	<p>There is a 2 hour 45 minute system-wide early dismissal on Monday, March 15.</p>
<p>Event - Honors Reception</p> 	<p>Thursday, March 11 at 8:00 a.m. Students and parents are invited to this reception if the student has all A's and B's for quarter 1 and quarter 2 grades and have a weighted GPA of 3.75 or greater for each of these two quarters. It is only based on quarter grades, not semester or final grades. This is not an honor roll assembly. Letters of invitation were already distributed to qualified students and mailed home to parents on Friday, Feb. 5. If your student did not receive an invitation, and you believe they meet the above</p>

	<p>qualifications, please have them see Ms. Norris in the main office before March 1. Exceptions cannot be made to these guidelines or the appeal deadline.</p>
<p>Event: Mulch Sale</p> 	<p>Mulch Sale Saturday, April 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Pickup at WMHS parking lot - 560 Gorsuch Road, Westminster, MD 21157 Organic Shredded Hardwood Dark Brown Mulch, 3 cubic ft. bags - \$4.50/bag Black, Brown, or Red Dye Mulch, 2 cubic ft. bags - \$4.50/bag Quantity Discounts are available. To order: Contact Karen Buell by April 3, 2010 @410-848-6428 or Buelljkhm@aol.com</p>
<p>Falcon Learning Lab</p> 	<p>The Falcon Learning lab is available to ALL Winters Mill High School Students Open Monday through Thursday After School 2:30-3:45 p.m. Teachers and peer tutors available. Make wise decisions by consistently staying after to complete homework and to receive extra help! Any questions? Call Mrs. Day @ 410-386-1500, ext. 320</p>
<p>Fine Arts News Instrumental Music</p>	<p>Attention Instrumental Music Students: Remember there is rehearsal on Monday, March 1 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Percussionists. Our Festival Concert is on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for senior citizens, and \$1.00 for students. Please review the Festival Schedule that was sent home and notify coaches of conflicts on Friday, March 19.</p>
<p>Fine Arts News Chorus</p> 	<p>Chorus Festival Concert - Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. - all chorus students are involved in this short, free concert. Students should be in the chorus room by 6:20 p.m. We will be singing selections that will be performed at the County Choral Festival.</p> <p>County Choral Festival - Tues. March 9, 2010 at NCHS - this will involve only Select Choir and Vocal Ensemble. It will take place all day and chaperones are needed.</p> <p>Eisteddfod Concert (County Honors Chorus) - Friday, March 26, 2010 at WHS. This will only involve 14 students from vocal Ensemble. Students involved have taken home information about rehearsals.</p> <p>Vocal Ensemble (only) will be singing with The Maryland Boychoir on Friday, March 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in New Windsor. Place TBA. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Bezanson. crbezan@carrollk12.org</p>
<p>Fundraising</p>	<p>Athletic Boosters Annual Bull/Oyster Roast to be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010</p>
<p>Grading</p>	<p>Interims will be distributed to students on Thursday, March 4, 2010.</p> 
<p>Meetings - Athletic Boosters</p>	<p>March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the media center.</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>Parent Workshops</p> 	<p>The Positive Solutions for Families workshops are being held on Tuesdays in March This series of FREE parenting workshops will be held on Tuesdays, March 9, 16, 23, and 30. The theory and techniques are based on fostering your child's emotional development. The following ideas for helping children will be discussed during the four consecutive weeks of workshops: Feel competent and confident, build relationships, develop friendships, learn how to follow directions, learn to manage their emotions, let us know what their behavior is trying to communicate. Learn new skills to replace challenging</p>

