

September 11, 2015

Dear WLMS Families,

Thank you for coming out to participate in our Back-To-School Night (B-T-S-N) this week! We hope you found the sessions to be engaging and informative! A special thank you to our PTA for their strong support and presence. If you have any questions about curriculum, school/class procedures, or how your child is adjusting to their new grade level, please do not hesitate to call or email the teacher or one of the administrators. We want to partner with you to make this a successful and positive school year. Please keep the lines of communication!

Anne Swartz, Principal
Lexi Couch, 6th Grade Administrator
Tiffanie Nunley, 7th Grade Administrator
Peter Gaylord, 8th Grade Administrator

Important Upcoming Dates

September 14 – Rosh Hashanah – No School
September 15 – Drama Auditions Begin
September 15 – WLMS Spirit Ware sale ends
September 17 – Back to Math Night
September 23 – Yom Kippur – No School
September 25 – Yankee Candle Sale ends

Fall Back to Math Night

The Wilde Lake Middle School Math Team welcomes parents, students, and family members to attend our 2nd Annual **Fall Back to Math Night** on **Thursday, September 17th** in the WLMS Cafeteria from **5:30-7:30pm**. Travel to different stations to learn more about the HCPSS Family Math Support Center, Canvas (the new Learning System), Learn Zillion, and other exciting resources to support your child in the math classroom. Come learn more about the PARCC assessment and enjoy engaging math tasks as a family. Participants will also enjoy delicious pizza PI, while engaging in a meet and greet with the amazing Math Team. In addition, families can enter to win awesome math games to bring home to the family. We hope to see you then!

Wilde Lake Middle School Math Team

Wilde Lake Middle School is forming a Math Team to prepare for the October 31st Maryland Mathalon at Meade Middle School. We are searching for 6th, 7th, and 8th students that love Mathematics and enjoy working in a team to solve problems. The Math Team will meet on Thursdays beginning Thursday, September 24th – November 19th from 2:52-4:00pm. Math Team members will participate in various math tasks, exciting team challenges, and engineering design type problems. For more information about the event, visit <https://www.marylandmath.org/events/mathalon>. If you are interested in participating, please complete the attached permission slip and return it to your math teacher or Mrs. Kelley by Thursday, September 17th. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Kelley at Lindsay_Kelley@hcpss.org.

Emergency Contact Information

We still have many families who need to create or update their Family File! Remember, this is your child's Emergency Contact Information for the 2015/2016 school year and it is vital that we have up-to-date contact information in case of emergency. If you have not yet done so, please go to www.HCPSS.org/connect TODAY! (Instructions and answers to Frequently Asked Questions, including information on resetting your password, are provided at this site.) Please call our front office if you need support (410) 313-6957. Thank you for your help in this important matter!

WLMS Seminars

WLMS Seminars will start of September 24th. Interest forms are due September 18th to Ms. Motaung. See the attachment for the seminar descriptions.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run® is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls in third to eighth grade. The programs combine training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the programs are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development. The lessons promote self-challenge instead of competition; self-worth instead of societal worth; and cooperation instead of rivalry. Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. The girls will meet after-school twice a week for approximately 10 weeks with the season ending tentative 5k date on December 5th. The season starts the week of September 13th. To register, go to www.gotrcentralmd.org and click on register!

Student Attendance Reminder

If your child will be absent from school, please call the Support Services Office at 410-313-6960 or email Ann Stout, the Support Services Secretary, at Ann_Stout@hcpss.org to report the absence. Remember also to send a note to the school the day they return to school.

Spirit Wear Deadline Extended to Next Tuesday (9/15)

When you're ready to order your Spirit Wear, you can do it [online](#) or send in the [attached order](#) form along with your check made out to "WLMS PTSA." Don't delay, all orders must be received by September 15, 2015. **Questions?** Please contact PTSA volunteer and Spirit Wear coordinator Anne Santos at alsantos87@gmail.com.

