

January 4, 2019

Greetings WLMS!

Happy New Year! Our staff and students are creating an excellent start to 2019! We are right back into the learning routines, and we couldn't be prouder of our teachers for the time and care they take to plan lessons that engage and challenge our students. This is a good time to check in with your students about their progress and assignments in Canvas. Students received their second quarter interim reports just before Winter Break on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out now to the teachers if you have questions and concerns. We want all students to have a productive and successful January. The end of second quarter is January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Mrs. Young and her family for their recent new addition! Ryan Ethan Young was born on December 27<sup>th</sup>. He is beautiful and everyone is doing well, including big brother, Trey. We are pleased to share that Mrs. Nan Brown, a retired middle school assistant principal, will be filling in for Mrs. Young as the 7th grade and 8th grade (last names L-Z) administrator until she returns at the end of March. Mrs. Brown was most recently the assistant principal at Bonnie Branch Middle School and she is passionate about working with middle school aged students. We are very fortunate to have her join our WLMS Team!

The next general PTSA meeting is on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 (7-8:30 pm, Classroom A22)**. We will be voting on the updates to the bylaws during this meeting. We need your help to ensure that we have enough PTSA members present to have a quorum for the voting. *Please make an effort to attend the meeting on January 8, 2019, we need your vote to pass the updated bylaws.* Hope to see you then! Thank you!

Anne Swartz, James McVey, Nan Brown

Important Dates:

Jan. 8 – PTSA Meeting – 7:00pm  
Jan. 10 – Spelling Bee – 7:00pm  
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 – 8<sup>th</sup> gr FT to Hippodrome – Charlie & The Chocolate Factory  
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  
Jan. 31 – String Fling

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"Come show off your spelling skills at the annual spelling bee! The spelling bee will be on January 10th, 2019 at 7 pm in the Media Center. Study materials can be picked up from the media center or by going to [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com)."

To pre-register, send an email to [amberrphbcps@gmail.com](mailto:amberrphbcps@gmail.com) with your students name and grade OR register onsite the day of the event.

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**Important Information for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents:**

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

**Wilde Lake HS:** Scheduling Night – January 8, 2018 at 6pm

Times: Breakout Sessions: 6:00pm – 7:00pm / Scheduling Information Session: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Locations: Breakout Sessions: Individual Classrooms / Scheduling Information Session: JRT (Jim Rouse Theatre) *This event is for parents of incoming 9th graders, and also parents of current students, who would like more information regarding scheduling in preparation for the next school year. Additionally, Wilde Lake High School Staff will host breakout sessions for parents who are interested in finding out more about the following topics: Advanced Placement, Career Academies, and GT Research.*

**College and Career night @ WLHS-** January 10, 2018 at 6pm

**Atholton HS:** Scheduling and Programs Night- January 7, 2018 at 6:30pm

**Registering for high school classes:**

High school course registration forms will be sent home on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please review the teacher recommendations with your student. If you would like to alter any recommendation, 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" and return it to the guidance office by January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Deyton will be coming to 8<sup>th</sup> grade 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  
<https://www.hcpss.org/academics/approved-courses/>

Once students have registered for courses, we invite parents to login to their HCPSS Connect account to review your student's classes. For video instructions on how to access the course registration. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=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 17<sup>th</sup>**

**JROTC:** If your student wishes to apply for a position as an out of district Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadet at Atholton High School, please contact the JROTC department at 410-313-7076 to request an interview before January 11, 2019. If your student is already scheduled to go to Atholton, please have your student sign up for JROTC as a class

during the high school course registration process. Mr Deyton has extra copies of the JROTC application in the Guidance office.

Please contact Mr. Deyton with any questions or concerns at 410-313-6960 or 410-313-6957.

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**Leadership and Service Opportunity for All Middle** and High School students interested in

-Sharing the Student Voice on changes to the HCPSS Grading and Homework Policy and the Dress Code Policy in addition to Community Issues

-Gaining Leadership Skills

-Practicing Community Service

-Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

We welcome all interested students to attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

Next Meeting Wednesday 1/9 7-8:30 at the Homewood School 10914 Clarksville Pike

Ellicott City, MD 21042

For more information please contact [cindy\\_drummond@hcpss.org](mailto:cindy_drummond@hcpss.org)

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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)*

### **Community News:**

Please visit the Community News and Programs page at

<https://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.