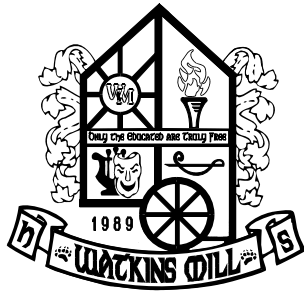


Congratulations to the Class of 2008!



Wolverine Watch

Watkins Mill High School PTSA June—July 2008

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Newsletter

The **Wolverine Watch** is a semi-monthly newsletter of the Watkins Mill High School PTSA.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

I hope you are as proud as I am of the accomplishments of our staff and students this year. Our seniors shattered the previous record by, so far, securing over 4.3 Million Dollars in college scholarships. This number is growing every day. It's really a phenomenal number when you think about it. Our staff created and supported our Village Time effort to increase the number of students eligible. We had great success with this, over 100 more students eligible, more straight A's, more honor roll students and many more students understanding that they can be as successful as they want to be. This is just another example of an incredibly dedicated staff going above and beyond the call of duty for the success of our students.

For the eleventh year in a row our students won the MCPS spirit award. For the first time ever WMHS will have a Student Member of the Board of Education. I love bragging about the accomplishments of our school. Many of our individual accomplishment were recognized at the Awards Ceremony last week. Thanks to Ms. Marsh, Ms. Madrykowski and Ms. Lupia for all the hard work in putting on the program. Special recognition and thanks to the three Bell Award winners. **Ms. Vilma Najera, Ms. Emily Willard, and Ms. Rebecca Crocket** were recognized for their tremendous contributions to Watkins Mill High School. They are really three unsung heroes who don't get a lot of recognition because they simply come and work hard every-day to make a difference in the lives of our students. They don't draw a lot of attention to themselves and can never be found complaining, tired, or unavailable. It really is nice to see our community recognize such outstanding teachers.

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PTSA President's Message

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Students,

It is hard to believe that the school year is fast drawing to a close. So too is my third and last year as President of the WMHS PTSA. My thanks to Principal Kevin Hobbs, and former Principal Pete Cahall, for their support and for their unending commitment to our kids. Of course they did not work alone. The Mill is fortunate to have a great staff and many great teachers.

My thanks also to the parents who together make up and/or support the PTSA. It was my honor to work with a dedicated group of people whose primary interest was only to see our students succeed. "It's about the kids" may be the unofficial motto of the WMHS PTSA.

WMHS is a very good school, with many people, program and activities that are simply great. The leadership of these two Principals has much to do with the turn-around and ongoing improvement at the Mill. The PTSA works hard to ensure they have the resources to bring and sustain the great programs our kids need to succeed in a global economy. It pains me deeply to hear people talk about the Mill in terms of what they knew or heard five years ago. Much has changed, and contin-

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We have four staff members retiring this year. Believe it or not, these four individuals account for over 140 years of teaching experience. Many students are sad to see them go, but I especially will miss their experience, wisdom, guidance, (and in Mr. Muns case: bad jokes). These four outstanding people have made enormous impact on our students, our young teachers, and our school culture. They will be missed.

- Mr. David Muns, English Teacher
- Mr. Gary Vukamanic, PE Teacher
- Ms. Allie Ground, Alternative Teacher
- Mr. Daryl Schultz, Social Studies Teacher

Everyone who had a hand in Prom and Post Prom should be congratulated for such a wonderful well attended event. Every student I spoke to said they were very pleased with prom night and had a great and safe time. I also hope you had an opportunity to enjoy our incredible Art Show, our music productions, our musical Annie, or any of our Spring sports. I appreciate all the effort of our staff and students to over and over again, pull off such wonderful events, and more importantly; tremendous learning opportunities.

As some of you may know, next year marks the 20th anniversary of the opening of Watkins Mill High School. We are organizing a committee to help us with our year long celebrations. If you are interested in being a part of the planning or fundraising please contact, Mr. Ed Ross at 301-840-3955.

Thanks for all of your support in my first year as principal. It has been everything I hoped it would be. I absolutely love serving this community and our students. I believe I have the best job in the world and I am looking forward to an even better year next year.

Have a safe summer,

Kevin Hobbs
Principal



Connect Ed and Edline Contact Information

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As many of you are aware there were several safety issues in schools across our region during this past year. As I have studied how the schools handled these crises to keep their students safe and their community informed, I learned an extremely valuable lesson. Families who had good working telephone numbers signed up for Connect Ed were very happy with the communications they received from the schools. One school in particular, sent four phone messages during an emergency to families in English and Spanish. Parents who did not receive the messages were more upset and more panicked as they worried about the safety of their children.

