

OLD MILL HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE PATRIOTS

Mr. James Todd

Principal



Activities, Clubs and Athletics Handbook

2011 - 2012

OLD MILL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Advisors/Senior Class

Ms. McQueary – Math Department – Room C-202 - kseidenwand@aacps.org

Ms. Wilson-Barnard – AVID – Room B-114 - awilson-barnard@aacps.org

Advisors/Junior Class

Ms. Kummerle – Social Studies – Room A222 - jkummerle@aacps.org

Ms. Snyder – Social Studies – Room A225 - csnyder@aacps.org

Advisors/Sophomore Class

Ms. Queen – Physical Education - Room GYM - hqueen@aacps.org

Ms. Stacey Bell – Physical Education - Room GYM – sbell2@aacps.org

Advisors/Freshman Class

Ms. Bollinger – Special Education – Room XXXX – cbollinger@aacps.org

TBD

Band/Concert:

Advisor: Mr. Tony Wolfe – Music Department – Room C102 - awolfe@aacps.org

This is a curriculum class. The concert band participates in 3 to 5 concerts a year. The music for these concerts is rehearsed in the classroom. Outside practice is expected.

Band/Jazz:

Advisor: Mr. Tony Wolfe – Music Department – Room C102 - awolfe@aacps.org

The jazz band has not existed for a few years at Old Mill High. I am trying to get the program started again. Last year we had little success due to many OMHS graduate returning. This year, I'd love to have another successful music group at OMHS. The jazz band uses Saxes, Trumpets, Trombones, Guitar, Piano, Bass and Drum Set. If you play another instrument, please talk to me. We may be able to use you. There are no fees to be a part of the jazz band.

Band/Marching:

Advisor: Mr. Tony Wolfe – Music Department – Room C102 - awolfe@aacps.org

The marching band is for anyone. We use a various number of wind and percussion instruments. The color guard is also a part of the marching band. It is a group of young ladies

that use flags, dance and other equipment to add color and flair to the musicians. We have many students that have learned new instruments to join the band. I was a cello player and learned percussion and trombone to be a part of the marching band. Please feel free to stop by the band room to talk to Mr. Wolfe about any details.

Band/Pit Orchestra:

Advisor: Mr. Tony Wolfe – Music Department – Room C102 - twolfe@aacps.org

This is an extra-curricular activity. We practice after school during the months of March and April. We are the background music that accompanies the spring musical. This class will meet during the school day and will rehearse on Tuesdays after school preparing students in small groups for solos and festivals. The music is always challenging and a great experience.

Band/Orchestra Director

Advisor: Ms. Andrea Linnell – Music Department – Room C102 – alinnell@aacps.org

This class will meet during the school day and will rehearse on Tuesdays after school preparing students in small groups for solos and festivals. Please sign up with Mrs. Linnell if you would like to become a member of the Orchestra.

Band/Steel Band

Advisor: Mr. Michael S. Miller – Music Department – C105 – msmiller1@aacps.org

Steel Band meets Tuesdays after school from 2:15-3:30. Students learn how to perform in the Old Mill Steel Drum Band. Members need no formal music training but a good feel for rhythm is highly recommended. If you are interested in this ensemble, see Mr. Miller in C105 for details. Ya Mon!

Band/Chorus Director

Advisor: Ms. Andrea Linnell – Music Department – C104/D106 – alinnell@aacps.org

These are classes that meet during the school day. Students audition to become a member of the Vocal Ensemble, Chorus is open to all students who enjoy singing. The purpose of the Vocal Class is to learn how to have better control over the singing voice through: Proper singing posture, breath support and control, voice placement throughout the range, proper vowel formation, and projection, dealing with stress or illness, and warming up. Extra help sessions

will occur on Wednesday after school during which time students are prepared for solos, and auditions. The choral classes are involved in several concerts throughout the school year.

