

January 11, 2019

Greetings WLMS!

Brrrr . . . Winter has arrived! We are glad to see students wearing hoods and hats to keep warm outdoors. Unfortunately, staff is needing to give a lot of reminders recently for students to take their hats and hoods off in the building. We need your support. **Please remind your student(s) that hats and hoods need to come off in the hallways at WLMS. For safety purposes, we want to be able to see and identify all students in our hallways during transitions.**

In addition, if your student brings a cell phone to school, please take a few minutes to refresh the WLMS Student Cell Phone Expectations:

- **Students are expected to put their cell phones in their locker during class time.** *(There may be a few exceptions when teachers invite students on occasions to bring their cell phones to class for a specific learning activity and/or a personal cell phone is part of a student's specific learning plan.)*
- Students may use their cell phones and electronic devices during lunch and recess, but use is not permitted in hallways at any time.
- Students may listen to music using one earbud during lunch and recess (but not in the hallways); only one earbud/headphone (not two) is permitted during lunch/recess for safety reasons.
- Students are not allowed at any time to videotape, audiotape or take photographs during the school day, including during the bus ride to and from school.
- **Students who fail to adhere to this policy may have their property confiscated. Such property will not be returned to students, and will only be returned to a parent or guardian during regular office hours.**
- Wilde Lake is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken property.

Congratulations to the following WLMS students whose art work was featured this week at the Artist's Reception at the Columbia Art Center: Alex Bulkley, Tykiara Davis, Laycie Gullion, Brenda Jaramillo. Wilde Lake Middle School was well represented!

The WLMS Spelling Bee took place last evening. We are proud of all the participants who worked hard to prepare for this event. Thank you to Ms. Pitney, Ms. Russo, Ms. Cole-Fleet, and Mr. McVey for being there to facilitate and support. We appreciate our PTSA and Ms. Amber Coleman for sponsoring the spelling bee for WLMS. Coming in first place and representing WLMS in the county wide Spelling Bee is Keira Kusmaul. Fundi Myers came in second place and is the alternate. Madeline Skaggs, Nimi Fagbo, and Laith Abdalla also had a great showing in the competition. Congratulations!

Enjoy and be safe this weekend with our first snow of 2019! Reminder – check here for school delays and closings: <https://www.hcpss.org/schools/emergency-closings/>

Anne Swartz, James McVey, Nan Brown

Upcoming Important Dates:

Jan. 15 – Dental Visit  
Jan. 15 – Restaurant Fundraiser – Shake Shack  
Jan. 15 – Choir FT to WLHS  
Jan. 18 – Jazz Band FT to Towson  
Jan. 21 – Schools and Offices Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
Jan. 25 – Spirit Day – Sports/Jersey Day  
Jan. 28 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period  
Jan. 29 – Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Night - 6:30pm (Snow Date 2/4)  
Jan. 31 –String Fling – 7:00 pm @ WLHS

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Registration for the Saturday Math Academy – Spring Session is being held on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at Oakland Mills Middle School from 9-12. See the attached information flier for more details.

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PTSA Restaurant Fundraiser on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Shake Shack. Please show the attached flier when checking out. Thank you in advance for supporting the PTSA.

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**Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents:** Please see below for upcoming high school information.

- **Wilde Lake HS:** The parent Q&A night @ Harper’s Choice- January 15, 2019 at 6:30pm (DMS, WLMS, HCMS families are invited)
  
- **All 8<sup>th</sup> graders registering for high school classes: - Due January 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - High school course registration forms were sent home on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please review the teacher recommendations with your student.
    - If you would like to alter any recommendation (This includes Health/PE and world language) or change a course level (On grade level to Honors or to G/T or vice versa) please do the following:
      - Contact your student’s teacher with questions or concerns about the recommendation.
      - Fill out the reverse side of the registration form entitled “Course Placement Review” (CPR) and return it to the guidance office by **January 18<sup>th</sup>**.
        - Parent signature is required!
        - If you need an extra copy of the CPR form, please contact Mr. Deyton
  
  - Mr. Deyton went into science classes on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> to help students register online for these and other high school courses. **All high school course registrations will be completed online**

- Please find the HCPSS High School Course Catalog online (<https://www.hcpss.org/academics/course-catalogs>).
- Once students have registered for courses, please review them with your student on HCPSS Connect.
  - Review the registration process here: <https://youtu.be/jf6qVFzADag>
  - An email from the high school will be sent mid-February with your student's current course selections.
- **All registrations are due by January 18<sup>th</sup>**
- Please contact Mr. Deyton with any questions or concerns!

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### **8<sup>th</sup> grade Study Hall Program**

**Purpose:** To complete academic work as a priority and in a quiet, positive, respectable manner.

The 8th grade team has decided to pilot a new study hall program for 8th graders. Study hall will occur once a week (on Fridays), in addition to tutorial. Study hall will be in a different academic class each week. Students should come to that class prepared with any materials that they need to work on. Study hall will be run much like tutorial, with one exception: **no passes will be given to visit other teachers.** The reason for this exception is that 8th grade teachers will be teaching their lessons and will not have time to stop to conference with a student.

The expectation will be that students work until the bell rings. This means that students will bring all necessary supplies to occupy themselves the entire class period. If student do not have assignments to work on, bring reading material or review other class material. Computers will be available **for academic purposes only** (not for playing games because there is “nothing to do”).

The study hall calendar can be found on the 8th grade calendar on the 8th grade bulletin board. **A copy of this information, including a calendar, was given to 8th grade students this morning.**

Thank you, WLMS 8th grade team

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The Council of Elders is presenting their next information night “What Parents Need to Know About Peer Relationships and Substance Abuse” on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at Oakland Mills High School. See the attached flier for more information.

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**The WLMS Middle School Information Night for Rising 6th graders in Fall 2019** will be: **Tuesday, January 29th - 6:30 p.m.** - Wilde Lake Middle School Cafeteria  
(*Snow Date: Monday, February 4th*)

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**Jazz Concert at WLHS:** Famed Brazilian guitarist Chico Pinheiro headlines the 14th annual Jazz at the Lake concert on Saturday, January 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Columbia, Md. A prodigy who began playing studio sessions at age 14, Pinheiro has released six acclaimed albums. “One of the brightest lights on the Brazilian jazz scene,” the *Boston Globe* raved about him.

Pinheiro will play with Wilde Lake alumni Alex Brown on piano and Zach Brown on bass, and Mark Walker on drums. The award-winning Wilde Lake High School Jazz Ensemble will open the show and perform one piece with the guest artists. The Wilde Lake steel drum band performs at intermission.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. (Golden Opportunities passes are not valid for this special concert.) The concert takes place at the Jim Rouse Theatre, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, Md. For more information, contact [WildeLakeJazz@gmail.com](mailto:WildeLakeJazz@gmail.com) or 410

### **Community News:**

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