DRAMA AUDITIONS: September 15th-17th

Tuesday, September 15th -- Audition workshop 2:45-4:00 (All who are auditioning must attend)

Wednesday, September 16th -- Audition Day 1 -- 2:45-5:00

Thursday, September 17th -- Audition Day 2 --2:45-5:00

Please contact Mrs. Motaung with any questions.

April Motaung

Gifted & Talented Resource Teacher

Wilde Lake Middle School

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Getting to Know HCPSS

Learn about valuable HCPSS and community resources and strategies that parents can use to support their children's success at home and school. This valuable session will be held Saturday, September 19 from 10:00am – noon at Long Reach High School. See the attached flier for more details.

HCPSS BSAP Saturday Math Academy

The BSAP Saturday Math Academy offers mentoring and enrichment in mathematics on Saturday mornings by HCPSS certified teachers.

Fall Session 2015 On-Site Registration
Registration Fee: \$50
Registration fee is non-refundable.
Registration is continuous until capacity is reached.

What: The **BSAP-Saturday Math Academy** offers mentoring and enrichment in mathematics on Saturday mornings by HCPSS certified teachers.

Who: Students in grades **3 – 12**

Where: Oakland Mills High School Cafeteria
9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia, MD 21045

When: On Site Registration **9:00AM – 11:00AM**
Saturday September 19, 2015

FYI: **Open to all students, all levels**
Please **bring** a copy of your child's *June 4th Quarter Report Card* to ensure quick and accurate placement!

If applicable, bring IEP forms and/or letter that documents receiving free or reduced meals

Registration is not complete until all necessary documents are received.

Checks, money orders and cash are accepted
Make checks payable to: HCPSS – BSAP Saturday Math Academy

Fall 2015 Session Dates
October 24, 31
November 7, 14, 21
December 5, 12



HC DrugFree's recent accomplishments:

1. Purchased one \$1,000 permanent medication collection box for the Howard County Police Department (HCPD) and paid for the ongoing disposal of the collected medication
2. Provided funds for Police overtime to staff 10 collection sites for Take Back Day in April 2015
3. Conducted a pre- and post-survey of County residents, medical and legal professionals, and others regarding their perceptions of opioid use/misuse in Howard County
4. Created and launched a media educational campaign that ran between pre/post-surveys to educate/change perceptions of opioid use/misuse in Howard County
5. Funded select police alcohol patrols at Merriweather Post Pavilion as well as purchased equipment used by the patrols and continue the monthly service plan for the equipment

HC DrugFree is currently working on:

1. Continuing our Teen Advisory Council monthly meetings with teens from across the County
2. Providing educational programs in partnership with the schools, PTAs/PTAs, and others
3. Launching the new *In the KNOW... The Face of Prescription Medicine Misuse* campaign, to include creating and funding ads in local media (*Columbia Flier, Howard County Times, The Business Monthly, Your Health Magazine, Her Mind Magazine, etc.*)
4. Creating and providing funding for *In the KNOW* counter-top posters to be placed at more than **70 pharmacies** in the County
5. Creating and providing funding for *In the KNOW* table-top posters for **more than 2,000** medical offices' waiting rooms in the County
6. Launching of HC DrugFree website's new *In the KNOW* microsite including at least **three new educational videos** featuring local experts
7. Coordinating an *Overdose Fatality Review Team* to examine overdose deaths in the County
8. Creating and providing funding for magnets with HCPD and HC DrugFree contact info and educational message regarding opioid use/misuse
9. Advertising in local media for Drug Take Back Day and for ongoing medication collection boxes
10. Partnering with Police to collect unwanted prescription medication on Drug Take Back Day as well as serving as the only location to collect needles, syringes and EpiPens for proper disposal

We hope you like what we offer to the Howard County community for FREE. Let us know. And let us know if there are more ways we might help.

HC DrugFree is contracted by the Howard County Health Department to provide substance misuse prevention/educational services and is proud to partner with the Howard County Police Department, the Howard County Public School System, the PTA Council, the Department of Fire and Rescue Services, and the Library System. For more information, please visit www.hcdrugfree.org or call the Executive Director, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, at joan@hcdrugfree.org or 443-325-0040.