



# NEWS FROM "THE MILL"

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## **MESSAGE FROM MS. GODDARD, PRINCIPAL**

**Congratulations** on an outstanding school year! Thank you to all parents, students, and staff for making 2021-2022 a great school year. With impressive academic achievements; our continued growth as an IB World School; outstanding performances in athletics, the arts, and other extra-curricular activities; accomplishments inside and outside of the classroom; millions of dollars in scholarships and college awards; building up our pride in Watkins Mill (Orange Nation!); and much, more. I am proud of everything our students, staff, parent leaders, and community has accomplished, and looking forward to another great school year in 2022-2023!

To our **graduates**, once again, congratulations! I am awe-struck with the Class of 2022 for all you have accomplished in your four years at Watkins Mill, culminating in a memorable graduation ceremony on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at DAR Constitution Hall. Thank you to the entire community for being a part of this special celebration. I excitedly anticipate our school's continued success for the Class of 2023 and beyond!

Throughout the summer, please check our website regularly for information on summer programs; math and reading, IB expectations, fall sports tryout information, freshman orientation day, Senior Portraits, announcements, and preparations for the beginning of the school year in August.

Around the first week of August, we will publish the summer packet with all Back to School information. In addition, the school leadership team and I will be meeting throughout the summer to engage in school improvement planning for 2022-2023. Our annual summer leadership week will take place July 11,12, and 13 and August 15-16, when staff, students, and parents will come together to discuss the promising future of Watkins Mill HS. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please email Evelyn Wilson-Carr at [Evelyn\\_WilsonCarr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Evelyn_WilsonCarr@mcpsmd.org) for additional information. All are welcome!

Thanks for your support of our school and community, and have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Carol Goddard, Principal

## NEWS AND HAPPENINGS AROUND THE MILL:

### MHS PTSA/BOOSTER NEWS

#### **A Message from our PTSA President**

Elections were held on Tuesday, May 17. I am pleased to announce our new Board:  
President - **Norm Gordon**

Vice President - **Margarita Maza**

Vice President - **Robert Huaman**

Treasurer - **Sheila Griffith**

Secretary - **Dee Pinkowitz**

Also, our Fundraising Coordinator, **Carmen Frazier**, has agreed to continue in her role.

At our May meeting we approved two grants - one of \$500 to the Theater dept. for a washer/dryer for costumes and the other to the Athletic dept. for special software to showcase athletes looking to be recruited to college programs.

#### **FRIENDLY REMINDER**

We have a significant number of parents picking up their students after 2:15 p.m. This is a friendly reminder that parents are not allowed to sign out students after 2:15 p.m. without prior authorization. It creates a safety issue with buses at dismissal, and it interrupts class instruction. If you need to pick up your student early, please send in a note, so the student is prepared to leave class at the requested time.

#### **FAMILY FOOD MARKET:**

WMHS is pleased to announce the return of the Family Food Market. Due to Co-Vid restrictions, families will receive a pre-sorted box of non-perishable goods and a bag of fresh produce. The food market will take place at **Watkins Mill High School** on Saturday mornings. Social distancing and safety protocols will be followed at all times. Families will not have to provide student names or ID numbers. Upon arrival, you will be asked the total number of people living in the household, how many adults over 65, and how many students.

Date: Saturday June 11th - **The last one of this school year.**

Location: Watkins Mill High School  
10301 Apple Ridge Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Contact: [Lora S Johnson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lora_S_Johnson@mcpsmd.org)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Graduation Rehearsal **June 10**

DAR Graduation Ceremony **June 13**

Last day of school for students; early release day **June 17**

### **2023 SPRING BREAK TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

**WE ARE BACK! Our wolverines just returned from a successful trip to Spain. The world is open for business, join us next year.**

The 2023 Spring Break Trip destination will be...FRANCE! The trip will include a tour of Paris, Brittany, and Normandy! Visit the D-Day landing beaches and battlefields, the cathedrals, the castles, and more as you and your friends eat phenomenal meals and take a night time river cruise through the heart of Paris before you journey to the top of the Eiffel Tower.

