

MARRIOTTS RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Bits and Bridles Bulletin



October 7, 2016

Dates to Remember:

10/7 FBLA Movie Night 7PM
10/10 SGA Food Drive Begins
10/11 PTSA Meeting 7PM
10/12 Schools/Office CLOSED
10/13 Boosters Meeting 7PM
10/15 Marching Band Competition at Reservoir 2pm
10/16 HCPSS 5K/Fun Run
10/18 Jazz Band Auditions
10/19 PSAT Day
10/20 Blood Drive 7:30-2:30
10/24 Student Gallup Poll
10/31 Schools Closed for Students

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Weekly Athletic Calendar

10/10

Allied Soccer vs. Centennial at MRHS 3:00
Field Hockey vs. Reservoir at MRHS Varsity 3:30 JV 5:00
Cross Country at Scorpion Crawl at Oakland Mills 4:00
JV Boys Soccer at Mt. Hebron 4:15
Girls Soccer vs. Mt. Hebron at MRHS JV 4:15 Varsity 5:45

10/11

Golf at Districts at Crofton Country Club 8:30
Allied Soccer at Glenelg 3:30
Varsity Boys Soccer at Mt. Hebron 3:30

10/13

Volleyball vs. Glenelg at MRHS Fr 3:30 JV 4:30 Var 5:30
Field Hockey vs. Centennial at MRHS Varsity 3:30 JV 5:00
Girls Soccer vs. Glenelg at MRHS JV 4:00 Varsity 5:30

10/14

Field Hockey at River Hill Varsity 3:30 JV 5:00
JV Football at Wilde Lake 4:30
Boys Soccer at Glenelg JV 5:15 Varsity 7:00

10/15

Cross Country at Gunpowder Invitational 9:30 a.m.
Varsity Football at Wilde Lake 1:00 p.m.

[Click Here to view the complete Athletic Calendar.](#)

****IMPORTANT****

FAMILY FILE Update

Thank you to those families who have updated! We still have many students who's Family File have not been updated this year. This is crucial information for the school to have, especially should an emergency occur. It is imperative that these updates occur before October 20, 2016. Please take a few minutes to complete your Family File and we will not bother you with anymore phone calls or email. [click here for more information.](#) A one page quick reference guide is available [here.](#) Thank you for helping us complete this necessary and very important process!

The 2015-2016 Yearbooks Have Arrived!

Yearbook staff members will be hand-delivering yearbooks to individual 4A classes on 10/7, 10/11, 10/14, and until all books have been delivered. There will be limited number of extra yearbooks that will be for sale for \$85; they are on a first come, first serve basis. If you missed out on purchasing a yearbook last year and would like to be placed on a waiting list, please email Allison Wichmann at allison_wichmann@hcpss.org.

Want a 2016-2017 yearbook at a discounted price? Follow the link (www.jostens.com) to place your 2017 yearbook order. Thank you!

Please Support The MRHS Student Government Association's
OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE CONTEST

Marriotts Ridge High School will once again participate in the Kids Helping Kids Food and Funds Drive for the Maryland Food Bank during the month of October. Please send in canned food and non-perishable items with your student this month. You and your family can also make a monetary donation in the name of MRHS using the following link: <https://fooddrive.mdfoodbank.org/marriottsridge>. Please forward the link to anyone that may want to help support the cause.

JAZZ BAND AUDITIONS

Auditions for the Marriotts Ridge Jazz Band are coming up on Tuesday, October 18 after school. The original date of October 11th was moved back one week. Auditions are open to any students enrolled in a band class who play following the instruments: **Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, Trombone, Trumpet, and Drum Set**. Auditions are also open to any students who play **Upright/Electric Bass, Piano, and Guitar**. Concurrent enrollment in a band class is not necessary for these 3 instruments. Other instruments such as Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Flugel Horn, Aux percussion are used as secondary instruments (doubles) in jazz band, but students must audition on the primary instruments listed above to be considered. Audition music is available in the band room. In order to audition you must do the following. 1) Pick up the audition music for your particular instrument. 2) Sign up on the sign up sheet in the band room. 3) Prepare the audition music to the best of your ability. 4) Be sure to stay after school on Oct 18. Auditions are first-come, first-serve and should be done by 4pm.

