



# WINTERS MILL HIGH SCHOOL *THE GUIDANCE GAZETTE*

January, 2009

Winters Mill: <http://www.carrollk12.org/wintersmill>  
Attendance: [wmhattendance@k12.carr.org](mailto:wmhattendance@k12.carr.org)  
(Last month's newsletter incorrectly stated the Attendance email address. This is the correct address.)  
Sports: <http://www2.carrollk12.org/wintersmill/sports.htm>  
Music: [www.wmmusic.org](http://www.wmmusic.org)  
Art: <http://wintersmillart.googlepages.com> **NEW!!!**  
**See Winters Mill Art Work!**



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## New College Website

The U.S. Department of Education has launched [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov), a new website aimed at motivating students with inspirational stories and information about planning, preparing, and paying for college. It is designed with students' input and participation.

## High School Assessments

While making future plans/appointments, please keep in mind that the next round of High School assessments will be given during the month of January. Here are the dates:  
Monday, January 12 – Algebra/Data Analysis  
Tuesday, January 13 – Government  
Wednesday, January 14 – English  
Thursday, January 15 – Biology  
The makeup dates will be 1/20-1/23/09

## SAT INFORMATION

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration <i>Late Fee Required</i>
1/24/09	12/26/08	1/6/09
3/14/09	2/10/09	2/24/09
5/2/09	3/31/09	4/9/09
6/6/09	5/5/09	5/15/09

Registration Information is Available in the Guidance Office!  
Register Online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
Winters Mill Test Code is 211081

## IMPORTANT – PARENTS OF SENIORS

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The 2009-2010 FAFSA forms should be available in December, but may not be submitted until January, 2009. Forms are available in the WMHS guidance office, college financial aid offices, public libraries, or online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (preferred way of applying). **Please file the FAFSA between January 1 and March 1 each year to be eligible for state aid.**

## You're invited:

### An Incredible Opportunity!

Dr. Lonise Bias, an internationally known motivational speaker, and mother of the late Len Bias and Jay Bias, will be speaking with our student body on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 – 2:25 in the main gym. Parents are invited to join us for the motivational and inspirational talk by Dr. Bias. If you have any questions prior to the presentation, please call Amy Day or Dave Herman @ (410) 386-1500. Seating will be available for parents in the gym.

## ACT INFORMATION

Upcoming dates are:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration <i>Late Fee Required</i>
2/7/09	1/6/09	1/7-1/16/09
4/4/09	2/27/09	2/28-3/13/09
6/13/09	5/8/09	5/9-5/22/09

Registration Information is Available in the Guidance Office!  
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## Ways to Reduce College Costs

1. Cooperative education programs allow students to alternate between working full time and studying full time. This type of employment program is not based upon financial need, and students can earn as much as 7,000 per year.
2. Students should find out their school's policy regarding the Advanced Placement Program (APP), the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), and the Provenience Examination Program (PEP). Under these programs, a student takes an examination in a particular subject and, if the score is high enough, receives college credit.
3. Some colleges give credit for life experiences, thereby reducing the number of credits needed for graduation. Students should check with the college for further information. You can also write to Distance Education and Training Council at 1601 18<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009, or call 202-234-5100.
4. Most schools charge one price for a specific number of credits taken in a semester. If academically possible, students should take the maximum number of credits allowed. This strategy reduces the amount of time needed to graduate.
5. In many cases, summer college courses can be taken at a less expensive school and the credits transferred to the full-time school. Students should check with their academic advisor, however, to be certain that any course taken at another school is transferable.
6. Most schools have placement offices that help students find employment, and all schools have personnel offices that hire students to work on campus. These employment programs are not based upon financial need, and working is an excellent way to meet college expenses.
7. Most colleges and universities offer their employees a tuition reduction plan or tuition waiver program. Under this type of arrangement, the school employee and family members can attend classes at a reduced cost or no cost at all. This type of program is based not upon financial need, but rather on college employment.
8. Most colleges and universities sponsor resident advisor programs that offer financial assistance to

students in the form of reduced tuition or reduced room and board costs in exchange for work in resident halls.