	<p>behavior. Contact Cindy Senseney at 410-751-3955 for more details and registration.</p>
Peer Facilitating	<p>During the month of March, applications will be available for those students who would like to be peer facilitators in the 2010-2011 school year. Please see Mrs. Robinson in the school counseling office for the applications.</p> 
Scholarship Information	<p>Please check the School Counseling Office's website at: http://www.carrollk12.org/wmh/counseling/collegeinformation</p>
Selective Service System	<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 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>
Summer Programs	<p>For information on college summer programs, students can stop by the school counseling office.</p>
Testing - ACT	<p>The next administration of the ACT takes place at various sites on April 10, 2010. The deadline to register is Friday, March 5. Late registration takes place March 6 thru 19 and a late fee is charged. Stop in the school counseling office for a registration packet or register online at: www.actstudent.org.</p>
Testing - Advance Placement	<p>Wednesday, March 10 - registration applications and payment is due for the AP exams. Please bring applications and payment to the school counseling office.</p>
Testing - National French Exam	<p>Students who have registered to take the National French Exam ("Grand Concourse") at McDaniel College on Tuesday, March 9 are reminded to touch base with all of their teachers about any work they may miss. On March 9, students are responsible for checking in with first mod teachers before meeting in the rotunda to leave for McDaniel. Also, all students should bring a pencil and water bottle with them.</p>
Testing - SAT	<p>The next administration of the SAT which students can register for takes place at various sites on Saturday, May 1. The deadline to register is Thurs. March 25. The late registration deadline is Thursday, April 8. Students can register online or pick up a registration packet in the school counseling office.</p>
Testing-High School Assessments	<p>High School Assessments - Special Senior Administration for those seniors who need to pass an assessment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> April 12 - Biology April 13 - Algebra April 14 - Government April 15 - English Makeup (all content areas) - April 16 </p>
CLASS OF 2014	<p>Transition Day for incoming 9th graders will be held during the school day on Monday, April 8 at WMHS.</p>
Volunteers	<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>
Yearbook	<p>Any students interested in purchasing a yearbook, please see Mr. Hicks for ordering information. Please pre-order your yearbook in case supplies run out. Per-orders must be made by April 30.</p>

Character Education Update

Winters Mill applied to the Maryland Center for Character Education for the State/National Schools of Character awards program. Although we did not win the award, our school was praised for the character education lessons we complete within our advisory lessons. In addition, we received accolades on catching our students doing well by providing them with the “Soaring Falcon Award.”

The **SOAR** in Soaring Falcon is defined as:

- S** shows respect,
- O** ownership/accountability
- A** achievement
- R** responsibility

Congratulations to the following student award winners:

December Winners:

Sam Zamencki, Chris Stephan, and Trisha Garvin

January Winners:

Ryan Morano, Tamira Patterson, and Michael Grogan

A free breakfast was given to Mr. Wynne’s (December) and Ms. Lintz’s (January) advisories for having the most Soaring Falcon cards collected for their respective months.

Winters Mill Staff are also included in receiving monthly recognition. Peers nominate staff based on the SOAR characteristics. Congratulations to Ms. Abbott (December) and Ms. Day (January).

Winters Mill is proud of our students and the choices they are making. Nick Clark, a senior, was recently recognized in the Carroll County Times. Nick was a Good Samaritan when he assisted a woman who was stuck in the snow. He helped the woman move her car to a safe location and then provided her a ride home. One of our teachers, Ms. Hummel, alerted our school community when she read a letter to the Editor thanking Nick for his efforts. Once again, our students are making a positive difference in our community.

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUESTS FOR THE 2010 - 2011 SCHOOL YEAR

On January 22, 2010, out-of-district applications will be available in school offices. Board policy states that students who attend Carroll County Public Schools shall attend school in their designated attendance area. However, in very specific and limited circumstances, students may be placed in a school outside their attendance area if an approvable circumstance is deemed to exist.

Parents/legal guardians desiring an out-of-district placement for their child should carefully review the list of approvable circumstances listed on the back of the out-of-district application to determine whether the child meets the criteria for approval. The Carroll County Public Schools' out-of-district policy and regulation will be strictly adhered to in making decisions regarding admission of students to schools outside of their assigned attendance area.

