



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 2022-2023 a great school year. With impressive academic achievements; our continued growth as an IB World School; outstanding performances in athletics, the arts, and other extracurricular 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 in my eight years here at Watkins Mill HS. The incoming Principal, Ms. Vilma Najera, comes with a great deal of experience. I know you will be in good hands.

To our **graduates**, once again, congratulations! I am awe-struck with the Class of 2023 for all you have accomplished in your four years at Watkins Mill, culminating in a memorable graduation ceremony on Monday, June 12th, 2:30pm at DAR Constitution Hall. Thank you to the entire community for being a part of this special celebration.

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 Ms. Najera will meet throughout the summer to engage in school improvement planning and tackling the Antiracist Audit for 2023-2024. Ms. Najera's start date will be July 3, 2023. The annual summer leadership week will take place July 10, 11, and 12, 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 for additional information. All are welcome!

Thank you for your support of Watkins Mill HS, students, staff, and community. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Carol Goddard, Principal

MHS PTSA/BOOSTER NEWS

PTSA News

We are pleased to announce the results of the Elections at our May 16 meeting for officers for the 2023 - 2024 academic year. Voted into office were:

President - **Margarita Adiego-Blasco**

Vice President - **Sandra Armas**

Vice President - **Evelin Castro**

Secretary - **Dee Pinkowitz**

We are thrilled for the new leadership coming into place as well as at least one officer who will stay on (Dee Pinkowitz). We are also pleased that three out of the four officers are Spanish-speaking. As you can see, we are still looking for a Treasurer. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Dee Pinkowitz at deepinkowitz@yahoo.com. The first meeting of the new school year is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 19.

On a personal note, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your President for the last two years. Watkins Mill is a great school and I have learned much in this role. I give my highest recommendation to the Board coming on and will continue to support the PTSA this coming year. Go 'Rines!

Norm Gordon, President

NOTICIAS PTSA

Nos complace anunciar los resultados de las Elecciones en nuestra reunión del 16 de mayo para funcionarios para el año académico 2023-2024. Los elegidos para el cargo fueron:

Presidenta - **Margarita Adiego-Blasco**

Vicepresidenta - **Sandra Armas**

Vicepresidenta - **Evelin Castro**

Secretaria - **Dee Pinkowitz**

Estamos encantados con la llegada del nuevo liderazgo, así como con al menos un oficial que se quedará (Dee Pinkowitz). También nos complace que tres de los cuatro oficiales hablen español. Como puede ver, todavía estamos buscando un Tesorero. Si usted o alguien que conoce está interesado, comuníquese con Dee Pinkowitz en deepinkowitz@yahoo.com. La primera reunión del nuevo año escolar está programada tentativamente para el martes 19 de septiembre.

A nivel personal, ha sido un honor y un privilegio servir como su presidente durante los últimos dos años. Watkins Mill es una gran escuela y he aprendido mucho en este puesto. Doy mi más alta recomendación a la próxima Junta y continuaré apoyando a la PTSA este próximo año. ¡Vamos Rines!

Norm Gordon, Presidente

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Please view links below for summer school information.

-  **[SY 23 Summer School Communication](#)**
-  **[Summer School Slides](#)**
- **[Summer Registration Link](#)**

NOW ENROLLING !! WATKINS MILL MARCHING BAND

Join the Watkins Mill High School Marching Band for Season 2023!!

The Marching Wolverines are signing up new members. The Marching Band performs at Football games, parades, pep rallies, and community events. Membership is open to all 7-12th graders in the Montgomery Village Cluster and there is no cost to join.

