

MARRIOTTS RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Bits and Bridles Bulletin



May 12, 2017

Dates to Remember

5/18 Seniors Last Day
5/19 No School / PD Day
5/29 Schools Closed
6/1 Graduation 11am

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MRHS
Dance
Presents

DANCE
of the
MILLENNIALS



MAY 11 & 12 7:00 PM

MRHS THEATER

TICKETS \$6 PRESALE AND \$8 AT THE DOOR

Weekly Athletic Calendar

Monday, 5/15

- ◆ Tennis at Centennial 3:00
- ◆ Softball Regional Quarterfinal / Liberty/Winters Mill Winner at Marriotts Ridge / 4:00
- ◆ Baseball Regional Quarterfinal / Francis Scott Key at Marriotts Ridge / 4:15

Thursday, 5/18

- ◆ Tennis at Regionals at Wilde Lake Tennis Club 2:00
- ◆ Track at Regionals at Century 4:00

Friday, 5/19

- ◆ Tennis at Regionals at Wilde Lake Tennis Club Noon

Saturday, 5/20

- ◆ Track at Regionals at Century 10 a.m.

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

GO MUSTANGS!!



MRHS SGA NEWS

SGA & Class Council Elections for 2017-18 Students seeking to run for positions on their Class Council or in the Student Government Association for next school year should complete an application. **All forms are due by May 17th.** Any questions, please email your class advisor or SGA advisor, Ms. Adams at meredith_adams@hcpss.org

[SGA Officer Application](#)

[Class Council Application](#)

Marriotts Ridge High School Testing Schedule

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 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

Student Spotlight

10th Regional “Chinese Bridge” Competition

Congratulations to Chinese 3 honor student **Yunah Lee** and Minnie Gregorini from Centennial High School. Together they won first place at the 10th Regional “Chinese Bridge” Competition that was held May 5th at UM, College Park. The competition included students from Utah, Maryland, Kentucky, Delaware, and the surrounding DC area. Each team was required to deliver a speech in Chinese and a performance that represented an element of Chinese culture. They are now waiting to hear who will travel to China to compete in the International Chinese Bridge Speech Contest against teams from around the world. What an amazing accomplishment!

Choose Civility Poster & Video Contest Winner

Emily Wood had her video selected as the Video Prize Winner for the 2016-17 Choose Civility Contest. This year’s contest theme was “Kindness Creates Community” focused showing others how the little things we do everyday can make our community stronger and inspire others. Emily will be recognized by the Board of Education at their next meeting on May 18 at 4:00 p.m.

MRHS Named One of the Best in the Nation!

Maryland high schools are the best in the nation according to a new list from U.S. News & World Report. The list, published on April 25, 2017, ranks more than 2,600 U.S. high schools based on state proficiency tests, disadvantaged students’ performance on those tests, graduation rate, and then AP test data. **Marriotts Ridge**, which came in at 226th, was the highest-ranked high school in the Greater Baltimore Area.

GO MUSTANGS!!!

Chipotle Fundraiser to Support MRHS Music Foundation

TUESDAY, MAY 16 from 5-9 PM

9120 Baltimore National Pike

(corner of Route 40 & St. John's Lane)

ONE FOR THE TEAM



Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support MRHS Music Foundation. Come in to the Chipotle at **9120 Baltimore National Pike** in Ellicott City on **Tuesday, May 16th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to MRHS Music Foundation.

**Take a picture of this flyer with your
Smart Phone and show to the cashier
while checking out!!!**



If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

BOOSTERS

Summer Camps!



2017 Registration is OPEN
Music, Sports & Cooking Camps!
Fun for ALL Ages!!

\$140 Early Bird Registration ends 5/19/17

\$155 registration after 5/19

Camp Information, Schedule, and Registration
[Click HERE](#)

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.

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.**