

April 4, 2017

Student Services Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr 4 Senior Parent Night - 7 pm **CANCELLED** - see below
- Apr 7 Registration deadline for 5/6 SAT Test
- Apr 7 Schools Close 3 Hrs Early - End of Marking Period
- Apr 8 ACT Test
- Apr 10-17 Spring Break - Schools Closed
- Apr 19 Military Night - Oakland Mills High School - 7 - 9pm
- Apr 25 Late Registration deadline (late fee) for 5/6 SAT Test
- May 1-5 AP Exams - week 1
- May 5 Registration deadline for 6/10 ACT Test
- May 6 SAT Test
- May 8-12 AP Exams - week 2
- May 9 Registration deadline for 6/3 SAT Test
- May 17-19 AP Exams - Late Testing
- May 19 Schools Closed for Students - Professional Day
- May 19 Late Registration deadline (late fee) for 6/10 ACT Test
- May 24 Late Registration deadline (late fee) for 6/3 SAT Test
- May 29 Schools & Offices Closed - Memorial Day
- June 1 MRHS Commencement at Merriweather Post Pavilion-11:00 am

Counselors:
Jessica Little (A-E)
Jodi Dubbs (F-La)
Margie Ford (Le-Q)
Andrew Johnson (R-Z)

Registrar: Joni Deison
Secretary: Karen Leaf

410-313-5446

TAKING THE ACT ON APRIL 8?

Catalyst Prep is offering a FREE webinar on Wednesday, April 5, that is being led by the CEO of Catalyst, Jared Friedland. Click on the link below to sign up:

[Catalyst Free ACT WEBINAR April 5 Sign up Link](#)



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SENIOR PARENT NIGHT - CANCELLED

The Senior Parent Information Night, originally scheduled for April 4, has been cancelled. All general information regarding the graduation ceremony will be sent home via mail and will also be available on the MRHS website soon after we have a graduation date and time. Please direct any questions to Lynn Rashid, Graduation Coordinator, at lynn_rashid@hcpss.org.

CRISIS TEXT LINE—Text **START to 741-741** for free, anonymous and confidential support at your fingertips, 24/7. Text 741-741 from anywhere in the USA, anytime, about any type of crisis and a live, trained Crisis Counselor will respond quickly.

The “**Directory of Mental Health Services in Howard County,**” provided by the Howard County Mental Health Authority, is available to the public and can be found at the following link: <http://www.hcmha.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/HCMHA-Directory-October-2015.pdf>





SAT Test Dates

May 6, 2017
June 3, 2017

ACT Test Dates

April 8, 2017
June 10, 2017

The Answer: Affordable & Convenient SAT & ACT Prep

Register **NOW** for **COMPREHENSIVE & CONVENIENT SAT and/or ACT PREP at MARRIOTT'S RIDGE HS!**

The Answer Classes help students to gain confidence in their test-taking abilities and teach tips and strategies on timing, guessing, and scoring. Students get the prep that they need without wasting time or money – and the school benefits, too: **20% of all tuition collected is donated to MRHS PTSA!**

DON'T MISS OUT!

To date, more than 1,200 Howard County students have taken The Answer Classes and \$32,000+ has been donated to our partner schools in Howard County.

As well, over 97% of students who have taken The Answer Classes say that they would recommend them to a friend!

2017 SAT PREP AT MRHS

T/Th Apr. 25 & 27 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

OR

M/T May 22 & 23 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

REGULAR TUITION: ONLY \$159/class*

****Register at least one week ahead of your course and save \$10!****

For more information or to register, please visit www.theanswerclass.com or call 410-997-3006.

OUTSMART THE SAT

Learn a strategy for every question you'll face on the new SAT at Catalyst's two-day SAT Bootcamp.

WHERE: Centennial High School


WHEN: 9am-1pm on Saturday, April 22 & Sunday, April 23 (Students attend both days)

COST: \$175 – must enroll by Wednesday, April 19 at 6pm (no walk-ins accepted)

Students receive Catalyst's SAT prep book, bonus online prep, diagnostic tests, and copies of essays that earned perfect scores on the actual new SAT.