Registration has already started, and SPACE IS LIMITED, so if you want a great Spring Break experience next year, sign up ASAP. The price of the trip increases over time, so get in now to lock down the lowest price!

Visit the following website or call to register...

**eftours.com/2493024PA** or call **1(800) 665-5364**

This trip is for next school year's Juniors and Seniors Only!

See Mr. Sneddon in the Social Studies Office at STEP if you have any questions.

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“The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page.” – Saint Augustine

### **2021-2022 End-of-Year MCPS SSL Information**

Middle school and high school students should continue earning SSL hours towards their SSL graduation requirement by engaging in SSL opportunities during the 2021-2022 school year and over the summer, including traditional in-person opportunities and select virtual/remote opportunities that follow the guidelines posted on the MCPS SSL webpage ([www.mcps-ssl.org](http://www.mcps-ssl.org)). Also check out the WM Opportunities page: [WMHS SSL Opportunities](#)

**Please review the following important end-of-year information for the MCPS SSL program:**

<b>Systemwide SSL Documentation Deadline</b>	<b>The required systemwide deadline for submission of all SSL documentation is June 3, 2022.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>All SSL forms documenting service</b></li></ul>	All SSL forms (MCPS Form 560-51: Student Service Learning Activity Verification form -

<p>completed this school year must be submitted to schools' SSL coordinators by the <b>systemwide required deadline of June 3, 2022.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any unsubmitted SSL forms for service completed since June 1, 2019, will be accepted until June 3, 2022.</li> <li>Please note that <b>after the 2021-2022 school year, SSL forms will no longer be accepted from previous school years.</b></li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://bit.ly/SSLReflection">https://bit.ly/SSLReflection</a>) must be turned in to the school's SSL coordinator (<a href="https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsMS">https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsMS</a> or <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsHS">https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsHS</a>) by the <b>systemwide required deadline of June 3, 2022</b>, to be added to students' SSL records.</p> <p>SSL forms for service completed during the 2021-2022 school year and previous school years will <b><u>NOT</u> be accepted after June 3, 2022.</b></p>
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**Summer is a wonderful time for students to engage in SSL opportunities and earn SSL hours towards meeting the 75-hour state graduation requirement! Additional updates and information about the MCPS SSL program are provided below:**

<p><b>Nonprofit-Hosted SSL Opportunities</b>  <i>MCPS SSL organizations and opportunities are tagged with the blue MCPS SSL banner and graduation cap icon on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website</i>  <b>Many nonprofit-hosted in-person and virtual/remote SSL opportunities have already been posted for the summer!</b></p>	<p><b>All opportunities (including in-person):</b>  <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLOpportunities">https://bit.ly/SSLOpportunities</a>  <b>Virtual/remote opportunities:</b>  <a href="https://bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020">https://bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020</a>  For additional tips on how to <b>search for opportunities</b>, please go to <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLSearchTips">https://bit.ly/SSLSearchTips</a></p>
<p><b>MCPS SSL Guidelines for Virtual/Remote Service</b>  <i>Students may continue to earn SSL hours for select virtual/remote service completed from home under the</i></p>	<p>To view the <b>MCPS SSL guidelines for virtual/remote service</b>, please visit <a href="https://bit.ly/VirtualSSLGuidelines">https://bit.ly/VirtualSSLGuidelines</a>.</p> <p>Students may also continue to earn SSL hours for <b>traditional in-person</b></p>

<p><i>sponsorship of an approved nonprofit organization or MCPS staff member.</i></p> <p><b>To continue offering an array of SSL opportunities to students, MCPS will continue to allow nonprofit organizations and schools to host virtual/remote SSL opportunities for students beyond the 2021-2022 school year and moving forward.</b></p>	<p><b>opportunities under direct supervision of a nonprofit representative or MCPS staff member in a public space.</b></p>
<p><b>Student SSL Records on Student/ParentVUE</b></p> <p><i>Step-by-step directions for viewing a student's full SSL record</i></p>	<p><b>Step-by-step directions</b> may be found at <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE">https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE</a></p>
<p><b>MCPS SSL Hub for Students</b></p> <p><i>Find SSL forms, translated resources, SSL guidelines, and much more!</i></p>	<p>Check out <b>SSL forms, resources, and guidelines</b> at <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLHubMCPS">https://bit.ly/SSLHubMCPS</a></p>

