

Newsletter 2.14.2020

Greetings WLMS,

We want to thank our staff and students for their focus and dedication during the final week of MAP testing. Remember that Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> is Presidents' Day Holiday. Schools and Offices are closed. The end of next week please join us for this year's **"Taste of Soul" Black History Month Celebration@ WLMS on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.** This year's celebration will be a fun-filled night of music, great food, and great friends. The "Taste of Soul" celebration will take place at WLMS.

If you are looking for something this weekend to occupy your time, the WLMS Everyday Jazz Band will be performing tomorrow, February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival at noon. The Festival is at the Hilton Hotel and Executive Meeting Center in Rockville, MD. See the attached notice for more information and other guests that will be performing.

**Important Dates:**

- 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 of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders:** 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. Course recommendations are made through CANVAS now through February 21. Additional information on how to sign up is on our website along with a video to tell you about the courses. <http://wlms.hcpss.org>

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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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**Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders: WICKED – Hippadrome Field Trip**

There are still PLENTY of tickets available for the field trip for dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe and the Hippodrome Theater to see "Wicked" on Friday, March 6th. Student tickets are \$100, and chaperone tickets are also \$100. You can put a deposit down of \$50 and pay the rest by Feb. 28th. Permission slips must be signed and returned even if you pay online.  
Due Date: Feb. 28th

Click this link for more information:

<https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/34491/pages/8th-grade-information>

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Future Atholton High School 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.

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### Summer School Programs

If you are interested in requesting your child participate in a summer program, please click the link below for information on HCPSS Summer School Programs.

<https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>

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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 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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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.