Instruments include but are not limited to flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tuba, and percussion. No experience is required, members new to an instrument or marching band can easily get started playing in the drumline, learning a wind

instrument, or joining the color guard and flags section. **Band Camp dates are Monday-Thursday 8:00-11:30 am August 7th-10th, and August 14th-17th. After School practices are held regularly throughout September and October.**

To sign up go to bit.ly/WMmarchingband2023; use this link:

<https://forms.gle/NTrjcmHNj7zHaGRw6>

Or simply email the director requesting more information @ peter.d.kielar@mcpsmd.net

-Mr. Peter D. Kielar

WMHS High School Marching Band Director

IB EXAM INFORMATION

11th and 12th grade IB DP/CP Program and course students registered to test are DONE testing!! ([Calendar here](#)). Students can access published IB Exam scores on 06-Jul-2023 at 2:30 pm (all students received a printed copy of their pin code the week of April 24 and by email the week of spring break). It is highly recommended that students take a picture of their pin and save the paper copy in a visible location. Safari does not work, please use a different browser.

IB Exam fees (including any fee adjustments due to waivers or financial assistance requests) have been added to student accounts. If you have not paid for your IB exam, an **obligation** has been assigned.

- Pay by credit, debit card, and eCheck using [SchoolCash Online](#) (Recommended)
 - [Registration instructions in English](#) // [Instrucciones de registro en español](#).
 - PIN Issues: If your student was enrolled in MCPS by July 1, you should have received an email from SCOPinProcess@mcpsmd.org with instructions and a PIN number. If you did not receive that email or can't find it, please contact Lisa Holderman at lisa_a_holderman@mcpsmd.org or 301-284-4416.
- Pay by cash, check, or money order at the Finance office at WMHS during lunchtime
 - Check Payable to WMHS (add student's ID number in the memo section)

Any questions or concerns please contact:

[Reina Flores \(she/her\)](#)

International Baccalaureate DP/CP Coordinator

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FRIENDLY REMINDER

We have a significant number of parents picking up their students after 2:10 p.m. This is a friendly reminder that parents are not allowed to sign students out after 2:10 p.m. without prior authorization. It creates a safety issue with buses at dismissal, and it interrupts class instruction. If you need to pick your student up early, please send in a note beforehand and have them turn it into attendance at the beginning of the day, so the student may have a pass to leave class at the requested time. Thank you!

Rock the Block

Rock the Block is back this school year! **Saturday, June 3rd, 2023**, from **3 to 6 pm**. This is a **free family day of fun for all ages**. There will be carnival games and prizes, children's activities, community organizations, food, a live DJ, and performances from Watkins Mill student groups and more. Rock the Block allows us to bring together community stakeholders, including school personnel, parents, community resources, and local business owners to celebrate unity and show Montgomery Village the progress and development that Watkins Mill High School is currently experiencing.

<https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/parentpadres/rock-the-block>

Regards,



Kristina Smyrk (She/Her/Hers)

MCPS Central Summer School Internship 2023

Students will be able to earn Internship/Apprenticeship credit this summer. We will be offering the course through Central Summer School. The flyer is attached below.

<https://forms.gle/6rUhvSyj8oxjeRny8>

Job Fair

Follow [link](#)  [Job Fair Flyer.pdf](#)

FAMILY FOOD MARKET:

The next family food market being held at Watkins Mill High School will be on:

Date: Saturday June 10th

Location: Watkins Mill High School

10301 Apple Ridge Road

Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm Contact:

marcus_d_wiggins@mcpsmd.org

JUNIOR/SENIOR SPRING BREAK 2024 *COSTA RICA!!**

WE ARE BACK! Our wolverines had a successful tour of France this year...and we are currently accepting enrollment for next year, COSTA RICA!

The 2024 Spring Break Trip destination will be...COSTA RICA! The trip will include a tour of both the East and West Coasts and locations in the interior of the country, such as Monteverde and Arenal! This is our most adventurous trip yet, you'll zip-line through the jungle, go whitewater rafting down rivers, and snorkel along the amazing coastal beaches.

Registration has already started, and SPACE IS LIMITED (5 spots remain), 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!

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

Visit the following website or call to register...

eftours.com/2586185WN or call (800) 665-5364

See Mr. Sneddon in the Social Studies Office or Room B-112 at STEP if you have any questions.

PURA VIDA!

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

2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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).