Understand that any incident we have here at Watkins Mill High School will be communicated to you immediately through our Connect Ed system. I am asking for your assistance in making sure you have a working number signed up in our Connect Ed system. In addition, we also send out emergency information on our EDLINE automated Email account. Make sure you have signed up for EDLINE and that you have a working Email registered on your account.

Many parents choose to have the Connect Ed call their cell phones so that they can get messages during the day no matter where they are. The safety of our students is my number one priority. Please help me by making sure your phone numbers are activated and correct in Connect Ed and your email is updated on EDLINE.

If you need assistance with either of these, please call the main office at 301-840-3955.

Sincerely,
Kevin Hobbs
Principal

PTSA President's Message (Continued)

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-ues to change, for the better. For those who know the school, they know the programs and teachers are here to challenge any student who wants to succeed and has the support of their family and friends.

For example, our International Baccalaureate (IB) program is hitting its stride, with our IB graduates reporting back that it made a huge positive impact on their first year in college. We even have small numbers of Upcounty students who seek to transfer into the Mill's IB program but unfortunately cannot due to MCPS policy.

We also have a great many kids taking Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. In the third quarter, out of 1,649 enrolled students, 480 earned a place on the Honor Roll, including 44 Straight "A" students. In addition, WMHS was again in the top 5% of public high schools in the nation according to the May 2008 Newsweek and Washington Post Challenge Index. To be fair, the Challenge Index measures one aspect of a high school's effort to challenge its students by dividing the number of AP or IB tests taken by the number of seniors who graduated. While our overall rank is lower than last year, our Equity and Excellence rate is 40.8%. This means 40.8% of our students didn't just take an AP or IB test, but scored well enough on at least one test to qualify them for college credit. From a PTSA perspective it is far more important to know our kids are doing well on the tests than to simply count how many are taking AP or IB tests. For the curious, the average Equity and Excellence rate for all U.S. schools is about 15 percent.

During the third quarter, the school initiated the innovative "Village Time," adding a half hour of focused time rotated among various classes throughout the week. "Village Time" provided teachers and students extended classroom time together and, without on-line social networks, game systems, and cell phones to distract students from the task at hand, many showed marked improvement. While we only have the one quarter's data, the results were dramatic. Over one hundred students brought their grade point averages above a 2.0 in just one quarter. This doesn't even count the students benefiting from "Village Time" who already had C, B and A grades. We look forward to seeing "Village Time" in the line-up again next year.

The 2008 Watkins Mill Academic Awards again recognized many outstanding students, all united by their dedication, passion, and hard work to learn and succeed. I am continually impressed by the breadth and depth of talent the award ceremony reveals. Behind almost every successful student you will find the teachers that connected with and inspired them to reach that "aha" moment, when a new idea or skill suddenly becomes clear. You also will find the family and friends who supported, encouraged and nurtured them along the way. Congratulations to all the 2008 winners for a job well done, and our thanks to the donors who made these scholarships and awards possible!

There are many people to thank with this end-of-year column. I'm sure I will miss someone, so please forgive me. Many thanks to the following Committees:

Bell Awards--Debbie Ashcom, Lisa Anderson and Toni Marsh for the difficult job of selecting three staff members or teachers to recognize them for their hard work.

Scholarships—Toni Marsh, Nani Lowery, Cathy Goodman, Allyson Morrison, Patricia Waters and Ladonna Williams for their efforts to ensure our kids get the recognition they have earned.

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2008-2009 PTSA Officers

President	Yvette Monroe
Executive Vice President	Lon Hamann
1st Vice President	Chandra Wilson
2nd Vice President	Brenda Szczesny
Recording Secretary	Maureen Thompson
Corresponding Secretary	Heather Steadman
Treasurer	Nick Mason
MCCPTA Delegates	Vacant
	Vacant

2008-2009 PTSA Meetings

The WMHS PTSA meets the third Tuesday of each month. Our last meeting of the 2007-2008 school year will be June 17, 2008. It will be a

The first meeting of the 2008-2009 school year will be on September 16, 2008

Mark your calendars and we'll see you there!

PTSA President's Message (Continued)

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Staff Appreciation--Heather Steadman and Patti Brown for their leadership organizing and coordinating several successful morning and lunchtime events for the staff throughout the year.

Post Prom—Yvette Monroe and Tamica Gatling and a small but intrepid band of volunteers. Once again they overcame tremendous odds to host a wonderful after Prom event. Some 300 students enjoyed games, DDR, a moon-bounce, Velcro wall, poker, caricaturists, temporary tatoos, a DJ, tons of free food, smoothies, and door prizes throughout the night.

