

TIGER SHARK TIMES

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Wilde Lake Middle School,

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place November 24th through November 26th. Please be sure to see the last page of this week's Tiger Shark Times for detailed information about scheduling conferences. In addition, please note that report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday, November 12th.

Our numbers for students without updated/verified emergency contact information have improved, but we still continue to have many families who have not updated/verified their emergency information for this school year. The option to update/verify this information is no longer available online. Paper copies and letters were sent home with students who do not have updated information for this school year. If you are in need of another paper copy, please contact the front office. Please note that any student who does not have this information completed by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12th, will be excluded from a portion of our PBIS Activity Day, on Friday, November 14th. In addition, any 8th grade student who has not completed their emergency contact information, by the designated date, will not be allowed to attend the 8th Grade Lock-In scheduled for the evening of Friday, November 14th.

Sincerely,
Lisa R. Smithson
Principal
Wilde Lake Middle School



Tips for School Success:

Connect with your kids' teachers. Parent-teacher conferences are in November. Attending this meeting should be a priority for all parents and guardians. This is your chance to see how things are going with your children and to partner with their teachers on improving performance. Ask: "What could we be doing at home to practice what they're learning?" National PTA has created grade-by-grade Parent Guides that can be a resource for what to discuss at conferences. Find out more at pta.org/parentsguide.

(For more information, visit: <http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>)

WLMS INFORMATION

FLU MIST CLINIC

On November 12th, WLMS will hold a FluMist Clinic for students during the school day. Consent forms will be accepted through Monday, November 10th. If you are interested in having your student participate, please be sure to return the consent form by this extended deadline. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Godwin or Ms. Grzybinski at 410-313-6957.

8TH GRADE LOCK-IN:

Information for the Annual 8th Grade Lock-In was sent home with students several weeks ago. The 8th Grade Lock-In is in jeopardy of being canceled due to low participation. If your student is interested in participating, permission slips and payment must be submitted by Monday, November 10th. This annual event will be held on Friday, November 14th, from 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. The cost is \$30.00 and permission slips and payment are due to homeroom teachers no later than November 10th. For more information, visit www.8thgradewlms.weebly.com or contact Ms. Drakes. Please consider volunteering for this event, as we need your help for it to be successful. If you are available to volunteer please sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0949afa82da64-volunteer>.

WLMS BOOK FAIR:

WLMS will hold a Scholastic Book Fair during parent/teacher conference week (November 24th-November 26th). Students will have the opportunity to preview the Book Fair during the school day on November 20th and 21st. Sales will be open to students during the school day as well as during afternoon and evening conference times. Ms. Russo and Ms. Todd are in need of volunteers to assist with setting up the Book Fair on the

afternoon of Wednesday, November 19th and with sales from November 24th-November 26th. Please contact Ms. Russo if you are available to volunteer any of your time.

In addition, Book Fair products can be ordered online at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/wildelakemiddleschool>. The online fair is available for an extended time, and all orders are guaranteed to ship FREE to our school. It also provides a chance for you and your child to create and send wish lists to invite friends and family to participate in the Book Fair, and offers an expanded book selection for all ages—from preschool to adult. All in-school and online Book Fair purchases benefit our school. Thank you for your support!

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK:

American Education Week will take place during the week of November 17th. We encourage parents to come and visit their student's classes during this week to observe all of the awesome learning activities that take place at WLMS. Come for a short time or for the whole day. Either way, we are looking forward to receiving our parents into the building during this week.

COUNCIL OF ELDERS MSA CELEBRATION:

The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County in partnership with HCPSS will hold its Annual MSA Celebration on November 20th, at Oakland Mills High School, at 6:00 p.m. Notifications have been mailed home. We look forward to celebrating our students achievements.

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 10th-November 20th-
Pick-A-Time Available

November 10th @ 7:00 p.m.-
WLMS NHS Induction Ceremony

November 11th @ 7:00 p.m.-
PTSA Meeting

November 12th-
Report Cards Issued
Flu Mist Clinic

November 14th-
PBIS Activity Day

November 14th @ 7:00 p.m.-
1:00 a.m.-
8th Grade Lock-In

November 17th @ 5:30 p.m.-
ODE Parent Information Session

November 17th-21st-
American Education Week

November 17th @ 7:30 a.m.-
Straight "A's" Celebration

November 18th @ 7:00 p.m.-
Booster Meeting

November 24th-26th-
WLMS Book Fair
Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 24th and 25th-
3-Hour Early Dismissal

November 26th-
No School For Students

November 27th-28th-
Schools Closed for Thanksgiving

MORE INFORMATION

WLMS 6TH GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATION FIELD TRIP:

Information about Outdoor Education (ODE) was sent home with 6th graders on Thursday. This fun-filled field trip which supports our science curriculum as well as promotes environmental literacy will be held from April 7th through April 10th. A general parent information night will take place on Monday, November 17th at 5:30 p.m. Please plan to attend to find out more about this meaningful experience. Please also be sure to return the "Intent Form" by November 21st, so that we can continue moving forward with our plans. If you have questions, please feel free to contact 6th Grade Team Leader, Jackie Vernon, at jackie_vernon@hcpss.org.