To enroll, visit www.CatalystPrep.com and click on "Bootcamp Sign-Up" on the website menu bar. For more information, email info@CatalystPrep.com or call 800-235-0056. A portion of the proceeds benefits the CHS PTSA.

2017 AP EXAM Information


**KEEP
CALM
AND
GET A 5 ON
THE AP EXAM**

**2017 AP
Exam
Schedule
May 1-5
and
May 8-12**

**Late Testing:
May 17-19**

**At
St. Michael
Poplar
Springs
In Mt. Airy**

LAST WEEK FOR AP EXAM REGISTRATION!

Registrations turned in this week must include a \$20 late fee. Please note: NO registration will be accepted during Spring Break. Please plan accordingly. The registration process includes completing a form in Naviance and returning a **signed** copy to Student Services.

Information regarding the 2017 AP Exam Registration and Fee Waiver Application is located on the Naviance Home Connections page, using the student's log-in. Registration is not complete until a signed copy of the registration survey and payment is received in the AP Registration box in Student Services. Step-by-step instructions are included below.

2017 AP Exam dates: May 1 - 5 and May 8 - 12

Late Exam Testing: May 17-19

Steps to complete the Naviance Survey to register for the 2017 AP Exams:

Go to 'About Me' tab on Naviance Home Page

Click on 'AP Exam Registration Form and Fee Waiver Request' Survey

Complete all required sections (be sure to check all exams you will be taking and the total number of exams for payment)

Complete Fee Waiver Request if requesting financial support

Click on 'Save and I am finished'

Go back to 'About Me' tab and click on 'Completed Surveys'

Click on '2017 AP Exam Registration Form'

Click on 'File and Print Preview' (It will default to portrait, please switch to landscape)

Print (you may want to print another copy for your records)

Sign in all indicated spaces.

You may pay your registration fees here: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/BVModules/CategoryTemplates/Detailed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=DA075>

To complete the AP Exam Registration Process:

Bring the copy of your Naviance Survey **signed by a parent/guardian** and **payment with \$20 late fee included** to the AP Registration box located on Mrs. Leaf's desk in Student Services:

- Check or money order payable to MRHS or
- Online Payment confirmation

Refunds for exams can be requested through April 4th. **No refund requests will be accepted after April 4th.** College Board charges a \$15 fee for canceled tests. Whoever issued the initial check or credit card payment will receive \$68 per canceled test. Refunds will not be issued until after testing ends in May.

Scholarship\$



MRHS PTSA SCHOLARSHIP

SENIORS – DO NOT WAIT UNTIL APRIL 14 AND THEN PANIC ...

Two Key Dates:

- YOU (Graduating Senior) MUST BE A PAID MRHS PTSA MEMBER BY JANUARY 27, 2017
- **APPLICATION DUE DATE:** has been extended until Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 2:30. Seniors, check out Naviance or pick up a scholarship application in Student Services.

Scholarships will be granted to four seniors!

THE \$1,500 Question: Will you be one of the Four?

The Application for the 2016-2017 MRHS PTSA Scholarships is available on the PTSA website.

Download and print from this site: <http://www.marriottsridgeptsa.org/>

Follow all instructions very carefully, please.

Questions? Contact Karen Chase, MRHS PTSA Vice President @ Karen.chase@unilever.com or 410.531.9818

ATTENTION SENIOR ATHLETES!!

The Columbia Rotary Club is sponsoring the 37th Robert Davidson Scholar Athlete Awards Program. Two winning and runner up awards of \$2,000 and \$1,000 will be given to top male and female Howard County scholar athletes. The students will be recognized at the Rotary awards dinner which will be held at Howard Community College on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Information and applications can be found at www.columbiarotary.org. Students must submit their applications and supporting materials online, or by mail, by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 28, 2017, to be considered for the scholarship award.



Be sure to check NAVIANCE regularly for updated SCHOLARSHIP information!