PSAT Day – Wednesday, October 19, 2016

All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will be participating in the administration of the PSAT on October 19th. Freshman will participate in the PSAT 8/9 while Sophomores and Juniors participate in the PSAT/NMSQT. All students have been pre-registered. [Read more . . .](#)

WHAT ABOUT SENIORS? Traditionally, seniors have used this day for college and career preparations. This is a good day to visit colleges and potential career sites and work on their college application. Seniors may also decide to come to school to complete work and should report directly to Student Services. Due to testing, the Media Center computers will not be available on this day. If you plan to be absent to work on college and career prep, please complete the [discretionary absence form](#) and return it to Mrs. Reardon in the Front Office.

STUDENT GALLUP POLL

MRHS students will be taking the Student Gallup Poll on October 24, 2016. The Gallup Student Poll is a 24-question survey that measures the hope, engagement, and entrepreneurial aspiration, financial literacy of our students. The survey helps us to gain the student perspective so that we are able to continue to work on making MRHS a better place. More information is available in the [Parent Communication for Student Gallup Poll](#).

Student Spotlight

MRHS Debate Team

The Marriotts Ridge Debate Team attended their first competition last Saturday, October 1st, at the BCFL which is a debate league that covers Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll and Howard Counties as well as Baltimore City. Our congratulations to the following students for their noteworthy results: **Kush Tiwary** won first place and medals both for Extemporaneous and Impromptu speaking. **Amaris Hester** finished third in Extemporaneous speaking. **Quinn Crawford** won first place and a medal for Lincoln-Douglas debate. **Rachel Yu** and **Madisyn Parisi** also went undefeated and won medals in Lincoln-Douglas debate. The public forum teams of **Erin White/Yusuf Mastoor** and **Hammad Baquai/Hassan Mastoor** went 3-0 and also won medals. Marriotts Ridge, as a team, finished first place overall. *Way to go Mustangs!*

CLUB NEWS

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

The FBLA is hosting an activity tonight (10/7) at MRHS from 6-9 p.m. All MRHS students and families are welcome to attend. Admission is \$5.00 per family or per individual student. Please enter through the doors near the auditorium. Movie: Monsters University plus: Face Painting, Bake Sale, Ping Pong and other games. FUN FOR ALL!!!

MRHS After School Activity Bus

Who: Any MRHS Student who stays after school on Thursday for ANY reason.

When: Thursdays departing MRHS at 4:00 PM

How: Use the Sign-Up Genius to schedule your ride.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eadad2ea4ff2-mustang>

Canvas Parent Mobile App

HCPSS is excited to share a new mobile app, Canvas Parent, designed to help parents/guardians of high school and middle school students monitor their children's progress on the go. The app allows parents to check grades, review assignments and events, view course announcements, see a weekly calendar, and set student activity alerts, such as missing assignments or grades above/below a set threshold. Parents can easily swipe between profiles to view information for multiple children. Parents can use the Canvas Parent app on all iOS and Android devices. View the [Canvas Parent Android Guide \(Links to an external site.\)](#) and the [Canvas Parent iOS Guide \(Links to an external site.\)](#) for complete details.

New Opt-In SMS Shortcode

Parents who were opted in for text messages last year are opted in for this year. Parents who are new to HCPSS, changed their mobile phone number, or are unsure whether or not they have already opted in and would like to opt-in for text messages this year must text "Y" to the number 67587 from the mobile phone number on file in HCPSS Connect. You can opt-in multiply times without any side effects on your account.



Explore Your Opportunities

at the

Howard County College Fair

Sunday, October 16, 2016, 1-3 p.m.

at

**Howard Community College
in the Galleria/ST Building**

Over 150 colleges will be present and parents and students of all ages are welcome. Come meet college admissions representatives from schools throughout Maryland and around the country. There will also be breakout sessions available on variety of topics.

