

# MARRIOTTS RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## Bits and Bridles Bulletin



**September 16, 2016**

### *Dates to Remember:*

9/26-30 Homecoming Spirit Week

9/28 MAAAC Meet & Greet  
6PM Commons

9/30 Varsity Football vs RHHS  
7PM (Homecoming)

10/1 Homecoming Dance 7PM

10/3 Schools/Offices Closed

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### Weekly Athletic Calendar

9/19

Allied Soccer at Multi-Team scrimmage at Centennial 3:00

9/20

Golf vs. Reservoir at Waverly 3:00

Volleyball vs. Oakland Mills at MRHS Freshmen 3:30 JV 4:30 Varsity 5:30

Cross Country vs. Oakland Mills/Centennial at MRHS 4:00

Boys Soccer vs. Wilde Lake at MRHS JV 4:00 Varsity 5:30

Girls Soccer at Wilde Lake JV 4:00 Varsity 5:30  
Field Hockey at Arundel JV 5:00 Varsity 6:30

9/21

Allied Soccer at Howard 3:00

JV Football at Centennial 4:00

9/22

Volleyball at Centennial Freshmen 3:30 JV 4:30 Varsity 5:30

Golf vs. Liberty at River Downs 4:00

Boys Soccer vs. Reservoir at MRHS JV 4:00 Varsity 5:30

9/23

Girls Soccer at Century JV 5:00 Varsity 6:30

Varsity Football at Centennial 7:00

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

### **MRHS BELL SCHEDULES**

Our bell schedules have been slightly modified to accommodate our student schedules for ARL and all Digital Education classes.

Please refer to the [MRHS website](#) for corrected bell schedules.

### **FAMILY FILE Student Emergency Form**

Families should log in to [Family Connect](#) and use this linked [information sheet](#) to complete the Family File for emergency contacts. Currently, we have 589 students with incomplete information. We need to be 100% complete by September 30, 2016. Parents/Guardians, please do your part by logging in and verifying or updating information for your student(s).

## MUSTANG TIME

All HCPSS high schools will have a Wednesday schedule that includes a 30 minute club/academic support time. At MRHS, this Wednesday schedule is call Mustang Time and the 30-minute block will occur between 2nd and 3rd periods from 9:00-9:30 a.m. The following Mustang Time parameters were shared with students this week.

Two Wednesdays a month will be designated as club time/academic support time.

- Clubs and teams can meet during this time.
- Students can seek academic help and support from their teachers.
- Students can bring food from home to eat during this time, but it must be consumed in the cafeteria.

Two Wednesdays a month will be academic support days.

- On academic support Wednesdays, there will be a rotating schedule of where students will report. There will be no students in the hallways.
- Teachers will take attendance at the beginning of academic support time and report absent students.
- Academic time could be used for making up work, making up tests, content review or reinforcement, clarification, study hall, touching base with a teacher, or receiving support of any kind.
- To go to another teacher or classroom other than their assigned area, students must have their agenda book signed by the teacher they wish to see in advance of Wednesday's Mustang Time. Once the student checks-in with rotation teacher, he/she will be allowed to proceed to the classroom/media center using their pass.
- The Media Center is a quiet zone and can only hold up to 150 students. Passes must be obtained in advance.

To view the Mustang Time rotation schedule for this school year, click the link below.

[MRHS Mustang Time SY 2016-17](#)

## PSAT Day – Wednesday, October 19, 2016

**Attention Parents of Seniors:** All 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the administration of the PSAT on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. 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. You may also decide to come to school to complete work. Seniors who come to school to work need to report directly to Student Services. Due to testing, the Media Center computers will not be available on this day.

Please discuss your plans with your parents. If you plan to be absent to work on college and career prep, please complete the discretionary absence form and return it to the Main Office.

## SENIOR CRAB FEED

There is still time to purchase your ticket; in the Commons on Monday (9/19) during lunch shifts.

**Crab Feast ticket is \$45.**

**Senior Ticket is \$65.**

**Pay online through OSP or make check payable to MRHS.**

## Homecoming Volunteers Are Needed

Attention

Parents/Guardians/Grandparents: The class of 2019 and the SGA of MRHS are looking for volunteers to help during the week of Homecoming. We need assistance with selling Homecoming tickets, decorating for the dance, and monitoring our coat check room during the dance. Please use the link below if you can volunteer. Contact Allison Wichmann - the class of 2019 sponsor - with any questions.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090)

## MRHS After School ACTIVITY BUS

Thanks to the Bright Minds Foundation, Marriotts Ridge is able to offer an Activity Bus this year. The bus will run every Thursday beginning September 22nd, departing from Marriotts Ridge at 4:00 PM. There are a limited number of seats available on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up early. Select the cluster bus stop closest to your home. Remember, you must sign up separately for each day you want to ride the bus. Use the Sign-Up Genius link below:

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

Due to available funding, we are unable to service every neighborhood within our attendance area. If your area is not currently being serviced and you would like us to consider your area, please email Mrs. Littlejohn. The route will be monitored and, if possible, adjustments made.

