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From the Principal

Happy Autumn to All!

October is here already. Hopefully, the change in season will bring dryer days. Homecoming festivities closed out September. The students participated in large numbers for each of the activities. Close to \$800.00 was raised for the Falcon Fund at the Powder Puff game!

October brings a host of activities. On October 12, we have two tests running: The PSAT will involve about 300 students and the ASVAB will be taken by about 50-80 students. There will be workshops during this testing time for the rest of the student body. In the afternoon, we have guest speaker, Bobby Petrocelli, speaking on making choices. Before I came to this county I heard him speak and he is dynamic. Our students will enjoy him. **SAVE THIS DATE:** On the evening of October 12, Mr. Petrocelli will be speaking to you, our parents. As I said, he is a dynamic speaker and I know you will enjoy him. More details will come to you on AlertNow. Many people have been asking why students should take the PSAT. This test for 11th grade students determines National Merit, which is a scholarship program. Also, the information we get as a school helps us to find which students have the aptitude for our Advanced Placement classes. Often times, these students haven't thought they had the ability. As a school we want to maximize all students and this is how we start the process.

This month we have performances by our bands and chorus. They are always entertaining. Please come out and see at least one of these groups. October also brings a couple of our annual events. October 6th will be our coat drive, and October 28th will be our tailgate party in the Stadium Parking Lot before the home football game against Liberty. Tickets for the tailgate party are \$4.00 per person. October 15 the Athletic Boosters, who always support Winters Mill, will be hosting a Vera Bradley Bingo.

October is also Homeless Awareness Month. Winters Mill is helping our County shelters by collecting paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste and hand sanitizer. If you would like to help, you can send these things in to the school and we will deliver them to the shelter.

Thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,
Ruthanne Kenney
Principal



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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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Falcon Learning Lab

Open to all WMHS students after school

Mondays through Thursdays

2:30 - 4:00PM

Monday through Friday

7:15—7:40AM

Tutoring Schedule:

Mr. Brown - Math - Mondays

Mr. Wynne - Government - Tuesdays

Ms. Donovan - English - Wednesdays

Ms. Pearce - Science - Thursdays

No Appointment Necessary!



Report Cards

Report cards for the first marking period (Q1) will be distributed to students on November 9th.

Eligibility for second marking period activities and the winter activity season are determined by first marking period, quarter grades. A student may **not** receive an "F" or "I" (incomplete) and remain eligible. Please call a counselor if you do not receive these reports. Q1 Interim Reports will be distributed on Thursday, October 6th, in advisory.

ABSENT?

Parents are reminded that **absences & late arrivals** should be reported to the school before 9:00 a.m. by e-mailing wmhattendance@carrollk12.org or by calling 410-386-1500.

If you know in advance that your student will be absent (college visits, family events, etc...) they must bring in a note prior to their absence to be approved by administration.

Also, if your student will be leaving early from school, please have them bring a note to the attendance window before classes that day.

To all Parents and Students:

Due to excessive delivery requests, we are unable to guarantee your son or daughter will receive non-emergency messages or items dropped off during school hours. Additionally, there are no latex balloons permitted in the building due to student allergies.



Please make after-school transportation arrangements before your child leaves for school in the morning. If your child calls home for parents to bring in forgotten lunches, lunch money, homework, party supplies, or after school sport equipment, please arrange for them to pick these up in the main office between classes or after school.

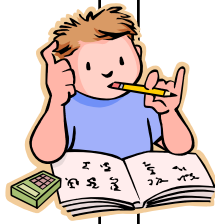
Supervision of Students

Supervision of students extends from 1/2 hour before school to 1/2 hour after school. Students are not to remain at school after regular dismissal unless they are under the direct supervision of a staff member. After a 3:00 p.m. announcement, students not under direct supervision of a teacher, coach, or activity advisor will be asked to vacate the building and wait for rides outside in front of the building. Violations of this policy may result in loss of after school privileges. Students whose departure time is delayed for some reason must wait outside and in front of the building, not in the rotunda or other parts of the building.

High School Assessments

The following test administration is for students who did not receive a passing score for the May 2011 HSA administration and need to pass an assessment:

- October 3 – English
- October 4 – Biology
- October 5– Algebra/DA
- October 6 – Make-up day for missed exams



ON-LINE HSA HELP

(For Parents)

Starting with the class of 2009, all students must pass the High School Assessments (HSA's) in order to graduate.

