

MARRIOTT'S RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dates to Remember

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“Glow in the Dark”

AfterProm Party is sponsored by the MRHS PTSA. ALL juniors and seniors are invited! Attendance at Prom is NOT required; however, your approved Prom guest may attend the AfterProm Party with you. Cost is \$10. The following completed and signed forms are required for all attendees and must be presented when purchasing your ticket.

Bus transportation from M&T Stadium to the Glenwood Community Center is available; cost is \$10 per rider.

[AfterProm Party Waiver](#)

[Bubble Soccer Waiver](#)

Parent Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success! Please signup today!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044aa4a92d6-2017>

Questions? Karen Chase kmchase24@comcast.net

Weekly Athletic Calendar

Monday, 4/24

- ◆ Tennis at Mt. Hebron 3:00
- ◆ Varsity Softball/Baseball at Mt. Hebron 4/4:15
- ◆ JV Softball/Baseball vs Mt. Hebron at MRHS 4/4:15

Tuesday, 4/45

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

Wednesday, 4/26

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

Thursday, 4/27

- ◆ Allied Softball at Reservoir 3:00
- ◆ Girls Lacrosse at Howard JV 4:00 / Varsity 5:30

Friday, 4/28

- ◆ Allied Softball at World Series at Meadowbrook 3:00
- ◆ Track at Falcon Invitational at Winters Mill 3:00
- ◆ Tennis at Atholton 3:00
- ◆ Varsity Softball/Baseball at Atholton 4/4:15
- ◆ JV Softball/Baseball vs Atholton at MRHS 4/4:15
- ◆ Boys Lacrosse vs Howard at MRHS JV 5:15 / Varsity 7:00 Students \$3/Adults \$4

Saturday, 4/29

- ◆ Girls Lacrosse at McDounogh Varsity 9a.m. / JV 11a.m.



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](#)

Marriotts Ridge High School Testing Schedule

Our Starting next week, students will begin taking PARCC assessments to measure students' performance in the areas of English and Math, as well as the High School Assessments in May. Please help us to ensure that students have eaten a good breakfast, arrive to school on time, and are prepared to do their best.

PARCC ELA (English 10) / April 24, 25 and 27

PARCC Math (Algebra I & II) / May 22, 23 and 24

American Government HSA / May 25

Biology HSA / May 31

Class of 2017 Commencement

June 1, 2017

11AM at Merriweather Post Pavilion

Marriotts Ridge High School

will dismiss at 10AM

to allow staff and families to attend

Senior Class Night will be held Tuesday, May 16 at Turf Valley from 7-10 p.m. There will be dinner, trivia, superlatives and dancing! The Senior Class Ticket is \$45 (includes Class-Night, Senior Breakfast, Senior Picnic, and a Class of 2017 t-shirt with graduate names printed on the back! Deadline for ticket to Senior Class Night is April 28th. Submit the form found on the last page of the this newsletter.

Safe Driving Presentation will be held Thursday, April 27, 6 p.m. at Glenelg High School Students who wish to drive and park vehicles on school property are annually required to attend a driver safety session with at least one parent/guardian prior to obtaining a parking

Student Spotlight

Student Leader of the Month

Kyle Hill has taken humongous strides towards independence since his freshman year. Initially, it was a struggle for him to remain in his general education class for more than 5-10 minutes at a time. Now, as a senior, Kyle glides down the hallway independently to his general education classroom, leaving his support staff in the dust! He has started going to Work out of the building two days a week this year as well, which is a huge success. He is verbalizing his needs, and has really connected with staff and other students in the classes. In our classroom, he demonstrates a lot of appropriate behaviors for the younger students (i.e. completing job tasks, cleaning up after himself, etc.). He has come so far in his 4 years at Marriotts Ridge, and we are so proud of him. We think he deserves to be recognized for all of his achievements!

Athlete of the Week

Mikayla Barnard had a great week prior to Spring Break and lead the Mustangs to 4-0 in the county to start their season. On March 27, Mikayla hit a double and grand slam against Atholton at home. On March 29, she also hit a 2-run homer in the top of the sixth to put the Mustangs in the lead against Glenelg. In the circle against Glenelg, she had seven strikeouts and helped the team to victory with her calm leadership and enthusiasm. Mikayla ended the week with eight RBIs in six at bats!

Social Studies NHS students meet for the second time to discuss #trendingtopics. The topic on April 6 was Social Media and Political Activism. An inspiring and engaged group MRHS students!



