

MARRIOTTS RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Bits and Bridles Bulletin



May 5, 2017

Dates to Remember

5/9 PTSA 7pm
5/10 Boosters 7pm
5/11 Dance Concert 7pm
5/12 Dance Concert 7pm
5/18 Seniors Last Day
5/19 No School / PD Day
5/29 Schools Closed
6/1 Graduation 11am

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A poster for the MRHS Dance of the Millennials. It features a black background with white and red text. The text reads "MRHS Dance Presents Dance of the MILLENNIALS". There are two silhouettes: a red one of a person doing a handstand and a white one of a person in a crouched pose.

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, 5/8

- ◆ JV Softball vs Long Reach at MRHS 4:00
- ◆ Varsity Softball at Long Reach 4:00
- ◆ JV Baseball at Hammond 4:15
- ◆ Varsity Baseball vs Hammond at MRHS 4:15

Tuesday, 5/9

- ◆ Tennis at HOCO Championships at Wilde Lake Tennis Club 2:45
- ◆ Varsity Softball at Mt. Hebron 4:00
- ◆ Track at HOCO Championships at River Hill 4:30

Wednesday, 5/10

- ◆ Tennis at HOCO Championships at Wilde Lake Tennis Club 2:45

Thursday, 5/11

- ◆ Tennis at HOCO Championships at Wilde Lake Tennis Club 2:45

Friday, 5/12

- ◆ Tennis at HOCO Championships at Wilde Lake Tennis Club Noon

Saturday, 5/13

- ◆ Tennis at HOCO Championships at Wilde Lake Tennis Club 8:30 a.m.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to **CHRIS SPANO, JOCELYN SCHMIT,** and **GUNNAR BARNARD** who sign their Division 2 Letters of Intent on April 20, 2017!



GO MUSTANGS!!

MRHS SGA NEWS

Senior Scholarship Opportunity The MRHS SGA will award two \$1000 college scholarships to two students who display excellence and leadership in the areas of philanthropy, academics, athletics and/or extracurricular clubs and organizations, and character. [Use this link to download the application packet](#) which includes requirements and criteria for eligibility. The packet is also available on the [school website](#) under Class of 2017 Information. **Applications are due to Ms. Adams in room 212 by 3:00 p.m. on May 11, 2017.**

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



Best Buddies Friendship Walk

This year's local walk will be held May 6 from 8am to 2pm at the Xfinity Center Pavilion, University of Maryland in College Park. The Best Buddies Friendship Walk is the number one walk in the country raising awareness and funds to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The walk provides an opportunity to see the Best Buddies mission in action at a local level. Use this link to learn more: <https://bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/maryland/>

Maryland State History Day Competition Congratulations to the Marriotts Ridge students that placed or received special recognition at the Maryland State History Day Competition! An unprecedented number of students received recognition at this year's competition. The following three individuals will advance to the National Competition to be held at UM, College Park in June.

Stephanie Oh

Individual Senior Exhibit

King Sejong: The Light that Led Korea

Molly Bingham

Individual Senior Documentary

The Berlin Airlift: Taking a Stand for a City Surrounded

Michelle Liu

Individual Senior Website

A Force against Slavery: William Wilberforce's Stand against the British Slave Trade

The following individuals received recognition through special awards:

Erin Yu

Award: Judges James and Constantine Kit Sfekas Award for Law and Society

Individual Senior Paper:

A Moment in Human Conscience: Emile Zola Taking a Stand against the French Military in the Dreyfus Affair

Alex Kim

Award: Naval and Maritime History Award

Individual Senior Website

Admiral Yi Sun Shin and the Turtleboat Armada: The Defense against Japanese Invasions of 1592

Marriotts Ridge Music Department 2017 Spring Trip

The Marriotts Ridge Music Department is pleased to announce that we recently participated in the Fiesta-Val Music Festival in New York, New York on April 21, 2017. Marriotts Ridge music ensembles had the opportunity to perform in the spectacular LaFrak concert hall at Queens College. Marriotts Ridge ensembles were honored with many awards and high praise from the judging panel. To quote the festival director *"in all my 35 years of doing these festivals I have never had groups receive this high of scores consistently from the judges."* One of the judges commented *"...beyond college level precision and ensemble performance....a joy and a privilege to hear."*

