

Dear WHMS Families,

The end of the third marking period is approaching quickly. Make sure you are logging in to HAC and checking your student's grades. If you have concerns or questions, please reach out to the teacher and work with your student to make improvements. Assessment retakes, make-up assignments and recovery are options depending on the circumstance. Of paramount importance is ensuring your student is mastering the standards being taught.

I had the pleasure to speak at a state principals conference this week regarding the professional learning our teachers participate in to prepare high quality instruction for our children. A key component of this lecture was the emphasis of essential questions we stress to staff and that we expect to observe in lessons. In all disciplines, in every lesson, we ask teachers to be purposeful and to be explicit about the two following questions: What am I learning and why is it important to me? As I did often last year, I challenge you to ask your student(s) these questions as they relate to the various classes they take. We believe it is critically important for students to be able to articulate the answers to these questions and we believe this aids in the learning process. Students must be able to make connections to what is learned in the classroom to the real world and they must see the purpose and benefit to their learning.

We will continue to administer the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. All testing except make-ups will take place in the morning before lunch. Please help us by having your student here every day, on time, well rested and nourished with a nutritious breakfast to fuel the brain!

Have a great weekend.

James Kurtz  
Principal

## **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

Congratulations to our Fine Arts Department for hosting our first ever Solo & Ensemble Preview Concert and Art Show. Thank you to our students and parents for supporting our fine arts.

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

\*If anyone has pool noodles you don't need anymore, our track team would like to have them to use for drills.

\*If anyone has those big "children at play" signs that you would be willing to donate, we can use them to block off the section of the parking lot so kids can be safe during track.

\*We ask parents not use the bus parking lot until after 4:30 while our sports teams are outside practicing for everyone's safety.

## **Vendor Fair, Book Fair, & more! See flyer for details**

You're invited to join us for our fun and fabulous Shop Hop fundraiser on April 7 from 9am-2pm in the cafeteria! We will have a wide variety of items from crafters and vendors to purchase as well as raffles and concessions. Please stop by and support the Windy Hill Middle School PTSA – we look forward to seeing you there! If you are still interested in a table for this event, please contact Jennifer Frum at [jennifer.frum@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.frum@gmail.com).

Our WHMS Book Fair will be open from 9am-2pm for shopping, Mathnasium will be here from 10:00am-12:00pm and we will be doing some beautification of our WHMS grounds from 9am-12pm.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please check lost and found. Items will be donated if not claimed in a reasonable period of time.

## TWITTER

Follow WHMS on Twitter @ [WindyHillMSCCPS](#)

**YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!** Please visit

[http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1661842/Windy-Hill-Middle-School/2018-Yearbook/2017091504301482356/CATALOG\\_SHOP/?jsessionid=108DE52F6C18FE013E1C77EA3876BFDA](http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1661842/Windy-Hill-Middle-School/2018-Yearbook/2017091504301482356/CATALOG_SHOP/?jsessionid=108DE52F6C18FE013E1C77EA3876BFDA) to purchase your yearbook. **THE ABSOLUTE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE YEARBOOKS WILL BE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>. The flyer is attached if you prefer to send in a flyer with a check.**

## 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.

**SPRING SPIRIT WEAR DRIVE !!** – See attached flyer

We're excited that Windy Hill Spirit Wear is back!! Order online through March 26. Buy any 3 items and receive a free tee.

Go to [www.SpiritGearDirect.com/Shop](http://www.SpiritGearDirect.com/Shop) to start shopping now!

Contact Tracy Contrino with any questions: [email4tracy@gmail.com](mailto:email4tracy@gmail.com).

## ATHLETICS

Athletics for the week of March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Softball and Baseball – Monday through Thursday until 5:00 (weather permitting)

(Tryouts will be all week. Team will be picked and posted on Friday.)

Boys Track – Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (weather permitting)

Girls Track – Monday through Thursday (weather permitting)

Pick-Up for track is 4:45 sharp! Please make sure you are on time picking your student up.

Special Note: Parents please note that during track practices please do NOT PARK or DRIVE your car through the parking lot where the track team is running and doing sprints and practicing. This is very dangerous to our students. This area is blocked off for safety purposes and we are finding parents and people still parking and driving in this area when the students are practicing out there. From 3:30 to 4:45, Monday through Thursday, please do not Park or Drive in this area. There is plenty of parking in our regular parking lot or in the elementary lot. Thanks for your cooperation.

Congratulations to our Pom and Cheer Teams this past Thursday night at the Middle School competition held at Huntingtown High School. Our pom team had an excellent performance and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Poms Division. Our cheer team put in a great performance and effort at the

competition. We are proud of all the teams and their coaches and all the hard work they put into this season.

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WHMS March 19-23**

<b>Monday</b>	MISA testing, Softball, Baseball, Boys Track, Girls Track
<b>Tuesday</b>	MISA testing, MESA, Drama, Robotics, SGA, Baysox Band Rehearsal, Baseball, Softball, Girls Track
<b>Wednesday</b>	PTSA 5:30, Softball, Baseball, Boys Track, Girls Track
<b>Thursday</b>	Drama, Baysox Band Rehearsal, Softball, Baseball, Boys Track, Girls Track
<b>Friday</b>	Dodgeball Tournament 6:00-8:30

### **PTSA News....**

**Next meeting – March 21st at 5:30pm in the Media Center. Hope to see you there!.**

**BOXTOPS:** Please continue to clip and submit the Box Tops. Please review the expiration date before sending in. Boxes are 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.

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

**New procedure for Giant A+ School Rewards program- please read:**

WHMS is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program, a great school fundraising program that runs from October 6, 2017 through March 15, 2018. This is an easy way for you to help our school earn CASH each time my family members and friends shop at any Giant Food Store. Please help our school and register your Giant Card to our **SCHOOL ID#\_03617**. PTSA members can no longer register your card as we did in the past. We apologize for any confusion.

**BUT if you supported our school last year, you DO NOT need to register your card again!**

**Here's How You Can Help:**

- Visit [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com) and select **Savings & Rewards**. Follow the prompts to create your online account. You'll need your 12-digit Giant Card number and the School ID # 03617

**IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR GIANT CARD NUMBER CALL 1-877-366-2668 OPTION #1**

**To earn points:**

- Use your Giant Card each time you shop at Giant, and you will earn **CASH** for my school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt starting October 6, 2017 through March 15, 2018.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated monthly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.

- WHMS will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of its educational needs.

Our school needs your support! Please take a moment to register your Giant Card today! And don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors to do the same. It could mean the world to our school.

**Thank you for supporting our Rewards Program to help fund PTSA activities for our WHMS students & faculty!**

**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.

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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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