MILITARY NIGHT

Representatives of the United State Military Academies, Private and State sponsored military colleges, enlistment recruiters, and ROTC representatives will be present. Members of the Howard County JROTC programs from Howard, Atholton and Oakland Mills will also be available to answer questions.

Wednesday, April 19 from 7-9pm at Oakland Mills High School

United State Military Academy
 United State Air Force Academy
 Maryland National Guard
 Marines Recruiter
 Oakland Mills High School JROTC
 Howard High School JROTC

United State Naval Academy
 United State Merchant Marine Academy
 The Citadel
 Air Force Recruiter
 Atholton High School JROTC
 Virginia Military Institute

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Maryland Boys State - June 18-24, 2017 at McDaniel College

Are you a current 2017 HS Junior interested in Leadership, Government, Politics, attendance at Military Academy, or College ROTC?? The MD Boys State is a week long practical exercise in Government that will have a positive influence on your life. Apply online today at mdlegion.org/boysstate. Applications are due April 15, 2017. For more information, call 410-752-1405 or email boysstate@mdlegion.org.



**The Restaurant School at
 Walnut Hill College**

THE RESTAURANT SCHOOL AT WALNUT HILL COLLEGE SUMMER INSTITUTE - For Current High School Juniors

Get an inside look at your future career with real-world hands-on classes during a three-day adventure into the world of hospitality. Experience two-nights in dorms, enjoy two evenings "on the town," and prepare the family celebration dinner side by side with Chef instructors.

July 12-14 or July 19-21

Fee: \$395.00

Registration must be received by July 1, 2017 (while space is available)

www.walnuthillcollege.edu

APL ASPIRE Internship Program

ASPIRE is a program for high school juniors and seniors to explore the real-world applications of STEM at APL. Students are matched with APL staff members to work on technical projects in a subject area of interest to the student. Applications are now open for the summer 2017 session for rising juniors and seniors. Applications open April 15, 2017, for the Academic Year Session. ASPIRE is a competitive program. Students applying must be committed to the program and its time requirements. Information and application materials can be found at <http://www.jhuapl.edu/STEM/Students/ASPIRE>.



The First Annual Research in Science and Engineering (RISE) Conference

The First Annual Research in Science and Engineering (RISE) Conference, sponsored by the Centennial High School Intern/Mentor Program and Science National Honor Society, aims to educate and inspire young STEM-driven minds.

Centennial High School, 4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City
Tuesday, April 18, 2017: 6:00 - 9:15 PM
ADMISSION IS FREE! REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

Current speakers are David M. Halstead, Ph.D., CIO - National Radio Astronomy Observatory; Dr. Thais Moreira, Ph.D., Pharm.D.; Dr. Eric Seifter - Oncologist; Kavita Shukla - CEO of Fresh Paper; Samee Siddiqui; Dr. Ying Zou - Director of University of Maryland Medical Center Cyto genetics Lab.

Interested students are asked to register for RISE here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyKf6q4N2w7n_VqI9tzxaKfcoB08EorzojC58fFyQdw52gtA/viewform?usp=sf_link

College Programs, News and Events

UMBC SPLASH! DAY

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to Splash Day at UMBC on Saturday, April 8, 2017. This one-day program strives to inspire imagination and spark passion among high school and middle school students through the fun interdisciplinary classes taught by UMBC undergraduates. Learn more and register at: splashumbc.learningu.org Questions? Call 410-999-0706 or email splash.umbc@gmail.com



STARTALK – Through STARTALK, a federal initiative to increase the number of United States citizens learning critical need languages, high school students (rising 10th graders through graduating seniors), will be awarded full scholarships to study Arabic and Chinese in Howard Community College’s World Languages Institute during Summer 2017. The courses run from July 3-August 3; Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

CHNS-101: Elementary Mandarin Chinese I
CHNS-102: Elementary Mandarin Chinese II
ARAB-101: Elementary Arabic I
ARAB-102: Elementary Arabic II

Applications are available in Student Services or on line www.howardcc.edu/admissions.

Students will need to submit an official HS transcript, teacher/counselor recommendation, and a student essay along with the application by the April 17 deadline.



