

# TIGER SHARK TIMES

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Wilde Lake Middle School,

Please note that Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin with a GT Parent Orientation at 6:30 pm for families who are new to the GT Program, followed by our Back to School Night activities at 7:00 pm.

Our format will be a bit different this year, parents will begin in their students homeroom class, where general announcements and an administrative presentation will be done via broadcast from our Eye Opener studio. During this time in homeroom, you will receive a copy of your students daily schedule to follow throughout the evening, and will have approximately ten minutes in each class. Please be sure to ask your student in which room they meet for homeroom.

Beginning at 6:30, and throughout the evening, our media specialist Sarah Russo, will be available in the computer lab to provide Family Portal assistance. We will especially focus on assisting with completing / updating your online emergency information.

We respectfully ask for your understanding that this is not the time for one-on-one conferences with staff members. If you have a concern, please feel free to contact the teacher directly via email or by calling the school. The program for Back to School Night is geared specifically for parents, so we recommend that students remain at home. If you do need to bring your student with you, please be sure to have them remain with you during the entire program. As always, parking is at a premium, so carpool if you can!

Sincerely,  
Lisa R. Smithson  
Principal  
Wilde Lake Middle School



**Tips for School Success:**  
Utilize your students Agenda Book as a resource and tool. The beginning pages of the Agenda Book contain our Student Handbook. In it, you will find important HCPSS policies, as well as WLMS rules and procedures. On page 18, you will find the A-Day/B-Day schedule for the entire year, to help your student plan. Encourage your student to use the planner section to record all assignments, projects and upcoming tests and quizzes.

# WLMS INFORMATION

## STUDENT SCHEDULES:

Thank you so much with your patience as we worked through the issues with our master schedule. Please know that as of Friday afternoon, the issue with our master schedule has been resolved and all student schedule change requests due to testing, and other course selection requests have been processed. Any student with a change to their schedule will begin their new schedules on Monday. Please know that our teachers are fully prepared to make this a smooth transition for all students who have changes to their schedules.

## NEW VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

WLMS has received a new visitor management system. When a visitor comes to the school, they will need to come directly to our front office to sign in with this new electronic device. Visitors should bring a driver's license in order to use the system, and a badge with their picture will be printed.

## AFTER SCHOOL @ THE LAKE:

Session I of After School at the Lake (Bridges) will run from September 23rd through December 11th. This year, our first session will be by invite only. Invitations will be given to students who met a specific criteria as outlined by the Bridges grant that funds the program. We hope to open Sessions 2 and 3 to all students, but we will keep you informed as those sessions approach. Student applications to invited students were due on Friday, September 5th. If you

have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Danielle Healey or Marion Carter.

## ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT:

HCPSS has a new online system in which families can make payments for certain items online, using a credit card. Currently WLMS families have the ability to purchase WLMS P.E. uniforms using this service. Log onto our website at [wlms.hcpss.org](http://wlms.hcpss.org) to access this new service.

## EARN MONEY FOR WLMS:

Earn money for WLMS by designating our school on your shopping cards; encourage your friends and families to do the same. This is a great way to support our school.

## GIANT BONUSBUCKS PROGRAM:

Log onto [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) to register  
Our school ID # is 01018

## SAFEWAY eSCRIP:

Log onto [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) to register  
Enter school name or group number: 6680699

## Harris Teeter:

Visit [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com)

## Target Take Charge of Education:

Register your Target REDcard  
Our school ID is 58063

## BOXTOP\$ FOR EDUCATION

Clip your Boxtop\$ for Education and turn them into the front office.

## Labels for Education

Clip your Labels for Education and turn them into the front office.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**September 9th @ 7:00-**  
PTSA Meeting

**September 10th @ 6:30-**  
GT Parent Orientation

**September 10th @ 7:00-**  
Back To School Night

**September 11th-**  
Vision and Hearing Re-Screening

**September 12th-**  
Schools Closed for Students

**September 16th-**  
Student Fall Pictures

**September 16th @ 7:00-**  
Boosters Meeting

**September 25th-**  
Rosh Hashanah, Schools Closed

**October 2nd-**  
Quarter 1 Progress Reports Issued



## MORE INFORMATION

### **PTSA NEWS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Please sign up for your 2014-15 PTSA membership! Your dues help support many events and activities at our school. Membership/Directory forms came home in the first-day folder - please send in the completed form and your dues in an envelope marked "PTSA". Or sign up online here: <http://wlmsptsa.weebly.com/join-us.html> - you can even pay through PayPal! You can also sign up at the PTSA table at Back to School Night.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their forms and dues! PTSA Membership cards have already been sent home with your student, as has the car magnet with the new school logo (for those who got the \$20 family membership). Didn't get yours? Please check your student's locker. Contact Michelle Wood with any questions: [michelle\\_wood@verizon.net](mailto:michelle_wood@verizon.net)

**YAHOO LIST:** New families: are you on our PTSA Yahoo list yet? Please sign up and stay informed! Email Lada Onyshkevych at [lada2@verizon.net](mailto:lada2@verizon.net). You will receive an invitation to join from Yahoo - you must actually accept the invitation! Check your spam folder if you don't see your invitation.

**FUNDRAISING:** Thank you to everyone who has sent in a direct donation!

Please take a look at the Fundraiser packet from Lavender's that came home in the first-day folder.

Orders are due Sept. 15. Please contact Nancy Murray if you have questions: [nancymurray2@verizon.net](mailto:nancymurray2@verizon.net)

At Back to School Night, the PTSA table will have Spirit Wear and chocolates with the school logo for sale - come check it out!

**FIRST MEETING:** PTSA meetings are regularly held on the second Tuesday of each month of the school year, at 7:00 pm in the Media Center. Our first meeting of the year will take place Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7:00 pm - this one will be in Room D-1 because of another event at the school the same evening.

You do NOT have to come to meetings just because you are a member, but we hope you will join us! It's a great way to find out what's going on at your child's school.

### **LET'S GO HOCO 5K RACE AND 1 MILE FUN RUN:**

The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) is excited to host Let's Go HoCo, its inaugural 5K race and 1 mile fun run on Sunday, October 12 in Columbia. The race is a great way to bring together students, families, staff and Howard County community members to promote health and wellness. The race will include beginners, intermediate and professional level athletes. View event information and register today at [www.hcps5k.com](http://www.hcps5k.com).