## **Yankee Candle Fundraiser Benefits Music Students**

Would you like to support MRHS music students? Are you looking for some wonderful gift ideas? Look no further! Our annual Yankee Candle Fundraiser has begun! Every music student received a packet. Sales from the catalog are due by October 7th, but online ordering is available anytime! For more information, check out our Yankee Candle page:

<https://sites.google.com/site/marriottsridgemusic/Fundraising/yankee-candle-world-s-finest-chocolate>

## **MRHS Music Foundation FRUIT SALES**

Fruit sales support the MRHS Music Program which receives 90 of its budget from fundraising.

APPLE SALE, all products are from Baugher's Orchard & Bakery in Westminster and include:

Gala, Fuji, and Jona-Gold Apples; Applesauce, Apple Butter, Apple Cider, Dinner Rolls, Homemade Apple Pies, Donuts, Dumplings and Baugher's famous Apple Fritter! Sales support a local farm in addition to the MRHS Music Program!

Online ordering starts Monday, 9/19 at [MRHSFruit.com](http://MRHSFruit.com)

Payment is accepted via PayPal or credit card.

Online orders are due by Wednesday, 9/28.

Pickup on Saturday, 10/8 at MRHS.

Upcoming Fruit Sales:

- November / Apple & Pie Sale (including apple & pumpkin pies & dinner rolls); / Delivery 11/22 right before the Thanksgiving Break.
- December / Florida Citrus Sale / Delivery on 12/17
- January / Florida Citrus Sale / Delivery on 1/21

Please email [mrhsfruit@gmail.com](mailto:mrhsfruit@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thank you for your support!!

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Last weekend was the National Debate Kickoff Tournament at Wake Forest University. Close to 100 top debaters from 12 states attended. **Quinn Crawford** won the award for top speaker at the tournament. **Yixuan Liu** was awarded the fifth speaker award. Quinn finished 6th in the tournament and Yixuan finished 10th. An amazing result given only the best debaters from the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic attended.

### QUEBEC CITY — February, 2017

A fantastic opportunity to use French in a real-world setting is just around the corner. Enjoy the chance to visit a UNESCO World Heritage City...the only walled city in North America during its world-famous Carnaval celebration. Quebec City welcomes all students of French level 3 or higher to speak, study, learn, play and use what you've learned in your French classroom, but in an authentic setting. Please join us north of the border this February and create memories to last a lifetime...and maybe even deepen your love for French and the study of other languages. Make lifelong friends with students from Marriotts Ridge and all over Howard County.

For more information, check out the trip's website at: [quebeccarnaval.weebly.com](http://quebeccarnaval.weebly.com) or contact Ms. Reier at [kristen\\_reier@hcpss.org](mailto:kristen_reier@hcpss.org)

*Nous vous souhaitons la bienvenue!* (We welcome you to Quebec!)

**Explore Argentina!** Encourage your student to deepen their language skills, connect with the community and explore nature traveling to Buenos Aires, Tigre, Posadas and Iguazu waterfalls by signing up for Howard's Argentina spring break trip from April 7 - 17, 2017. The trip is geared to students with at least an intermediate level of proficiency in Spanish – Spanish 3 and above. A parent and student meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, at 6 pm in Relocatable R121 (behind the building) at Howard High. Contact Profesora Martínez for more information at [julia\\_greiwe-martinez@hcpss.org](mailto:julia_greiwe-martinez@hcpss.org) and check out the website at <https://www.sageglobaled.org/how-arg017/>

## 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>

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

*The following announcements have been approved by the Public Information Office for school notices and distribution. These events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.*

### Election Judge-Howard County Board of Elections

Please sign up to work as an election judge! Earn \$195.00, meet new people, and participate in the American democratic process. The Judge Department, Howard County Board of Elections, 410-313-5820.

[dawn.sinclair@maryland.gov](mailto:dawn.sinclair@maryland.gov) HS

### Fall Equinox Twilight Hike-Howard County Conservancy

Thurs., **Sept. 22**, 5 p.m., 10520 Old Frederick Road, Mt. Pleasant Location, Hcconservancy.org/upcoming-events. **ES, MS, HS**

### Free concert - Columbia Festival of the Arts

Fri., **Sept. 30**, 7 p.m., Columbia Lakefront. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs and enjoy. [www.columbiafestival.org](http://www.columbiafestival.org) **ES, MS, HS**

### Social Media Workshop-Howard County Government

There's an APP for That Parent Workshop, Thurs., **Sept. 29**, 6-8 p.m., Bain 50+ Center, 5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia, MD. Workshop is designed for parents and guardians only. Registration: 410-313-1440 or [www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute). Information: Lisa Rhodes, 410-313-1440 or [lrhodes@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:lrhodes@howardcountymd.gov).

### STEM Shark Tank Competition-Le'Chic Academy Foundation

Le'Chic Academy Foundation invites boys and girls (Ages 5-18), to participate in our annual Young Entrepreneur's Shark Tank Competition (**Oct. 8**, 2016 from 12-3:00 p.m.) and "Biz Kidz" Vendor Exhibit Fair (**Nov. 5**, 2016 from 12-3 p.m. For online registration and detailed information, please call 410-530-4876 or visit [www.lechicacademy.com](http://www.lechicacademy.com) **ES, MS, HS**

### Mental Health Film Festival-Horizon Foundation

Tues., **Oct. 25**, 5:30-8 p.m. at UA Snowden Square Stadium in Columbia. Get your tickets for this free event that aims to build awareness and compassion for members of our community facing mental health challenges. Choose from one of four films, each followed by a panel discussion