Newsletter—Anna Hamann did a great job as Newsletter Editor pulling together a jam packed newsletter filled with articles, announcements, and information of importance to the school community. Thanks also to Vanessa Redd and the Transition Office Team and students for preparing the newsletters for mailing in accordance with Post Office regulations.

Student Phone Directory—Heather Steadman for her work and leadership in preparing and publishing the 2007-2008 Watkins Mill student phone book.

Graduation Buses--Carolyn Camacho for coordinating the charter busses that make a student and family's round trip to the graduation venue so much easier.

Special Needs—Sheila Renaldo for her efforts on behalf of the Special Needs community.

Membership—Nick Mason who as Treasurer did double duty tracking and issuing membership cards throughout the year. Thanks Nick for stepping in to help.

I'd like to thank the PTSA Officers Yvette Monroe, Anna Hamann, Patti Tierney, Heather Steadman, Nick Mason, and Lori Davis. Their leadership, advice and teamwork were crucial to me as PTSA President, and greatly benefited the school community. Together with the PTSA Committee Chairs and the numerous volunteers, our school is served by a great team of volunteers. We will greatly miss those who are moving on this year and wish them all the best. For next year your PTSA President is Yvette Monroe and the Officers will add two new members, Chandra Wilson as 1st Vice President, and Brenda Szczyzny as 2nd Vice President. We still are in need of two parents to serve as MCCPTA delegates.

The PTSA partners with many others who share our commitment to the school and the kids. Our thanks go to Tracey Hooks, NAACP Parents Council; Teresa Wright, ESOL Parent Outreach; and Meg Baker, WMSCAT. Our thanks also to Winn Gaynor and the Booster Club volunteers for all they do to enable the sports and academic programs in the school.

To the teachers and staff—our thanks for all you do each and every day for the students, the school, and the community. We look forward to a continued partnership with you throughout the summer and into the next school year. To Adrian Talley, our Community Superintendent, our thanks for your support. We look forward to working with you to ensure Watkins Mill continues to build on the positive momentum we have now.

To the 2008 graduates of Watkins Mill High School—*congratulations*, and best of luck in your future endeavors!!! To the new and returning classes, have a safe summer and we'll see you back here next year. As you all move into the next phase of your lives, we offer you the following thought:

The reward of a thing well done, is to have done it.
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Respectfully,

Lon Hamann, President
Watkins Mill High School PTSA

Student Member of the Board of Education

Watkins Mill High School is proud to announce that for the first time in the school's 19 year history one of its students was elected as the Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB).

Congratulations to Quratul-Ann Malik!

Chemathon

The Chemathon is a chemistry competition between local area high schools that is sponsored by the University of Maryland Chemistry Department. The students compete in both laboratory experiments, as well as breadth of knowledge. The competition is broken up into two levels. Level I students are for students who are currently enrolled in their first year of chemistry or have completed their first year and not participated in the event. Level II is for students that are currently in AP chemistry or have participated before in the Chemathon. This year Watkins Mill sent two teams to compete in the Chemathon on April 26. The team members were as follows:

Level I

Pallavi Bhargava
Theresa Cabauatan
Tanner Hamann
Siomara Parada
Joseph Umanzor
Vorleak Vuth

Level II

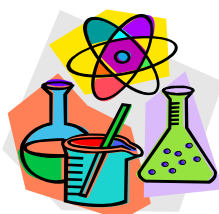
David Anderson
Nowreen Chowdhury
David Gaynor
Rajat Shivacharan
Arleen Thrukal
Andy Umanzor

Prior to the event, these students put in many of hours of hard work and dedication. In the end, their reward was the experience of meeting new and old faces alike in the spirit of competition. Plans are already in the works from those students coming back next year to go and compete again. The science department would like to congratulate these students for their dedication and commitment to chemistry and the sciences alike.



Science Student of the Month

April



Tyler Williams
Tiffany Nguyen
Angela Mendez
Luis Martinez
Moriama Akibu
Kelvin Robles
Alejandra Cruz
Brittini Bledsoe
David Cabrera
Luis Romero

Sandra Garduno
Corbin Smith
Fatima Falama
Abdalla Mahmoud
Sahson Raissi
Marchant Kennedy
Ruth Nambi
Sergio Almeida
Jennifer Nguyen

Shavonte Budd
Vivian Garcia
Moshedayan Kalapala
Anthony Alata
Jartu Toweh
John Hallwig
Toney Pearson
Tricia Briner
Maya Gardner

Summer Job Opportunities

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation is looking for people with skills in art, nature, science, outdoor education and sports to work as counselors and directors at camp and playground programs. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and enjoy working with children. Call 240-777-6870 for camp information.