PTSA NEWS:

WLMS PTSA FUNDRAISER: WLMS is now participating in one of the easiest fundraisers! With the Holidays fast approaching and lots of shopping on our "to do lists," please consider shopping at [Amazon Smile](#) through the link below. For every qualifying purchase WLMS will receive .5%. All you need to do is choose WLMS as your charity. This is a great way to raise money by simply clicking the link. Happy Shopping! The link is also on the WLMS PTSA website.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0606092>

FALL FUNDRAISER PICK-UP: Fall Fundraiser items are here and ready for pick up. Items ordered through Lavenders will be available for pick up on Tuesday night, Nov 11 at 6:45pm in the media center prior to the WLMS PTSA meeting. If you can't make the meeting please contact Nancy Murray at nancymurray2@verizon.net to arrange another time.

WLMS PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTERS:

Sign up and join the WLMS Performing Arts Boosters Group by visiting <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/WLMSBoosters/info>, and clicking "Join." A yahoo account is not needed to join the group. Stay up to date on all the latest performing arts news this way.

HOWARD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS:

The Howard County Association of Student Councils brings together middle and high school students from all over the county on the second Wednesday of every month to:

- Develop leadership skills.
- Network with student leaders from across the county.
- Learn how to work with adult leaders.
- Find out about opportunities to serve on school system committees and county boards.

The focus of November's meeting (November 12th) will be "Food for Thought". Students will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion of how they are impacted by current food policies.

For more information, go to the [HCASC website](#).

MORE INFORMATION

FUTURE ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AND BAND STUDENTS:

Orchestra and Band students who will be attending Atholton High School and their parents are invited to an information night on Wednesday, November 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the music suite at Atholton High School. You will get to meet the directors and current students, find out about auditions and registering for classes and get all of your questions answered. For more information contact Orchestra Director, Mr. Woomert at james_woomert@hcpss.org or Band Director, Mr. Posner at eric_posner@hcpss.org

ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL'S FALL PRODUCTION:

Atholton High School's fall show is the hilarious comedy "You Can't Take It With You" Performances are on Saturday, November 8th, Friday, November 14th and Saturday, November 15th @ 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 9th @ 3:00 p.m. Come see love, fireworks, J-men, ballet, Russian royalty, and more! Just a quiet evening at home with the Sycamores.

You Can't Take It With You tickets are on sale now online: <http://www.atholtondrama.org/> for \$10 (\$12 at the door).

ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS:

Atholton HS Music Boosters' popular citrus fruit sale is underway. Order the freshest of Florida's citrus and mammoth pecans in time for Thanksgiving. Visit: www.atholtonmusic.org and click on the fruit fundraiser to see order forms or pay via PayPal on the site. Questions: contact Linda Corso, ahsmusicfruitsales@gmail.com 301-490-8598. The first month's orders are due by November 7th. Pick up is at the high school on November 22. Citrus is a healthy and delicious snack and makes a great holiday gift.



CONFERENCE NEWS

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place November 24th-26th. We will conduct conferences on the following dates:

Monday, November 24th afternoon	12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 24th evening	5:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, November 25th afternoon	12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 25th evening	5:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday, November 26th morning*	8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 26th afternoon*	12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

** Only teachers unable to attend evening conferences will be available during the day on Wednesday.*

The Pick-A-Time Conference Scheduling System will be turned on Monday, November 10, 2014 through Thursday, November 20th.

<https://pickatime.com/hcpss.html>

Directions for Using PickATime

Your child's student ID number is required to access the Pick-A-Time conference scheduling system. Your child's student ID number may be found on his/her schedule; report card being sent home on November 12, 2014; or may be requested, in person at Wilde Lake Middle School.

The Pick-A-Time Conference Scheduling System may be accessed (1) by selecting the Pick-A-Time link from the HCPSS website (www.hcpss.org); or (2) by selecting the Pick-A-Time link on the Wilde Lake Middle School website (<http://wlms.hcpss.org>). Directions for using Pick-A-Time are also available on both the HCPSS and the WLMS websites. It is to your benefit to schedule your conferences early as appointments fill up quickly.

