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Graduation Pushed Back

Seniors won't be graduating until June 4



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Bad news for Howard County seniors. Due to a scheduling issue with Merriweather, all graduations have been pushed back to the week of June 1st through the 8th. Our date has been set for June 4th, which seems to disrupt most people's senior week plans.

So, either you have to go to half of senior week, or try and rearrange your accommodations for the following week. Merriweather accidentally booked concerts on the week we were supposed to graduate, and since the concerts had already sold a significant amount of tickets, we got the boot. Also, since our graduation was pushed back, so was the date we get out of school and the time when we

take our finals, so at least we get more study time for our tests. We talked to Mrs. Cutler, our graduation coordinator, and she told us "Merriweather booked concerts the week you guys were supposed to graduate, and there is nothing we can do about it so, graduation had to be pushed back another week." Seniors were outraged to hear the news. I talked to senior Moulaye Seck and he said, "Merriweather is tweaking." I also

talked with senior Kerrington Mills and she said, "Whoever the coordinator is at Merriweather should be fired! Now my whole house for senior week has to redo our plans." Merriweather has not apologized for what they have done or given us seniors free tickets to the concert that they put on the day of our graduation.

Catnapper in Columbia?

Neighborhood cats gone missing!



Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons

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In recent weeks, many beloved neighborhood cats have gone missing, raising concerns around Columbia regarding the safety of our four-legged friends. All of the victims had one thing in common: their cats were last seen outside the day they went missing. Over half a dozen cats have been reported missing in the past week, forcing owners to keep their cats inside. Witnesses have reported they had seen the perpetrator-- a

woman, who appears to be in her mid 40's, as she picked a cat off of their neighbor's porch. "I was out on my porch drinking some coffee when I saw a lady grab my neighbor's cat and drive off," Racquel Spioney, a Columbia resident reported to the police. Cat owners of Columbia have been taking extra measures to protect their pets by getting them microchipped, keeping them inside, and some have even installed high-tech security systems to deter any potential catnappers. The criminal was revealed to be Maddyson Goostafsun, a long

time employee at the Howard County Animal Welfare Society. She was missing from her home, where the police recovered all of the missing cats. On her property, twenty more cats were found, all of which seemed to be sick and neglected. After a thorough search of the house, Goostafsun was nowhere to be found, leading to speculations that she had fled the county. Despite the joyful reunions of cats and their families, work was still cut out for the police officers. "We are pleased to see the return of the cats to their rightful owners, but we will not

rest until we have taken the criminal into custody," Officer Mann promised. The twenty emaciated cats have been taken into care by the Animal Welfare Society, who quickly terminated Goostafsun's position-- if she were to return. Despite their severe condition, all of the cats are expected to make a full recovery and find loving homes as soon as possible. Thanks to the hard work of the HCPD as well as key witnesses to this case, Columbia is once again a safe place-- for humans and cats alike.

Who’s Retiring?

Mr. Berry retiring to become an alpaca farmer?



Photo Credit: Madison Gustafson

Mr. Berry has been a beloved history teacher here at Oakland Mills for the past five years, and although he is an incredible teacher, he has decided to throw in the towel and pursue his dream career of becoming an alpaca farmer. He will be retiring at the end of the 2019 school year, along with the seniors who were freshmen during his second year teaching. Who else will be in charge of our beloved spirit club? Mr. Berry has thought long and hard about what he truly wants to do with his life and has landed on being an alpaca farmer. He will be moving to a little farm in Peru to care for as many as up to fifteen alpacas. I asked Mr. Berry what the job of an alpaca farmer entails, and he said “to care for an alpaca you need to feed them, clean them, and walk them. It’s like having a bunch of giant dogs.” We asked Mr. Miller, the teacher Mr. Berry shares his classroom with, what his thoughts were and he said, “I was a little shocked at first, and sad to hear he was leaving, and then I realized I get the entire room to myself; I’m actually a little excited.” We talked to some of Mr. Berry’s students as well. “I think he chose to become an alpaca farmer because it pays more than a teacher,” said freshman Chad Chaddihngton. “I’m going to miss him, he was an incredible teacher!” said Maclairen Rogers, a junior here at OM. We are sad to see him go so far and we surely hope that he will visit us some time soon. Mr. Berry has made a great impact on the Oakland Mills community and will be greatly missed. Adiós amigo!

