

December 8, 2017

Greetings WLMS!

Today was an exciting day! We were pleased to welcome visitors from Uganda through Changing Destinations: Journey To Excellence, Inc. and our Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP). In addition, the students experienced their first pep rally at WLMS. The pep rally was organized through our partnership with the Howard County Youth Basketball Program and in support of the Wilde Lake Tiger Sharks' Boys and Girls Basketball Teams. Thank you to Coaches Robert Worthington, Steve Smith, and Donte Swinson, who are also WLMS parents, for inspiring our young student athletes and helping us to promote school spirit and community! The basketball season begins this weekend. Go Tiger Sharks!

We have a new, but familiar, face in the front office. Ms. Heather Godwin is our new Teacher Secretary replacing Kristy Yokum. Ms. Annette Grzybinski is now full time at WLMS as our nurse and we will be getting a half time health assistant.

### **Sectional/Seminar Attendance and Make up Work Expectations**

We recently reviewed guidelines and want to share with you so that you can reinforce expectations with your students.

#### **Sectional Attendance**

It is expected that students attend sectionals for band and orchestra. This meeting time is part of each student's grade. Mr. Messick/Mrs. Spiro understand that students may need to miss sectionals if they have a group assignment or a science/food lab, meaning an assignment that cannot be made up or has an impact on other students. A student that has an assessment must attend sectionals and should make-up the tests. Teachers will mark students absent-excused in the class they are missing.

#### **Seminar Attendance**

It is expected that students attend their seminar as part of the comprehensive GT program offered by Howard County. If missing a particular assignment would have an impact on another student or could not be made up, teachers will contact Mrs. Rawlings. Each morning the seminar rosters are sent out to teachers as a way to check which students will be absent. Students are responsible for make-up work from missed class time. Students should let Ms. Rawlings know if they are not able to attend seminar. Teachers will mark students absent-excused in the class they are missing.

#### **Make-up Work Procedures for Sectionals and Seminars**

Students will be allowed adequate time to make-up missed assignments. The same expectations are used as for a student who was out of school for an excused absence. A student gets a day to make up work per day they were absent from class. We encourage students to advocate for themselves and make their teachers aware that they will be missing class in advance and if the work is available to get their work before missing

class. It is the student's responsibility to get missing work. Teachers should support students with scheduling a time to make-up an assessment.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Enjoy the weekend & the possible snow!

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

Dec. 13 – Memory Book Club Pictures

Dec. 14 – High Schools visit WLMS

Dec. 14 – “The Good Doctor” Drama Production – 7:00 pm

Dec. 15 – “The Good Doctor” Drama Production – 7:00 pm

Dec. 15 – Y.E.S. Conference

Dec. 16 – “The Good Doctor” Drama Production – 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Dec. 18 – Winter Chorus Concert – 7:00 pm WLMS

Dec. 19 – Winter Orchestra Concert – 7:00 pm WLHS – James Rouse Theater

Dec. 20 – Interim Progress Reports Issued

Dec. 22 – GOTCHA Store

Dec. 22 – Spirit Day

Dec. 23- Jan. 1 – Winter Break – Schools Closed for Students

### **Tis the Season...**

The giving season has arrived and we want to reach out to our families in need. Please consider donating a gift card from Target, Walmart, Giant, Safeway, Visa, Mastercard, or any store you feel will best provide help to our families.

Our Guidance office will gladly receive any donation you can provide and see to it that our families receive help with a holiday meal and gifts for their children.

Any donations need to reach the Guidance Office no later than December 20<sup>th</sup> so that we can distribute them to our families. As always, your generosity and caring is appreciated and goes a long way in making the holidays merry!

### **WLMS Play – The Good Doctor**

WLMS students will be performing Neil Simon's “The Good Doctor” on December 14, 15, 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be on sale during lunch shifts and at the door. See the attached flier for more details.

### **Math Tutoring**

Math tutoring for WLMS students continues this Saturday at WLHS. See the attached flier for more details.

**PTSA KidStuff Coupon Book Fundraiser**

We are half through our KidStuff Coupon Book fundraiser. As a reminder, the WLMS PTSA is asking each student to sell a minimum of one coupon book. for \$25 each. These coupon books offer hundreds of dollars in discounts on clothing, shoes, toys, books, electronics, sporting goods, activities, food and more! Remember half of the proceeds will go to the PTSA to support ongoing activities for the students. See all 30 editions at <http://www.kidstuffcb.com/kidstuff-coupon-book-editions>