

# Milford Mill Academy



## Newsletter: August 2022

### Principal's Message

Welcome Back Millers!

August 16, 2022

I am excited to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. Back-to-School is one of my favorite times of the year. The start of a new school year is unique because we are all gifted with a fresh start. We get a new beginning, new lessons, new friendships, and new experiences. No matter what last year looked like, everyone enters the building with a clean slate and a chance to grow. I want you to look forward to the first day of school. Embrace the opportunity to work on your goals, whether you are starting as a freshman or making the final trek towards graduation. I truly believe you deserve the best. The Milford community is ready to support you along that journey. Miller P.R.I.D.E!



I hope this summer has treated you and your family well. Please join me in celebrating the success of students, teachers, and staff who participated in enrichment programs at Milford this summer. These programs included EDLP (Extended Day Learning Program), Athletics, SAT Prep, College Writing/Essay Prep, Magnet Programs and The Freshman Transition Program. Congratulations to our summer graduates of the Class of 2022. What a way to demonstrate commitment and perseverance!

To our first-year grade 9 students, we look forward to seeing you at Early Entry Day (Orientation) on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. For the remaining student body, grades 10-12, we will see you on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am.

Sincerely,  
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Principal, Milford Mill Academy

### August 26th -

Orientation for students entering Grade 9

### August 29th -

First day of classes for all students.

### September 6th -

Twilight starts:  
Tuesdays and  
Thursdays (2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### September 8th -

Back to school night

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\* Make sure to check out the Milford Mill Academy Website, [milfordmillhs.bcps.org](http://milfordmillhs.bcps.org) throughout the school year for important information and updates.

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### Greetings, Class of 2026!

I would like to officially welcome all incoming Grade 9 students to the 2022/2023 school year. As the freshman administrator, I look forward to an exciting and rewarding new school year. Students will begin their school experience with the Orientation Day Program that is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2022. Transportation will be provided for students who are scheduled to take a bus to school. The orientation begins at 7:30 am in the Milford Mill auditorium and ends at 11:20am. The program is only for students, and more detailed information will be provided during the upcoming week. - **Mr. Austin**

### Welcome back Class of 2025!

I wanted to take a moment to welcome you back to Miller Nation. It has been said that “Success is not a place at which one arrives, but rather the Spirit with which one undertakes and continues the journey.” This means a couple of things. First, it means that although the result (obtaining good grades) is important, the journey that the Class of 2025 takes along the way is just as important. Curiously investigating the world around us, stretching our thinking, growing in character, and becoming a true community of learners is just as important as that end goal. What this also means is that you, your parents and your teachers will work together for you to have a successful Grade 10 school year. We need you to do it in the spirit of being on time and prepared, and being respectful and responsible. Grade 10 is an important time in your social and academic growth, as you begin to prepare for college and career readiness. I look forward to working with you and your family as we partner up to make your 10th grade year a success. – **Mrs. Proctor**

### Welcome Back Class of 2024!

I am excited to begin working with you on your journey to graduation. The junior year is a critical year for students to create their paths towards graduation and beyond. It is the most important year to make your academic mark for potential employers and colleges. You will get serious about your post-high school aspirations, create a College Board account, work on your academic SMART goals, work on your six year plan, and prepare for the PSAT and SAT. As juniors you will have the opportunity to visit the HBCU Colleges and Career Fairs. These will be a wonderful opportunities for you to gain exposure to some of what is available to you after graduation. Mr. Lindsey and Ms. Marrow, your class advisors, and I look forward to continuing this journey with you. – **Mr. Long**

## Welcome back Seniors!

Welcome back Seniors! Congratulations on making it to your senior year! You have worked diligently to this point, so let's finish strong. As your Assistant Principal, I am honored to work with you, your class officers and the senior advisors. This year will go by fast and Ms. Merrick, Ms. Crawford and I will continue to guide your steps. Our first senior meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 6th, 2022. During this initial meeting, you will receive an extended calendar of senior events and expectations. The tentative date for Senior Inauguration is Friday, September 16th at 6:30. See you soon!

- Mrs. Thomas

## The checklist: Getting ready for the 2022-2023 school year

Parents, the 2022-2023 school year begins in just two weeks! Here is a checklist to help you support your children in having a successful year:

Create a myBCPS account for access to the Focus parent portal and Schoology. Focus is a web-based system that allows parents to monitor their children's grades and assignments and stay in touch with teachers.

