

October 23, 2020

Happy Friday WLMS community!

I would like to take this moment to uplift we are winding down to our final 9 days of instruction for the first marking period. Reminder, unlike years past the end of the 1st marking period equates the halfway point for your student's full year courses. Please take the time this weekend to have your student log into Canvas to check grades and missing assignments. If you notice your student is struggling in a course encourage them to engage in the offered daily support sessions at 8:30am and 2:55pm. We are noticing a direct correlation between students with grades below a C and their lack of attendance to those sessions. We appreciate all you are doing to assist your students and work collaboratively with the school to ensure our students are staying engaged and maximizing their instructional opportunities.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve such a dedicated school community. Thank you for joining our staff and students in MAKING GREAT THINGS HAPPEN.

Have a great weekend,
Mr. Rattay

Important Dates:

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day – Schools & Offices closes

Friday, November 6 – end of 1st Quarter – 3 hour Early Dismissal Schedule

Monday, November 16 – 1st Quarter Report Cards Issued

Friday, November 20 – Spirit Day – Sports Team Gear Day

Monday, November 23 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3 hour Early Dismissal Schedule

Tuesday, November 24 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3 hour Early Dismissal Schedule

Wednesday, November 25 – No School for Students

Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27 – Schools & Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Community News

Med Take Back Day

On Saturday, October 24th, Howard County Drug Free will be holding a drive – thru drug take back day at Wilde Lake Village Center from 10-2. See the attached flier for more details.

P.S. this is for all medications, including pet prescriptions, needles, syringes and EpiPens.

WLHS Trick or Treat

My name is Michelle Enomanna, a former WLMS student and I'm the treasurer of the Wilde Lake High School Orchestra. On behalf of them, I wanted to let you know about an event we are having for the community. Because of the current circumstances, the orchestra is holding a drive-through trick or treat on Halloween from 3-6 pm. All are welcome and we wanted to add some joy to the community this Halloween.

In Case you Missed It:

Heritage Speakers of Spanish Testing

The Office of World Languages will be testing our Heritage Speakers of Spanish to establish high school placement on November 17th. Attached, is a flyer in Spanish with more information about the assessment.

Middle and High School Essay Contest

The Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission is holding an essay contest. Use your writing skills and answer the essay question. Monetary prizes awarded and the deadline is October 30th. See the attached flier for more details.

WLMS PTSA is still accepting memberships. Please consider joining and support our PTSA in supporting our students. Join the PTSA on our new site:

<https://tigersharks.new.memberhub.store/>

Family File Completion

We ask all Wilde Lake parents/families to complete the Family File in HCPSS Connect so we have updated contact information and so families receive all school communications. You can find the login at <https://www.hcpss.org/connect/> and an

explanation of the easy process at <https://www.hcpss.org/connect/guides/#family-file-guides>.

Attendance Contact Information

If your student has to miss class due to illness or medical appointments please send us an email at WLMSabsence@hcpss.org and we will update their attendance.