Teachers Honors—"Bell Awards"

During the annual Academic Awards Ceremony on May 21, 2008, the PTSA recognized three WMHS staff members for their outstanding contributions to our students and school. Nominations were received from parents, students, faculty, and staff members. Each "Bell Award" winner received an engraved school bell. The 2008 "Bell Award" honorees are:

Rebecca Crocket (Special Education)
Vilma Najera (Foreign Language)
Emily Willard (Science)



Each honoree has shown tremendous dedication to our school community. Their names join the 45 other Bell Award recipients honored since 1993. Look for their names soon on the wall plaque just outside the school's main office. You will see many of the great people who work hard to make Watkins Mill High School and our children the best they can be. Thank you to everyone who submitted a nomination.

Teachers' Honors Committee
Debbie Ashcom, Lisa Anderson, and Toni Marsh

Bill Gates Millennium Scholar

Joseph Umanzor, a senior at Watkins Mill High School, has been named a Gates Millennium Scholar. The scholarship program was established in 1999 to provide outstanding students with significant financial need the opportunity to complete an undergraduate education in the academic discipline of their choice. Initially funded by a \$1 billion grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the GMS program selects 1,000 students per year as Gates Scholars. Awards cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and living expenses. Scholars receive funding throughout their academic careers - undergraduate through doctoral degrees - and have the opportunity to graduate debt-free. Since its inception, GMS has funded more than 11,000 Gates Scholars at 1,450 colleges and universities.

Joseph has worked tirelessly to earn this prestigious accolade. Joseph recently was named one of the co-valedictorians of Watkins Mill High School Class of 2008 with a unweighted GPA of 4.0. His ascent has been met with challenges, however. Joseph arrived at the Belmont High School in Los Angeles, California from El Salvador in the 9th grade without any knowledge of the English language. At Belmont High School, he only took English as a Second Language courses (ESL). Joseph worked diligently to quickly learn English and is currently enrolled in rigorous AP and IB courses and has a reputation throughout the school as one of the best Calculus and Chemistry tutors.

This student epitomizes academic excellence, integrity, and has a drive and determination unmatched by his peers. He is a member of the Science Honors Society, Foreign Language Honors Society, and is a vital member of the Student Government Association. He has been known to say that "life is about changing and adapting." This profound statement will serve Joseph well as he transitions to the next chapter of his academic career at the University of Pennsylvania.

Summer Enrichment Programs

Information is available in the College/Career Center on summer enrichment programs. The information was gathered by MCPS and lists programs designed to assist students in broadening their educational capabilities, developing their skills, and exploring career interests. The Summer Search booklet is a valuable resource and is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/summersearch/. Also there is a booklet of summer enrichment opportunities at Montgomery College. These are opportunities for students of all ages.



Final Exam Information and Reminders

During Finals, students are only required to attend classes in which they are being tested. Also remember that transportation is only provided at the regular times.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		June 4—Review Day for Final Exams	June 5—Periods 1 & 2 Exams	June 6—Periods 3 & 4 Exams
June 9—Periods 5 & 6 Exams	June 10—Period 7 Exam and Make ups after Period 7 Exam	June 11—Graduation No School for Grades 9-11	June 12—Make up exams and last day for students	

Important Senior Information

Time seems to be flying and before you know it, graduation for the class of 2008 will be here! Parents, please keep tabs on grades at this point. I have found that at this time of year that even students who are very academic may get senioritis. Also, parents if your student has not completed the SSL hours, please help your student find a community service project. Montgomery County Public Schools website has a linked to the Student Service Learning website where opportunities to earn hours is listed. Also, you can contact Mr. Ed Ross, Student Service Learning coordinator at WMHS, and he will be able to give you suggestions for ways to complete these hours. If your student has done a community project, please be sure the paperwork is completed and given to Mr. Ross.

Important dates for seniors are:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	June 10—8:00 am Graduation Practice and Senior Picnic	June 11—2:30 Graduation at DAR (Seniors need to be at DAR by 1:30)		

Student Obligations

Please avoid the rush and pay the school obligations before the end of the year. Parents will not receive graduation tickets or cap and gowns if the obligations are not paid. Students will not be able to attend Prom if obligations are owed. Please call the Finance Office at 301-840-3950 to inquiry what obligations might be owed.

