

September 21, 2018

Greetings Tiger Sharks,

Now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school, our students have mastered their schedules, locker combinations, and are settling into a productive learning routine. We encourage you to make sure homework routines are established and study skills are practiced to ensure success. Although interim reports will be issued on October 9th, please contact your student's teacher at any time to discuss areas of concern that arise.

Forty two percent of our students still need to have their Family File Emergency Card updated for the 2018-19 school year. **Students will not be able to participate in field trips or after school activities if this is not updated. Parents, please take care of this as soon as possible. Here is the link [www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect) If you need any assistance with your Family Emergency File Card, please contact our front office or guidance at 410-313-6960, and they will be happy to assist you.**

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Anne Swartz, Denise Young, James McVey

**Upcoming Dates:**

Sept. 27 – Student Fall Pictures

Sept. 28 – Spirit Day – Wear WLMS colors (blue and yellow)

Oct. 1 – Booster Club Meeting – 7:00 pm - Cafeteria

Oct. 3 - Professional Work Day – 3 hour Early Dismissal

Oct. 4 – Hearing and Vision Screening

Oct. 9 – First Quarter Interim Reports Issued

Oct. 9 – PTSA Meeting

Oct. 15 – Flu Vaccine Clinic

Oct. 16 – Fall Band Concert – 7:00pm @ WLHS James Rouse Theatre

**WLMS** is holding a **Yankee Candle Fundraiser** to support our **PBIS** (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program. Forty percent of the profits go directly to our PBIS student program. The sale begins on September 14 and goes through September 28<sup>th</sup>. See the attached flier for more details.

**Student Fall Pictures**

Student pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 am. For more information, please see the attached flier.

**WLMS Health Room Notifications!**

The annual **Hearing and Vision Screening** is scheduled for **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** (rescreening on October 9<sup>th</sup>). **All** 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as well as new students to the state of Maryland will be screened per Maryland state law. Any student who is referred by a teacher for

suspected vision or hearing problems may also be screened however a parent consent will be requested for these students.

This week a “passive” consent is being sent home with all 8<sup>th</sup> grade and “new to the state” students letting you know that this screening will be taking place. Please read this letter and notify us or the HCHD Hearing and Vision supervisor at 410-313-7210 if you have any questions.

Two important things to remember:

**If your child has glasses, please make sure that he or she wears them on the screening day October 4, 2018.**

**This vision screening does not take the place of a comprehensive eye exam.**

-----

The **Flu Vaccine Clinic**, in collaboration with the MPP (Maryland Partnership for Prevention) will be held here at WLM on **Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Once again the vaccine will be administered via injection and parent permission must be received. The consent forms will be sent out the week of Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Please read and complete it in its entirety and return it to the school by **Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**! Please remember to sign it and complete the health insurance information.

You may also sign your child up online at [www.vaccineconsent.com](http://www.vaccineconsent.com) however please do NOT fill out both a paper and online consent form.

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a serious illness that affects people of all ages. Last year was a bad flu season. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is through vaccination. We hope you will join our fight against the flu. Vaccinating your child will help him/her stay health and prevent the spread of flu to others AND will cut down on missed time from school! Stay Well!

**Confidentiality Training Course** Please remember, according to HCPSS Board Policy, all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete. **All chaperones must complete HCPSS online class before a field trip or volunteer in the school.** They must print off the certificate and return it to the front office. Here is the link <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

### **WLMS Maker Space**

The Wilde Lake Middle School Maker Space is focused on making items for our community this year. As part of an ongoing focus on community service, we are hoping to make 50 'blessing bags' before November to bring to the Grassroots Day Resource Center. Students will craft the bags at school, and write encouraging notes. We are hoping for donations of items to stuff the bags with. Please bring any items to WLMS media center. Thank you for supporting this opportunity for our students to give back. Sarah Russo, Library Media Specialist

What we're hoping for (in the bags) is listed here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4ca4ab2dabfb6-essentials>

or if you shop on Amazon...

<https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/7Sz2YIp>

**Heart & Sole Registration Now Open:**

Girls on the Run®'s middle school program, Heart & Sole®, creates a positive, structured space for girls in 6th-8th grade to develop life skills using a running-based curriculum. Teams of up to 16 girls meet twice weekly after school for 10 weeks. Each season concludes with the girls and their running buddies completing a 5k run. The fall season began the week of September 16, with the season-ending 5k scheduled for December 1 in Columbia, MD. Program registration fee is \$175 and includes 5k registration, water bottle, t-shirt, and all program materials. Financial assistance is available – no girl is turned away. Visit [www.gotrcentralmd.org](http://www.gotrcentralmd.org) for a list of program sites and to register. Questions? Call 443-583-7740.

**AACR** - African American Community Roundtable Forum will be held at WLHS on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30pm. See the attached flier for more details.

**Saturday Math Academy**

The Saturday Math Academy is held Saturday's 9-noon at Oakland Mills Middle School. The program is open to all HCPSS student's grades 3-12. Registration is required. See the attached flier for more details.

**Community Notices:**

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.