The only Carroll County Public Schools designated as "OPEN" for the 2010-2011 school year are as follows:

<u>ELEMENTARY</u>	
Cranberry Station Elementary	Robert Moton Elementary
Ebb Valley Elementary	Runnymede Elementary
Elmer Wolfe Elementary	Sandymount Elementary
Hampstead Elementary	Spring Garden Elementary
Manchester Elementary	Taneytown Elementary
Mt. Airy Elementary	Winfield Elementary
Parr's Ridge Elementary	
<u>MIDDLE</u>	
New Windsor Middle	Oklahoma Road Middle
North Carroll Middle	Shiloh Middle
Northwest Middle	
<u>HIGH</u>	
Francis Scott Key High	North Carroll High
Manchester Valley High	

All other Carroll County Public Schools will be designated as "CLOSED" for the 2010-2011 school year. This means that any out-of-district application submitted for placement to a "CLOSED" school for the 2010-2011 school year will be denied unless it meets the limited criteria for admission to a "CLOSED" school.

Parents/legal guardians who plan to submit out-of-district applications for the 2010-2011 school year need to be aware of the following procedures:

- It is the parent's/legal guardian's responsibility to obtain an out-of-district application from the school office or the Student Services Department. These applications will be available on January 22, 2010, *but not before*. Please be certain that the application obtained is for the 2010-2011 school year. Completed out-of-district applications may not be returned to the school office.
- The deadline for out-of-district applications for the 2010-2011 school year is **April 1, 2010**. Completed applications must be **postmarked or personally delivered** by the deadline date to:
Carroll County Public Schools
Student Services Department
125 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
- Applications postmarked/received after the deadline date of **April 1, 2010** will be returned to the sender without consideration.

QUESTIONS REGARDING OUT-OF-DISTRICT ISSUES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SCHOOL'S PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKER, Mrs. Sherry Pyles, AT 410-751-3118

Calendar

- 3/1/10 FAFSA Deadline
- 3/1/10 Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Percussionists
- 3/1/10 Rehearsal 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 3/3/10 Festival Concert 7 p.m.
- 3/4/10 Interims Distributed to Students
- 3/4/10 Chorus Festival Concert, 7 p.m.
- 3/5/10 Vocal Ensemble Sings w/ MD Boychoir, New Windsor
- 3/5/10 Deadline to register for the April ACT
- 3/8/10 National Foreign Language Week Begins
- 3/8/10 National School Breakfast Week Begins
- 3/8/10 Lincoln Tech Visits WMHS, 9:15 a.m.
- 3/9/10 County Choral Festival, NCHS
- 3/9/10 National French Exam
- 3/11/10 Honors Reception, 8:00 a.m., WMHS
- 3/11/10 Carroll Community College visits WMHS 9:45 a.m.
- 3/14/10 Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 a.m.
- 3/15/10 Athletic Boosters Meeting 7:00 p.m., Media Center
- 3/15/10 Two Hour and Forty-five Minute Early Dismissal
- 3/17/10 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/20/10 First Day of Spring
- 3/25/10 Maryland Day
- 3/25/10 Deadline to register for the May 1 SAT
- 3/26/10 Eisteddfod Concert at WHS
- 3/27/10 Athletic Boosters Annual Bull/Oyster Roast
- 4/1/10 Deadline to have Out of District Apps postmarked
- 4/8/10 Third Marking Period Ends
- 4/8/10 Transition Day for Incoming 9th Graders
- 4/9/10 Fourth Marking Period Begins
- 4/10/10 ACT administered at various sites
- 4/12/10 Special Senior Admin. of the Biology Assessment
- 4/13/10 Special Senior Admin. of the Algebra Assessment
- 4/14/10 Special Senior Admin. of the Government Assessment
- 4/15/10 Special Senior Admin. Of the English Assessment
- 4/16/10 Makeups of the Senior Admin. of Assessments
- 4/30/10 Pre-orders for Yearbooks due
- 5/1/10 SAT administered at various sites



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.

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