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**Student Obligations:** 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report cards will be stamped with “Obligation Due” if your student has an outstanding financial debt. Obligations may be paid in cash or by check in the Business Office (Room 115) or by credit card using the MCPS Online School Payments (OSP) webpage. The link can be found under the Quick Links section on the Churchill website “On-Line Payment System”. Then click on “Student Debts” located at the far right on the top blue banner. Questions? Call Lynn Besch at 240-740-5416.

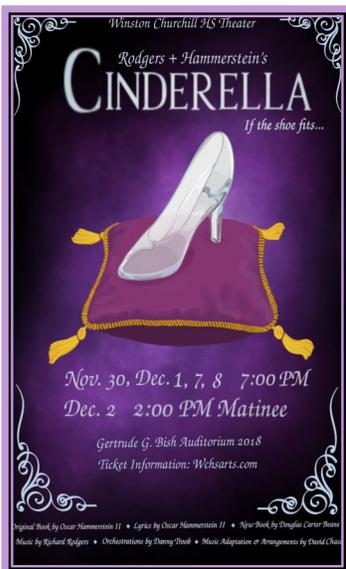
**Reminders:** Churchill has a new phone number: 240-740-5400. *ALL visitors must sign in to the Main Office and have a government issued photo ID in order to enter the building.*

**Free and Reduced Meals:** For faster processing, households may apply online at [MySchoolApps.com](http://MySchoolApps.com).

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ 11/20—Report Card Distribution
- ◆ 11/21—Early dismissal @ 12PM
- ◆ 11/22, 11/23—No school: Thanksgiving holiday

Support the Arts at WCHS!  
Click picture to order tickets.



### WCHS DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

**Social Studies:** “Are you not entertained?” It’s dark before 5pm. This is the time of year that History nerds geek out to movies. How accurate are Hollywood History movies? Check out the link below, grab a blanket, start a fire, and enjoy.

<http://www.history101.com/historical-movies-inaccuracies/>

**World Languages:** Maryland Seal of Biliteracy: There will be an exam for seniors on December 5 to qualify them to earn the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy. Eligible students may sign up for the exam here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfRYMJ11rNBTHtHeFDPtTKH52juaWTb2ZssQyoF7gDvUxm9g/viewform>. Students that have passed English 10 PARCC and are native/heritage speakers of one of the following languages may register: Arabic, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Russian, Spanish. Please contact Elizabeth Rodgers ([Elizabeth\\_E\\_Rodgers@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Elizabeth_E_Rodgers@mcpsmd.org)) with questions and read more about the award here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t\\_I\\_sV5Y-FAMZM\\_bQoVmS6RwCRi3zGbTKqbtOZZfA7k/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t_I_sV5Y-FAMZM_bQoVmS6RwCRi3zGbTKqbtOZZfA7k/edit?usp=sharing)

### Staff Spotlight—Mahnoosh Farsaii



Ms. Mahnoosh Farsaii is in her 1st year at WCHS as a Honors Biology teacher, but 10th year in MCPS. She grew up in West Virginia and came to the DC area to attend college at George Washington University and then earned her Master’s Degree in Developmental Science from American University.

Before coming to Churchill, Ms. Farsaii worked at Central Office for three years with Interim Instructional Services. She was in charge of adapting the middle school and high school science curricula to an online format and taught students online. Missing the daily interactions with students led her back to the classroom.

In her free time, Ms. Farsaii enjoys spending time with her husband and 3 year old son, baking, swimming, fishing, and traveling and enjoys rooting on the Pittsburgh Steelers!

### Does your child need additional Math support?

- ◆ Algebra 1 Support Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:45 – 3: 45 in room 117
- ◆ All Math subjects – Math Honor Society student tutors are available during lunch and after school from 2:30 – 3:15 in room 123



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**A message from the Director of Systemwide Athletics:**  
MCPS Sports Community,

I am writing to share resources and our responses to further support our students and families, following the serious situation in our Damascus High School community. As you may know from the news, five Damascus High School students have been charged with second-degree rape and/or attempted second-degree rape. These charges stem from alleged behavior by members of the junior varsity football team in the school's male locker room after dismissal. These disturbing allegations have elevated emotions and concerns about assault and hazing, behaviors that are in direct conflict with our R.A.I.S.E. core values and our vision of providing a safe and respectful environment across the MCPS athletics department and beyond.