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

Systemwide SSL Documentation Deadline · All SSL forms documenting service completed this school year must be submitted to schools' SSL coordinators by the systemwide required deadline of June 2, 2023. · Any unsubmitted SSL forms for service completed since June 1, 2022, will be accepted until June 2, 2023. · Please note that after June 2, 2023, SSL forms will no longer be accepted from the 2022-2023 school year or the summer prior.	The required systemwide deadline for submission of all SSL documentation is FRIDAY, June 2, 2023. All SSL forms (MCPS Form 560-51: Student Service Learning Activity Verification form - https://bit.ly/SSLReflection) must be turned in to the school's SSL coordinator (https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsMS or https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsHS) by the systemwide required deadline of June 2, 2023, to be added to students' SSL records. SSL forms for service completed during the 2022-2023 school year and the previous summer will NOT be accepted after June 2, 2023.
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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:

Nonprofit-Hosted SSL Opportunities <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> Many nonprofit-hosted in-person and virtual/remote SSL opportunities have already been posted for the summer!	All opportunities (including in-person): https://bit.ly/SSLOpportunities Virtual/remote opportunities: https://bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020 For additional tips on how to search for opportunities, please go to https://bit.ly/SSLSearchTips
MCPS SSL Guidelines for Virtual/Remote Service <i>Students may continue to earn SSL hours for select virtual/remote service completed from home under the sponsorship of an approved nonprofit organization or MCPS staff member.</i> 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!	To view the MCPS SSL guidelines for virtual/remote service, please visit https://bit.ly/VirtualSSLGuidelines. Students may also continue to earn SSL hours for traditional in-person opportunities under direct supervision of a nonprofit representative or MCPS staff member in a public space.

MCPS Form 560-51: SSL Activity Verification Form <i>Used to verify and document SSL hours after service is completed</i> <i>Student and supervisor must complete the form</i>	SSL Activity Verification Forms (https://bit.ly/SSLReflection) for service completed after June 1, 2023, should be turned into your school's SSL coordinator when schools resume in the fall.
MCPS Form 560-50: Individual SSL Request Form <i>Used to obtain pre-approval prior to service with a nonprofit organization not listed on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website</i>	To request pre-approval for service, please complete https://bit.ly/SSLPreApproval -- for in-person service, submit this form to your school's SSL coordinator; for virtual/remote service or service to be completed during the summer, submit this form to SSL@mcpsmd.org
Student SSL Records on Student/ParentVUE <i>Step-by-step directions for viewing a student's full SSL record</i>	Step-by-step directions may be found at https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE
MCPS SSL Program Overview <i>Complete overview of SSL requirements, guidelines, process, awards, and forms</i>	MCPS SSL Program Overview may be found at https://bit.ly/SSLOverview2020
MCPS SSL Hub for Students <i>Find SSL forms, translated resources, SSL guidelines, and much more!</i>	Check out SSL forms, resources, and guidelines at https://bit.ly/SSLHubMCPS

If you have any questions about the SSL program, please email your school's SSL coordinator (<https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsMS> and <https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsHS>) or the MCPS SSL office at SSL@mcpsmd.org. Thank you!

Krista Jiron

Resource Counselor (H-Kpz)

SSL Coordinator

[Opportunities to Earn Hours](#)

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS:

Be sure to check your MCPS Gmail every week for important updates about summer programming. Sophomores & juniors will be receiving information about Zoom workshops which begin on June 20th. 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 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.

YEARBOOK NEWS

Everyone who pre-ordered a yearbook received their distribution tickets in homeroom on Wednesday 5/17 and on Wednesday 5/24. (*Seniors received their yearbooks on 5/24-25*).

underclassmen will receive their year books on:

9th, 10th and 11th Graders	Thurs. June 1, Room B219 during Lunch/STEP Fri. June 2, Room B219 during Lunch/STEP
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If a student would like to purchase a yearbook, They need to see Ms. Holderman during STEP using the same schedule as above.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

 **WMHS Media Center June 2023 Newsletter**

WMHS ATHLETICS NEWS

 **June Athletic 2023 Newsletter.docx**

Social Media

- Make sure to follow all things Wolverine Athletics:
- Twitter: @WMRinesSports
- Instagram: @wmrinessports
- Facebook: Watkins Mill Athletics
- Website: 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>