

October 30, 2020

Happy Friday WLMS Family,

As this quarter comes to an end, please remember to check Canvas for any outstanding work that has not been submitted and get it done this weekend. Quarter 2 begins November 9th. Parents and students can check on Canvas to see their quarter 2 classes.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend. Stay healthy and safe.

Chris Rattay, Principal
WLMS

Important Dates:

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

Friday, November 6 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal Schedule – end of 1st quarter

Monday, November 9 – 2nd Quarter Begins

Friday, November 13 – Families can begin to schedule Parent/Teacher conferences in HCPSS Connect

Wednesday, November 16 – Parent Night – Your Child and their Mental Health & Wellness

Monday & Tuesday, November 23-24 – 3 hour Early Dismissal Schedule for Conferences

Wednesday, November 25 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday & Friday, November 26-27 – Thanksgiving Holiday – Schools & Offices closed

WLMS News

Save the Date for a virtual evening event the night of November 16th as WLMS Student Services Staff in Partnership with NAMI of Howard County host a Virtual Parent Night focusing on Your Child and their Mental Health and Wellness. More information will be coming next week.

HCPSS News

HCPSS Invites Stakeholder Input on the School Resource Officer Program: The Howard County Public School System invites students, parents and guardians, staff members and community stakeholders to share their input about the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program in HCPSS schools. Feedback about the program may be provided by emailing SROinput@hcpss.org. All messages will be reviewed; however, due to the anticipated volume, individual responses should not be expected. The feedback provided will inform HCPSS' ongoing review of the roles, purpose and outcomes of SROs in Howard County schools. An update was presented at the October 22, 2020 Board meeting.

Stakeholder Input on Spring Semester Instructional Model: Parents/guardians, students, staff and other stakeholders may provide input and feedback to the Board of Education regarding the spring semester instructional model by emailing spring-input@hcpss.org. The Board will review all emails; however, due to the anticipated volume, individual responses should not be expected.

Community Events

Trick or Treat – Saturday, October 31st, the WLHS Strings Supporters will be holding a drive-through trick-or-treating at WLHS. Anyone is welcome to drive through for spooky music and a bag of candy. With sanitized packages, masks, and social distancing, it is Halloween done COVID safe.

A Taste of Howard County – A group of HCPSS high school students through the organization **Leadership U**, has created a cookbook from over 150 area residents. Proceeds from this sale will be donated to the Starlight Foundation. Order deadline is November 9th. See the attached flier for more information.

Howard County Library Podcast: Hope and Halloween

Listen to latest teen-led podcast episode which has an important segment on mental health. The HoCoCast teens speak with Amanda Ganoë, of Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center and discuss: keeping up mental health and wellness during Covid; how to receive mental health help if inhibited by price or lack of support; steps to minimize procrastination and stay organized and implementing self-care and stress-coping practices in everyday life.

Of course, the HoCoCast team also tackles scary tropes, debates Halloween candy preferences, and provides spine-tingling reviews of books and more to get you in the spirit!

<https://hclibrary.org/community-education/hococast/>