



Timely information about news, upcoming events, and more.

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ 2/1-2/27—Spring Athletic Registration
- ◆ 2/22—final deadline for AP Payments
- ◆ 3/1—Early dismissal—students released at 12 PM
- ◆ 3/8,9,15,16,17 —Blast Performances
- ◆ 3/12—Spring Sports Night

**Churchill has a new phone number: 240-740-5400.** *ALL visitors must sign in to the Main Office and present a government issued photo ID at each visit.* Please do not park in numbered, student reserved spots.

**Student Drop Off Table:** As a reminder, items left on the student drop-off table are not monitored. All sports equipment must be left in team locker rooms where they can be secured throughout the day. Please do not leave valuables on the drop off table.

### WCHS DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

**AP Exam Information:** AP Exam Information: Thank you to all the students and family members who have made AP registration a success here at Churchill! Please note final payments are due Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> or the exams will be cancelled. If you do not wish to take one of the exams you registered for, please simply cancel the exam, provide a reason, and the balance will change.

If you are someone who qualifies for a fee reduction, and you checked an assistance box, an MCPS fee waiver was emailed to the students' email address on the registration. This form must be completed in order to receive the assistance. Please return that to Mrs. Sullivan in either her mailbox or in room 124 where she will approve the assistance. Then you will be able to pay the remaining balance.

Use the following link to pay online now! Login in at <http://TotalRegistration.net> with the student email and password to pay your balance online with a debit or credit card.

**Athletics:** Final deadline to register for Spring Athletics is February 27. Please see page 3 for further details.

**English & Math Peer Tutoring:** The National English Honor Society is now partnering with Mu Alpha Theta to offer SAT/PSAT/ACT peer tutoring every Tuesday at lunch in room 228. After school on Tuesdays and Thursdays support with a focus on Algebra 1 is provided in room 117 from 2:45 – 3:45.

**Social Studies:** This week's Black History Month Fact – On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 1931 Chloe Anthony Wofford was born. At age 12 she changed her name to Toni. Today, Toni Morrison is 87 years old. She won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel Beloved. To learn more check out the following link: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Toni-Morrison>



### Staff Spotlight - Ms. Sunny Nieh, Science Teacher



Sunny Nieh is one of the new biology teachers at WCHS this year. She is a local Montgomery County native and grew up in Silver Spring, graduating from the Montgomery Blair magnet program. She studied electrical engineering and biology at the University of Maryland for her undergraduate degree and then a Master's in Education at the George Washington University. She has worked with the American Red Cross, spent a year as an Ameri-Corps volunteer, and has spent the last eleven years teaching biology and ESOL at George Marshall High School in Fairfax County Public Schools, Virginia. Ms. Nieh enjoys photography, hiking, and chasing after her two kids. She serves as a parent representative in the Asian Pacific American Student Achievement Action Group as well as a member of the District Assessment Committee. She has been overwhelmed by the warm welcome she has received at Churchill.

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# Update on Churchill Inclusive Achievement Council, Feb 2019

The Churchill Inclusive Achievement Council held its most recent meeting on Feb 15. The Council is an open, collaborative effort between Churchill students, parents and staff to combat bias. Parents on the council represent multiple religions, races and ethnicities. You can read more about the Council's history and goals in the Churchill Observer. We welcome all parents to join us, you can contact us here or via email at inclusiveWCHS@gmail.com.

## Background

This smaller meeting was scheduled after the full Council meeting of Monday 2/11 was cancelled by school leadership due to the continuing investigation of the Friday 2/8 incident at Churchill.

## Activities since Friday's event

The Parents present were very appreciative that Ms Heckert forcefully and immediately condemned recent acts of intolerance at Churchill. They encouraged the principal to continue to be clear why these types of acts are painful for affected populations, preferably in the time immediately after such incidents so they cannot be dismissed as pranks.

## Student classroom forums

Since Friday's incident, Ms Heckert contacted multiple student groups, e.g. Student Government, Black Student Alliance, Jewish Students Union, Minority Scholars Program, Hispanic Students association, Churchill's Anti Defamation League No Place for Hate Program, as well as others and asked them to nominate 1-2 leaders. Many ideas were discussed in this group but one the students seemed to focus on was a regular "town hall" type discussions in classrooms on these issues, led by students. The parents agreed that these types of conversations would be very welcome outlets for students feeling unsafe and unheard. Just as important, they would allow students to educate their peers how what seem like minor actions like drawing a swastka or writing the N word are deeply painful for some of them.

## Student Leadership training

Parents also suggested a program where students are identified as leaders around these issues. These students would get recognition from the school as leaders, which would make it attractive for them to participate. The group felt that it is important for staff and parents to provide clear and public recognition when students take the lead to improve the climate at their school.