9. The Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship Program pays all tuition fees, textbook costs, as well as providing a monthly living stipend. Students should be certain, however, that they want this type of program before signing up because there is a service commitment after graduation.
10. Service Academy Scholarships are offered each year to qualified students to attend the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. merchant Marine Academy, or the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The scholarships are competitive and are based upon a number of factors, including high school grades, SAT or ACT scores, leadership qualities, and athletic ability. Students receive their undergraduate education at one of the service academies. They pay no tuition or fees, but there is a service commitment after graduation.

## Scholarship and Award Opportunities

### *New For Seniors:*

#### **Carroll County NAACP Branch 7014 Scholarship**

The NAACP is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Carroll County Public high school graduate, active in their school and community, accepted into a college, university or certified trade/tech school, has demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, and is of African-American descent. Please stop by the Guidance office for an application. Applications must be postmarked by **April 12, 2009**.

#### **Carroll County Times**

Carroll County Times is pleased to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who plans to enter the field of journalism. Applicants must be a resident of Carroll County, plan a college major in print journalism. Applications are available in the Guidance office and must be received by **March 31, 2009**.

#### **Mount St. Mary's University Founder's Scholarship**

If you are planning to attend Mount St. Mary's University for the 2009-2010 school year there is a Founder's Scholarship essay competition available for outstanding high school seniors. Students must have a SAT score for critical reading and math of 1200 and a minimum GPA of 3.25. Please see the guidance office for more information. **Deadline for registration is January 19, 2009.**

#### **The Society of Women Engineers**

The Society of Women Engineers is proud to announce the 2009 Scholarship Program. This program is open to young women in their senior year of high school who plan to major in engineering. **Deadline for application is March 1, 2009.** Please see the guidance office for more information.

## **New for Sophomores, Juniors, & 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](http://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 Mensa Local Scholarship**

The Maryland Mensa 2008-2009 Scholarship essay contest has begun. Cash awards of \$300 to \$1,000 will be granted to the winners. The contest is free and open to the public. **Application deadline is December 31, 2008.** Please see the guidance office for more information.

### **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](http://www.md-ylf-org).

## **Previously advertised for Seniors:**

### **Alexandria Kowalczyk Dance Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is a one-time award. The applicant must be a graduating senior attending a Carroll County public high school that is planning to attend a 4-year college. The student must have a minimum 2.8 GPA, have had at least 3 years of dance experience and be planning on continuing dance in college either curricular and/or extra curricular. **Application deadline is April 24, 2009.** Please see the guidance office for more information.

### **Carroll Post 31: American Legion Scholarship**

Carroll Post 31 of the American Legion is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 payable over two years for a 2009 graduate of both Westminster and Winters Mill High Schools. Requirements: high school transcripts, two letters of recommendation, an original essay, a list of extracurricular activities, and a letter of college acceptance. Applications are available in the guidance. **Deadline: April 30, 2009.**

### **Elks National Foundation**

The Elks National Foundation 2009 Most Valuable Student Scholarship is accepting applications. You must be a high school senior who is a US citizen. Applications are available in the guidance office and the **deadline date is January 9, 2009.**

### **Gates Millennium Scholarship Program**

The Gates Millennium Scholarship Program will select one thousand students to be the recipient of this scholarship. The scholarship supports the costs of attendance and can be renewed each year throughout the student's undergraduate career and onto graduate school. To be eligible for this

scholarship, students must be African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or of Hispanic American descent, be a U.S. citizen, have a GPA of 3.3, enrolled for the first time at a U.S. Accredited college or university as a full-time student, and meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. Application materials are available in guidance and also at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org). Paper applications must be postmarked by **January 12, 2009**. Website submissions must be complete by **January 12, 2009 at 11:59PM**. Additional details are available in guidance.

