

September 11, 2020

Happy Friday WLMS Community,

This first week of school brought many first for all of us, and we made it through collectively ensuring WE MADE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN for our students. I appreciate the perseverance of staff, students, and parents as we navigated a few opening day obstacles with room codes and scheduling needs. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have and continue to ask for support as needed. As always, it is a pleasure to serve such a caring and supportive community. I look forward to meeting with all of you next Thursday evening during our Back To School Night program. Best wishes for a safe and relaxing weekend.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rattay

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, September 17 – Back to School Night 6:30pm (Detailed information to come next week)

Monday, September 28 – Schools & Offices Closed

Student Absences

Need to report a student absence? Parents, please send an email to wlmsabsence@hcpss.org to report your child's absence from classes.

Immunization Requirements

Immunization requirements **have NOT** been lifted or waived at this time. All 7th grade students in the state of Maryland must have a single dose of **Tdap** **AND** a single dose of **Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4)** **BEFORE** the first day of virtual learning (September 8, 2020).

Earlier this summer all parents of students who were missing one or both of the above mentioned vaccines should have received an email or mailed letter identifying which vaccines are missing from your child's immunization record. Your child may have already received them however we have not received the documentation confirming. Please check with your student's physician to obtain an updated vaccine record and either scan it or take a photo of it and email it to me at Annette_Grzybinski@hcpss.org. If your student has not received the 2 vaccines for 7th grade, please make an appointment with their physician to do so and for those who do not have private insurance MPP in collaboration with HCPSS will be offering several **Back-to-School Vaccine Clinics** in late September (see attached)! Please note on the flier that all registration is done on-line you must make an appointment.

Thank you in advance and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me (WLMS School Nurse) at Annette_Grzybinski@hcpss.org.

PTSA

The WLMS PTSA wants you to join us for 2020. Please sign up online - memberships can be purchased here: <https://tigersharks.new.memberhub.store/store>

Fill out the form and follow us on Facebook!

Thanks for your support!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjfUWWpWQrdeLlbPaxNpQxIjRacGEUPDZGYPufnihpxOo0Qg/viewform>

Howard County Association of Student Councils, HCASC

We are the only organization that represents students directly to the Board of Education. Our main purpose is to foster creative leadership, elevate student voice, and connect students across the county.

Switching to virtual learning has been tough for HCASC, but we have planned our elections and first meeting. This year, the applications to be an elected or appointed officer are open to EVERY secondary student. Instead of limiting the applications to members only, I fought hard to open them to every student that HCASC represents. Everyone who applies for an appointed position is awarded some responsibilities, and those running for an elected position can apply for an appointed position if they are not elected. It would be wonderful to see more middle school students running for positions!

Students who are not interested in a leadership position are still welcomed to attend the HCASC meetings! HCASC represents students to the Board of Education, so it is vital that we have student participation. Our meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm, assuming there are no conflicts.

At this time, there are few HCASC members from middle school!

Here are a few important links...

HCASC website: <https://hcasc.hcpss.org/>

HCASC Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/_hcasc_/?hl=en

Elected Officer

Applications: <https://hcasc.hcpss.org/sites/default/files/Officer%20Application%202020.pdf>