

SAMUEL OGLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Principal Millspaugh's Monthly Newsletter (December)
December 11, 2022

Welcome to Mr. Mills "Pause" Corner - Pause here for School Information

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Families of Samuel Ogle Middle School ~ Our school year has now reached December and we are closing out the 2022 part of the year and beginning to look at welcoming the 2023 part of our year. In this issue of the newsletter you will find relevant information for the month of December. Some important highlights include: Locker Updates, Musical Concerts and Performances, Progress Reports, PTSO Fundraiser Opportunity and other information; including, the upcoming holiday break.

Monday, December 12, 2022 - 2nd Quarter Progress Report Window Opens

Some Highlights In this issue:

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7th Grade JA Finance Park Field Trips	Chorus Concert	8th Grade Skate Zone Night	PTSO / DNA STEM PROGRAM			
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December 12, 2022 through December 16, 2022

Monday 12/12/2022	Tuesday 12/13/2022	Wednesday 12/14/2022	Thursday 12/15/2022	Friday 12/16/2022
PTSO Fundraiser School Spirit Wear Continues with Free Shipping https://www.sam ueloglespiritwear .com/ Locker Installation	Locker Installation Work	Picture Day Make-up Day SGA Field Trip Locker Installation Day 2nd Quarter Progress Report Window Closes for Teachers.	Chorus Concert 7pm Mr. Banks' Students 8th Grade Night at Skate Zone 7th Grade JA Finance Park Field Trip # 1	7th Grade JA Finance Park Field Trip # 2
Work 2nd Quarter Progress Report Window Opens for Teachers				

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 ~ Picture Make-Up Day - School Picture Make-Up day is scheduled for December 14, 2022 Students are expected to follow the county dress code policy for pictures. They may dress up for these pictures if they wish. Students will be taking pictures during the school day for Mod 1 and Mod 2. If you have any questions about the yearbook or make-up picture day, our point of contact is Ms. Maureen Quinones. Her email address is maureen.quinones@pgcps.org or you can

call the main office at 301-805-2641 during our normal work hours from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

<u>Wednesday, December 14, 2022 ~ SGA Field Trip -</u> On Wednesday the SGA students will be attending the county Student Government Association beginning of year event. Please contact Markesa Thomas-Oliver with any questions. Her email address is <u>markesa.thomasoliver@pgcps.org</u>

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 15, 2022 ~</u> Thursday is an event filled day with multiple activities scheduled for students, parents and staff.

1) The 7th Grade Class will be attending the JA Finance Park on two separate days this week. Thursday is the first day for one of our 7th grade teams of students and Friday will be the second team of students. Please contact Dr. Adrienne Wright with any questions. Her email address is adrienne.wright@pgcps.org



2) The Winter Concert for Chorus will be held in-person in the Multi-purpose Room beginning at 7pm. Please contact Mr. Banks if you have any questions. He can be reached at ocie.banks@pgcps.org



3) The 8th Grade Class will have their specific grade-level night at Skate Zone in Crofton. This is a fundraising event and tickets will need to be purchased online. Please contact Mrs. Jones with any questions. Her email address is melissa.jones@pqcps.org



<u>Friday, December 16, 2022</u> The 7th Grade Class will be attending the JA Finance Park on two separate days this week. Friday will be the second team of students. Please contact Dr. Adrienne Wright with any questions. Her email address is adrienne.wright@pgcps.org



<u>The Samuel Ogle Middle School PTSO Spiritwear Sale ~</u> Samuel Ogle PTSO has opened a school spiritwear store online with free shipping from 12/9 to 12/23/22. The link to the store is below:

https://www.samueloglespiritwear.com/

As our SGA identifies school spirit days, students may enjoy wearing something from this store. Check out the store and if you have any questions about joining the PTSO, the store or any upcoming meetings, you can contact samuelogleptso@gmail.com

Knowing how busy the month of December can be for families, The Next PTSO Meeting will be in January as the board decided to let families prepare for the holidays this month,

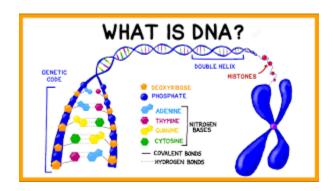
DNA Program - Does your child have an interest in Science? The SciTech2U Afterschool DNA Program is starting January and is available for City of Bowie residents. The PTSO is supporting this program at Samuel Ogle MS and Bowie High School. The flier is attached and it is limited to 25 spots.

When: Mondays Time: 5pm - 6:30pm

Duration: January 9, 2023 - March 27, 2023

Platform: Virtual

Cost: FREE for City of Bowie Residence Registration: Register at www.scitech2u.org





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Thursday 12/22/2022	Friday 12/23/2022	
Emergency Drill Day (Weather Permitting,	Winter Break Begins	
if necessary)	Schools and Offices Closed	

Emergency Drills - Each month we have scheduled days for emergency drills. These days allow us to prepare staff and students for emergency situations. These drills may include a fire drill, an earthquake or weather related events and other drills that prepare for the safety of students in a myriad of ways which include; but are not limited to, an environmental hazard, erratic wildlife on the property, lockdown drills, etc. Our next scheduled drill is Thursday 12/22/22.

<u>Winter Break -</u> Winter Break is from Friday, December 23, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023. All schools and offices will be closed for these days. School will resume as normal on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Locker Update -



Our locker area has been waxed and the floors are ready for the locker installation. The project manager plans to begin the installation on Monday, December 12, 2022. The lockers should be completely installed by the first of the new year. Distribution and use is planned for the month of January.

Volunteers -

Are you interested in Volunteering at Samuel Ogle MS?

PGCPS has indicated that volunteers are permitted this school year. The background check will need to be completed and some volunteer specific training is required. We are excited to welcome volunteers back to the building and have several opportunities for those that are interested.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please email <u>oluw.akinbulumo@pgcps.org</u> or you can call 301-805-2641.

Parent and Student Climate Survey -

Students in Grades 6 - 12, families and staff are encouraged to share their school experience, perceptions, and ideas through the Culture & Climate Survey.

We have partnered with Hanover Research to create a survey that will help us learn more about our schools and plan for the future.

The survey will be open from Dec. 5-16.

Everyone who completes the survey can enter a drawing for a \$50 gift card. We look forward to hearing from you! For questions, please contact strategicplanning@pgcps.org.

Link to Culture & Climate Survey.

Thank you for all you do to support teaching and learning and working as our partner in education. We would like to wish all of you and your families a safe and happy holiday season and Winter Break!

Principal Millspaugh