

TIGER SHARK TIMES

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Wilde Lake Middle School,

This week we held our performing arts concerts. Our phenomenal chorus, orchestra, and band performed for families and friends of WLMS. All of our groups are truly amazing. I would like to congratulate each student who performed at our concerts this week, and at the Music in the Parks competition that took place last Friday in Hershey, PA. At the event, Symphonic Band finished in second place and earned an "Excellent" rating; Orchestra finished in first place with an "Excellent" rating; Chorus finished with a first place win and a "Superior" rating, and Jazz Band finished with a first place win and a "Superior" rating. In addition, Chorus, Orchestra and Jazz Band all won the "Overall" award, and our very own Madelyn Armes was awarded "Best Soloist" for the middle school/junior high division.

As our school year is quickly drawing to an end, I would like to remind all of our students and families that our expectations remain the same until the very last day of school. Please make sure that students are focused on their learnings in class, that they are completing and turning in quality work, and that they are coming to school prepared each day with the necessary school supplies. We want all of our students to end this year in a positive, successful manner.

Sincerely,
Lisa R. Smithson
Principal
Wilde Lake Middle School



Tips for School Success:

Minimize summer brain drain. Look for fun ways to keep your children's academic skills sharp during the warm weather ahead. Consider signing them up for camps, and visit nature centers, museums, and libraries as a family.

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

MORE INFORMATION

UPCOMING 8TH GRADE EVENTS:

June 5th- 8th Grade visit to their assigned high school

June 6th- 8th Grade Harbor Cruise Field Trip (\$60.00)

June 18th- 8th Grade Farewell Ceremony @ 6:00 p.m. @ the Jim Rouse Theater. If you have any questions about the upcoming 8th grade events, please contact Ms. Drakes.

AFTER SCHOOL AT THE LAKE SURVEY:

If your student participated in our After School at the Lake program at any time during this school year, please take a few moments to complete this very brief, very important survey from the Bridges office. We hope to continue to run this program under the Bridges grant, and your feedback is essential. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Family2014>

CONCUSSION BASELINE TESTING:

All student athletes are required to undergo concussion baseline testing in order to participate in sports activities in high school.

Students attending Wilde Lake High School Next Year:

The dates for the testing at WLHS are:

Aug 7, 8 @ 1 p.m.

Aug 11 @ 4 p.m.

Aug12 @ 1 p.m.

The athletic trainer at WLHS is Alli Hammond. She can be contacted at allih@prosportscare.com. You MUST schedule an appointment in order to attend the baseline concussion testing.

Students attending Atholton High School Next Year:

Sign up for testing is located at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0544AFA623A13-incoming>

Appointments will be scheduled on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION:

Some families have started to inquire about next school year's Outdoor Education field trip dates for our sixth grade students. Please note, and help pass the word to our rising 6th grade families, that our Outdoor Education trip will take place at North Bay, April 7th, 2015- April 10th 2015. More information about the trip will be shared after the start of the school year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 30th-
WLMS Talent Show

June 5th-
High School Visit Day

June 5th-
7th Grade Field Trip to D.C.

June 6th-
8th Grade Harbor Cruise Field Trip

June 13th @ 7:00 p.m.-
BSAP Closing Ceremony

June 18th, 19th & 20th-
3-Hour Early Dismissal

June 18th @ 6:00 p.m.-
8th Grade Farewell Ceremony

June 20th-
Last Day of School

COMMUNITY NEWS

NATIONAL AQUARIUM'S ANNUAL GRADE "A" STUDENT NIGHT

National Aquarium's Annual Grade "A" Student Night will be Thursday, June 26, 2014, 6:00 -9:00 p.m. Students must have 3 A's (or equivalent) in any marking period. Free for student w/report card; one adult also free. Other family members are \$5.00. Register online at www.aqua.org/gradeastudent, or call 410.659.4200.

HOPE WORKS

HopeWorks is accepting applications for their Youth Leadership Projects 2014/2015 school year. The projects are service-learning programs promoting healthy relationships and peaceable living. Open to youth ages 13-18, youth leaders explore violence prevention concepts including media literacy, bystander intervention, cultural relativity, sexualized bullying and safe use of technology. To apply visit the HopeWorks [website](#) to download an application or contact Vanita Leatherwood at (410) 997 -0304.

ATHOLTON SWIM CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Sun., May 25, 1-5 p.m., and Sat. May 31, 12-4 p.m. Allview Estates, 6731 Seneca Drive, Columbia MD. Offering Red Cross Learn to Swim Lessons, and competitive CMSL Swim Team. All levels of membership are now available. For more information go to www.atholtonswimclub.com or email atholtonswimclub.membership@gmail.com

ATHOLTON SWIM CLUB TRIATHLON

Atholton Swim Club 5th annual MMTC Kids Triathlon Benefiting Neighbor Ride and Athletes Serving Athletes. Sun. June 29, 9 a.m. Location: Atholton Swim Club 6741 Seneca Drive, Columbia. Registration opens Mar. 3. <http://asctriathlon.wikispaces.com/>

ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

The Atholton Athletic Boosters Summer Sports Camps start in June and continue through August for boys and girls who are incoming 3rd graders thru incoming 9th graders. The camps are an excellent way for young athletes to develop skills and gain exposure to high school coaches and players. Tuition for each camp is \$135 and will include a t-shirt, individual skills testing, specialized instruction from qualified staff members, guest speakers, and daily awards. Register online at <http://www.atholtonboosters.org/athletics/boosters/fundraising/summer-camps>

SOCCER ASSOCIATION OF COLUMBIA

Soccer Association of Columbia is now registering players for SAC Training Academy Summer Camps scheduled throughout the summer. Players of all abilities, ages 5 to 14 years old, will take part in SAC's new professionally run summer camp. Both full and half days sessions are offered. SAC also offers extended care from 4-6 p.m. for an additional fee. Go to www.sackick.com to register. For more information, contact asksac@sac-hc.org.

STRESSLESS TEST

Summer Study Skills Camps to be held the weeks of August 4th, 11th and 18th. Middle school classes meet from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m., during the weeks of Aug. 4th-8th and 11th-15th. High School classes meet from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., during August 11th-15th and 9th-11th and August 18th -22nd, Monday-Friday. All classes meet at the Owen Brown Community Association building in Columbia. To register, go to www.Stresslesstests.org. For more information, contact Betty Caldwell at 410 740-4659, or Bcaldwell@comcast.net.



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