Sponsored by the Howard County Association of Counseling.

If you have any questions, please contact

Atholton High School Student Services at 410-313-7068.

Additional Information is Available on the HCPSS website at:

<http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2016/09/howard-county-college-fair/>

The PTSA Restaurant Raffle is Seeking Sponsorships

With the support of our community, the PTSA is planning a safe, substance-free event for MRHS students to attend after their prom. Fundraising efforts for this event begin early in the school year and we need your help in one of two ways:

1. We are requesting sponsorships in the amount of \$100. This sponsorship will put your family or business name on the back of 1 out of 20 raffle tickets being mailed to all MRHS families. With your input, we will take care of the ticket design, printing and mailing. **Sponsorships must be confirmed by October 18th.**
2. Gift card donations from area restaurants are also welcomed! Use this link to see our current working list of needed gift card donations: [Gift Card Working List](#)

Please help however you can! Questions? Contact Theresa Yodzis at tbone119@comcast.net or 443-472-0974

Here are some easy, free to you, ways to support our PTSA!

It's now time to register your Giant, Martin's and/or Harris Teeter Reward Cards.

To enroll with **Giant** go to <https://giantfood.com/aplus/register-card/> or call 1-877-366-2668 if you don't physically have your card but know your phone number is attached. Our school code for Giant's is #04912.

Martin's link is <https://martinsfoods.com/aplus/register-card/> or call 1-888-562-7846. Our school code for Martin's is #22565.

*If you enrolled to support MRHS PTSA in the past you **DO NOT** need to re-enroll each year with Giant/Martins. You can also go onto the MRHS PTSA website to link your cards.

You **DO** need to re-enroll your **Harris Teeter** card each year through one of the following:

- Ask the cashier to link MRHS at the store when shopping. Our code is #2504.
- Go online and follow the prompts
http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx
- Go onto the [MRHS PTSA website](#) to link your card.
- Add your phone number and/or Harris Teeter card # to your [PTSA membership form](#) and we will link to for you!

Don't forget we now have an Amazon Smile link to support our MRHS PTSA!

Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-3808734> to shop and Amazon will donate a portion to our PTSA. You can bookmark and save the link so each time you shop it supports our PTSA. The link can also be found on the PTSA website.

Thanks for your continued support!!

Questions about store reward cards may be directed to Francine Bennett, francineabennett@verizon.net

HCPSS 5K/Fun Run

Discounted registration rates apply through October 12th, so sign up today! (On-site registration will be available Oct. 14-16.)

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! We are excited to announce a new location for this year's race of Columbia Gateway Drive. The event brings together students, families, staff and community members to celebrate health and wellness. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Teachers for Tomorrow scholarship program for HCPSS students who have high academic potential and limited financial resources.

Student athletes are encouraged to register for the HCPSS 5K/Fun Run, to be held Sunday, October 16 at 8AM at Columbia Gateway Drive. Event information, course maps and registration are online at <http://www.hcps5k.com/>.

NEWS FROM OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS

WAVERLY ELEMENTARY FALL FEST

Waverly ES is hosting our annual Fall Fest on October 15, 2016 from 12-4pm. Join us for games, music, entertainment, rock climbing wall, food, vendors and more! *Community Service Hours Are Available ...* for students who are interested in volunteering, please sign up using the link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ba4ab28a6f85-waverly2>

Mount View MS PTA to Host COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW

Family fun for all ages!

Sponsored by the MVMS PTA Community Outreach Committee

When: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14th

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Marriotts Ridge High School Auditorium

Price: \$10 in advance - \$12 at the door

Purchase tickets online by going to the MVMS PTA website: <http://mvmspta.yolasite.com>

We will also have a bake sale - those proceeds will benefit Operation Gratitude!

Questions? Contact Theresa Yodzis at tbone119@comcast.net

Community Notices

The following events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by Marriotts Ridge High School or the Howard County Public School System.

Please visit the new Community News and Programs webpage on the HCPSS website for brief announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit and community organizations.