



# MILLER HOME AND SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

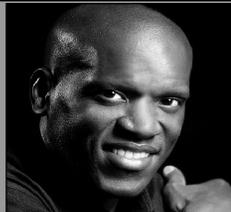
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*“Moving Milford to New Heights.....*

*Together We Can't be Stopped”*

## *The New Faces of Milford*



This is Mr. Banks-Bey's second tenure as an Acting teacher at Milford. He looks forward to making the Magnet Program one of the best in the county.



Hugh W. Barnes Jr. is our new Director of Instrumental Music. He has directed university bands & created music programs throughout the region. He hopes to create a world renowned instrumental music program.

## **MILFORD OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW TURF FIELD**

No wind or threat of torrential rain was going to stop the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new turf field at Milford Mill Academy. On October 1st students, administrators, alumni, former Milford head football coaches, and community members came out to support the official opening of the new field before the start of the football game between the Milford varsity football team and Patapsco. Although the field had been in pretty good shape, the regrading to an all-weather turf field was a part of the continuous improvement to move Milford to new heights and to truly make it a 21<sup>st</sup> century campus. Former Miller head football coach, John Buchheister believes that the last time that the field was regraded was some time in the early '80s.

According to Milford's Athletic Director Joe Sargent, the new \$800,000.00 field took about one month to complete and it is guaranteed to last for 15 years with proper care and maintenance. In addition to student athletics, the field is also open to the community. A large benefit is that the



**Back Row:** Alumni: Reggie White, Sr., Crystal Martin, DeToiya McAiley, Thomas Payne, & Rev. Leroy O. Dyett, Jr. **Front Row:** Assistant Principal, Tryalah Shipman; Magnet Coordinator, Arinita Crawford; BCPS Zone 2 Community Superintendent, George Roberts; Councilman Julian Jones; BCPS Coordinator of Athletics, Michael Sye; & Former Milford Head Football Coach, John Buchheister (not pictured, but also in attendance were: Delegate Adrienne Jones, Theodore Ted Colbert, Alumni '91 and CIO of Boeing, & Special Assistant to Kevin Kamenetz, Tony Baysmore) (photo by Randall Gornowich)

field can be used year round, to dirt, mud and rocks due to the frequency of use.

The new field has visible numbering, brilliant white sidelines and is emblazoned with the signature Milford "M" logo in the center. The addition of the logo was made possible by donations raised by the alumni association and the community.

For current varsity head football coach and Milford alum Reggie White, Sr. the new turf field is a dream

come true, "It's historic because it's the first time we have ever had anything of this magnitude."

The Milford football players feel the same. Junior wide receiver Davon Bumpers says,

*“The new turf field is a great addition to the football program. Most importantly the M in the middle is to remind everybody that it's the home of the Millers and if anybody other than Millers step foot on the field it's war time!!”*



Principal Kyria Joseph

**The New Faces of Milford**



**Nathaniel Ogunniyi** is a new technology education teacher. It is his second tenure as a teacher in a relatively new discipline. He is committed to working collaboratively with the team.



**Jonathan Peang** is a new member of the Social Studies Department. He just graduated from Towson University and this is his first year teaching. He enjoys working out, volunteering for community services and helping out at church.

**STUDENTS VOICE THEIR APPRECIATION**

October is National Principal Appreciation Month. Students and staff across the nation are taking this month to express appreciation for those dedicated school leaders who have made an impact on their school community. While this section of our newsletter is usually reserved for the Principal's monthly message, this month we have decided to reserve this section for messages to our new Principal, Ms. Joseph. Our students were very happy to have an opportunity to share their feelings about Principal Joseph.

*"Mrs. Joseph is a kind hearted and respectful person with a lot of tenacity."*  
Jelani Higgs

*"Mrs. Joseph is making a difference at Milford for the better. I am very glad with the changes she has made for our school."*  
Christina Gambrell

*"I respect how Mrs. Joseph holds herself and her students (especially girls) to a higher standard. She came to Milford to bring out the good in everyone and I appreciate that."*  
Taylor Hunter



*"Mrs. Joseph is beautiful and very stylish. She is a great leader as well as a Principal. I look up to her as a positive role model."*  
Ayanna Greene

*"Mrs. Joseph is a very supportive, ambitious woman and I look up to her when it comes to her being humble."*  
Shenole Eton

*"Mrs. Joseph, we appreciate your time and effort—and the way you build young girls' character and inspire dreams, encourage creativity and build confidence. Thank you."*  
Brittany Wright

*"Mrs. Joseph has had a very positive impact on the school. During my 12<sup>th</sup> grade year so far I have accomplished a lot due to her impact. Her hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed!"*  
Malei Scott

*"Mrs. Joseph is a very caring and hardworking principal. She shows persistence in her work and puts in much effort at Milford Mill."*  
Lekosh Neason

*"Mrs. Joseph has been a positive and hardworking principal. I know this because she was my principal in middle school and I know she will keep doing a great job."*  
Mark Ramos

*"Mrs. Joseph cares about us a lot. She goes an extra mile to sure we all graduate on time."*  
Rico Dorsey

*"Mrs. Joseph shows she cares about her students with all her hard work and commitment."*  
Shatay Deshields

## Coach Reggie White Earns 100<sup>th</sup> Career Win



Milford's own Reggie White, Sr. is now one of only 25 Maryland high school football coaches to have won 100 or more games. White, who is also a

staff member in the special education department, played on the Milers' 1987 state championship team. Later, he spent four years in the NFL, playing for the San Diego Chargers and the New England Patriots.

