

Information from the Lake – November 8, 2019

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. **To allow equitable access to our staff, we ask that parent/guardians schedule conferences only for those classes for which there are concerns. Unlike your experience in elementary school, middle level educators do not have a slot for each and every student. So, please be strategic about who you'd like to see and mindful of the need for your neighbors to have the same access.** As always, if you have a pressing concern, you are welcome to contact the teacher directly, to discuss it outside of the county conference window.

The *scheduling window opens* on **Monday, November 11 at 8:00 am** and *will close* on **Friday, November 22 at 11:59 pm**.

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>

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 coat rack in the cafeteria. All items not claimed after Conference Week, will be donated to charity.

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 11 – Report Cards Issued
- Nov. 11 – Performing Arts Booster Meeting 7:00pm
- Nov. 13 – Vision and Hearing Rescreening
- Nov. 14 – GOTCHA Store during lunch shifts
- Nov. 15 – 8th grade “Lock-in”
- Nov. 18 – 22 – American Education Week
- Nov. 18 – 27 – Book Fair
- Nov. 20 – PTSA Chipotle Fundraiser – See attached flier
- Nov. 21 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm
- Nov. 22 – Spirit Day – Jersey Day
- Nov. 25 – 26 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Conferences
- Nov. 27 - No school for Students
- Nov. 28 – 29 – Thanksgiving Break – Schools and Offices Closed

On Thursday, November 14 we will hold our first GOTCHA Store. Students are allowed to come during their lunch shift and “purchase” items from the Store using their paper GOTCHA’s they receive by following the WLMS way of being respectful, responsible, ready and safe.

HCASC (Howard County Association of Student Councils) 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 11/13 7-8:30pm at the Homewood School
For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

JROTC Out of District 2020 Application Deadlines:

If your child is interested in attending JROTC in high school, please see the important information below:

- Window to request an interview – 2 December 2019 - 3 January 2020 (Atholton: Lieutenant Colonel William Reinhart, Senior Army Instructor, william_reinhart@hcpss.org or (410) 313-7076)
 - Final date for interviews – 10 January 2020
 - Submission of approval/denial/waitlist list – NLT 17 January 2020
 - Distribution of approval/denial/waitlist letters – 24 January 2020
 - Deadline for approved candidates to contact registrar office – 31 January 2020
- <https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2019/10/apply-for-jrotc-december-2-2019-january-3-2020/>

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:

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/>