Awards in each class

Orchestra Awards

Orchestra: 1st place with a Superior rating

GT Orchestra: 1st place with a Superior rating

Band Awards

Concert Band: 1st place with a Superior rating

Symphonic Winds: 1st place with a Superior rating

Percussion Ensemble: 1st place with a Superior rating

Choral Awards

Mustang Chorale: 1st place with a Superior rating

Madrigals: 1st place with a Superior rating

Women's Ensemble: 1st place with a Superior rating

Men's Ensemble: 1nd place with an Excellent rating

Jazz Awards

Big Band: 1nd place with a Superior rating

Jazz Combo: 1st place with a Superior rating

Percussion Ensemble

1st place with a Superior rating

Awards for outstanding solo or section performance

Choral

Outstanding Soloist – **Samantha Ichniowski**

Outstanding Student Conductor – **Duncan Tilles**

Outstanding Vocal Quartet – **Emily Mirarchi, Alana Ambala, Julia Choi, Michela Neaman**

Band

Outstanding Soloists – **Katie Roth, Elise Ahn, Cooper Grill**

Jazz

Music and Drama Families!

The Performing Arts Banquet and Awards Program will be held on **Wednesday, May 10th** at **6:00 P.M.** in the Cafeteria, with a pot-luck dinner and presentation of awards. Band, choral, drama, and orchestra students and their families are invited to attend! Please use the Sign Up Genius below to volunteer for a short segment of the evening <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4aadad2da64-endofyear>

Please bring a dish to share (8-10 servings) based on your group (if in more than one group, just pick one to represent):

Choral Groups:	Side Dish
Symphonic Band:	Main Dish
Concert Band:	Fruit or fruit salad
Orchestra Groups:	Pasta main dish
Drama Guys:	Dessert or cookies
Drama Gals:	Salad

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.

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/>

1,126.6 lbs. of Meds Removed from the Community and Away From Our Kids

HC DrugFree's semi-annual convenient drive-thru Medication and Sharps Take Back Day on Saturday, April 29 gathered 1,126.6 pounds of expired and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medication and 13 large bins of "sharps" (needles, syringes, and EpiPens).

Thank you, Howard County residents for properly disposing of medications to keep them out of hands of youth and the water system and sharps out the landfills! Prevent your child from experimenting with drugs at found at your home.

To see the photos, visit <http://www.hcdrugfree.org/drug-take-back-day-1/>.

May is Mental Health Month

Concerned about stress and your child? Sign up for HC DrugFree's free electronic newsletter to stay informed; send your email address to Admin@hcdrugfree.

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

Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC)

Next Meeting: Wed., May 10 7-8:30 in the Cafeteria at Homewood School

This Month's Topic: School Elections: How can leadership groups and clubs work to include all voices in meaningful ways? How do you look for windows to open when the door you wanted closes?

All Middle and High School students interested in

- Sharing the Student Voice on HCPSS Policy and Community Issues
- Gaining Leadership Skills
- Practicing Community Service
- Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

Come join your fellow student leaders and work together to make Many Students One Voice

For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

Community Notices & Events

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

PIANO SALE Throughout the past year, HCPSS schools have benefited from many pianos provided for free through an ongoing relationship with Maryland Piano Service in Columbia. HCPSS is grateful that Maryland Piano Service has donated the use of these instruments in support of our students' music education.

Each year many of the loaned pianos, as well as other high quality used pianos, are offered to HCPSS families and staff at a fraction of their original price. The selection of instruments includes baby grands, larger grands, studios, consoles and digital pianos. Financing and delivery can be arranged through Maryland Piano.

HCPSS families and staff are invited to attend a special appointment-only opportunity on **Friday, May 5 or Saturday, May 6**, to purchase the inventory prior to public sale, which will open on Sunday, May 7. The sale will be held at Maryland Piano, 9143 Red Branch Road in Columbia. To schedule an appointment, please call Maryland Piano at 410-804-5284 or email marylandpiano@gmail.com.

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