

# MARRIOTTS RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## Bits and Bridles Bulletin



March 11, 2016

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### Weekly Athletic Calendar

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Varsity Boys Lacrosse Scrimmage vs. Hereford/Wooten at MRHS 4:00

JV Boys Lacrosse Scrimmage at Hereford 5:00

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Varsity Girls Lacrosse at Cape Play Day 9:00

Baseball Scrimmage vs. Poolesville at MRHS Varsity 9:00 JV Noon

### **2016 AP Exam Registration is now open!**

Information regarding the 2016 AP Exam Registration and Fee Waiver Application is located on the Naviance Home Connections page. **Registration must be done through the student's (not parent's) login.** Registration is not complete until a signed copy of the registration survey and payment is received in Student Services.

Deadlines: March 15 to avoid late fees

March 16 - April 1 - \$20 late fee per registration  
(Note: no registrations will be processed during Spring Break, March 25 - April 1)

April 2 - April 15 - \$55 late fee per registration  
NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12 NOON ON April 15

A brand new look.....the *Bits and Bridles Bulletin* will be sent out every Friday.

Today's Topics will continue to be sent out on an as needed basis when new information needs to be sent out Monday through

### **Child Development Program parking**

**spaces** are marked with signs near the back entrance to the school. They should only be used by parents dropping off or picking up children in the program. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **2016 AP Exam dates:**

**May 2 - 6 & May 9 - 13**

Location: All exams, other than world languages and studio art, will be held at Circle D Farm in Lisbon.

Contact: Mrs. Nan Dove, AP Testing Coordinator, in Student Services  
[nan\\_dove@hcpss.org](mailto:nan_dove@hcpss.org)

# **CARNAVAL**

Come support our less commonly taught languages while enjoying delicious food and fun games!

**What:** Italian, German, French Clubs celebrate Carnival!

**When:** Tuesday, March 15th

**Where:** MRHS Cafeteria

**What time:** 6-8 pm

**Who:** ALL are WELCOME!! Please bring a small dish to share!

Click on the following link to RSVP to the Italian, German and French Clubs' Carnival POTLUCK Celebration.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kTa0upxQTxUxHXzSUoxU4H5Tx3wgFegj6iF7urHdqYo/viewform>

Sunday Luncheon, catered by Eggspectation! Sunday, March 20, 1:00 2:30 pm in the MRHS Commons. Tickets \$10. Luncheon guests get priority entrance to "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 3:00 pm and photo op with cast. Space is limited so reserve early. Contact Julie Neaman, [jneaman@verizon.net](mailto:jneaman@verizon.net).

Marriotts Ridge High School proudly presents, *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, running March 17 through 20, 2016.

Based on the renowned comic strip by Charles Schulz, this musical gives us a glimpse into the life of your favorite animated underdog, Charlie Brown.

This family-friendly show originally opened in 1967, with a Tony winning revival in 1999 starring Kristin Chenoweth. Don't miss the opportunity to see our talented cast bring some of your favorite cartoon characters to life!

The characters of Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Sally, Schroeder and Snoopy will be played by Zach Altenburg, Isabelle Stevens, Makarand Parigi, Rya Holzman, Zach Seals, and Duncan Tilles, respectively.

*You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* plays at 7pm March 17-20 and at 3pm on March 20.

Tickets are \$10, available at the door or online at [seatyourself.biz/marriottsridge](http://seatyourself.biz/marriottsridge)

**Leadership U:** Leadership U – What's your sophomore doing this summer? Leadership U can provide him or her with a memorable week-long program of leadership development. If your student is interested in meeting other Howard County students, community service, having fun, and developing their leadership skills, Leadership U may be the right fit for them.

Leadership U continues through the fall of their junior year with nine Sunday afternoon group meetings where students define, plan, and implement a student-driven team community service project.

**LU APPLICATIONS ARE DUE THURSDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>.** Applications and information are available in the Guidance Office or at <http://www.leadershiphc.org/content/leadership-u>.