There is a wonderful on-line tool that covers the content students need to know for the HSA's.

Please visit www.HSAexam.org or call Counseling, (410)386-1501, for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

October 4 - Interim 1 Printed

October 5 - Fall Open House at Carroll Community College - 6:00-8:00pm

October 6 - Interim 1 Grades Published to HAC, Interim 1 Distributed in Advisory

October 7 - College Visit (Salisbury) - 10:30am

October 10 - College Visit (UMBC) - 10:30am, Continuing Ed Fair at AG Center

October 11 - College Visits (Lycoming at 10:00am and Mt. St. Mary's at 10:30am)

October 12 - PSAT and ASVAB Tests

October 13 - College Visit (Roanoke) - 8:00am

October 18 - College Visits (Washington College at 1:00pm and University of Mary Washington at 10:30am), CCCTC Open House 6:00-8:00pm

October 20 - CCCTC Open House 6:00-8:00pm

October 24 - College Visit (Alvernia) - 1:15pm

October 27 - College Visit (Frostburg) - 1:15pm

Fall Open House

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 –Open House - 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm - Great Hall

Everything you need to get started.

Drop In: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Information Tables and faculty will be available to answer your questions. College tours will be offered.

Information Sessions will offer specifics regarding Admissions and Financial aid, the Hill Scholars Honors Program, and Choosing a Career – How do I do this?

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

WINTERS MILL HIGH SCHOOL
CELEBRATING
10 YEARS!

"Winters Mill High School is going to devote the 2012 - 2013 school year to celebrating the tenth anniversary of the opening of the school. As part of the celebration, we want to recognize our alumni. Over the course of the next year, a committee will be gathering and organizing information regarding our alumni. During the 2012 - 2013 school year, we will use this information to serve several purposes, such as:

- Alumni Speaker Days
- Advisory Lessons Featuring Alumni
- Alumni recognition at extracurricular events
- Culminating ceremony commemorating the opening of the school

For more information, visit the celebration website at <http://carrollk12.org/wmh/media/10thanniversary/default.asp>, or on Facebook, under search "Winters Mill High School 10 Year Celebration."

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Miller at memille@carrollk12.org."

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Music Booster Meeting October 4, 7 pm in chorus room

Fall Concert October 17th at 7 pm. Admission cost is \$3 adults, \$2 seniors citizens, \$1 students.

ALL CONCERT CLOTHING MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO THE FALL CONCERT.

CHORAL MUSIC NEWS

Fall Chorus Concert - Thursday October 13, 2011 starting at 7:00pm

(Members of all 1st Semester Chorues will be performing in concert clothes, photos will be taken that night starting at 5pm in the Chorus Room)

Career Connections News

Seniors: Are you interested in Concurrent Enrollment for the Spring Semester at Carroll Community College? There will be a meeting in October for those student interested in participating in the Career Center. Listen to the announcements for the specific time and date or watch for the Alert Now Messages. Read about the requirements of Concurrent Enrollment on the WMH website under Counselor. <http://www.carrollk12.org/wmh/counseling/default.asp>

On November 11, selected students from WMH will be attending a conference “Careers Related to the Arts”, sponsored by CCC and CCPS. Those students that are interested in career fields relating to art, music or drama should inform advisors, counselors or Mrs. Totten, the Career Coordinator. These students will attend CCC all day and listen to a variety of speakers relating to various career pathways in the arts and humanities. What a great way to see if a particular career maybe what you want to pursue! Don’t forget to think about an internship to make the most of your senior year.

OPEN HOUSE AND CAREER FAIR

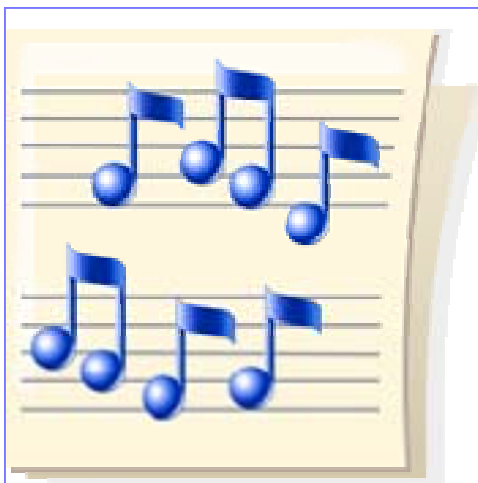
Carroll County Career and Technology Center open house and career fair will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 2011**
6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

The open house will feature a career fair, as well as student competitions, presentations & demonstrations. Parents, friends, and the entire community are invited to visit and observe the students demonstrating their skills.

