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**NOTE: To help us track the usefulness of the Memo to Media, we ask that you inform us if you will be covering any of the events or information listed in the memo. Please send all correspondence to Lindsay.Bilodeau@hcps.org.*

Board Meetings

- **Monday, January 11th at 8:30 p.m.** - Board Business Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203. (Note: Closed Session will be held at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Board Budget Work Session to be held at 6:30 p.m.)
- **Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Business Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203.

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org!

• *New!* Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) All-County Concert Information 2009-2010:

All-County Chorus Concert will take place on Saturday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m. at Bel Air High School, 100 Heighe Street, Bel Air. Mrs. Carol Dissmeyer from Perry Hall High School in Baltimore County will conduct the Middle School Chorus, and Mr. Joseph Cerutti, Jr., director of The Alexandria Harmonizers and The Pride of Baltimore Choruses, will conduct the High School Chorus. The host director for this program will be Ms. Terri Mathews.

All-County Orchestra Concert will take place on Saturday, January 30th, at 7:00 p.m. at North Harford High School, 211 Pylesville Road, Pylesville. Mrs. Kathy Cammarata, retired music director from Howard County Public Schools, will conduct the Middle School Orchestra. Dr. Dennis Layendecker of George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and Colonel USAF Band, Retired will conduct the High School Orchestra. Mr. Mark Heinly will be the host director of this event.

All-County Band Concert will take place on Saturday, February 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at Havre de Grace High School, 700 Congress Avenue, Havre de Grace. Mr. Robert Castaldi from North East Middle School in Cecil County will conduct the Middle School Band. Mr. Larry Jackson from Allegany High School in Allegany County will conduct the High School Band. Mr. Richard Hauf will be the host director for this concert.

All-County High School Jazz Concert will take place on Sunday, February 21st, at 2:00 p.m. at Patterson Mill Middle/High School, 85 Patterson Mill Road, Bel Air. Mr. Darmon Meader will conduct the Jazz Choir, and Mr. Tom Harrison will be the guest conductor for the Jazz Ensemble. The host directors for this program will be Ms. Marianne Pastelak and Mr. Ron Burke.

All concerts are open to the public and free of charge.

• *New!* C. Milton Wright High School will host the Seventh Annual College Night on Monday, February 22nd, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. This event is FREE and open to ALL high school students and parents in Harford County. More than 80 prestigious colleges, universities, technical schools and military contacts from the Mid-Atlantic region will be participating in the event. College Night enables Harford County high school students and their parents to meet directly with college admissions representatives to learn more about academic studies, campus life, the admission process and tuition.

• *New!* On January 21st, Emmorton Elementary School will be in the spotlight on *Good Morning Maryland @ 9* on ABC! Meteorologist Justin Berk and his camera crew will travel to Emmorton Elementary to give one lucky class a front-row seat as he explains the ABC's of weather. The students will participate in live weather updates throughout the hour, and in between the on-air shots, Justin will share activities with the students and answer questions.

• *New!* Caitlin Rose Dooling, a junior at C. Milton Wright High School, was elected as the 23rd Student Representative to the Board of Education of Harford County by the Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils (HCRASC) at the group's December meeting. Caitlin will serve a one-year term beginning July 1st. For the complete story, click here.

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- *New!* HCPS employees, again this school year, opened their hearts and wallets to contribute to the United Way Campaign of Central Maryland. Annually, HCPS employees give generously to the Harford County campaign, and 2009 was no exception, despite the current difficult economic times. HCPS employees donated \$42,469.00 during the two-week campaign which kicked off October 16th and concluded October 30th. This contribution is just \$3,681 less than the amount raised last year. For the complete news release, [click here](#).
- *New!* Harford Technical High School won a 2009 Young Professionals Award from the Maryland Chapter of the US Green Building Council. Harford Tech will receive the award at a special event on Thursday, January 28th, at The Athenaeum on the campus of Goucher College, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore, MD 21204, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Congratulations, Harford Tech!
- Angie Taddia, Havre de Grace Middle School health educator, was selected as a Blue Apple Health Education Award winner. There are only 12 recipients in the nation, and Ms. Taddia is the first middle school teacher ever from the state of Maryland! The Blue Apple Health Education Awards is an annual program honoring schools that serve as models of excellence for others across the nation in the area of school health education programs. For more information, visit www.BlueAppleAward.org. Ms. Taddia will be formally recognized for her achievement at the January 19th Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Pauline Frantz will be inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame during the January 19th Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in celebrating Mrs. Frantz's 21 years as an outstanding educator in Harford County Public Schools.
- Havre de Grace High School is sponsoring a Blue Grass Show featuring the bands 'Jericho Bridge' and '4Ever Erin.' The show will be January 31st from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased in the school office or at the door on January 31st. All proceeds to benefit programs for students at Havre de Grace High School. Tickets make great holiday gifts!

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