As quoted in the Baltimore Sun, Coach White said, "The incredible part is doing it at your alma mater and being able to coach both my sons...I did the college

thing for a while and I never saw my kids, so I said, 'The heck with that. I want to coach high school and see them every day.'"

As for his feelings about being the coach at Milford Mill, "I have a love for my school that is second to none. It makes me a lot prouder to do it at my alma mater."

## Milford Students Meet Holocaust Survivor

Milford students were privileged to meet and hear the personal experiences of Holocaust survivors, Mr. Howard Kaidanow and his wife Esther. The Baltimore couple frequently share their experiences throughout the country. Mr. Kaidanow lived through the Russian occupation of his Polish homeland in 1939 and the subsequent Nazi occupation. Ms. Kaidanow lived through similar experiences in her homeland which is the former Yugoslavia.

During the visit, arranged by Milford JROTC Head, Major Luke Wright, Mr. Kaidanow told the students of the day that he witnessed the murder of both



of his parents when he was thirteen years old. After that experience he escaped his town and fought with area partisans (a resistance group).

While many of our students have read stories about the Holocaust and study it as part of the English and Social Studies curriculum, most have never met or had the chance to speak with anyone with

first hand experiences of such horror. After listening to the Kaidanows, our students gained great perspective as to the trials in their own lives.

*"I've always read stories about the holocaust and I've always had a ton of questions. When Major Wright said we had an opportunity to speak with a holocaust survivor I was so excited and amazed. Mr. Kaidanow is truly blessed, and I am forever grateful for his insight."*

- Jaela Davis

*"There are quotes from Mr. Kaidanow that I wrote down and will never forget. '.....'If you hate someone then you must hate something about yourself" and "Never take the privileges we have in United States for granted."*

- Malik Jackson



**Georgette Richardson** is a new teacher in our cosmetology magnet. She has over 20 years of experience in the cosmetology field and is truly excited about being back at her alma mater. She is looking forward to doing her part in helping to continue the success of the magnet program.

### **More New Additions to Team Milford Include:**

**Ramon Colmenar** is a new member of the Math Department. He teaches calculus, trigonometry w/ algebra, and trigonometry w/ geometry.

**Dr. Selma Curry-Harrison** is a new member of our Special Education Department.

**Elise DaCruz** is a new member of our Technology Education Department. She teaches engineering technology.

**Akeish Forsythe** is a new member of our Math Department. She teaches IB math and algebra 1.

**Wakeem Goode** is a new member of our Physical Education team. He joins us from Old Court Middle School. He teaches general physical education and weight training.

## More New Additions

**Randall Gornowich** is a new member of our Art Department. He has taught in Montgomery County and he appeared as a guest artist on HGTV's show "That's Clever" where he created the 30' pink Flamingo which adorns the front of the Café Hon in Baltimore. [www.randallart.com](http://www.randallart.com)

**Leslie Hudson** joins us as the Principal's Administrative Assistant. She is a former Verizon project manager who also served as a records secretary at Woodlawn High School.

**Robert Jackson** joins the Special Ed Department as a one on one assistant. This is his first job in a high school setting. We are excited to have him on our team.

**Josephine Morgan** joins the Family & Consumer Sciences Department. She teaches food and nutrition and fashion design. She is a talented seamstress and has already designed costumes for some of our programs.

**Luis Pons-Perez** is a new member of the World Languages Department. He teaches Spanish 1 and 2.

**Charissa Pretto-Huie** is our new Career Research teacher and Work Based Learning Coordinator.

**Rachelle Provost** is a new member of our arts magnet program. She teaches dance and she is also the driving force behind our audition based dance company.

**Tanganyika Whitaker** (previously of Woodlawn MS) is embracing her first year as a high school counselor. She is excited about reuniting with former students and families and connecting with new students and families.

## RESPECT

## RESPONSIBILITY

## READINESS

### More New Faces



Mr. James Martin is one of our new Assistant Principals. He joins us from Woodlawn HS (his alma mater) where he served as an Assistant Principal and teacher for many years. He is excited about new beginnings at Milford Mill and

being the 9th grade administrator. He believes that parent, school, and community collaboration is critical to helping students to be successful.

Ms. Tryalah Shipman joins our administrative team as the 10th grade administrator. This is her 20th year in BCPS. Prior to coming to Milford she served as an Assistant Principal at Old Court MS. She has also served as a Social Studies teacher at Woodlawn HS and an Assistant Principal at Randallstown HS. While she is new to Team Milford,

Ms. Shipman is no stranger. Her son is a junior in our construction magnet program and her daughter is a freshman this year. She is very excited about returning to high school and reuniting with some of her former Old Court students.



### Milford Allied Soccer Team Making a Difference

On Tuesday, October 11th the Milford Mill allied soccer team members participated in the Clean Green 15 Litter Cleanup Challenge. This program is a partnership between BCPS and Baltimore County's Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability to help clean up our communities and improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay. The challenge is to have groups take just 15 minutes to pick up trash in their local community. Student athletes Rachel Harden, Tyrone Henderson, Jonathan Lynch, Kortez Baker and Allied



Soccer Coach, Mr. Smith, put on gloves and picked up trash from the front of the school building before heading out to practice. In just 15 minutes they were able to make quite a difference.