ASVAB Testing

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is the most widely used multiple-aptitude test battery in the world. As an aptitude test, the ASVAB measures your strengths, weaknesses, and potential for future success. The ASVAB also provides you with career information for various civilian and military occupations and is an indicator for success in future endeavors whether you choose to go to college, vocational school, or a military career. There is no obligation to enter the military if you take the ASVAB!!

The test will take place at Winters Mill on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 7:30am



**Tri-M Music Honors Society
Induction Ceremony - Wed October
19, 2011 at 7:00pm in the
Auditorium. Current members must
arrive by 5:00pm for set-up.
Inductees should arrive by 5:30pm in
the Chorus Room. There will be a
Reception after the ceremony in the
Chorus Room.**

- 1) go to www.explorica.com
- 2) click "sign up"
- 3) enter Tour Code "ConoverZavandro-125" (including caps & dash but no space)
- 4) be sure to include the voucher code "paris2013" to save \$100 off the bottom line!

*Save \$100 when you enter voucher code " **paris2013** " at the time of enrollment, only valid until October 31st, 2011

**Subject to change

Tour Itinerary

July 7 – July 15, 2013

Day 1 Start Tour

Day 2 Paris

- Meet your Tour Director and check into hotel

Day 3 Bonjour Paris

- Paris City Walk
 - Ile de la Cité, Notre Dame Cathedral visit, Ile St. Louis, Latin Quarter visit
- Dinner in Latin Quarter

Day 4 Paris Landmarks

- Paris Guided Sightseeing Tour
 - Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Eiffel Tower, Champ de Mars, École Militaire, Les Invalides, Conciergerie, Tuileries, Place Vendôme, Opera House
- Versailles Guided Excursion
 - State Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, Gardens of Versailles
- Eiffel Tower ascent
- Dinner at a crêperie

Day 5 The Art of Paris

- Louvre visit
- Seine River Sightseeing Cruise

Day 6 Paris -- free time!

- Wander the city or return to your favorite spot

Day 7 Paris--Cote d'Azur

- Travel to Nice on the TGV (Europe's fastest train)

Day 8 Monaco, Eze & Nice

- Monaco & Eze Tour Director-Led Sightseeing Tour
 - Monaco Casino, Prince's Palace, Parfumerie visit in Eze
- Nice Tour Director-Led Sightseeing Tour
 - Vieux Nice, Promenade des Anglais

Day 9 St. Paul de Vence

- St. Paul de Vence excursion
- Matisse Museum

Day 10 End Tour

Paris & the Côte d'Azur!

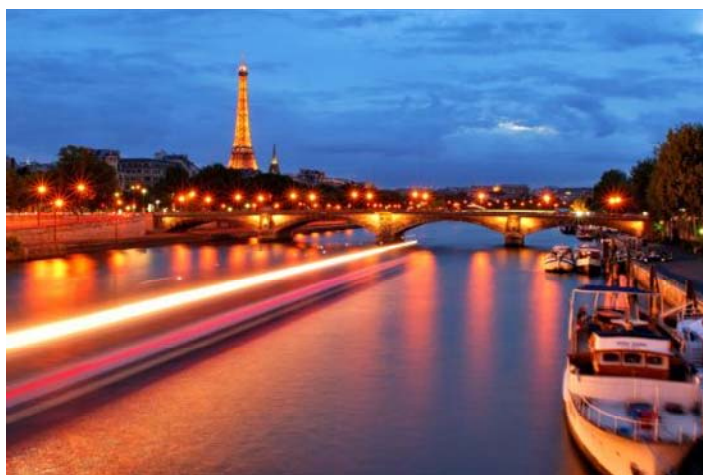
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Tour Code:

ConoverZavandro-125

Departure Date:

7/2013



Tour Fee	\$2,211*
Private Group Fee	\$270
Lifetime Membership Fee	\$95
Airport fees, taxes & fuel surcharges	\$430**
Weekend Supplement (Departing)	\$35
St. Paul de Vence Excursion	\$55
Versailles Guided Excursion	\$70
Recommended Optional Group Extras:	
Comprehensive Travel Protection	\$12/day
Comprehensive PLUS Travel Protection	\$18/day
TOTAL	
Cost to Students	\$3,166
Cost to Adults	\$3,501

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LETTER JACKET INFORMATION

Students interested in purchasing a letter jacket,

please visit the following website:

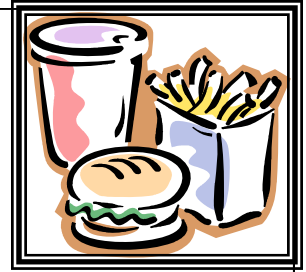
WWW.NEFFCO.COM/NEFFJACKETSHOP

School Name: Winters Mill High School

Password: 088673

Any questions, please see Mrs. Lee in the front office.