Written by Madison Gustafson

Spring Break Shortened

Snow days must be accounted for



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Because of the snowy weather in recent months, school has been cancelled on multiple occasions, leading to the shortening of Spring Break. Spring Break was originally going to start on Saturday, the 13th of April, and go through until the 22nd of April, but instead it will end on the 15th. Students have already missed four full days of

school due to the weather. There are no days left to use if more snow comes. An anonymous teacher here at Oakland Mills said “I wish the Howard County School System would put in more inclement weather dates in the school calendar, because you can never predict the weather in Maryland.” This makes a lot of sense, and then Spring Break wouldn’t have to be shortened; it just means that the last days of school would be shortened.

An unnamed student complained, “The students’ education should not be taken away because of the weather, and they shouldn’t take our breaks away just because we missed some days of school.” It’s not the fault of students or teachers that it snows outside, and the decision to cancel school for a day is not theirs to make. Regardless, it looks like we will have yet another short break this spring.

Is Tupac Alive?

Deceased rapper reportedly seen in MD



Photo Credit: flickr.com

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On Wednesday March 27th, 2019, on site Scroll writer David Land reported a spotting of previously thought to be dead rapper, Tupac Shakur. The sighting occurred in the woods off of Broken Land Parkway. He was seen in a fursuit walking around for no discernible reason, humming “All Eyez on Me.” Shortly after the sighting,

Shakur ran into the woods and the writer lost sight of him. Search parties have been combing the area since the appearance, but nothing has been found as of yet. This is not the first time Shakur has been spotted after his supposed death on September 13, 1996, as over 500 eyewitness accounts corroborate his post mortem fallacy such as one by local blind man, Johnny Dobermann, who was quoted as saying, “when I heard him humming I knew it was him.

I wouldn’t mistake that golden voice on my life. I can’t believe he’s back.” As many may remember, Shakur was supposedly gunned down in Las Vegas by unknown assailants, and the case remains unsolved. Columbia residents are advised to keep a look out for Shakur and report any sightings to david.land@thescroll.com. Land is offering his entire Tupac memorabilia collection to anyone providing information that leads to Tupac’s recovery.

Welcome to the Future, Mr. Foy!

A detailed review of the iPhone XR

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It’s 2019 and a new world, technology wise; we have A.I., iPads, AirPods, no more big box TV or big computer monitors, and this has finally registered with Mr. Foy.

Mr. Foy is known around Oakland Mills as a dinosaur; he still uses a chalkboard instead of a projector and computer. Recently he’s been asking questions about students’ ‘machines,’ things like “how does it work?” and “is it a good phone?” A few weeks ago, he revealed to me that his wife has an iPhone and she has been urging him to get his own iPhone.

Over the past weekend, Mr. Foy purchased the newest iPhone XR, trading in his Motorola StarTAC after two decades. The



Photo taken by Rachel Spione

first thing Mr. Foy asked me was, “How do you use this machine?!” when I walked into his classroom Monday morning (yes, he still calls it a machine). The first thing I showed him was the emojis key-board, at first he looked confused and then suddenly he began to

text his wife, using only emojis. Next, I revealed to him Face ID, “This is really dumb, it’s not even working,” Mr. Foy complained to me, holding the phone up to scan his face. Later, he wanted to open his phone, but could not figure it out and began

to tap the screen repeatedly. “Just let it scan your face” I told him, he stopped tapping the screen, looked at me, let out a frustrated sigh and then held the phone still, pointing it towards his face. He let out a triumphant noise as the phone unlocked and then mut-

tered that “I will never understand this machine.”

During one of his classes, a student knocked over Mr. Foy’s coffee cup and he panicked, exclaiming, “My phone has coffee all over it! Now it’s going to break!” His new iPhone was indeed in a pool of coffee, but the iPhone XR is waterproof.

“Mr. Foy! It’s okay, you have an iPhone XR,” ninth grader George Washington reminded him, but Mr. Foy did not realize what this meant.

