

January 3, 2020

Greetings WLMS and Happy New Year!

Our staff and students are off to an excellent start to 2020! We are right back into the learning routines, and we could not 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. 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 24th and report cards will be issued February 3rd.

Important upcoming dates:

- Jan. 6 – Winter Chorus Concert at WLMS 7:00pm (rescheduled from Dec. 16)
- Jan. 9 – 8th graders going to WLHS – Scheduling Night at WLHS 6:30pm
- Jan. 13 – Incoming parent Orientation 6:30 pm (snow date Jan. 15)
- Jan. 14 – 8th graders going to AHS – Scheduling Night at AHS 6:30pm
- Jan. 16 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan. 16 – Spring Drama Auditions after school
- Jan. 16 – 8th graders going to WLHS – Question and Answer Night at WLMS 6:30pm
- Jan. 20 – MLK Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed
- Jan. 24 – End of 2nd Marking Period
- Jan. 27 – Professional Work Day – No school for Students
- Jan. 30 – String Fling at WLHS 7:00 pm
- Jan. 31 – Spirit Day – Twin Day
- Feb. 3 – 2nd Quarter Report Cards Issued
- Feb. 4 – Schools & Offices Closed – Special Election Day

Looking ahead to summer vacation? WLMS is the host building for the GT Summer Institute Program. This enrichment program is not just for GT students and is open to all students in the county so the spots fill up quick. Scholarships are available, so please check out the link. If you have questions about this or other Summer Programs, check out their webpage (<https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>) or the program-specific emails/phone numbers included in the flyer.

Important High School Information for 8th grade parents:

Future Wilde Lake HS Students:

- January 9 – 6:30pm WLHS Scheduling Night at WLHS
- January 16 – 6:30pm Staff from WLHS come to WLMS for a Q & A Session Night. This night will be a repeat of the WLHS scheduling night on 1/9

Future Atholton HS Students:

- January 14 – 6:30pm AHS Scheduling Night at AHS

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Information for all 8th grade families:

- **Registering for High School Courses and Course Placement Review (CPR form)**
 - **Registering for High School Courses**

- High school course recommendations will be available January 8th on [HCPSS Canvas Connect](#). Once available, please review teacher's recommendations with your student.
 - Mr. Deyton will be going into 8th grade science classes on January 8th and 9th to help students register online for these and other high school courses. **All high school course registrations will be completed online and are due by January 17th.**
 - [Please click here to watch an instructional video on the course selection process](#)
 - [Please click here for the 2020-2021 HCPSS High School Course Catalog](#)
 - Once students have registered for courses on 1/8 or 1/9, we invite parents to login to their HCPSS Connect account to review their student's course requests.
 - **Course Placement Review (Course Recommendation Changes)**
 - If you would like to alter any teacher recommendation, please do the following:
 - Contact your student's teacher with questions or concerns about the recommendation.
 - Once a conversation has been had, please complete the online "Course Placement Review" form no later than **January 17th**.
 - [Please click here to watch an instructional video on the "Course Placement Review" process](#)
 - All High School course registrations will be completed on **January 17th**. Any request for changes after the 17th will be handled directly by the respective high school.
- **Innovative Pathways (preview) Information**
 - [Please click here for HCPSS Innovative Pathways \(Summer School\) Information](#)
 - **Summer School and Rising 9th Graders**
Rising 9th grade students may take courses during the Innovative Pathways Summer Program (formerly Comprehensive Summer School) for which they have met prerequisite requirements or that would be available as 9th grade course options. Credits earned will count towards high school credit and graduation requirements except where requirements include participation during grades 9 - 12 as a student officially begins high school with the start of their 9th grade academic year.
 - **Applicable Courses:**
 - Math
 - Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Algebra 2 GT, Geometry, Geometry GT, Blended Geometry GT
 - Science
 - Biology GT, Earth and Space Science
 - Social Studies
 - US History, Blended US History, Fully Online US History GT
 - World Language
 - Spanish 1, Spanish 2
 - Technology Education
 - Blended Foundations of Technology, Blended Exploring Computer Science Honors
 - Art
 - Art 1

SAVE THE DATE

Scheduling Extravaganza - January 9, 2020

All current grade 8 -11 students and families are invited to attend the Scheduling Extravaganza to discuss course requests and the scheduling process for the 2020-2021 school year on January 9, 2020 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm in the Jim Rouse Theatre. (Snow date: January 14th)

Featuring:

- Opportunities to meet numerous members of our Wilde Lake Ohana
- Information on high school scheduling opportunities in and out of Wilde Lake High
- Meet and greet with teachers and administrators
- AP potential and AP courses
- Opportunities to discuss courses and elective choices
- Gifted and Talented program information
- Dual enrollment courses at HCC
- Career Academies and program information
- Technical assistance with computer scheduling
- Spanish interpretation available

MIDDLE SCHOOL Q&A SESSIONS

Wilde Lake High School staff will hold additional scheduling Q&A sessions for our rising 9th grade students at our feeder middle schools on the following dates. This will be an opportunity to discuss any specific questions you may have about course requests and the scheduling process.

Dunloggin Middle – January 13th at 6pm

Harper's Choice Middle – January 15th at 6:30pm

Wilde Lake Middle – January 16th at 6:30pm

On **Saturday, January 11, 2020**, the Black Student Achievement Program's Saturday Math Academy will conduct a Parent Information session regarding the BSAP SMA 2020 Spring session and the *new* registration. The Parent Information session will be held at Oakland Mills High School(9410 Kilimanjaro Road, 21045) from 9 to 10:00am in the Media Center.

Parents will be informed that they must bring with them their login information for HCPSS Connect to register their child(ren) for the Spring 2020 session. Registration personnel **will not** be able to provide parents with a HCPSS Connect login.

If parents do not presently have a login for HCPSS Connect, or they have forgotten their login information, they should contact their child's school for assistance.

Registration for Spring 2020 BSAP SMA will be held on **Saturday, January 18, 2020** at Oakland Mills High School, from 9 to 12noon in the media center.

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.

In Case You Missed It:

8th grade Fieldtrip to the Hippodrome Before the break, the information brochure for the 8th grade fieldtrip was distributed to students. This fieldtrip will be held on March 6th and it is a wonderful afternoon and evening for students to enjoy a cultural experience at the Hippodrome in Baltimore. The fieldtrip will begin with dinner at the Hard Rock Café and end with a Broadway performance of “Wicked”. Attached is a copy of the brochure that was given to your child. Please be advised – only 125 tickets are available (including for chaperones) so they will sell out fast.

Jazz at the Lake – WLHS will be hosting Jazz at the Lake on January 18th. See the attached flier for more information.