

January 25, 2019

Greetings WLMS!

We are halfway through the 2018-19 school year! Monday marks the last day of second quarter. Remember that students will be dismissed 3 hours early on Monday so that teachers can finalize second quarter grades. Also, please remind your students that even though today was a “B” day, Monday is also designated as a “B” day for all middle and high schools. Second quarter report cards will be issued on **Wednesday, February 6th**.

In last week’s newsletter, we shared important information with you about the **2019-2020 Fine Arts/Elective Course** registration process for **Current 6th and 7th Graders**. **The completed and signed registration forms were due back to school TODAY!** If you have not discussed this with your child, please make time this weekend and remind he/she to return the form to their homeroom teacher or the guidance office as soon as possible. (*We have attached the electronic version of the information and form to this newsletter.*) Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

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Important Dates:

Jan. 28 – 3 hour Early Dismissal
Jan. 29 – Incoming 6th grade Parent Night
Jan. 31 – String Fling – WLHS @ 7:00pm
Feb. 1 – Summer Institute registration begins
Feb. 5 – No School for Students –Professional Development Day
Feb. 6 – 2nd Quarter Report Cards Issued
Feb. 8 – Activity Day
Feb. 8 – Spirit Day (Decades)
Feb. 13 – PTSA MOD Pizza Fundraiser
Feb. 15 – Hoops for Heart

2019 Summer School Information:

Please find all information about summer programs here:

<https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>

Comprehensive summer school (Grades 9-12):

Online registration for English, mathematics, science, and social studies courses opens at **6:00 p.m. on February 1**. In-person registration will be held at the Homewood Center from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Online registration for Art, CRD, ESOL, Gear Up for 9th Grade, Health, Lifetime Fitness, and world language courses opens at **6:00 p.m. on March 1**. In-person registration will be held at the Homewood Center from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

GT Summer Institute

G/T Summer Institutes provide interested students with advanced-level instruction and enrichment experiences not regularly available during the academic school year. The curriculum is focused on talent

development and provides academically and artistically rigorous activities. Teaching strategies represent best practices in the fields of gifted and talented and arts education.

For students who are on reduced meal plans, or need other financial assistance, funds area available as this incredible opportunity is not free. Before and after care is available and the programs will again be held here at Wilde Lake Middle School.

The registration for the program, and all summer programs for kids offered by HCPSS, opens on Feb 1. These sessions fill up fast and we would love to have the WLMS student body represented.

To register, follow this link <https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/> and click Gifted and Talented on the left hand side-bar. More about each program offering will be available by following that link.

Remember, spots fill up quickly so log on to www.hcpss.org on Friday, Feb 1, 2019 to register your student. **Let's fill the house with WLMS students!**

Registration and Information – (K-9) Summer Institute:

Online registration opens on **February 1 at 6:00 p.m.** Parents will also be able to complete a registration application in person at the Homewood Center on February 1 from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

PTSA Restaurant Fundraiser

On Wednesday, February 13th the PTSA will be holding a fundraiser all day (10:30am – 10:00pm) at MOD Pizza at the Columbia Mall. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go back to the PTSA.

What Parents Need to Know About Peer Relationships and Substance Abuse

Saturday, January 26, 2019

9 – 11:15 a.m.

Oakland Mills Middle School

9540 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia 21045

Please join us for a powerful and informative session regarding peer relationships and substance abuse. Representatives from Howard County agencies will be on hand to discuss the rise in opioid use, vaping, and the role peer relationships play - both positive and negative. Participants will walkaway with great strategies to support their child. We hope you are able to attend and please bring a friend! Please register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/vuJWNU55QzxtfZ1d2>

Community News:

Please visit the [Community News and Programs](https://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs) page at [https://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/](https://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs) for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

Howard County Offering Free Food To Federal Workers

Free food will be distributed on Fridays in Columbia for workers impacted by the federal government shutdown.

With more than 10 percent of residents in Howard County affected by the government shutdown, the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services is taking action. The department will be giving away a bag of grocery items each week to those with proof of government ID.

Families of furloughed employees can pick up a bag of groceries on a first-come, first-served basis every Friday starting Jan. 25th. The free food distribution will continue until the end of the government shutdown, according to a statement from Howard County.

For more information and links to helpful resources, please click

here: <https://patch.com/maryland/columbia/howard-county-offering-free-food-federal-workers>