

MARRIOTT'S RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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March 17, 2017

Dates to Remember

4/10-17 Spring Break

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AP EXAMS — ORDER NOW!

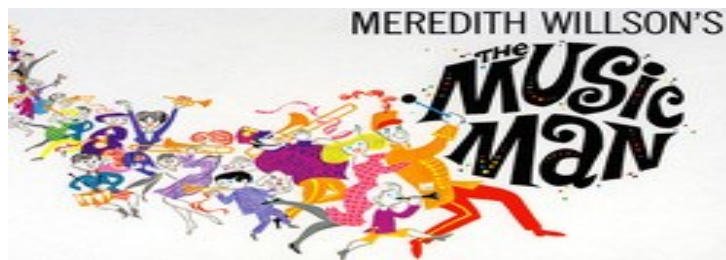
Order by March 24 to avoid late fees*!

No registrations accepted after April 4.

REGISTRATION STARTS IN NAVIANCE

Remember, if you have not printed the form in Naviance and returned a signed copy along with payment (check/cash) or proof of online payment to Student Services prior to the deadline, you are not registered for the AP Exam.

*A \$20 late fee begins at midnight on 3/25 for online payments and on 3/27 for check/cash payments.



March 16, 17, & 18 at 7:00 p.m.

March 19 at 3:00 p.m.

\$10 at the door

Weekly Athletic Calendar

Tuesday, 3/21

- ◆ Tennis vs Mt. Hebron at MRHS 3:00
- ◆ Varsity Softball/Baseball vs Mt. Hebron at MRHS 4/4:15
- ◆ JV Softball/Baseball at Mt. Hebron 4/4:15
- ◆ Girls Lacrosse at Centennial JV 4:00 / Varsity 5:30
- ◆ Boys Lacrosse vs Centennial at MRHS JV 4:00 / Varsity 5:30

Wednesday, 3/22

- ◆ Tennis at River Hill 3:00
- ◆ Track at Reservoir 3:30
- ◆ Varsity Softball/Baseball at River Hill 4/4:15
- ◆ JV Softball/Baseball vs River Hill at MRHS 4/4:15

Friday, 3/22

- ◆ Tennis vs Severna Park at MRHS 4:00
- ◆ Boys Lacrosse vs. John Carroll at MRHS JV 4:00 / Varsity 5:30

Saturday, 3/25

- ◆ Track at Glenelg 10:00
- ◆ Varsity Baseball at South Carroll 11:00
- ◆ Softball vs Northeast at Bachman Park JV 2:00 / Varsity 4:00

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



CONCESSIONS for Spring Sports

The concession stand needs volunteers to keep it running. Please use the link below to volunteer a little of your time to support our students. Boosters Club uses proceeds to benefit ALL students in clubs, sports, music, dance, etc. MRHS students may sign-up for service hours!

[**SPRING CONCESSION SIGN UP**](#)

PROM 2017 will be held on Saturday, April 29, at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. Tickets will be sold at a discounted price of \$75* per ticket for ONE WEEK ONLY, March 20-24.

Tickets will be available in the Commons during all lunch shifts on the following dates: March 20-24, April 3-6, and April 18-19.

This year tickets may be purchased [online through OSP](#) from 3/18-24 at the discount* price and from 3/25—4/19 for \$85.

- Students who plan to bring a date who does NOT attend MRHS must present a completed [Prom Guest Request](#) form at the time of ticket purchase. This form requires signatures and the approval of MRHS Administration, so plan ahead!
- ALL obligations must be cleared before a student is permitted to purchase or pick up an online purchased ticket. Students may check with Ms. Romero in the front office for obligation details.
- Prom tickets are non-refundable due to illness, change in plans, or any unforeseen circumstances.

**The cost will be \$85 per ticket after March 24. An online purchase is not considered a “ticket” until the online receipt is redeemed during lunch on sale days.*

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help with ticket sales!

Class of 2018 is in need of parent volunteers to facilitate ticket sales for this year’s Prom.

[Click here](#) to see the schedule and sign-up to help us out!

SENIOR CLASS NEWS . . .

MARRIOTTS RIDGE will hold Commencement for the Class of 2017 on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 11AM at Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia.

GRADUATION CAP AND GOWN

Seniors – It's time to order your graduation cap and gown*. Balfour met with the senior class in late February about ordering cap, gown and other graduation merchandise. Each student received an ordering packet. Extra packets are available in the front office. Orders may be placed online through www.balfour.com or by mailing the order form with payment directly to Balfour. **Order deadline is April 1, 2017.**

**All students must wear a blue cap and gown to participate in commencement. Students who plan to borrow, must only borrow from a graduate in the classes of 2016, 2015, or 2014. Previous years gowns will not match the current gowns.*

SENIOR BANNERS ON SALE NOW!