College Programs, News and Events

Find your perfect college with one-Stop Shopping!

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) presents.....



MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Wednesday, April 5, 2017: 9:45 am-noon & 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Thursday, April 6, 2017: 9:45 am-noon
Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Gaithersburg, MD

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Thursday, April 6, 2017: 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Friday, April 7, 2017: 9:45 am - noon
Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex, Landover, MD

FREE!
Register today at
www.gotomyncf.com

This free event is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors and their families. Admission representatives from hundreds of colleges and universities are available to speak with students one-on-one concerning the college admission process and college life in general.

For more information, visit www.nacacfairs.org/ncfstudentregistration.



HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2017 KIDS ON CAMPUS

HCC Kids on Campus courses provide wonderful enrichment options covering a wide variety of subject areas for ages 7-17. The program runs from June 21 through August 18 with both half and full day options. In addition, before and after care options are available for working parents.

The 2017 brochure is now available on line at <http://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/courses/kids-on-campus/>

Upcoming College/Military Visits

Students must register in advance to attend a college/military visit. Students must register online through Naviance. Students will receive an email from Naviance confirming their visit – this email should be printed and used as a pass.

Apr 5 Catawba College
 Apr 5 Howard County Police Dept.
 Apr 21 The Temple: A Paul Mitchell Partner School

Open House Events

Bucknell University

April 8, 2017 - Open House for Sophomores & Juniors

Christendom College

April 24, 2017 - Spring Open House
www.christendom.edu/admissions/open-house/

Messiah College

April 8, 2017 - Open House
 April 21, 2017 - Open House
www.messiah.edu/visit

Savannah College of Art & Design

April 22, 2017 (Atlanta)

University of North Carolina - Greensboro

Junior Day - Friday, April 28, 2017
www.admissions.uncg.edu

Virginia Tech - A Day In the Life of a Physics Major

April 10, 2017
 April 12, 2017
 April 17, 2017
 April 19, 2017
 April 21, 2017

<http://www.phys.vt.edu/students/day-in-physics-student.shtml>

Washington University in St. Louis - Admissions Information Session

Hyatt Regency Bethesda
 One Bethesda Metro Center
 7400 Wisconsin Ave
 Bethesda, MD
 Sunday, April 23, 2017 - 2:00-3:00pm
 No reservation required
 For more info: 800-638-0700

Community Notices

ACTIVE MINDS FOUNDER TO SPEAK AT GLENELG COUNTRY SCHOOL –

Glenelg Country School welcomes Active Minds Founder and Executive Director, Alison Malmon for their speaker series, Dragon Dialogues. The program, *Active Minds: Changing the Conversation about Mental Health*, will address how to harness the power of the student voice to create communities that care. This event takes place on April 12 at 7:00 pm in the Mulitz Theater and is free and open to the public.

COLLEGE APPLICATION & ESSAY WORKSHOPS AT GLENWOOD LIBRARY

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

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

Writing the College Essay

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

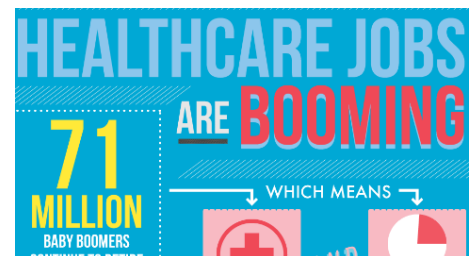
May 20 (3:30-4:30 pm) Register: <https://goo.gl/AW4JfX>

EXPLORING CAREERS IN THE HEALTH FIELD

FREE EVENT - SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017; 8:30AM - 2:00PM

**IMMANUEL'S CHURCH - ROOM 224
16819 New Hampshire Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20905**

Light Lunch Provided



- This workshop is open to middle & high school students, college students, parents and young adults
- Health professionals will speak on various health careers and be available to answer questions
- Learn about the many occupations available in the health industry

Register at Immanuels.org/events

Contact Angela Cooper at acooper@immanuels.org or call 301-989-4673 x1280.