Complete your child's Student Emergency Information Form in Focus or at their home school so you're contacted about school closings, illnesses, and important updates. Be sure to let the school know if your information changes during the school year.

View, print, or download the [2022-2023 school year calendar](#) and stay informed about important dates and events.

Complete the [application](#) for Free and Reduced-price Meal Benefits (FARMS).

Review the [Student Transportation Handbook](#), [Student Code of Conduct](#), and [Student Handbook](#) prior to the first day of school.

Read the latest [Community Updates](#) on [transportation](#) and the [code of conduct](#).

Plan to attend back-to-school activities at your children's schools.

Learn about [Parent University](#) and consider participating in an upcoming workshop and/or event.

Stay connected with BCPS throughout the school year.

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Subscribe to our [Vimeo](#) and [YouTube](#) channels and [blog](#).

Follow us on [Facebook in English](#) or [Facebook in Spanish](#).

See our latest photos on [Flickr](#).

Find more useful resources in the [Parent University online resource library](#).

Milford Mill Athletics

Dear Milford Mill Parents/Guardians & Students:

I would like to first bring you greetings as your new Athletic Director and to let you know that I am super excited to begin working with you and your student athletes here at Milford Mill Academy! Many of you will be participating in our co-curricular programs this year and your experiences will be most rewarding. We are very proud of our co-curricular programs here at Milford Mill, and we look forward to your continued participation and support. In order to participate in athletics at Milford Mill each athlete must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a 2.00 or higher GPA for the 4th quarter (incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are exempt for fall season only).
2. Not have failed more than ONE class.
3. Complete the Form ReLeaf Registration (<https://app.formreleaf.com/organizations/milford-mill-academy>) Help Desk: 844-367-6735
4. Have a physical (signed/stamped by physician) on file from within the last 14 months.

As in the pass, sporting event tickets will be ELECTRONIC ONLY using Ticket Spicket ([www.ticketspicket.com](http://www.ticketspicket.com)) or “Ticket Spicket App.”

Check frequently for COVID19 updates on the sports website - <https://milfordmillathletics.digitalsports.com>. Our athletic trainer this year is Heather Martin, ATI.

Thank you for your continued support and participation. Let’s have a great year at Milford Mill Academy!  
Miller Pride!

Vanessa N Locke, CAA, M.Ed

Athletic Director

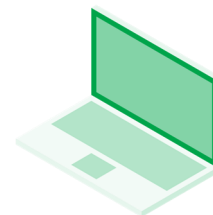
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## Technology Updates

For the 2021 – 2022 school year, all students are expected to have a county issued device and bring it to the school for classes **every day**. We **do not** have loaner devices for students who forget to bring theirs. Students will need to charge their devices at home each night; the school does not have the capacity to charge student devices.

For device issues, students should use the “MMA Tech Support Request Form” link (or QR code) at the top left of the Milford Mill Academy website homepage, [milfordmillhs.bcps.org](http://milfordmillhs.bcps.org). This link will also be available in classrooms.

Students should not contact staff directly or leave their classroom if they have device issues. Once they, or their teacher, completes the support form, a member of the tech staff will promptly contact them.

All students will have their devices replaced with a Chromebook this year. This will happen in September, but all students should bring their old devices until the swap is made. Entire classes will be called down to the library to receive the new devices. Students must have their old device to trade in to receive a new device.

Hello Millers!

We are honored to serve as your School Counseling Team here at Milford Mill Academy for the 2022-2023 school year.

We hope that your summer was restful, fun, and enjoyable. We are here to help you with anything that you and your families may need! The school counseling staff is excited and looking forward to a rewarding school year. We are sincerely invested in helping all students reach their academic, social, and emotional potential. The mission of the Milford Mill Academy's High School Counseling Department is to assist and encourage all students in grades 9-12 to become college and career ready by providing individualized academic, personal, social, and college/career resources, services, and support.

We, as school counselors, have the unique qualifications and skills needed to implement a comprehensive school counseling program that addresses each student's academic, career and social/emotional needs. We are leaders, advocates, collaborators, and consultants who create opportunities to provide and ensure equitable educational outcomes through our school counseling program. We believe that all students have the ability to learn and we will advocate for all of our students to thrive in their optimal learning environment.