## Study Circles

As had been discussed previously, two sets of Study Circle are now scheduled. Study Circles are structured round-table conversations where participants feel comfortable talking about uncomfortable subjects. They are led by team members of the MCPS Equity Initiative. The first Study Circle will be in March for staff and the second in May for students. Parents again suggested adequate advance planning so that these events and the results are widely publicized

## ADL No Place for Hate program

The Anti Defamation League has a school program to promote education around issues of intolerance and bias in which Churchill participates. Principal Heckert said she is meeting with other cluster principals in March with the goal of having all 8 schools participate in the No Place for Hate program by next Fall

## PTSA Meeting Feb 19

Thanks to the leadership of PTSA president Bruce Adelson, the February 19 meeting of the PTSA was dedicated to "An Open Forum on Tolerance, Racism, and Bias at Churchill". It will have featured Principal Heckert, MCPS leadership and other community leaders. These school wide conversations are critical to raising awareness and will hopefully lead to meaningful change from which future Churchill students will benefit.

# CHURCHILL ATHLETICS

## ONLINE SPRING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN:

The online registration window for Spring 2019 sports at Winston Churchill is now open! Below is information that parents and students need to know. Here is a memo from MCPS on the online registration process: [MCPS Memo](#).

### How do I register for Spring 2019 sports?

PARENTS may register students through the [myMCPS Parent Portal](#). Registration starts **February 1** and should be done online by **February 27th** to ensure that it is processed in time for the student to be able to participate in tryouts on the first day.

### What if the parent needs login information (Access ID & Password) or to add a student to the parent account?

Parents may contact the Counseling Office (301-240-740-5420) or the Athletic Director, [Jesse Smith](#) for login information.

### Will the student need a Physical Clearance Form (Physical)?

Yes, students need an up to date physical to participate in athletics. If a student already has a physical on file at the school, it is good for one calendar year. Otherwise, the student will need an updated physical, completed by a physician. Parents can download the [Physical Clearance Form](#). There are two ways to submit the Physical Clearance Form: **1)** by scanning it and emailing it to WCHS Athletic Director, [Jesse Smith](#) or your teams coach **2)** by handing in a paper copy to the coach before tryouts.

### What if I completed the online registration process for the Fall 2018 or Winter 2018-2019 season at WCHS?

If a parent registered a student online in the Fall or Winter, the parent must complete the registration process again for the Spring 2019 season. The good news is that most of the information entered in the previous season will have saved and will be pre-populated, which will make the process easier in the current season.

**Does MCPS have more detailed directions for how to use the myMCPS portal and register online?** Yes! More detailed directions can be found [here](#).

### Where can I find information about tryouts at WCHS?

Information about tryouts can be found on the Tryouts post on the WCHS website. For most spring sports, tryouts will begin on March 1st.

## CHURCHILL ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME



It is with great pride and pleasure that we announce the opening of nominations for the Winston Churchill Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2020. It has been almost 15 years since our last class was inducted in 2005. Nominations are open to everyone. Nominations for individual athletes (*graduation 2009 or prior*), school sponsored teams, coaches and community members are being collected and will be reviewed for selection and induction into the Hall of Fame. Please use the link below to submit your nominations and share the link with your friends and family so we can spread the word!. The induction ceremony and celebration events will be posted at a later date and will be used to help fund the Winston Churchill Athletics program and the gymnasium hallway upgrade to an actual Hall of Fame so that the names and accomplishments of all of our Hall of Famers can be shared with today's students and provide inspiration to our entire Churchill community. So go nominate and spread the word! Go

Dawgs! <https://churchillboosterclub.org/alumni/hall-of-fame-nomination-form/>

## CHURCHILL ATHLETICS AUCTION



The time has arrived! Many of our current Bulldog fans have noticed that our traditional championship banners were replaced last year! While the new banners look amazing and memorialize 50 years of WCHS sports history, they aren't the originals. The original CHAMPIONSHIP BANNERS from the Churchill Gymnasium are now up for auction to raise funds to support our athletic programs. Please visit <https://www.biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=16472> to create your bidders account and start bidding!!

Once you click the link, please register. Once you register, log out and then log back in and you will be taken directly back to the auction page. OR....go to [www.biddingowl.com](http://www.biddingowl.com), then click on "Featured Auctions"

and type in "WCHS Booster Club" and click on our auction and then register! If you have any questions, please go to: [info@churchillboosterclub.org](mailto:info@churchillboosterclub.org). The auction will be open until **March 1st!** Please spread the word so all of these pieces of Bulldog History can find a home!



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## PSA VIDEO CONTEST

The PSA Video Contest has been held for the past 9 years as a part of the Choose Respect Initiative. Middle and High School students are asked to create a 60 second video addressing dating violence.

The contest is sponsored by Verizon Wireless through its partnership with the Montgomery County Family Justice Center Foundation. For the past two years, the Montgomery County Police Department Foundation and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Theta Omega Chapter have also sponsored the fan favorite award.

**First Prize: \$1,000**

**Second Prize: \$750**

**Third Prize: \$500**

**Winners will be announced at the Healthy Teen Dating Conference!**

**Find all information here: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect/psa.html>**



SAVE THE DATE!

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**COLOR RUN**

**APRIL 14TH, 3-5 PM**