Band Front/Color Guard

Advisor: Ms. Amber Leizear – Music Department – Room C102 – aleizear@mfri.org

The Color Guard is the visual ensemble for the marching band. You learn the fundamentals of spinning a flag as well as some dance movements. The color guard attends football games, tournaments, and parades with the marching band.

Chemathon Club

Advisor: Ms. Lydia Cunningham –Science Department - Room D206 - lyccunningham@aacps.org

The Chemathon Club provides an opportunity for high school students to use knowledge and skills gained in the classroom, especially from chemistry. The school may have up to two teams (Level I and Level II, consisting each of six students). The various competition events (projects, lab activities, and knowledge testing games) take place concurrently in nine laboratory rooms and two auditoriums. There are four forty-five minute rounds of competition during which three members of each team compete in four events and the remaining three members compete in another four events. Students usually go home with prizes. So, if you like to mix chemicals or are good with chemistry facts come see us. Meetings are after school and will start in mid September.

Dance Company

Advisor: Ms. Rachel Kennelly – Physical Education Department – Dance Room – rkennelly@aacps.org

The Dance Company is a performing troupe that represents Old Mill High School. Styles of dance studied include: ballet, modern, jazz, tap and theatrical dance. Students are required to take Dance Company class during the school day. Additionally there is practice after school from 2:20 p.m. – 4:40 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday. Any Old Mill student may audition for the Dance Company. Previous experience is helpful but not necessary. A positive attitude and willingness to learn is extremely important.

Family and Community Leaders of America (FCLA)

Advisor: Mrs. Sandy Nee-Jackson – Family & Consumer Sciences Department – Room D107 – snee-jackson@aacps.org

The goals of the Family and Community Leaders of America (FCLA) are to promote personal growth, leadership development, and family and community involvement. Members of the club develop a plan of action for community service projects for children, Families, and Senior Citizens. Projects have included adopting a needy family and providing gifts for the holiday, sewing hats for the homeless, preparing and serving dinner at Sarah's House, and participating in the March of Dimes walk America. The club meets after school.

Fellowship of Christian Athletics

**Advisors: Mr. John Schiller – Science Department –Room D202 – jschiller@aacps.org
Ms. Becky Barton –Science Department-Room D208 – bcrema@aacps.org
Ms. Erin Few – Social Studies Department –Room A233 – efew@aacps.org**

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a unique student-led club, which gives Old Mill students the opportunity to share their faith and values in the context of high school sports. FCA is open to everybody, not just Christians and athletes. We believe that by looking at Jesus Christ together, we can build up our school by encouraging the values of teamwork, dedication, responsibility, and sacrifice.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Advisor: Mr. Scott Monroe– Business Department - Room A117 - smonroe@aacps.org

Meetings: Every other Thursday in Room A-105 is an organization that prepares students for careers in Business. It is the largest student business organization in the world with more than a quarter of a million members. FBLA prepares students for “real world” professional experience.

What does OMHS FBLA Do?

- Community Service with Sarah's House
- Operation Shoe Box for the Soldiers during Christmas
- BBLA Week in February
- Regional, State and National Competitions in Various Business Events
- Dress for Success Every Thursday
- Participate in Next Step
- Attend Wizards Game specifically for FBLA Members in MD

Who can Join?

Anyone who wants to be a success in the future is in grades 9-12 and is in a business or business related class.

Dues for the Year -- \$15.00

Gay Straight Alliance

Advisor: Mr. St. John Blondell- Art Department – Room D104 - ablondell@aacps.org

Student run organization designed to bring tolerance and understanding toward people with the LGBT community. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 2:15 p.m. till 3:30 p.m., after school.

Good Brothers

**Advisor: Mr. Barrett- Guidance Department – Office - kbarrett@aacps.org
Mr. Smalley- Tech Ed Department – Room D124 rsmalley@aacps.org**

“We are all about the past, present, and the future of the African-American culture and we are here to help those in the community”

The purpose of this organization is to provide African-American males with an opportunity to interact with professionals within the community and to assist them in establishing life/career goals. In addition, to expose African-American males to different things (getting outside your comfort zone) and to show that change is needed in life to become successful. This organization also focuses on academic achievement and preparation for college and later life careers. The objectives are to develop leadership abilities, become a positive role model within the community, meet people with similar interests, focus on academics, educate the youth, tutor other students, and develop fund-raisers to build an economy within the group.

