

Newsletter 11.1.19

It has been an exciting week at WLMS. Our Fall Orchestra Concert was held on Tuesday evening. Ms. Dice's orchestra students did an exceptional job and we look forward to the spring concert. If you haven't checked out the band, orchestra, chorus and drama productions, you are truly missing the great work our students are achieving. Our Performing Arts Department will be very busy in December with student performances including a Jazz Presentation, the Winter Choral Concert, and our Drama Production "A Night of Comedy". Check our website for dates and times.

Please remember to check your Family File that the information has been updated. We have had students who miss their bus and don't know who to call for a ride home. Check to make sure your phone numbers are accurate and add individuals, as needed, for emergency contacts. Also, students are not allowed to attend any fieldtrip until your Family File has been updated. Take a moment this weekend with the extra hour of time, and review your information.

Have a great weekend, and don't forget to reset your clocks.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 1 – End of first Quarter – 3 hour Early Dismissal
Nov. 4-6 – 6th grade Outdoor Education
Nov. 5 – Vision and Hearing Screening
Nov. 5 – JROTC visit 8th graders
Nov. 6 – 7 & 8 gr. Chorus FT to WLHS
Nov. 7 – Student Picture Retake Day
Nov. 8 – 8th grade Fieldtrip to DC
Nov. 11 – Report Cards Issued
Nov. 11 – Performing Arts Booster Meeting 7:00pm

Fall student picture retake day is Thursday, November 7th. If your child missed the September date, is new to WLMS, or you are not happy with their picture, retakes will happen at 8:00am on November 7th. Attached is an order form if you need it. If you need a re-take, please send in the original picture envelope with your child on Thursday.

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences

The conferences will be held Monday through Wednesday, November 25th – 27th. Each teacher has indicated the times that they will be available to hold conferences. The **scheduling window opens** on Monday, November 11 at 8:00AM and **will close** on Friday, November 22.

Attached are written directions on how to schedule a parent/teacher conference or you can check out this video for how to schedule a conference <https://youtu.be/QcMwkkIgkls> If you need additional assistance, please contact Jessica Perez in the Student Services Office.

FYI's from WLMS Health Room

Our annual Maryland State Mandated Hearing and Vision Screening will be taking place here on **Tuesday, November 5th! All 8th grade students as well as new students to the state of Maryland that don't have a record of prior hearing and vision screening within the last 12**

months will be screened. Your child will receive these screenings unless you object for religious reasons. Please send a letter to your child's school if you choose to opt out of this screening.

In addition, any 6th or 7th grade students who have been **referred** by a staff member who has concerns about students hearing and/or vision may be screened however we would need a parent permission slip signed. If your child was referred you should have received a permission slip. Please sign and return to the school ASAP.

Additional Reminders:

- If your child has glasses, please make sure that he or she wears them or brings them on the screening day.
- A vision screening does NOT take the place of a comprehensive eye exam.
- If your child does not pass either the vision or hearing screen you will receive a letter advising to take your child for further evaluation. The Health Room will contact you for follow up over the next several months.
- **The Re-Screen date is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th!**

If you have any questions/concerns please do not hesitate to call the Health Room at 410-313-8940

Lost and Found – we have many items in our lost and found. If your child did not come home with a jacket, sweatshirt, lunchbox, etc...please check the lost and found. All items not claimed after Conference Week, will be donated to charity.

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:

JROTC If your student is interested in hearing more about the JROTC program at Atholton High School, please have them sign up in the Guidance Office for the information session on November 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Deyton, 8th grade counselor.

CTE (Career and Technology Education) is holding two information nights on November 13 and December 10 from 7-9pm at the Applications and Research Laboratory. Please check the flyer for all the great opportunities for students.

WLMS Performing Arts Boosters The WLMS Boosters general membership will be holding a meeting Monday, November 11th, 2019 at 7 to 8 PM. We will hold the meeting in the FACS room and are excited to welcome our members! If anyone has not had the opportunity to join us but wishes to do so, they can visit our website <https://wlmsperformingartsboosters.weebly.com/>