SSL Opportunity: WMHS Summer Office Aide

Any upcoming Junior or Senior who needs SSL hours and/or has some time this summer, we have work to do in the main office! Primary duties include helping answer telephones, greeting visitors and sorting mail. If this sounds interesting to you, please stop in the main office for more details.

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Academic Performance

Gains Made In The 3RD Quarter

By Robin Lupia

Students and staff worked at lowering ineligibility and raising grade point averages during the 3rd quarter. All of us at the "Mill" are pleased with the results and want to continue the momentum. "Village Time," which is time added to the end of classes on a rotating basis, contributed to helping the "Mill's" gains. Below are some of the gains made:

Comparison of 2006-2007 to 2007-2008, 4TH Quarter Ineligibility — All Students

	2006-2007	2007-2008
MCPS	22.60%	19.20%
WATKINS MILL HS	37.50%	25.30%

2007-2008, Comparison of WMHS Ineligibility between 3rd and 4th Quarters - By Grade

Grade Level	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
09	176/458=38.4%	131/458=28.6%
10	130/382=34%	102/382=26.7%
11	120/421=28.5%	99/421=23.5%
12	98/379=25.9%	86/379=22.7%

Comparison of 2006-2007 to the 2007-2008, WMHS 3rd Quarter Honor Roll/Straight A's

2006-2007	2007-2008
1,736 Enrolled	1,649 Enrolled
418 Honor Roll	480 Honor Roll
35 Straight A's	44 Straight A's

How Will You Spend Your Summer Vacation?

Summer is a good time to visit some local colleges/universities to find out more about college settings.

Don't forget to do your summer reading! Also do some reading which will help with the critical reading section of the SAT or ACT.

Make plans to do some volunteer work to add to your Student Service Learning hours. SSL forms and information are available online at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>

Counseling and Career Center News

Seniors:

Final Transcripts: Be sure to submit your request for your final transcript to Mrs. Prochnow before graduation. **Colleges and universities require the final transcript before you may register for classes.** Your college registration will be delayed if the college/university does not have your final transcript. Final transcripts will be mailed to the college you designate by the third week in July by Mrs. Jacobson, the registrar.

Montgomery College Information: Seniors planning to attend Montgomery College in the fall:

- Apply for the Foundation Scholarship if you are in good academic standing and have financial need. Applications are available in the College/Career Center. Deadline to apply is June 13.
- If you are planning to attend MC for two years then transfer to the Universities at Shady Grove, apply for the Kendall Scholarship. Download the application from www.montgomerycollege.edu/finaid. Be sure to label it "Kendall Scholarship."
- Remember that if you do not have SAT scores or if your SAT scores were below 550 verbal and 550 mathematics, you must take the Accuplacer test. This is an important part of the MC registration process. There are three sections – reading, math and English – that are used for placement in those subject areas. You cannot register for classes until you have these scores. Don't delay – sign up now for the Accuplacer test at any of the three MC campuses. For more information visit the following website: www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/AssessCtr/assessment-placement.html
- How can you prepare for the Accuplacer? Visit the following website for sample questions and tips: www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/AssessCtr/accuplacer.htm

Juniors:

Class of 2009, please use the summer time to continue to **gather information on your potential colleges** to which you will apply. Beginning in August, some colleges have their applications available online. It is never too early to work on essays, your resume, or the application itself. Next fall you will be busy with courses, sports, drama productions, etc.!

Research Colleges on Family Connections: To develop the list of colleges to which you will apply, you must take some action. Gather information and narrow your list of choices to a reasonable number. There is a software program available to you and your parents called **Family Connection** which allows you to perform college searches and contains historical data on WMHS graduates from the classes of 2001 through the class of 2008. Information on each student is built into the database to include GPA and PSAT scores, as well as SAT scores if the scores are sent to the high school. Students will be able to produce scattergrams for various colleges and universities and determine schools that may be "safety" schools once application time begins in the fall. With the use of the Family Connection program, students may do their research on colleges and tech schools either at school or at home. Students were introduced to Family Connection back in the fall. See Mrs. Prochnow in the College/Career Center to get the access code for this helpful program if you were absent or if you forgot your password. <https://connection.naviance.com/wmhs>

Visit Campuses:

Make plans to visit colleges and universities over the summer. Campus visits are very important and help in the final college choice decisions.

Scholarship Information: Students interested in applying for **scholarships** may check the website www.fastweb.com over the summer. This online service has listings of over 600,000 scholarships and 4,000 colleges. Students register and will receive notification of scholarships to consider. FastWeb is a free service. Juniors should be registering now to automatically have scholarship information sent to their email account.