### **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.

### **KFC Scholars**

Colonel Harland Sanders has become a symbol of entrepreneurial spirit. In keeping with the Charity's commitment to young people and family values, the KFC Colonel's Scholars program will honor graduating seniors who share that spirit and need help affording college. Applicants must be a graduating senior, maintain a GPA of 2.75 or higher, plan to attend a public, in-state college or university, pursue a bachelor's degree, and be a U.S. citizen. Additional information is available in the Guidance office. Applications must be completed on on-line from **December 1, 2008 to February 10, 2009.**

### **Maryland Media, Inc. Scholarship Program**

The Maryland Media, Inc. Scholarship for the University of Maryland at College Park will award two scholarships in the amount equal to the full cost of in-state tuition. The goal of the program is to recruit the best high school journalists and encourage them to contribute to Maryland Media, Inc.'s publications throughout their college career. The scholarship recipients will be required to work on one of the student publications in some capacity. Applications must be submitted by **December 1, 2008**. For additional information, stop by the guidance department.

### **McKelvey Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship**

This scholarship is available to all high school seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit by owning and operating their own business while in high school. Applications are on line until **January 25, 2009** at [www.mckelveyfoundation.org](http://www.mckelveyfoundation.org).

### **National Commission for Cooperative Education Scholarship**

The National Commission for Cooperative Education, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing high quality, college-level cooperative education is accepting applications

for scholarships. Scholarships are only awarded for ten specific colleges. Please see the guidance office for more information. **Deadline for submitting scholarships is February 15, 2009.**

### **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](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil) to apply.

### **SAE Engineering Scholarships**

SAE is proud to offer more than 60 corporate- and university-sponsored scholarships to qualified students who are interested in the study of engineering and related sciences. Applications are accepted beginning September 1, 2008. **Deadline is December 1, 2008.** for full details, applications and FAQs, visit [www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm](http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm).

### **Previously advertised For Freshman through Seniors:**

#### **National Merit Scholarship and Achievement Programs**

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test (PSAT/NMSQT) is the route of entry to National Merit Scholarship programs. The 2008 PSAT/NMSQT will be offered on **October 15, 2008**. Annually, some 55,000 students receive recognition through this program and 10,500 are chosen to receive scholarships for college undergraduate study. Information is available in guidance and at [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org).

- The **National Merit Scholarship Program** is open to all high school students who meet published entry requirements.
- The **National Merit Achievement Scholarship Program** is an academic competition in which only Black American high school students participate.

#### **First Freedom Student Competition**

The Council for America's First Freedom announces the 16<sup>th</sup> annual First Freedom Student Competition. This national essay contest offers 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students an opportunity to compete for a \$3,000, \$1,500, and \$750 award, as they examine the First Amendment and the history and relevance of religious freedom in America and the world today. **Online registration by participating students is required by November 24, 2008, and the postmark entry deadline is November 29, 2008.** Materials are available at [www.firstfreedom.org](http://www.firstfreedom.org).

## **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](http://www.collegeboard.com)

[www.MeritAid.com](http://www.MeritAid.com)

[www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)



### **Honor Rolls Will No Longer Be Printed in The Carroll County Times**

We have received word from the Carroll County Times that due to space limitations, they will no longer be printing the honor rolls in the paper, however, they will publish them on their website.

#### **Course Selections for the 2009/2010 School Year**

We are beginning the process of scheduling for the 2009-2010 school year. In January, students will receive their Winters Mill High School Program of Studies for 2009/2010. They will work with advisors to update and/or create their Educational Career Plan, which is an outline of courses students would like to take during high school to prepare for postsecondary school/career plans. They will use this information to complete 2009/2010 Course Selection Sheets. Please review your student's course selections carefully! On February 5<sup>th</sup> & February 11<sup>th</sup> between 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., we will hold conferences with students, parents, and advisors to finalize course selections. It is important that all parents are involved in this important process in your child's school career!

# Five Teen tricks and tips for parents

## 1) Face book or Textbook?

Today's teens rely on the Web for many things, not the least of which is researching school projects and homework assignments. But a recent Partnership/CafeMom poll showed that 46 percent of moms say their kids are guilty of **claiming they're using the computer for school, but instead they're chatting on Face book or MySpace.**

### Advice for Parents

Learn to use the tools your teen likes, whether it's cell phones and text messaging or social networks. Parents can use technology to open new lines of communication with teens, but it's also important to keep tabs on their activity. Expect that teens will socialize online, but limit the time your teen spends on the computer for fun, **and periodically check what they are looking at online. Some parents keep the computer in a common room to check if teens are slacking off on schoolwork,** and others use software to block certain sites.