Congratulate your graduating MRHS student with a personalized banner. The banners will hang in the auditorium hallway during the month of May and will be returned to your graduate after the farewell assembly. The cost is \$35 and **all orders will be due by March 31, 2017.** Please complete the [order form](#) and send it to the front office with a check payable to Marriotts Ridge PTSA. All profits will be donated to the PTSA. Contact Andrea Hartigan at hartigans4@hotmail.com with questions.

Celebrate your 2017 Graduate through a Yearbook Ad!

The Yearbook staff sells space in the back of the yearbook for you to create a memory that will last forever. Now we have it made it even easier with Jostens' ReplayIt app. It's fast, easy, and right from your smart phone or other mobile device; just follow the prompting on the app! [Click to download the ReplayIt app](#)



THE MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

2ND ANNUAL MARRIOTT'S RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE!



When: Saturday, March 25


Time: 10am-5pm


Where: Marriott's Ridge High School

Event Link: bit.ly/beds4mrhs



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Beautyrest



Adjustable Beds



Pillows

STUDENT BOOK CLUB will discuss, Michael Vey: Prisoner of Cell Block 25 by Richard Evans on Monday, March 27 in the media production room. Stop by the media center if you would like a copy of the book!

DRIVER SAFETY FIRST!!

It has been brought to the Administration's attention that during the morning commute drivers have been seen making an illegal left hand turn onto Route 99 out of the parking lot of the shopping center at the corner of Marriottsville Rd and Route 99. Signs posted at this exit are for a right hand turn only. Some drivers are using this parking lot as a "cut through" to avoid sitting at the light, while others are making this turn after visiting the Dunkin Donuts. There have been several accidents and other "near misses" during the busy morning commute. Please be mindful of and obey all traffic signs and road rules to avoid accidents that have the potential of injuries to drivers and their passengers.

Summer Programs . . .

HCPSS 2017 Summer Classes & Camps Course Information

Online registration is now open. [Read more . . .](#)

Boosters 2017 Summer Camp Registration

Complete selection of Sports and Music/Fine Arts camps to choose from, open to 1st-12th grade students! New this year, Let's Get Cooking Culinary and Multi-Sport Camps!

[Read more . . .](#)

PTSA

PTSA Senior Scholarship application deadline has been extended until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18 to allow seniors that are members of the MRHS PTSA some extra time during Spring Break to complete their application. *All applications MUST be submitted no later than 2:30 p.m. on April 18th. There will be no further extensions or exceptions.* The application is available on the PTSA website at <http://www.marriottsridgeptsa.org/>

Two Easy Ways to Support MRHS PTSA Right Away and Continually Throughout the Year!

HARRIS TEETER

Do you shop at Harris Teeter? With the HT Together in Education program donations are made to our PTSA each time you shop, no cost to you- just link your card ASAP any of these ways:

- the cashier to link MRHS at the store when shopping
- go onto the MRHS PTSA website to link your card

go online to: http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx

- add your phone number and/or Harris Teeter card # to your PTSA membership form and we will link it for you.

Remember EACH YEAR YOU NEED TO RE-ENROLL YOUR CARD. Last school year a thank you to the HT TIE program for donating over \$2000- to MRHS PTSA! Please enroll your card today!

AMAZON SMILE

We now have an Amazon Smile link to support our MRHS PTSA!

Go to the link: <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.



<http://www.hcdrugfree.org/>

Hope to See You at the Annual HoCo Student FilmFest TONIGHT, March 10

Along with all the other winning films entered into the student run event this year, HC DrugFree's winning public service announcements focusing on knowing alcohol and drug free alternatives to dealing with stress will be played. We hope to see you at the 2017 HoCo Student Film Festival on Friday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charles E. Miller Library in Ellicott City. HC DrugFree is proud to partner with the HoCo Student Film Fest.

HC DrugFree Teen Advisory Council (TAC) Meetings Mondays, March 13 and April 3, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. TAC is open to all Howard County high school students and community service hours are available. Meetings are held at The Barn (Teen Center) in the Oakland Mills Village Center. Free pizza is provided. Teens must complete the registration form found on the Teen Advisory web page at www.hcdrugfree.org, and RSVP to Admin@hcdrugfree.org.

HC DrugFree's Annual Senior Week: Staying Safe In Ocean City is back by popular demand on Wednesdays, March 22 at Atholton High School and March 29 at Howard High School, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Parents (and grandparents!) and high school seniors are encouraged to attend. Ocean City Police and Beach Patrol will provide safety tips about water, beach, drugs/alcohol, crossing the busy highway, and much more. Presented in partnership with Atholton HS PTSA and Howard HS administration. Visit www.hcdrugfree.org.