Athletic Boosters Fundraiser Nights



**Oct. 5 from 3:00-8:00pm at
Five Guys**

Oct. 20 at Subway (on Rt. 140)

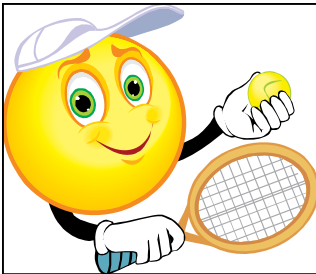
Winter Sport Try-Outs - November 15th



This is a reminder to parents and students that **each student must have a physical on record with the school before the student can tryout. In addition, students trying out for winters sports MUST complete the Base-Line Concussion Test.**

Physicals are good for one year, so if a student has a physical on record from this fall, that is sufficient. If in doubt, please check with the Athletic Director, Mr. Speck, as soon as possible. Academic eligibility for this tryout is determined by grades from the first marking period. Please tell your students to listen to the morning announcements for specific times for tryouts.

TENNIS FUND- RAISER



Let the Winters Mill Tennis Team make your holiday shopping a little easier.

They are selling Texas Roadhouse gift cards to raise funds for their upcoming spring season. These make excellent presents for teachers, bus drivers, friends, family and employees. Buy in amounts of \$10, \$20, \$25, or \$50. These gift cards are able to be used at any Texas Roadhouse. To purchase gift cards, contact a member of the tennis team or Coach Spencer at christiluv10ns@verizon.net before November 18, 2011.



CLASS OF 2013 POLISH POTTERY BINGO

The Class of 2013 will be holding a Polish Pottery Bingo on Saturday, November 5th at 1:00pm in the WMHS cafeteria. For ticket information, please contact Wes Winters (wlwinte@carrollk12.org)

SENIOR ADS!

The yearbook staff is pleased to offer ad space to the parents of the Class of 2012. This is a unique opportunity to congratulate your son or daughter on the impending graduation, and to show your pride in your child's growth and accomplishments.

The child's first and last name will appear on the top of the ad. You may then submit photographs and a message to be printed. We recommend that the number of photos be determined by the size of the ad. Guidelines are as follows:

An ad that is 1/8 page will accommodate 1 or 2 photos, and costs \$75

A 1/4 page ad will accommodate up to 3 photos, and costs \$110

A 1/2 page ad will accommodate up to 5 photos, and costs \$180

A full page ad will accommodate up to 7 photos, and costs \$275

Photos may be submitted in black and white or color. **Please do not send your only copy, as photos cannot be returned.** Do not cut or glue photos; if you wish to have a portion of the photo cropped out, please let our staff handle this so that it adheres to publishing guidelines. You may send specific instructions on how you desire items to be placed in your ad, or you may leave the design up to our trained staff members.

There are a few restrictions on what we can accept in ads. We cannot accept nude photos, even of babies. We cannot accept photos that violate school policies in any way. Please do not submit entire song lyrics or poems if they are previously published works, for printing any more than four lines of these would violate copyright laws.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please return the form below, along with full payment in a check or money order made out to Winters Mill High School. Ad orders and payment should be mailed to:

Mrs. Bowen, Yearbook Advisor

Winters Mill High School

560 Gorsuch Rd Westminster, MD 21157

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 20

Student name:

Name of contact person if there is a question about the ad:

Contact phone or email:

Ad size _____ Amount of payment included _____

Number of photos included _____

Message as it is to appear in the ad and any special design instructions:

SENIOR PORTRAIT INFO

Senior portrait information - Senior Portrait Make Ups with Victor O'Neil Studios will be held on October 10th and 11th.

If you have hired your own photographer for your senior portraits, you must submit your chosen portrait to the yearbook by October 28th.

Guidelines for Senior Portraits from outside photographers:

Head and shoulder shots only.