MRHS Students submit winning video

Sophomores **Emily Wood, Caroline Underwood, Megan Blackman, Julia Kimm** and **Vivian Stewart** won FIRST place in the Kindness Creates Community Video and Poster Contest sponsored by ChooseCivility.org. The contest was sponsored by Columbia Association, Howard County Public Libraries, and Howard County Public School System. Take a look at the winning video using this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B01h1BIoa5DEdVd4ZC01SUoyUIE/view>

Marriotts Ridge High School
Class of 2017- Senior Activities/Graduation Information

Dear Seniors & Parents/Guardians:

This flyer contains information that you will find very helpful during your final weeks at Marriotts Ridge High School. Please note that attendance at graduation rehearsals is mandatory if you wish to participate in the graduation ceremony. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rashid, Graduation Coordinator, at 410-313-5568.

End of Year Important Dates / Final Exams / Graduation Activities

End of April: Senior Information Survey must be completed through Naviance. Student Services will send more information after Spring Break.

April 23 Online request form must be submitted for HCPSS employees wishing to present their child a diploma.**

May 1 An online request form must be submitted for additional graduation tickets and handicapped seating.**

May 1 Deadline for all debts/obligations to be paid.

Seniors are required to attend school all day (7:25 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.) through Thursday, May 18, 2017.

May 15 (B Day) Period 1 – Final Exam
Periods 2-6 – Regular Classes

May 16 (A Day) Periods 1 and 2 – Farewell Assembly Rehearsal and Cap/Gown Distribution
Period 3 – Study Hall
Period 4A, 5, 6 – Final Exams
7-10 p.m. / Class Night at Turf Valley Resort includes Dinner, Trivia, Superlatives & Dance

May 17 (B Day) Period 1 – Senior Class Breakfast/Study Hall in Media
Periods 2, 3, 4B – Final Exams
Periods 5&6 – Graduation Rehearsal

May 18 (A Day) 8:00 a.m. Panoramic Picture -- Seniors report to the auditorium wearing cap & gown.
9:00 a.m. Senior Farewell & Awards Assembly in the auditorium. (Due to seating limitations, only parents of award recipients and performers will receive invited to attend.)
Senior Picnic will be held immediately following the assembly on school grounds.
1:45 p.m. Senior Slide Show & Graduation Ticket Distribution in the auditorium.

LAST DAY of school for Seniors.

June 1 11:00 a.m. – Graduation Commencement at Merriweather Post Pavilion, Columbia Graduates should report to the designated area by 10:30 a.m.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION INFORMATION

You do not have to participate in the graduation ceremony in order to receive a diploma. Parents must submit a written request for non-participation to Tammy Goldeisen by Monday, May 1, 2017.

Graduation Ticket Information - Each graduate will receive 8 graduation tickets. If you would like to obtain extra tickets, an online request form must be completed by Monday, May 1, 2017. If you do not have access to online forms**, please contact the front office. Any requests received after May 1st may not be fulfilled. Caps and gowns will be distributed following rehearsal on May 16, 2017, to those seniors who have fulfilled all financial obligations with Marriotts Ridge High School. Graduation tickets will be distributed after the Senior Picnic on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

HCPSS staff wishing to present the diploma - Graduating seniors' parents or legal guardians who are current, permanent employees of HCPSS are offered the opportunity to present the diploma to their children; this is a special privilege offered to employees. In accepting the offer, parents are asked to observe and maintain the dignity of the commencement ceremony by being on time for the presentation and by making a smooth and formal presentation. These student names will be read at the end of the alphabet/ceremony. HCPSS employees wishing to present the diploma must submit an online request form** by **April 23, 2017**.

Handicapped Seating - the handicapped seating request form** must be submitted by Monday, May 1, 2017. Due to space limitations in the handicapped section, each handicapped guest may have **one** guest sit with him/her. We may not be able to fulfill requests received after May 2nd.

Senior Farewell & Awards Assembly Info – The Senior Farewell and Awards Assembly will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Caps and gowns are required attire for the graduation ceremony and the Senior Farewell & Awards Assembly. Attendance at all graduation rehearsals is mandatory in order to participate in the assembly and graduation.

Graduation - Attendance at all graduation rehearsals is mandatory in order to participate in the assembly and graduation. Seniors should wear their caps straight on their heads with the deep part at the back and the tassel over the left temple. Some of the caps may not fit easily with the present hair fashions. Students should therefore try on the cap with their hairstyle and adjust the style accordingly. Females should wear a dress, skirt or dress pants and nice shoes. It is not recommended that females wear high heels. Males should wear white shirts or light-colored collared shirts, neckties, dark dress pants, dark shoes and dark socks. No sneakers, tennis shoes, boots, flip-flops or other such footwear will be allowed. All shirts must be buttoned and collars should be placed inside the gown. When you receive your cap and gown hang it up to release the wrinkles. **Do not iron your gown.**

Graduation Ceremony at Merriweather Post Pavilion - Graduates must arrive at the check in area at 10:30 a.m. with caps and gowns and be dressed in appropriate attire (see above). Graduates must report directly to the designated area and may not walk around the pavilion in their caps and gowns prior to the ceremony. Diplomas will be issued backstage immediately following the ceremony.