International Thespian Society

Advisor: Ms. Krista Parker – English Department – Room E125 – kdparker@aacps.org

This is the Honor Society for the theatrical arts. Students are invited to be inducted each spring after reaching the following requirements: They must have worked on two major productions; and they must have earned 10 points for their work. (This is approximately 10 hours per point.) There is a onetime induction fee of \$25 that later gets sent to the International Office.

It's Academic

Advisor: TBD

Key Club

Advisor: Ms. Debra Linnell – Special Educator – Room D224 - dlinnell@aacps.org

If you like to help others, this is the club for you! Key Club is an international student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership. Some of our activities include - working with the disabled students at Ruth Eason School, visiting the seniors at North Arundel Health & Rehabilitation, making meals or providing entertainment for the needy at Sarah's House, participating in the Harvest for the Hungry drive, maintaining a community resource center at our school, participating in the Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society, and many other activities!

Literary Magazine

Advisor: Mr. Stephen Levy – English Department – Room A268 - slevy@aacps.org

The mission of the magazine is to promote creativity and the arts in a society where these things can be forgotten. All of the work is student directed and all of the entries are from Old Mill students. Entries can include photos, drawings, paintings, sketches, poems, short stories, ect...

We want students to open up completely and feel free about the way they see and respond to art. This form of creativity can transcend into all subject areas and be a great benefit to the growth and development of young creative minds.

Math Club

Advisor: Mr. Czachor – Math Department – Room C206 - lczachor@aacps.org

The Math Club meets after school in room C-206 during the school year to discuss interesting, challenging, and FUN Math problems. We prepare for competitions held on five Saturdays at Anne Arundel Community College.

Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement

Advisor: Ms. Ruth Goldstraw – Math Department – Room A228 - rgoldstraw@aacps.org

MESA

Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) is nationally recognized for its innovative and effective academic development program.

Weekly Maryland MESA Meetings

Students attend weekly meetings with MESA advisors and counselors. At these meetings, students are provided with mathematics and science workshops, assistance with science/mathematics fair projects, career counseling sessions, goal-setting and problem-solving activities, computer literacy instruction, and technical writing seminars.

Field Experiences

In an effort to make students more aware of careers in the sciences, Maryland MESA sponsors field experiences that enable students to interact with engineers, mathematicians, and scientists in their professional environments. Field trips are planned according to students' interests and research projects. Students conduct research, write summaries, and participate in related discussions and workshops.

Science Fairs, Engineering Projects, and Mathematics Competitions

Maryland MESA provides students with scientific methodology instruction and guidance in researching and preparing their science and engineering research projects by encouraging them to select topics of special interest and to function scientifically, creatively, and independently. With guidance from MESA advisors, students develop science and engineering research projects for entry in school science fairs, the Maryland Science Fair, and the Morgan State University Science Fair. Maryland MESA students are also invited to participate in the Science Olympiad, as well as activities sponsored by MathCounts, Olympics of the Mind, and local colleges and universities.

Mock Trial Advisory

Advisor: Ms. Lynda M. Motiram – Social Studies Department – Room B114 -

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Mock Trial is a completion of logic and drama between schools, which takes place in a real courtroom and is governed by professional judges and lawyers. This club benefits the student by improving their skills in public speaking, persuasion, and logic reasoning. Mock Trial also gives a realistic look at the law as a possible career and allows students to build relationships with legal professionals. Mock trial is fun and competitive club.

National French Honor Society

Advisor: Ms. Christine Nelson – World & Classical Languages – Room E221 -

cnelson@aacps.org

The National French Honor Society is an organization that recognizes excellence in and enthusiasm for the French language while providing service to various French-speaking

communities. Throughout the year, we participate in fundraising and social activities as well as providing assistance or tutoring to fellow French students.