Remember next year to pick up the monthly College/Career Center Newsletter for current information on scholarships available from the College/Career Center. The Newsletter is also available on the Watkins Mill website: www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/watkinsmillhs.

Remember, you should not have to pay a fee for scholarship searches. There are plenty of online free websites.

Counseling and Career Center News (Continued)

SAT Test Dates for 2008-2009 School Year:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 4	September 9	(dates not available yet)
November 1	September 26	
December 6	November 5	
January 24	December 26	
March 14	February 10	
May 2	March 31	
June 6	May 5	

MCPS's offers free online SAT prep help through www.collegeboard.com. The online course has 18 lessons and 6 full-size practice tests. Students must pick up a personalized access code from Mrs. Prochnow in the College/Career Center. SAT Prep classes this summer are also offered by the Workforce Development & Continuing Education Division of Montgomery College. The cost is \$260 plus the cost of the book. Registration booklets are available in the College/Career Center. Call 240-567-5188 for more info.

ACT Test Dates for 2008-2009 School Year:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 13	August 12	August 22
October 25	September 19	October 3
December 13	November 7	November 20
February 7	January 6	January 16
April 4	February 27	March 13
June 13	May 8	May 22

Registration packets will be available in the College/Career Center in August for both the SAT and ACT for next school year. You may apply online as well beginning May 29, 2008. SAT online registration can be found at www.collegeboard.com. ACT online registration is at www.actstudent.org. Have a credit card handy for both! Please see Mrs. Prochnow about the possibility of receiving fee waivers for these tests.

Remember that most colleges and universities will accept either the SAT or ACT for admission. For the SAT, register for the Reasoning Test; for the ACT, register for the ACT plus Writing. College bound students are encouraged to try them both. Also, please note that the Watkins Mill High School code for both tests is **210568**.

For free SAT and ACT test prep, you can also give www.number2.com a try. The site is run by a group of young university professors who are attempting to help students taking the SAT and ACT. Their goal is to guarantee universal access to the highest quality test preparation services for all interested and motivated students.

All Students:

The College/Career Center will be open over the summer. Please call and schedule an appointment with Mrs. Prochnow by calling (301) 840-3957 if you would like to discuss college and career options.

Summer enrollment appointments with counselors will be held only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 am until 1 p.m. Please call Mrs. Van Gilder at 301-840-3970 for an appointment.

The following documents are needed for the appointment:

- Parent photo ID (government-issued)
- Lease or property tax bill
- Student's birth certificate, student's immunization records, and previous school records.

From the Media Center

One Maryland/One Book: first summer that Maryland is holding a statewide summer reading program. One Maryland/One Book is a statewide reading project that encourages reading; brings together diverse people in communities across the state to read the same book; and promotes book-centered discussions and other related programs in local communities.



The book, *A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League* by Ron Suskind, will be linked to the Maryland Humanities Council's special initiative, *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Remembrance and Reconciliation*, and will stimulate discussion about issues of race in Maryland and America.

The kickoff will take place in June and Marylanders will be encouraged to read the book over the summer. Any information that becomes available will be linked to Edline and to the Watkins Mill web page. In August, look for information on the WMHS website and Edline about possible book discussion activities. Also, in September, Mr. Suskind will be attending the Baltimore Book Festival.

All Maryland residents are encouraged to participate, including public and academic libraries, schools, cultural organizations, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and even businesses that would like to hold brown bag lunch discussions in the workplace. So, you may hear about this in more places than here.

One Maryland/One Book is being coordinated by the Maryland Center for the Book, a program of the Maryland Humanities Council www.mdhc.org, in partnership with Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Maryland State Department of Education, and the Division of Library Development & Services. One Maryland/One Book is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, LSTA grant funds, through the Division of Library Development & Services, Maryland State Department of Education.

Have a great summer!
Ms. Kyra Kreinbrook
Media Specialist

Fall 2008 Varsity Football Schedule

All Game Times 6:30 pm

Friday, 9/05 Seneca Valley (Home)*
Friday, 9/12 Magruder (Away)
Friday, 9/19 Wheaton (Home)*
Friday 9/26 BCC (Away)
Friday, 10/03 Damascus (Home)*
Friday, 10/10 Kennedy (Away)
Friday, 10/17 Einstein (Homecoming)*
Friday, 10/24 Gaithersburg (Away)
Friday, 10/31 Paint Branch (Away)
Friday, 11/07 Clarksburg (Home)*



Homecoming Dance is Saturday, October 18th

*Watkins Mill Cluster Appreciation Nights:

Watkins Mill Cluster students from the schools below (**in bold**) get free admission for that night's game if they bring their student ID and are accompanied by a paying adult (for supervision purposes, small groups allowed).