All Howard County School System and MRHS policies and procedures will remain in effect and will be enforced for all activities including graduation. Students should be thoughtful and conscious of their actions so as not to jeopardize the privilege of participating in graduation. Students who do not cooperate during rehearsals may not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Photography - There will be a professional photographer photographing each graduate as his/her diploma is awarded. There will also be a professional videographer. DVDs can be ordered through the HCPSS website at www.hcpss.org Information will also be available on the school's website (mrhs.hcpss.org).

**** To obtain online forms go to mrhs.hcpss.org to access the request form, select Senior Info then select 2017 Graduation Info.**



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

Not My Child...Yes, Your Child

This timely and informative program will be presented by HC DrugFree in partnership with the River Hill High School PTSA on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the River Hill High School media center. Free and open to the public. WANTED: ALL parents (grandparents, aunts/uncles, and any adult working with teens) who think their children will never get involved with drugs and those parents who are already suspicious or dealing with a child's experimentation. You are strongly encouraged to attend this event to learn more about the drugs used and 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, teens or adults), and more. Speakers include representatives from the Howard County Public School System, HC DrugFree, the Howard County State's Attorney's Office, the Howard County Police Department, parents with stories and wisdom to share, and others. For more information, contact HC DrugFree at 443-325-0040, Admin@hcdrugfree.org, or visit www.hcdrugfree.org.

Collection of Medication, EpiPens, Needles and Syringes - HC DrugFree

Looking to dispose of medications, needles, syringes, or old/recalled EpiPens all in one quick trip without getting out of your vehicle? Come to the convenient (semi-annual) drive-thru collection on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near The UPS Store and Slayton House. Howard County Police will receive and secure your medications for proper disposal. Help keep these items out of the hands of our youth, water supply and landfill. For more information about this event, how to dispose of medications throughout the year, how to receive a free storage lock box for your home, contact HC DrugFree at 443-325-0040, Admin@hcdrugfree.org, or visit the Events-Take Back Day page at <http://www.hcdrugfree.org/drug-take-back-day-1/>.

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

BOOSTERS

The MRHS Boosters Club is accepting nominations for 2017-18 board and committee members. Boosters raises over \$80,000 annually to support all student extracurricular activities (athletics, fine arts and clubs). If you would like to get involved, please contact JoAnn Kohler at jekmdk@comcast.net or Lorraine Fike at mianofike@verizon.net.

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

The Marriotts Ridge PTSA Nominating committee is in search of ***candidates*** to take on the important roles on the PTSA Executive Board for the 2017-18 school year. The purpose of this committee is to recruit talented and motivated candidates to fill open PTSA officer positions for the following 2017-2018 school year. This very important goal can't happen without your help!

The committee is seeking all persons interested in serving on the PTSA Executive Board or desiring to recommend to the Board qualified persons to contact David Brown at [410-480-2721](tel:410-480-2721) or wesdad96@gmail.com, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Community Notices & Events

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

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.

“Reflecting on Perspectives in Modern Medicine” The Pre-Medicine Club at Centennial is holding a medical seminar this **Saturday, April 22 from 9am-3pm**. All interested high school students are invited to attend this Howard County event. There will be sessions by doctors, a pre-med student, and a current medical student followed by a panel. Registration is free and will begin at 9am. Lunch will be provided.

Youth Police Academy The HoCo Police Department is hosting a free one-week, overnight, Youth Police Academy (YPA). This is an excellent opportunity for youth interested in law enforcement to explore what a challenging and rewarding career in law enforcement can be! Many of our retired and current officers have sent their children through the YPA and really enjoyed the experience. It is open to youth ages 15 – 18 with a GPA of 2.0. See the attached brochure and application for more information on eligibility requirements.

If you or someone you know has a child that is interested, please forward the information or see our website at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Police/Youth-Programs>

DEADLINE is April 28, 2017 (NO EXCEPTIONS) Send application to: PoliceYouth@howardcountymd.gov or PFC Nicki Fulton, Youth Services Section, 10741 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md. 21044. If you have any questions, please call 410-313-2620.

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

[Read about more Community News and Programs of Interest. . .](#)

Senior Class Ticket

\$45

**includes: Class night, picnic,
breakfast and T shirt**

SENIOR CLASS NIGHT

Join us for food, music, dancing, and more!

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Turf Valley

7 pm-10 pm

Name _____ (print legibly)

T shirt Size (Unisex) S M L XL XXL

Payment Method: _____ Check
_____ Cash
_____ OSP (Online)

Please give this form (and payment) to Mrs.Laun (Rm. 246)