

Watkins Mill HS Announcements
Monday, April 8, 2024
Morning announcements video

April is Arab American Heritage Month

Each day we will celebrate Arab Americans throughout the past and present, and recognize their invaluable contributions to our country.

- **Paula Abdul:** Born in 1962, Paula Abdul was born to Syrian-Jewish parents. Growing up in California, Abdul found a passion for dancing. As a freshman in college, she earned a spot as a cheerleader for the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team. In 1987, Abdul sent a demo to Virgin Records. Her music hits topped the Billboard Chart. In 2001, she became a permanent judge on American Idol.

Day of Silence - April 12

- Attention all students and staff. This Friday, April 12 is known nationally as the Day of Silence for the LGBTQ community and allies. This is a day in which volunteers choose to not speak for an entire school day to bring attention to silent members of the LGBTQ community who have no voice. You can honor this day by donating change to student volunteers who will carry around white boards to communicate, or you could actually participate yourself. Join in the silent protest to send a strong signal to stop bullying of the LGBTQ community. See Mr. Tarzwell in Room A200 this week for more information, or come talk to student volunteers in the mixing bowl during STEP all this week.

African Ball - April 13

- Join us Saturday, April 13 for the 2024 African Ball. The theme will be Traditional African Wedding. It is being held in the main gym. Doors open at 6pm and there will be no entry after 7:30pm. Tickets are \$30 per person.

International Night - April 25

- Join us for International Night on Thursday, April 25, from 5:30-7:00pm in the Auditorium. We will have music, performances, information and food! Questions? See Ms. Flores in the IB office, or click [here](#).

Prom - April 26

- Did you get your prom ticket? There are only a few days left to buy one! Prom is on April 26 at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. You are not going to want to miss making memories in such a beautiful location! Tickets are \$65 and can be purchased through [SchoolCash Online](#) or with cash from Dr. Cloyd in Room C006. Tickets will also be sold in the mixing bowl from Monday through Friday.
The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, April 12.

Clubs and other programs - meetings and events

To all students who are participating in one or more extracurricular activities or clubs this school year, please make sure you are registered as a club member! Find the ECR flyers with the QR codes or ask your sponsor for the roster link. Club sponsors will verify your membership once you've registered and you will be eligible to earn an MCPS Certificate of Student Engagement based on the number of clubs in which you participate.

National Honor Society - Food Pantry

- The National Honor society has a food pantry to help out the school and

community. It's located in the teacher's parking lot! Make sure to stop by and take advantage of this great resource especially done for you! NHS is also taking donations of canned goods, non perishable items and other home essentials all year round. Drop off any donations you have in Room B203. NHS thanks you in advance.

Tutoring/ Writing Center Help

National Honor Society - Tutoring available during STEP

Are you in need of help in any of your classes? The National Honor Society has you covered! There is no excuse to fall behind with the NHS on your side!

- **Monday** - **Sciences**, Room C217
- **Tuesday** - **ESOL**, Room B203
English, Room A206
World Languages, Room C119
- **Wednesday** - **Math**, Room B127
- **Thursday** - **CTE**, Room A001
- **Friday** - **Social Studies**, Room B118

Hispanic Honor Society - free tutoring

- Do you want to improve your Spanish level? Do you need help with class activities? Do you need to improve your conversational skills? We invite you to attend the tutoring sessions offered by the Hispanic Honor Society every Friday in Room D109 at lunch time. For more information, contact Mr. Ortiz in Room D109 or a member of the Hispanic Honor Society.

Writing Center - Room A206 during STEP, every day

- The Writing Center is now open every day during STEP in Room A206. Drop in for help with any writing assignment, from resumes to college essays, from research papers to routine homework. Click [here](#) to sign up

College/Career Center News

College Tracks - program and workshops

- Are you a junior and plan on attending college or trade school after high school? Do you need help with finding the best fit college and/or trade school? CollegeTracks can help you with that process! Feel free to stop by the CollegeTracks office, located in the Media Center, to speak with staff and/or register for the program. They have begun hosting workshops which include researching colleges/trade schools, discussing application types, financial aid opportunities to help make college affordable, and more. You must be registered for CollegeTracks to attend these workshops so make sure you [sign up](#) ASAP. Students who are in ACES are not eligible to apply.

SSL Program - 75 hours needed to graduate

- Click [here](#) for an overview of the Student Service Learning (SSL) Program, including links to current opportunities and step-by-step directions for viewing your SSL record on StudentVue

Wolverine Sports

Events Calendar

Season Passes

- Did you know that there are season and all year passes for athletic events? Look around the school for the posters hanging to see the amount of the season pass versus the year pass. We want the stands PACKED this year at our athletic events. Be sure to purchase a season ticket or a year pass!