Friday, 9/05 Seneca Valley (Home) **Stedwick ES Night**
Friday, 9/19 Wheaton (Home) **Montgomery Village MS and Neelsville MS Night**
Friday, 10/03 Damascus (Home) **Watkins Mill ES Night**
Friday, 10/17 Einstein (Home) **Whetstone ES Night**
Friday, 11/07 Clarksburg (Home) **South Lake ES Night**

Athletic Department Memorandum

Ed Ross, Athletic Director

Date: June 1, 2008

Although it's only June we have to peek into our summer calendars and begin planning for the coming Fall Sport Season. In this report, I will share with you with the 2008 Fall Sport Tryout Schedule providing important dates for all of our fall sport activities. In addition, I am including a fall sport coaches list, with names and email addresses, so you can communicate with coaches directly when sport specific information is needed this summer.

As well, I want to share with you the goal of our athletic department to **"Raise the Standard of Athletic Competition"** here at The Mill during the 2008-09 school year. Specifically, our coaches will be requiring more effort from your sons and daughters than ever before. We will require more from them in the classroom, on the athletic fields, and in the manner of which they conduct themselves as productive young people in our community. In addition, coaches will focus on making sure that they conduct well planned practices, teach the most relevant sport skills, and devise the most competitive strategies for our teams to be successful. Furthermore, our coaches will be sure to seek out your help whenever it is necessary to remind your sons and daughters of the need to give their maximum effort toward achieving our goals, especially when the going gets tough and less than fun.

In order to **"Raise the Standard of Athletic Competition"** we must first establish very functional relationships between the three persons who matter most in a successful athletic experience. This year our coaches will be contacting parents, early in the preseason, to discuss our **"Triangle of Success"** philosophy in which communication between the Parent, Player and Coach is critical for the success of our teams of young people. I invite you to visit our Sports Website where you will find our new **Parent/Student Handbook** and more specific information that you will need for the coming sport seasons. www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/sports Thanks for your continued support of our *WOLVERINES!*

2008 Fall Sport Coaches List

Varsity and JV Football: Coach Joe Rydzewski, Joseph_C_Rydzewski@mcpsmd.org
Boys Tennis: Coach Ed Graf, Edward_W_Graf@mcpsmd.org
Girls Volleyball: Coach Jody Tyler, Jody_D_Tyler@mcpsmd.org
Girls JV Volleyball: Coach Bryan Clark, Bryan_D_Clark@mcpsmd.org
Cross Country: Coach Paul Ranno, Paul_A_Ranno@mcpsmd.org
Asst Cross Country: Coach Mark Carothers, Mark_A_Carothers@mcpsmd.org
Golf: Coach Ben Dickey, Dickey_BD@hotmail.com
Boys Soccer: Coach Jeff Heckert, Kenneth_J_Heckert@mcpsmd.org
JV Boys Soccer: Coach Steve Walker, Steven_B_Walker@mcpsmd.org
Girls Soccer: Coach Josh Kinnetz, Joshua_J_Kinnetz@mcpsmd.org
JV Girls Soccer: Coach David Diggs, David_M_Diggs@mcpsmd.org
Field Hockey: Coach Ellen Polster, Ellen_A_Polster@mcpsmd.org
JV Field Hockey: Coach Michelle Pettit, Michelle_L_Pettit@mcpsmd.org
Cheerleading: Coach Suzy Mentz, Suzanne_Mentz@mcpsmd.org
JV Cheerleading: Coach Jamie Motyka, Jamie_M_Motyka@mcpsmd.org
Poms: Coach Beth Jordan, Beth_Jordan@mcpsmd.org

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WMHS PTSA Post Prom Committee thanks all the parent volunteers, the security team, and the following businesses and organizations for their generous support of our 2008 Post Prom:

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Fall Sport Season 2008 – Tryout Dates

For Updated Tryout Information Visit:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs

