

February 7, 2020

Good afternoon,

Due to the inclement weather, we started the day with a “Shelter in Place” as instructed by Central Office. We practiced this drill earlier in the school year so students knew exactly what to do, followed all directions, and did an excellent job. MAP ELA testing finished today and next week we will continue MAP testing for Math.

**Important Dates:**

Feb. 10 – Activity Day Program

Feb. 11, 12, 13, 14 – Math MAP Testing

Feb. 14 – Spirit Day – Twin Day

Feb. 13 - 21 – On-line Elective Course Registration 20/21 school year for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders

Feb. 17 – Schools & Offices Closed – Presidents’ Day

Feb. 20 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm Media Center

Feb. 21 – Taste of Soul – 6:00 pm

Feb. 28 – Spirit Day – Sock Day

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Parents: Our **lost and found** is expanding. If your child is missing their glasses, keys, fit bit, or phone please have them check in the front office. If your child is missing their lunch bag or coat, please have them check the cafeteria.

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Please join us on Friday, February 21 at 6:00 pm for our annual “Taste of Soul”. Student performances, door decorating, food, vendors, and performances by our feeder schools and more. No RSVP is necessary, but if you would like to donate something, please see the link below.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D48AAA728ABFF2-taste>

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Important information about the 2020-2021 Fine Arts/Elective Course registration process for current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders went home with report cards on Monday. Additional information will be on our website.

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Future AHS Students: will be holding dance placement auditions for those students with previous dance experience, to allow them the opportunity to place out of our Dance I level should we have room in levels II-III. The information sheet is attached. Thank you, Heather Haffey, Dance Director, AHS, 410-313-7065.

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**WLMS PTSA Spiritwear Sale!!!!** PTSA has new spirit wear commemorating WLMS 50th Anniversary!!! We have hoodies, short sleeve t-shirts, and ragland t-shirt for sale. Details at

<http://www.epiapparel.com/wil170.html> Items will be shipped to the school and distributed in late February.

Our next PTSA meeting will be Thursday, Feb 20th, 7-8:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

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### **Summer Opportunity for Middle Schoolers:**

Journey 2020 for Howard County Middle School Girls (rising 7th, 8th & 9th grade students) will be held July 12-July 18, 2020 at Washington College! Applications are due May 15, 2020; Journey applications and scholarship application can be found at [mlw.org](http://mlw.org). Financial assistance is made available by the [Women's Giving Circle of Howard County](http://www.womensgivingcircle.org).

Contact information for Maryland Leadership Workshops: 301-444-8623; [office@mlw.org](mailto:office@mlw.org); [mlw.org](http://mlw.org)

A week at Journey includes:

- workshops on topics such as empowerment and motivation, decision making, communication, self-awareness, goal setting, group dynamics, and conflict resolution
- group projects that challenge girls to apply new skills and exceed their own expectations
- team-building activities that strengthen interpersonal skills and build lasting memories
- one-on-one mentoring with members of a dedicated and highly trained staff.

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Great News! Wilde Lake Middle School is once again partnering with Smile Programs to offer in-school dental care. Best of all, in most cases **there is no cost to you if your child is insured with Medicaid or CHIP!** Private insurance and affordable self-pay options are also available. **Date of in school clinic: Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** See the attached flier for more information.

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**Summer Student Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities -HCASC meeting 2/12 7:00pm-8:30pm** HCASC serves as a way for students to gain the skills they need to work alongside parents, teachers, and administrators to shape their school communities. HCASC (The Howard County Association of Student Councils) **welcomes ALL students** to our meetings those involved in Student Council and those interested in learning how to **share their student voice to strengthen their school communities through extra curricular clubs, sports, and the arts.**

HCASC **Welcomes All Middle and High School Students** to attend HCASC Meetings the second Wednesday evening of each month at the Homewood School 10914 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, MD 21042

- Middle and High School students who attend will-
- Work with student leaders from across HCPSS
  - Meet with the Student Member of the Board of Education
  - Gain Leadership Skills
  - Turn ideas into actions

- Learn about Leadership and Community Service opportunities
- Practice civic engagement and serve as an informed citizens

**Next Meeting Wednesday 2/12 7:00pm-8:30pm at the Homewood School**

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

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**HC DrugFree Update Free Parenting Classes:** HC DrugFree and the State's Attorney's Office will offer another series of parenting classes for parents of children age 9-14. This is an evidence-based, interactive prevention program that provides the families of with the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. Class dates: March 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Oakland Mills Middle School. **Flier attached.** Hurry to register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/March2020oms>

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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.