

**Dear Windy Hill Families,**

Obviously, these are unprecedented times. Teachers will be doing their best on short notice to give students assignments that will allow them to stay academically engaged to the extent possible. The brain operates like a muscle and weakens when not used but is strengthened when exercised. Please make sure your child engages in academic activities during these two weeks. Ask your child about things like; schoology, Khan Academy, Agile Mind, Reading Counts, Common Lit and Dreambox, to name a few of our online learning platforms, or have them read books for pleasure.

Teachers will NOT be giving students two weeks of work that is expected to be completed but will be giving students suggested learning activities that can be done at home.

**The dodgeball tournament has been postponed. There are NO after school activities until further notice is given.**

Administration, clerical staff and building service staff is expected to work during this time but there may be some days where the front office is closed. After Monday, the school is to be restricted from visitors, but we will answer phones when we are here between the hours of 8am and 3:30pm. The purpose of restricting visitors is because all areas will be completely disinfected, locked and tagged. The purpose for allowing visitors Monday is so students who were absent today can pick up belongings, instruments and the like. After Monday, no one will be permitted past the main office and only allowed into the main office for essential reasons. If you had meetings scheduled, staff will be contacting you to reschedule.

The following links to the CDC and the Calvert County Health Department give the most up-to-date, accurate information about COVID-19 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html> and [www.calverthealth.org](http://www.calverthealth.org)

It is important to understand that this closure is designed to maintain social distance and reduce large crowds in confined spaces. It should help to slow down the transmission of COVID-19 and protect our most vulnerable citizens, so that we do not overwhelm our health care facilities. Even though we will be doing extra cleaning during this break, that is not the main reason schools have been closed.

Please be safe and talk with your children about social distancing, handwashing and the other recommendations that are being made by health officials.

Respectfully,

James Kurtz  
Principal  
Learning First for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

**Attached:** Vaccination Clinic Flyer

**TIPS FOR THE BREAK FROM OUR MEDIA SPECIALIST**

Parents, your student has access to online books, games, movies and more with their public library "CRAB" card.

Below is the link to Calvert Library and their login is:

calv and their student ID. ex: calv23456

password is their 8 digit birthdate (MMDDYYYY)

<https://calvertlibrary.info/kids-teens/kids/kids-cards-crab-cards-2/>

Questions on Calvert Library resources? Call them at (410) 535-0291 or (301) 855-1862.

## **BOOK FAIR**

The WHMS Spring Book Fair is Monday March 30 – Friday April 3. Evening hours are Tuesday, March 31 from 5PM – 7PM. Your child will come during the daytime with their ELA class. To see the flier, make an online purchase or setup eWallet, please go to the WHMS Book Fair website linked here. Thank you for supporting reading and our library at WHMS! Email Anne Jones, WHMS Librarian at [jonesan@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:jonesan@calvertnet.k12.md.us) if you have any questions.

## **HEALTH DEPT. LETTER**

Attached please find a letter about an upcoming immunization opportunity being offered at WHMS on April 1<sup>st</sup> by the Health Dept. Please read the attachment carefully if your child is a current 6<sup>th</sup> grader as these immunizations are required before the start of 7<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our nurse, Ms. Tillini at 443-550-9312.

## **DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT**

Postposed. Stay tuned.

## **New Arrival Procedures for Student with Instruments**

If a student has an instrument, they are to enter by the cafeteria and drop their instrument off first then go to their locker.

## **YEARBOOK**

There is still time left to order a yearbook before the April 30 deadline to order. Supplies are limited, so be sure to order yours today. Go to the WHMS website and click on the “order yearbook” link today to get yours for \$40.

## **WHMS T-SHIRT**

We have some WHMS black short sleeved t-shirts available for purchase. They are \$15 cash or check and can be purchased in the front office. Your student can bring money to the office or you may send in money directly to us and we will get the shirt to your student.

## **Volunteering**

Anyone wishing to volunteer, chaperone a dance, help at a fundraiser, go on a field trip, etc. Needs to complete the online volunteer application. The link to this application is:

[http://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us/departments/instruction/instruction\\_program\\_information/become\\_a\\_volunteer](http://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us/departments/instruction/instruction_program_information/become_a_volunteer). This needs to be completed every year as the system is cleared every summer.

## **Follow WHMS on Twitter: WindyHillMSCCPS**

### **Athletics:**

All Cancelled until further notice.

### **Calendar:**

Updates will be given before students return. Coaches and sponsors will need time to make decisions and plan for these changes.

## Nondiscrimination Statement

Calvert County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry or national origin, familial status, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or genetic information or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

- Director of Student Services
- Director of Human Resources

443-550-8000

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Assessment System at: <https://ocracas.ed.gov> or call 1-800-421-3481.

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### Anti-sexual, Anti-racial and Anti-disability Harassment Statement

Discrimination can manifest itself in behaviors such as bullying, harassment, or intimidation of individuals.

Calvert County Public Schools does not tolerate any form of harassment including, but not limited to, sexual, racial, or disability. Any individual (student, employee, or community member) who believes that he or she has been subjected to any form of harassment is encouraged to report the allegation of harassment. Students, parents and community members may report allegations of harassment to:

Ms. Kimberly Roof  
Director of Student Services  
Calvert County Public Schools  
1305 Dares Beach Road  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Employees may report allegations of harassment to:

Ms. Laveeta Hutchins  
Director of Human Resources  
Calvert County Public Schools  
1305 Dares Beach Road  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Calvert County Public Schools is committed to conducting a prompt investigation for any allegation of harassment. If harassment has occurred, the individual will be disciplined promptly. Disciplinary actions for students found to have engaged in any form of harassment may result in suspension or expulsion. Disciplinary actions for employees found to have engaged in any form of harassment may result in suspension or termination.

Calvert County Public Schools encourages all students, parents, employees, and community members to work together to prevent any form of harassment.

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