“No, I have a broken iPhone XR,” Mr. Foy said smartly before going to get napkins from his desk. I never thought we would see the day when Mr. Foy would join all of us in owning a smart-phone like the iPhone XR, but here we are.

Wallace to Drop Album

EP includes numerous features

After 26 years of anticipation, Mr. Wallace has finally set a release date for his new album. The new hip hop album, “The Scorpion Trail,” will consist of 14 different tracks, including features from BTG Jaqueeb, Michael Jackson, and Takeoff. It is set to drop on June 5, the Friday after graduation.

Album producer Pi’erre Bourne has cited “The Scorpion Trail” as “the biggest hip hop project of the 21st century.” The album is projected to hit #1 on the charts and go triple platinum in the first week. Also, being Wallace’s debut album, the tape has been in production for the past several years due to many administrative disagreements and conflicts.

With the change of administration that ocured with the new school year, Wallace was finally able to drop his debut mixtape.

Despite the long wait for the album, many songs from the tape had been previously released as singles. This includes, but is not limited to, Muffin Top (Feat. Gunna), Dad, Please Come hOMe? (feat. Malicccccc), and Burgers on My Mind (feat. YNW Melly and Rick Ross). According to recent rumors, “The Scorpion Trail” may be a collab album with Malick Stafford a.k.a “Leeky Faucet” who topped global hip hop charts in 2015 with his hit single *15 Year Dry Spell*.

1	Intro (Trapped in the Locker)
2	Dad, Please Come hOMe? (feat. Malicccccc)
3	15 Year Dry Spell (feat. Leeky Faucet)
4	Muffin Top (feat. Gunna)
5	Burgers on My Mind (feat. YNW Melly and Rick Ross)
6	Super Gut (Justin Sharks diss track)
7	Locker Room Shenanigans (feat. papiS)
8	Outro (JB diss track)

April Fools’ Playlist

Hey everyone! Let’s start the warm weather off with some bangers! Here’s a list of my favorite songs for the spring to summer season. Trust me, all jokes aside, these songs are the best songs you’ll ever hear in your life. It is definitely 100% worth your time, so check them out, kids!

Title	Artist	Album
Barbie Girl	Aqua	Ken’s Boo
On The Floor	IceJFFish	On The Wall
Friday	Rebecca Black	Weekdays
Trapped in the Closet	R Kelly	Who Keeps Letting Him Out?
Pretty	India Love ft. Will.I.Am	Pretty Ugly
Take U To the Movies	Bangs	You’re Paying
Gossip Girl	Haschak	XOXO
My Bae	IceJFFish	#2
Boomerang	JoJo Siwa	Right Back Atcha
Flossin	The Back-Pack Kid ft. DJ Suede	Cavities
Take U to Starbucks	Bangs	Tall Iced Skinny Macchiato
Hello Kitty	Avril Lavigne	Kitty White

Created by Lloyanne Hamilton

Written by Malick Stafford

Oakland Mills Word Search

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- BANANA
CHEERIOS
SUPERSENIOR
CHEETAHGIRLS
SNACKYSNACK
SPRINGBREAK
PANCAKE
- LAZY
FRIES
COOKIESCREAM
FLORIDA
TENDERS
BURGER
ODD

School Callender

- 4/3 - Jason Derulo visits OM!
- 4/7 - Trump’s impeachment is put into effect
- 4/10 ~ 4/13 - Triterms
 - 4/10 - 1st Period Exam
 - 4/11 - 2nd & 3rd Period Exams
 - 4/12 - 4A & 4B Period Exams
 - 4/13 - 5th & 6th Period Exams
- 4/20 - Yee Yee Day
- 4/24 - Juniors leave for Beyond Scared Straight
- 4/26 - Queen of the Mill (5:30pm) in auditorium
- 4/31 - Elementary students begin classes at OM
- 5/10 - Show & Tell (7:00pm) in auditorium
- 5/21 - School begins remodeling

April Fools!

We hope you enjoyed our April Fools edition of The Scroll. Please note that any stories featured in this edition are satire, and are not real.
Thank you for reading!