National Spanish Honor Society

Advisor: Ms. Kim Spence – World & Classical Languages Department – Room E208 – kmspence1@aacps.org

The purpose is to recognize high student achievement in Spanish and to promote a continuity of interest in Hispanic studies. The society is open for students enrolled in Spanish III or above.

National Art Honor Society

Advisor: Ms. Jennifer Johannes – Art Department – Room D120 – jpetrin@aacps.org

The National Art Honor Society is an organization open to sophomores – seniors that have demonstrated a love for art, responsibility, good character and has maintained a 3.0 GPA. This national organization works together to promote art related service projects and to bring art into the community and the school. Prospective members are chosen by the Art teachers and given an invitation to join. If you are interested in membership, please see your art teacher.

National Honor Society

Advisor – Ms. Jenny Kummerle – Social Studies Department – Room A222 – jkummerle@aacps.org

The national Honor Society is an organization that promotes leadership, scholarship, and integrity through various activities that support local charities, our school, and our community. Membership is based upon completion of an application and selection from Faculty Council. Requirements for the National Honor Society are that you must be a second semester sophomore who has been at the school for at least one full semester. You must maintain an overall weighted GPA of 3.5. You must show at least two positions of leadership and four positions of community service. Applicants will be made aware of their acceptance into the National Honor Society during a tapping ceremony and will then be inducted into the Society during a formal induction ceremony in the evening.

Once a member, that student will need to maintain their 3.5 GPA and earn 15 merits per semester by doing community service and related school activities, and also complete one Service Learning Project per year.

Newspaper

Advisor: Mr. Jody Ratti – English Department – Room A107 - jratti@aacps.org

The Patriot Echo is a student written and operated publication that publishes between 8 and 10 issues per school year. Students are responsible for brainstorming, writing and editing articles, interviewing students, teachers, and administrators, taking photographs, constructing the layout of the pages and fundraising.

The philosophy of the Patriot Echo is to cover the newsworthy and interesting events and people here at Old Mill as well as to provide a student centered perspective to world and national news, sports, and entertainment.

Positions: Editor in chief (12th grade only), Section Editors (11th and 12 Grade), Staff Writers, Photographers, Art and Graphics Staff, Distribution and Business Staff

Qualifications: Newspaper is a created and graded course that meets during the school day. The Patriot Echo also meets after school to continue working on the most current issue of the newspaper. Staff members should have taken the Journalism I course in order to be eligible for the Newspaper Staff.

Old Mill Idol

Advisor: Ms. Andrea Linnell – Music Department – Room C104 - alinnell@aacps.org

This is not a club but it is an activity that is enjoyed by many students at Old Mill. This year will be the 7th Annual Old Mill Idol Production. Auditions are held in January and the competition will be held on February 1st and February 3rd, 2012.

Patriot Players Theatre Company

Advisors: Ms. Krista Parker – English Department – Room E125 –

kdparker@aacps.org

Ms. Andrea Linnell – Music Department – Room C104 –

alinnell@aacps.org

This group is made up of all of the students that work on any production, whether onstage or behind the scenes, at Old Mill High School. We are responsible for A fall fundraiser and two major productions during the year. Students must audition if they wish to perform in the two major productions and an application and interview is required for Stage Crew.

Shutter Society Club/Photography Club

Advisor: Ms. Jennifer Kraus – Art Department – Room D133 - jlkraus@aacps.org

This is a photography club. Students from grades 9-12 are welcome. They do not have to have photo experience or be a part of an art class. The club does a variety of things at the meetings. We take pictures and have picture challenges. We get to use darkroom and lighting equipment. We do Adobe Photoshop Tutorials and learn different techniques using the computer. Students also have critique time where they can share their images with the group and talk about them. We also do fundraising with our images for worthy causes. Meetings take place every Tuesday after school from 2:15 - 3:30 in room D133.