*Krista Jiron*  
School Counselor (GOO-LOL)  
SSL Coordinator  
[Opportunities to Earn Hours](#)  
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**COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS:**

Be sure to check your email for important updates about summer programming. Sophomores & juniors will be receiving information about Zoom workshops which begin on June 29th. Parents also receive this information if they have registered in Naviance.

If you need help activating your account, please email [Sarah\\_H\\_Kessler@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sarah_H_Kessler@mcpsmd.org) for help. Ms. Kessler is here all summer and is happy to meet via Zoom or in person.

Follow the WM College/Career Center on Twitter [@WMHS\\_CCIC](#) for news & updates.

### **MEDIA CENTER NEWS**

Follow this link for the June Media Center Newsletter:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/16NasMLLijuieKXF70nbOvJtcuHFU7P4DEwc8mjUpL\\_g/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16NasMLLijuieKXF70nbOvJtcuHFU7P4DEwc8mjUpL_g/edit?usp=sharing)

### **WMHS ATHLETICS NEWS**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tMwa2W-N9b3tp4LZz3LQyQQAGs6xaeyODsSHhTPlqXY/edit?usp=sharing>

### **SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Students, Parents, and Guardians;

We are excited to provide everyone in the Watkins Mill High School community with access to and an overview of the Local Summer programs we are planning to host from June 27 - August 5, 2022. We will be accepting student registrations until June 3rd, and we will finalize the schedule pending student enrollment.

We will be offering a variety of courses for all of our students' needs (credit recovery, original credit, and enrichment courses). Additionally, **all courses, including credit-bearing courses, as well as breakfast and lunch, and activity bus transportation will be provided free of charge** to all students this summer.

Summer Programs will run in two sessions, back-to-back, for three weeks each. Class schedules will vary, but summer programs will run Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and transportation will be provided.

- Session 1: June 27 - July 15
  - Semester A courses for credit
  - No classes July 4 or July 5
- Session 2: July 18 - August 5
  - Semester B courses for credit
  - No classes July 19 – MD Gubernatorial Primary Election Day

[Please register your student for summer courses here!](#)

Additional information will be provided to students during homeroom and will be accessible through MyMCPS Classroom.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with the Summer Programs, please email Mr. Richard Courtot, Summer Programs Lead Teacher, at [Richard J Courtotiii@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Richard_J_Courtotiii@mcpsmd.org).

Mr. Richard J. Courtot III (He/Him)

Pre-IB English 10 Teacher

IB MYP Coordinator and Regional Program Coordinator

Watkins Mill High School: An IB World School

Phone: (240) 686-5729

### **Social Media**

- Make sure to follow all things Wolverine Athletics:
- Twitter: @WMRinesSports
- Instagram: @wmrinessports
- Facebook: Watkins Mill Athletics
- Website: [www.watkinsmillathletics.com](http://www.watkinsmillathletics.com)
- Athletic Teams Accounts: <https://watkinsmillathletics.com/athletic-social-media-accounts/>

### **IMPORTANT LINKS**

WMHS Website Home:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/> Athletics:

<https://watkinsmillathletics.com/>

Calendar: [Calendar](#)

Staff Directory:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/staff/directory.aspx>

PTSA Information:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/ptsa/>

Booster Club: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/boosters/boostersClub.aspx>

Lunch Pre-Payments: <https://www.mylunchmoney.com/>

Student Service Learning:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/> Bullying:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/230-35.shtm>

Free SAT/ACT Prep: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/hsi/testprep.shtm>

Free & Reduced Lunches: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>