

HEALTH ROOM NEWS

Students on crutches should see the nurse on the first day they arrive to school using crutches. This is to review safety precautions that should be taken when using crutches.

IMPACT AID SURVERY FORMS

The Impact Aid forms that go home every October with students were sent home October 9th. If you have not signed and sent this back with your student, please do so. For the many of you who already returned them, THANK YOU. It is very important we get a form back for each child. If you have multiple children at WHMS you must complete one for each child.

FALL CLEANUP

Saturday, October 28th from 9:00-12:00 we invite all parents, student and teachers to help clean up our school grounds. Bring your own rakes, gloves, lawn carts, and trowels.

TRANSPORTATION NEWS:

Bus 68 is no longer able to accept guest riders due to the number of regular passengers. Thanks for your understanding.

Please periodically remind your student that riding the bus to school is a privilege. Misbehavior on the bus is different than misbehavior in school because distracting the driver presents a serious safety hazard. All students are reminded to follow the bus rules to contribute to ensuring the safety of all students. Students who violate these rules may be removed from the bus for the safety of the driver, other vehicles and students alike. Thank you for helping us with this expectation.

FROM CHILD NUTRITION OFFICE

Parents are reminded that they can request to limit the number of snacks that their student(s) may purchase through their school cafeteria account each day. Parents should email such requests to Valerie Parmer, Dietician and Nutrition Specialist, at parmerv@calvertnet.k12.md.us.

UNITY DAY- October 25, 2017

Make it orange, make it end. What are your true colors when it comes to showing your support for students who are bullied? Come together in one giant message of hope and support. Wear and share orange to color our nation, and even the world, to show that our society believes that no child should be bullied.

CHESS CLUB

We have a group of students interested in starting a chess club. If you would be interested in sponsoring this club, please contact Mr. Kurtz.

PBIS

We are seeking donations from our WHMS business community. Please see the attached letter from our PBIS team seeking donations to help support our students and staff.

NATIONAL SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The state of Maryland has declared October as YOUTH SUCIDE PREVENTION MONTH. WHMS counselors Lomone White and Bhavna Santos will visit 7th grade classes during the month to present information regarding suicide prevention. The material presented will discuss the warning signs of and myths surrounding suicide. Should you have any concerns in this matter, please contact your child's counselor.

Sincerely,
B. Santos
L. White

HOME ACCESS CENTER

If your student is not new to the Calvert County School System, your **Home Access Center (HAC) credentials** will remain the same as you previously set them. If you are new to the school system, you should have received information in the first day folder so you can set up your account to monitor important academic content regarding your child.

TWITTER

Follow WHMS on Twitter @WHMSCCPS

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER GAMES FOR THE WEEK OF 10/16/2017 THROUGH 10/20/2017:

VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER GAME:

Monday, October 16th at Southern Middle School at 4:00 PM

VOLLEYBALL GAME:

Wednesday, October 18th at Calvert Middle School at 4:00 PM

SOCCER GAME:

Wednesday, October 18th with Calvert Middle School to be played at Calvert High School at 4:00 PM

Practice for both teams to be held on Tuesday, October 17th.

Soccer game with Mill Creek Middle will be rescheduled. Date to be determined. We will let you know as soon as it is determined.

Volleyball and Soccer will both practice on Tuesday and Thursday as normal.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WHMS OCTOBER 16-20

Monday	6 th grade field orchestra field trip 4pm Soccer and Volleyball @ SMS 3:15 All County Band 6 th grade 3:15 Math Club
Tuesday	Ms. Liston's 5 th period to Kings Landing 3:15 SGA Meeting 3:15 MESA
Wednesday	CTA Field Trip 8 th Grade 3:15 All County Band 7 th Grade 4pm Volleyball and Soccer @ CMS 5:30 PTSA
Thursday	2 hour early dismissal
Friday	No school for students

PTSA

YOU CAN STILL JOIN THE PTSA! Your membership counts toward our goals and plans to help make our school community as strong as it can be. Membership forms can be found on the WHMS website under the PTSA link or in the front office kiosk. Only \$7 per student, teacher/staff or parent. Join today!!

The next PTSA Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18th at 5:30pm in the Media Center. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE: Our Mixed Bag Fundraiser will run October 30th – November 13th. Watch for information soon.

REFLECTIONS

Encourage your child to be creative!

The National PTA Reflections program is an opportunity to celebrate the arts in our schools! Students can participate by creating an original work in any of the following categories: dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and the visual arts. The entry must be original, and an interpretation of this year's theme: "Within Reach"

Entries must be turned in to the office by **Friday, December 8.**

For official rules, go to <http://www.mdpta.org/documents/17-18ReflectionsOfficialRules.docx>

or contact Natalie Campbell personatalie1@gmail.com

BOXTOPS: Please continue to clip and submit the Boxtops. Please review the expiration date before sending in. Boxes are located in the front lobby for each grade. The winning grade wins a treat each quarter..

Please note that Campbell's soup labels are no longer being accepted. The labels for Education was discontinued in August.

GIANT Food stores: Please register your Giant rewards card for WHMS

AMAZON SMILE- please register WHMS as your organization of choice for their donations

We hope we can count on our WHMS families for another fabulous year in our efforts in fundraising! Thank you in advance!

SPIRIT WEAR!!

All Spirit Wear was distributed to the classrooms on Tuesday, the 10th, so your child should have your order(s). If anything appears incorrect, for any reason, or if you expected to receive items and did NOT, please let Tracy know.

Hope you enjoy your new gear!

Contact: Tracy Contrino |*| email4tracy@gmail.com |*| 443.710.3340

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 of Civil Rights Complaint Assessment System at: <http://ocrcas.ed.gov> or call 1-800-421-3481.

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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