To begin, abuse, bullying, hazing, and harassment, in any form have no place in the MCPS athletics program. Students who engage in such activities are not welcome in our program and, at a minimum, such activities may result in immediate dismissal from the team. Additionally, teams that promote or engage in such activities will be subject to team sanctions, including forfeiture of contest(s). In short, donning the uniform of one of our schools and representing MCPS in the realm of competition is a cherished privilege. Students and teams who engage in these harmful and despicable behaviors will not represent their schools or our program as a whole.

Moving forward, I want you to know that we are fully committed to supporting all stakeholders in our program: our athletic directors, coaches, parents/guardians, communities and the heart of our program, our student-athletes. We want to ensure that everyone is educated on the harmful impact and characteristics of abuse, bullying, hazing, and harassment, and make sure that incidents of these behaviors are reported immediately. Attached to this letter are some resources for teams and coaches, as well as some tips for parents. Additional information and resources are available on our MCPS athletics website.

In response to this situation, I have met with athletic directors and communicated a plan for enhanced education and engagement with our students and coaches to ensure that we are promoting a positive environment free of hazing, bullying, harassment, and abuse. This will be addressed with coaches at preseason meetings and reinforced throughout each season. Additionally, every coach across the program will be further emphasizing the promotion of a positive culture and the harmful effects and consequences of hazing, bullying, harassment, and abuse with their respective teams at the beginning of each season. Included in this enhanced education is information for identifying and reporting such instances if they occur. More information raising awareness regarding hazing, bullying, and harassment is available in this video, which was e-mailed to all MCPS high school students and distributed on social media.

In the coming months, we will conduct an analysis of our operations through a critical lens to ensure that we are maximizing the experiences of our student-athletes consistent with our vision, mission, and R.A.I.S.E. core values. We will work collaboratively with all stakeholders in our program to identify strategies and procedures to further promote a positive environment around our athletics program, schools, and communities. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the Damascus High School community during this difficult time.

Attached are resources for further information.

**[Parent Tip Sheet Positive Culture – Hazing](#)**

**[Slides.rtm.11.7.2018](#)**

**[What Parents Need to Know – extracted from HS Resource Guide for Hazing ...](#)**

**[What Students Need to Know – extracted from HS Resource Guide for Hazing...](#)**

Together, We RAISE MCPS Athletics,

Jeffrey K. Sullivan, CMAA  
Director, Systemwide Athletics  
Montgomery County Public Schools

**[WCHS Athletic Winter Athletics Tryout Information](#)**

**Girls Basketball:**

Nov 15th - 3-5pm Main and Lower Gym

Nov 16th - 3-5pm Main and Lower Gym

Nov 17th - 10-12 Main and Lower Gym, 2-4 Main Gym (Varsity Only)

\*Please bring water and a reversible jersey, if possible.\*

**Boys Basketball:**

Nov 15th - 5-7pm Main and Lower Gym

Nov 16th - 5-7pm Main and Lower Gym

**Swimming & Dive:** Tryouts for the 2018-2019 Churchill Swim and Dive Team will be held at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center (5900 Executive Blvd, Rockville, MD 20852) on Friday, November 16th from 3:00-4:00pm. All students trying out for swimming will be timed in a 100m freestyle and a 50m non-freestyle stroke of their choice. Students trying out for diving will be evaluated on a variety of dives, but should be able to do at least one dive from three of the five categories (front, back, reverse, inward, twister).

**Indoor Track:** The team will meet on the track afterschool on November 15th.

**Wrestling:** The wrestling team will meet in the wrestling room across from the boys locker room beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm.

**POMS Tryouts:** Tryout Clinics: 11/14 & 11/15—3-5 Dance Studio. Final tryouts—Friday, 11/16 3-5 Dance Studio.

**Skill Evaluation:** Double Turns, Triple Turns, Fouettes, Center leaps, Firebirds, C Jumps, Switch leaps, Russians, Splits, Axels

**Choreography-** Participants will be taught competition level choreography Wednesday and Thursday.