Please follow us on Twitter, Schoology, and Instagram to stay up to date on all of our school counseling related events.

We hope that you will have a positive and successful school year!

With equitable service,

**Milford Mill Academy's School Counseling Team**

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## **Naviance**

Baltimore County Public Schools and Milford Mill Academy have partnered with Naviance to provide a variety of tools to support students in their academic, career, and college planning. These tools are located in Family Connection, a website for students to access these online resources and work on college and career readiness activities assigned by our school counseling team. Students will be able to set personalized goals, take career interest inventories and assessments, search for colleges and scholarships, and much more.

We encourage all students to explore the website as much as they like, but especially take note of the items listed under **My Planner > Tasks Assigned to Me**. This will show students a list of all the activities they are expected to complete by the end of the school year. Each grade level is required to complete their respective task before the end of each school year.

Students can access their Family Connection account using the link below.:

[https://clever.com/oauth/instant-login?client\\_id=998d799b68dd5e1b6a57&district\\_id=5461027750b51ea1730000d1](https://clever.com/oauth/instant-login?client_id=998d799b68dd5e1b6a57&district_id=5461027750b51ea1730000d1)



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Dear Team BCPS families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

First and foremost, I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy and are enjoying your summer. We will continue to prioritize the health and safety of staff and students as we resume in-person learning for students.

This school year, I look forward to continuing our focus on the equitable, high-quality teaching and learning called for in our strategic plan, *The Compass: Our Pathway to Excellence*. Your school has been preparing throughout the summer to support the academic and social-emotional needs of every student. We recognize that families and staff may still be encountering a variety of challenges. Schools will provide ways to reconnect that work for your community.

Wellness is so important; therefore, we are continuing to raise awareness about mental health resources for students and staff through our Mind Over Matters campaign. You should also know that every school has a counselor, psychologist, social worker, and nurse to provide direct service and support to our students.

To safeguard in-person learning, our schools and offices are continuing to use strategies recommended by federal, state, and local experts. We work closely with the Baltimore County Department of Health to monitor COVID transmission and to make any changes. Last year, we learned the importance of remaining flexible as conditions evolve. You will always find the latest information at [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org).

Your most important connection is with your child's school, and I enjoy experiencing those relationships during my visits throughout the county. Whether you are new to our family or returning, I am so glad that you have chosen Team BCPS. Let's have a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,



Darryl L. Williams, Ed.D.  
*Superintendent*



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Estimadas familias del Equipo BCPS, ¡Bienvenido al año esco-

lar 2022-2023!

En primer lugar, espero que usted y sus seres queridos estén seguros y saludables y disfruten de su verano. Continuaremos priorizando la salud y la seguridad del personal y los estudiantes a medida que reanudamos el aprendizaje en persona para los estudiantes.

Este año escolar, espero continuar nuestro enfoque en la enseñanza y el aprendizaje equitativos y de alta calidad que se requieren en nuestro plan estratégico, *The Compass: Our Pathway to Excellence*. Su escuela se ha estado preparando durante todo el verano para apoyar las necesidades académicas y socioemocionales de cada estudiante. Reconocemos que las familias y el personal a veces pueden estar enfrentando una variedad de desafíos. Las escuelas proporcionarán formas de reconectar ese trabajo para su comunidad.

El bienestar es muy importante; por lo tanto, continuamos creando conciencia sobre los recursos de salud mental para los estudiantes y el personal a través de nuestra campaña Mind Over Matters. También debe saber que cada escuela tiene un consejero, psicólogo, trabajador social y enfermera para brindar servicio y apoyo directo a nuestros estudiantes.

Para garantizar el aprendizaje en persona, nuestras escuelas y oficinas continúan utilizando estrategias recomendadas por expertos federales, estatales y locales. Trabajamos en estrecha colaboración con el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Baltimore para monitorear la transmisión de COVID y hacer cualquier cambio. El año pasado, aprendimos la importancia de permanecer flexibles a medida que evolucionan las condiciones. Siempre encontrará la información más reciente en [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org).

Su conexión más importante es con la escuela de su hijo, y disfruto experimentando esas relaciones durante mis visitas en todo el condado. Ya sea que sea nuevo en nuestra familia o regrese, soy tan feliz que ha elegido Team BCPS. ¡Tengamos un año escolar maravilloso!

Sinceramente



Darryl L. Williams, Ed.D.

*Superintendente*