Sport/Coach	1st Meeting Date: <u>Friday August 15</u>	1st Practice Date: <u>Saturday August 16</u>	Parent Meeting Date:
* FOOTBALL: Coach Rydzewski	Tryout Meeting and Equipment Issued: Auditorium, 12:00 pm	7:00 am Locker Room 8:00 am -10:00 am 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Tuesday August 19, Auditorium, 7:00 pm
* <u>Note:</u> Mandatory Football Strength and Conditioning Program every Mon - Thu, 4 pm - 6 pm, beginning June 16. Contact Coach R. for information 301-518-2098 -no workouts July 3 & July 7			
GIRLS TENNIS: Coach Graf	No Meeting	9:00 am – 11:00 am Tennis Courts	August 27, 4:30 pm Tennis Courts
GIRLSVOLLEYBALL: Coach Tyler Coach Clark	Tryout Meeting 3:00 pm Gym II	8:30 am – 10:30 am 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Main Gym	April 20, 6:30 pm Main Gym
CROSS COUNTRY: Coach Ranno Coach Carothers	No Meeting	8:00 am – 10:00 am 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Stadium Track	August 29, 5:00 pm Stadium Track
GOLF: Coach Dickey	No Meeting	9:00 am meeting in the Gym Lobby	TBA
BOYS SOCCER: Coach Heckert Coach Walker	Tryout Meeting 3:00 pm Lower Practice Field	8:00am – 10:30am 2:00pm – 4:30pm Lower Practice Field	TBA
* GIRLS SOCCER: Coach Kinnetz Coach Diggs	Tryout Meeting 3:00 pm Upper Practice Field	8:00 am – 10:30 am 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Upper Practice Field	TBA
* <u>Note:</u> Mandatory G Soccer Conditioning Program every Tue & Thu, 6 pm - 7 pm, beginning July 8. Contact Coach K. for information 703-501-8879			
FIELD HOCKEY: Coach Polster Coach Pettit	Tryout Meeting 3:00 pm Room B100	8:30 am – 11:00 am 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Field Hockey Field	TBA
* CHEERLEADING: Coach Mentz Coach Motyka	No Meeting	8:00 am – 10:00 am 12:00 – 2:00pm Stadium Track JV Aug 18 - 10:00 am	TBA
* <u>Note:</u> Fall Cheerleading Supplemental Tryout: Mon August 18, 10:30 am on the Track			
POMS: Coach Jordan	No Meeting	8:00 am – 10:00 am Stadium Field 12:00-2:00 pm–Cafeteria	TBA

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And all the students who volunteered at the Wrestling Tournament, the Capitol Steps show, the Mulch Sale and in the Concession stand this year!!!

Please come to
Volunteer Appreciation Night, June 6th, 7:00 PM
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See you next Year!



WMHS Calendar

June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7:00 pm—Booster Club Mtg	3	4 Review Day for Exams	5 Exams 1 & 2	6 Exams 3 & 4	7 SAT Test
8	9 Exams 5 & 6	10 Exam 7	11 2:30 Graduation @ Constitution Hall No school for students	12 Last Day for Students Makeup Day for exams	13 Professional Day for teachers Grades due by 2:00 pm	14 ACT Test
15	16	17 Senior Portraits by Blanton Studios by Appointment	18 Senior Portraits by Blanton Studios by Appointment	19 Report Cards Mailed Home Blanton Senior Portraits By Appointment	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 First Day of Summer School, 1 st session @Churchill HS @Gaithersburg HS @Sherwood HS @Wheaton HS	27	28
29	30					

July 2008

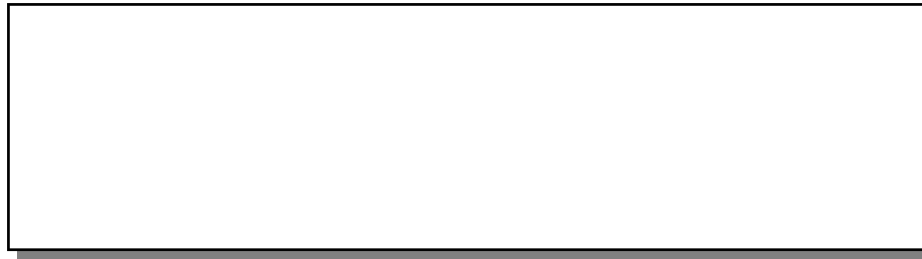
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Senior Portraits by Blanton Studio	17 Last Day of Summer School, 1 st Session	18	19
20	21	22 2 nd Session of Summer School begins	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Last Day for 2 nd Session of Summer School	9
10	11	12 2:00 pm--Summer School Graduation Rehearsal @ Kennedy HS	13	14 2:00 pm--Summer School Graduation @ Kennedy	15	16
17	18	19 Professional Days for teachers	20 Professional Days for teachers	21 Professional Days for teachers	22 Professional Days for teachers New Student Orientation	23
24	25 Professional Day for Teachers	26 First Day of School for Students School Portraits by Blanton Studios	27 School Portraits by Blanton Studios	28	29	30
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Have a great summer!!!