Robotics

Advisor: Ms. Lydia Cunningham – Science Department - Room D206 – lycunningham@aacps.org

Why join the Robot Challenge?

It is an excellent way to obtain the feel of what an Engineer does in his or her daily activities. Learn to build and coordinate the walking of a Robot provides a similar experience. With a lot of hands-on involvement and teamwork, the robot is created from pieces of wood, paper clips, bits of cloth, wire, motors, and fasteners. There are 4 levels of Challenge so students can form groups and work on the level that they feel most comfortable tackling. We will be making a basic 2-leg robot, a 4-leg robot for those looking to do more work, an Automated 2-leg robot for those with some programming talent, and the most challenging of all, the Automated 4-leg Robot. Come and check out the fun!

Stage Crew

Advisor: Ms. Krista Parker – English Department – Room E125- kdparker@aacps.org

These students are responsible for the design and building of the sets for the school productions. In addition, these students will work the sound and lights as well as backstage during the shows. Finally, many of these students often assist other groups with sound and lighting for their activities in the auditorium.

Student Government

Advisor: Ms. Catherine Snyder – Social Studies – Room A225 - csnyder@aacps.org

Purpose

The SGA serves as the liaison between the student body, the faculty, and the administration. Through the SGA, students may express their opinions and participate in the management of the school enterprises. The student government representatives recognize this responsibility and work diligently to represent the student body. The SGA, which meets at least once a month, promotes leadership, initiative, and self-motivation among its members.

Responsibilities

The SGA sponsors all of the homecoming events, spirit week, parade, dance, and election of the homecoming court. The SGA sponsors various community outreach programs. The SGA sponsors the annual faculty vs. student basketball game

The Old Mill SGA is an active member of CRASC (Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils) as well as a participating member of MASC (Maryland Association of Student Councils).

The members of Old Mill SGA attend monthly CRASC meetings as well as the yearly MASC convention.

Technology Student Association (TSA)

**Advisor: Ms. Kessler – Technology Education Department – Ms. Kessler- Room D113-
rkessler@aacps.org – Meeting Thursdays after school**

The Technology Student Association (TSA) inspires students in a forum beyond the school walls! Get motivated to problem solve in the fields of architecture, electronic game design, dragster design, structural engineering, fashion design, film, flight, music, and many more areas of competition! Let's go to Nationals!

Individual dues for TSA members is \$9.00, these dues make you eligible to sign up for competitions, participate in club activities, fundraisers for going to Nationals.

TRI-M – National Music Honor Society

Advisor: Ms. Andrea Linnell - Music Department – Room C104 –

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Tri-M is the International Honor Society for music students in Junior and Senior High Schools (as well as Chapters in College.) It is a program of the Music Educators National Conference, an association of over 63,000 music education professionals nationwide who realize the importance of motivating students and recognizing music achievements.

The purpose of this organization is to inspire music participation, create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, and promote leadership in the music students of our school. We have monthly meetings and will induct students for membership in the Fall and Spring. We carry 60-70 members generally made up of students from the choirs, band, steel drum band, orchestra, and music classes.

Model United Nations

Advisor: Mr. David Krupski – Social Studies – Room A110 dkrupski@aacps.org

Saving the world in 96 hours or less

In Model UN, students step into the shoes of ambassadors from UN member states to debate current issues on the organization's agenda. Students make speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the conference rules of procedure - all in the interest of mobilizing "international cooperation" to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world.

Before playing out their ambassadorial roles in a Model UN simulation, students research the issue that their committee will address. Model UN participants learn how the international community acts on its concerns about topics including peace and security, human rights, the environment, food and hunger, economic development and globalization. Model UN delegates also look closely at the needs, goals and foreign policies of the countries they will represent at the event. The insights they gain from their exploration of history, geography, culture, economics and science contribute to the authenticity of the simulation when the role playing gets under way. The delegates' in-depth knowledge of their countries guarantees a lively and memorable experience.