- ✓ No full body, no props.
 - ✓ Plain backgrounds preferred in either gray or blue.
- No outdoor shots or bright backgrounds allowed.
- ✓ Photo size: 1 3/4 inches tall by 1 1/2 inches wide.

Photos can be larger as long as the head size is correct

- ✓ Photos must be vertical.
- ✓ Head size from top of head to chin: 1 inch maximum.
- ✓ COLOR photos, please. No black and white.

File should be 300 resolution and save as RGB.

Jpeg or Tiff file.

Please save your file on a CD, label with "Senior Portrait" and your first and last name and mail to:

Mrs. Bowen, Yearbook Advisor
Winters Mill High School
560 Gorsuch Road
Westminster, MD 21157

You may also bring your CD to Mrs. Bowen in room B226. CDs must be labeled with "Senior Portrait" and your first and last name.

IS IT TIME FOR A NEW PURSE?



VERA BRADLEY BINGO

To Benefit Winters Mill Athletic Boosters

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

WHERE: Winters Mill High School Cafeteria

TIME: Doors open at 5:30 pm, Bingo starts at 7:00 pm

COST: \$12.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door



20 regular games, Specials, Raffles and Door Prizes
Food will be available

For more information or to purchase tickets contact:
Laurie Brewer at 410-236-1571 or email: lbrewer10@verizon.net

Mark your calendars!

The Winters Mill High School Class of 2013
is holding a Bingo fundraiser
featuring.....

POLISH POTTERY

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Winters Mill Cafeteria

Tickets \$12 in advance \$15 at the door

Doors open 11:30 am

BINGO starts 1pm

Ticket price buys 20 games

Extra games \$5 each

Specials, Raffles, Door prizes, & 50/50

Refreshments available:

Chick Fil-A sandwiches and wraps

Pizza

Fresh vegetables and dip

Baked goods

For more information or tickets contact

Wes Winters 410-386-1500 or wlwinte@carrollk12.org

This bingo is not associated with or sponsored by Polish Pottery

“Defining Moments”

November 11, 2011



Winters Mill High School is hosting our annual Veteran’s Day ceremony on Friday, November 11, 2011. We are inviting all veterans to join us for this special occasion. It is our honor to recognize not only those who fight for our freedom today, but to remember the brave heroes of the past. This assembly gives Winters Mill High School a chance to express our gratitude and appreciation for everything the Armed Forces have sacrificed.

Where: Winters Mill High School
560 Gorsuch Road
Westminster, MD 21157

When: Breakfast will begin at 8am, followed by an assembly ending around 10:30 am.

Please RSVP no later than November 1, 2011. You can contact us at dmherma@carrollk12.org or 410-386-1500.

We look forward to your attendance.

Thank you,
The Winters Mill Veteran’s Day Board

VETERANS DAY BANNERS!

**FOR \$30 YOU CAN PURCHASE
A CUSTOMIZED BANNER!**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ONE
PLEASE SEND YOUR DESIRED MESSAGE AND
CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE VETERANS DAY
COMMITTEE. YOU CAN REACH US AT**

DMHERMA@CARROLLK12.ORG

OR

410-386-1500

EXAMPLE-



October

3	2 hr. 45 min. early dismissal system wide
3-5	English, Biology, Algebra HSA Exams (in this order by day)
5	Five Guys Fundraiser Night 3:00-8:00pm
6	Q1 Interims Distributed in Advisory
6	HSA Make-Up Exams for all Subject Areas
10-11	Senior Portrait Make-Ups
12	PSAT Test
12	Evening Speaker - Auditorium
13	Fall Choral Concert - Auditorium - 7:00pm
15	Athletic Boosters Vera Bradley Bingo - Cafeteria - 7:00pm
17	Fall Band Concert - Auditorium - 7:00pm
19	Tri-M Inductions - Auditorium - 7:00pm
20	Subway Fundraiser Night
21	Schools Closed for Students
28	Underclass Picture Make-ups
29	FFA Benefit Model Horse Show - Cafeteria - 7:00am

November

1	Student of the Month Ceremony - Wakefield Valley - 6:00pm
3	2 hr. 45 min. early dismissal system wide
5	Class of 2013 Bingo - Cafeteria - 1:00pm
9	Q1 Report Cards distributed to students in Advisory
11	Veteran's Day Assembly - 8:00am
11-12 & 18-19	Fall Production—Sweeney Todd—Auditorium—7:30pm
14	2 hr. 45 min. early dismissal system wide
15	Winter Sports Try-Outs Begin

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.

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.