## 2) After School Fool

While you're at work, who knows what teens are up to at home? The hours between 3:00 and 6:00 – typically the time when school lets out and adults come home – are primetime for unsupervised experimentation, whether it's with drugs, alcohol or other risky behaviors.

### Advice for Parents

Know where your teens are, especially after school, keep track of plans and activities, and take time to get to know their friends. **Kids who are not regularly monitored are four times more likely to use drugs than kids who are.** Make sure your teen knows your rules, and tell him you're keeping track and setting limits because you care, not because you don't trust him. Encourage teens to get involved with youth groups, arts, sports, community service or academic clubs after school instead of just hanging out.

## 3) Sleepover Sneakout

Although you may be home when your teen has a sleepover, it's possible that once you're asleep, your teen and their friends are sneaking out to a party or other get-together.

### Advice for Parents

Anticipate the possibilities and lay firm ground rules in advance. Set a clear "sleepover curfew" for your teen and his friends and check in on them after hours. Even when it comes to fun, it's important to be a parent and not a pal.

## 4) Hidden Friendships

You've met your teen's friends... and there's one who looks like trouble. Teens may not always tell their parents who they're hanging out with, especially if they have friends parents don't approve of.



### Advice for Parents

If you don't like your teen's friends, figure out why. Do you suspect they use drugs or alcohol? Do they treat your teen badly? **If your gut says a friend is a bad influence, don't wait. Talk to your teen, make your concerns and expectations clear,** and keep a closer eye on him. You may limit time with that friend by not allowing sleepovers and not offering rides. If you can, you may try to help your child connect with a wider circle of kids.

## 5) Driving Dangerously

When teens are counting on a ride home from a friend after a party or gathering, it's always possible the driver has used drugs or alcohol. Especially if teens have been experimenting themselves, they may accept the ride anyway rather than call on a parent. .


### Advice for Parents

Make it clear that you never want your child to ride in a car with a friend under the influence. Stress that a drunk or drugged driver poses a grave, even deadly danger to passengers and other drivers. Let your child know that you will pick him up at any hour, anywhere, rather than have him ride with a friend using drugs or alcohol.

## College Night, 2008

On December 3, 2008, the school counselors hosted College Night. We had over 200 parents and students attend this event. We thank all who attended. We hope to see you at next year's College Night!!!

## LANGUAGE CLUB COOKBOOK

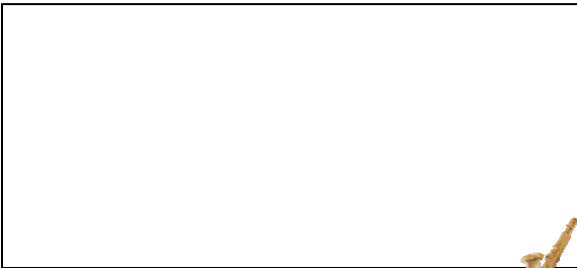
Cookbooks will be on sale from March 2-6   
Pre-Order Form will be in the February Newsletter.  
A portion of the proceeds will go to a charitable organization!  
Help support the First Ever Winters Mill Cookbook!



*Winters Mill High School Calendar  
and  
Important Reminders*

## January, 2009

- 1-2 ..... Schools/Offices Closed Winter Holiday
- 3 ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Falcon Invitational Wrestling Tournament 9:30 a.m.
- 5 ..... School Reopens
- 8 ..... Music Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 12 ..... High School Assessment: Algebra/Data Analysis
- 13 ..... High School Assessment: Government
- 14 ..... High School Assessment: English
- 14 ..... Board of Education Meeting-Central Office – 5:00 p.m.
- 15 ..... High School Assessment: Biology
- 19 ..... Schools/Offices Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 20-23 .... Makeup Days for High School Assessments
- 20-23 .... Final Exams
- 22 ..... Auditions for “Arsenic and Lace”
- 23 ..... Second Marking Period Ends
- 23 ..... 2 hour 45 min. early dismissal for students
- 26 ..... School closed for Students
- 26 ..... Athletic Booster Meeting, 7:00 p.m., WMHS Media Center
- 27 ..... Third Marking Period Begins
- 28 ..... Board of Education Meeting – Central Office – 5:00 p.m.
- 29-31 .... “Big, Bad Musical” Directed by David Andrews, 7:00 p.m. nightly
- 30 ..... Quarter 2 Report Cards distributed to students during advisory
- 31 ..... Music Booster Crop Day, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., WMHS auditorium  
(See enclosed registration form)