HC DrugFree will present “Not My Child” on April 25 at River Hill High School at 7:00 p.m. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend to learn more about the drugs abused in Howard County, what we all need to know and do about the rise in overdose deaths happening here, how parents and the community can better arm ourselves to help our children (whether pre-teens or adult children), and much more. Speakers will be announced in April. Visit www.hcdrugfree.org.

Medication and “Sharps” (needles, syringes, and EpiPens) Take Back Day will be held on April 29 at the Wilde Lake Village Center near the UPS Store and Slayton House between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Because 3 out of 4 people using heroin began with the use of prescription medication, HC DrugFree and the Howard County Police urge you to clean out your unneeded or expired medications and join your friends at HC DrugFree's quick and convenient drive-thru collection of medication and sharps. There's no need to get out of your vehicle. Just look for the teens in bright green shirts holding the signs and directing traffic around the parking lot. Howard County Police will receive, secure, and transport your medications for proper disposal. Medical personnel will receive and handle all of your sharps for proper recycling. Be sure to secure your medications to keep them out of the hands of everyone for whom they are not prescribed. If you have questions, visit www.hcdrugfree.org and go to the Drug Take Back page or contact HC DrugFree at 443-325-0040 or admin@hcdrugfree.org.

HC DrugFree is a non-profit community-based organization contracted by the Howard County Health Department to provide behavioral health education, information, and resources.

Community Notices & Events

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

The Inaugural International Celebration 5K; Columbia, MD • Sunday, April 2, 2017 International 5K and Family Fun Run/Walk For registration and more information, <http://www.firnonline.org/international5k/>

Mu Alpha Theta Math Tournament to be held March 25th, 2017 from 8:30am - 2pm at Centennial High School. Students may compete in six categories: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Precalc, Calc AB, Calc BC. The top 5 students in each category will be recognized and even receive money! This is a great opportunity for students to be rewarded for all the hard work they have done so far. If you would like to register, go to centennialmao.weebly.com! Individual registration is \$5 per student and free refreshments are included!

HoCo Hacks Hackathon! If you're interested in computer science, come to the third annual HoCo Hacks Hackathon! High school students from around the county will gain programming experience by spending the day coding a project that fits the theme presented at the event. The hackathon includes a presentation by guest speaker Dr. Singh, Associate Professor of Computer Science at Georgetown University. Students may work in groups of up to three members, and food will be provided. The hackathon will be held at Centennial High School on April 22nd, from 10am - 6pm. Sign up for a spot at thehocohacks.weebly.com! If you have any questions, please contact Sahil Saini at sssaini011@gmail.com or Courtney Tse at courtneytse20@gmail.com.

Bright Minds Foundation's 3rd Annual Strutting with the Staff dance competition will be held March 22 from 7-9pm at the Jim Rouse Theater. This annual event benefits the Bright Minds Foundation and the students of HCPSS. Bright Minds Foundation has provided 1, 035 computers to students and awarded \$118,000 in teacher grants! [Read more . . .](#)

Young Adult Community Job and Resource Fair offered by The Howard County Office of Workforce Development on Saturday, April 1, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Long Reach High School. [Click for flyer with more information.](#)

Service Learning Hours Opportunity The HoCo Office on Aging and Independence seeks student volunteers to assist with their annual WomenFest event which will take place on Saturday, April 29 at the Gary J. Arthur Community Center in Glenwood. Service hours will be approved upon completion of shift services.

WomenFest is a FUN and INTERACTIVE event that entails engaging seminars, health screenings, vendors/exhibitors, cooking and fitness demos, etc. We are looking for students to help assist with this annual event. If you are interested in helping and earning service hours, please visit the website at www.hocovolunteer.org

The Glenwood Branch of the Howard County Library System announces our spring college admissions and essay series of workshops.

Intro to College Applications and Essays The college application process can be daunting, so let local expert Gail Jacobson guide you with successful strategies for applying to colleges and for writing your college essays. Parents strongly encouraged to attend with student. Ages 14-18; 60-90 min.

Navigating the College Application Process

Mar 29 (7 - 8:30 pm) Register: <https://goo.gl/whtGh7>

May 3 (7 - 8:30 pm) Register: <https://goo.gl/U5Qwh7>

Writing the College Essay

Apr 25 (7 - 8 pm) Register: <https://goo.gl/24nH3a>

May 20 (3:30 - 4:30 pm) Register: <https://goo.gl/AW4JfX>