**Athletic Boosters – Next Meeting Date**  
January 26, 2009, 7:00 p.m., WMHS Media Ctr.

## February, 2009

- 5 ..... Parent Conferences with Advisors for 2009-2010 Course Selections,  
..... 3:30-7:00 p.m.
- 6 ..... Senior Thank You Breakfast
- 11 ..... Parent Conferences with Advisors for 2009-2010 Course Selections,  
..... 3:30-7:00 pm.
- 16 ..... Schools/Offices Closed for Presidents’ Day
- 17 ..... Schools Closed for Students
- 21 ..... Vera Bradley Bingo (Contact: Teresa McCulloh 410-848-4385)

**Drama News**  
Auditions for “**Arsenic and Old Lace,**” the Spring Productions, will be held Thursday, January 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Please have a one minute monologue prepared.

Our Drama department will be hosting the middle school production of “**Big Bad Musical,**” directed by David Andrews. Please come and welcome the upcoming students and support the Drama Department on January 29, 30, 31 at 7:00 p.m.



**Winters Mill Athletic Boosters**  
Vera Bradley Bingo  
Saturday February 21, 2009 In the School Cafeteria. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Bingo starts at 7:00 pm, 20 Regular Games, Special Games, Raffles, Door Prizes,

All handbags are filled! Tickets \$12.00 in advance \$15.00 at the door. For tickets contact:

Dawn Nickoles 410 876-0507  
Teresa McCulloh 410 848-4385

**Wrestling Announcement:**  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Falcon Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 3 at 9:30 a.m. The teams participating will be Winters Mill, Westminster, Century, Francis Scott Key, Leonardtown, Queen Anne’s, Baltimore Lutheran, and Randallstown high schools. The standard CCPS admission prices will be charged.

# Crop Day

Join the Winters Mill Music Boosters for

**A Scrap booking Day!**

January 31, 2009

WMHS Cafeteria

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Lunch is provided. Snacks and Drinks for Sale

Regular tables and chairs, 25.00 per person

Vendors on Site, for information or to reserve your spot, call Pam at 410-840-8813.

## MUSIC BOOSTERS CROP DAY REGISTRATION FORM



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form with cash or check (payable to Winters Mill Music Boosters) to Winters Mill High School at 560 Gorsuch Road, Westminster, MD 21157

For information or to reserve your spot, call:  
Pam at 410-840-8813.

**Thank You!!!**

**From the Music Boosters**

Thank you to all of those who participated in the Music Boosters Fundraiser – the Gianni's Pizza Sale. We appreciate everyone's support to make the fundraiser a success. We earned over \$1,500 for our music programs. Thank you!!!!

**Late Bus Information  
Parents should listen  
daily to  
WTTR,  
1470 a.m.,  
for late bus  
information.**

### Weather Advisory

Please consult the Board of Education calendar for radio stations that announce school closings. On bad weather days, it is best not to allow students to drive to school. When schools are dismissed early or closed due to inclement weather, school sponsored activities and use of facilities activities are automatically postponed/canceled in the entire school system.

## A family approach to healthy weight

Announcing an initiative to address childhood obesity concerns in our community. See [www.healthycarroll.org](http://www.healthycarroll.org) for information.

**Lifestyle:** Make family centered changes.

Eat breakfast every day.

**Education:** Teach your children healthy habits.

Set an example; eat nutritious foods & be physically active.

**Activity:** Develop an active lifestyle.

Plan fun family activities that provide exercise for everyone.

**Nutrition:** Eat for better health.

Choose more fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

[www.healthycarroll.org](http://www.healthycarroll.org)



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.