**RECYCLE AT THE RIDGE**—In addition to the typical HoCo recycling of paper, plastic and metal, MRHS Environmental club also recycles: Used Batteries, Used Markers (any type and any brand), Old Cell phones, Used ink cartridges

**Students may bring recycle items to room 234 and they will be happy to take care of them for you.** Boxes can be found outside the door for markers and batteries. The boxes for the cell phones and ink cartridges are inside the classroom.

## **SAT Mock Test**

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To register go to the following link <http://bit.ly/WildeLakeHSMockSAT> you will receive an email to confirm your registration. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact

Mr. Rose by email: [erose@hcpss.org](mailto:erose@hcpss.org). Registration will close on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

## **Howard County STEM Fair & Festival**

The Howard County STEM Fair & Festival is an annual exhibition of projects developed by secondary school students interested in research. This year's event reflects the same format as last year, to include both a judged fair portion (8:30 am - 12:30 pm) as well as a community festival of STEM. The community is invited to join us for this open event from 1 pm - 3 pm. The date for the event is Saturday, April 9, 2016.

### **Class Ring Info for Sophomores**

Interested in purchasing a class ring? Ring sales will take place during lunch shifts on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in the commons and after school from 4-6pm. See you there!

### **BOOK CLUB**

The student book club will meet on Monday, 3/14 during break in the media center to discuss, *Red Spikes* by Margo Lanagan. If you haven't read the book, join us to help pick the next book!

## **Affordable & Convenient SAT & ACT Prep In Partnership with MRHS**

Learn everything you need to know about the SAT or ACT without wasting your student's time or your money! Enable your student to gain confidence in his/her test-taking ability, work to improve his/her college applications, and support MRHS all at the same time: 20% of all tuition collected is donated to MRHS PTSA!

You choose the two-day class that works best for your family's schedule:

**Redesigned SAT Prep:** *Spring Class Options:* M/W April 18 & 20 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**ACT Prep:** M/W Mar. 21 & 23 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Regular tuition is ONLY \$139/class OR \$219 for SAT/ACT Class Package. **Register at least one week ahead of your course and save \$10!**

[www.theanswerclass.com](http://www.theanswerclass.com)

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### **McDaniel College**

smartTALK, conversation with Jody Zepp, 2015 Maryland Teacher of the Year, led by Roger Casey, Tuesday, March 22, 7 p.m., Decker Center Forum, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD. Admission is FREE. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., for more information call 410-857-2290.

### **Parent Volunteers – PLEASE READ**

HCPSS has developed a brief training module and certificate of completion for anyone that volunteers at Marriotts Ridge or any other Howard County Public School. Both the module and certificate are located on the HCPSS website, and we'll also create links from your schools to this page under the "Get Involved" navigation tag.

**Parents/volunteers please complete the training and submit your certificate of completion to the school before registering as a volunteer.**

The site is available: <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

Thank you to the many volunteers who have already completed this process and submitted their certificate to the front office.

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# BOOSTERS

*Boosters is currently looking for board and committee members for the 2016-17 year. Volunteer positions are available for many of our fundraising projects and no experience is necessary. One of our key executive committee positions to fill will be Treasurer. If you are knowledgeable with Quickbooks and excel and like to get volunteer work done on your own time, this may be a position for you to consider. For more information, contact Lorraine Fike (Vice President) [atmianofike@verizon.net](mailto:atmianofike@verizon.net) or Jo Ann Kohler (president) at [jekmdk@comcast.net](mailto:jekmdk@comcast.net).*

## MUSTANG MADNESS

The MRHS Boosters Club will host the annual **Mustang Madness Event on March 12 at Players Bar and Grill from 7-11 pm**. Come join other parents for a night of fun and fundraising. There will be dinner, live music, raffles, prizes and a silent auction - a few of the wonderful items include houses in Aruba, Jamaica and Deep Creek; sports memorabilia; MRHS summer camps; as well as Orioles and Ravens tickets! The ticket price is \$45 online at [mrhs-boosters.com](http://mrhs-boosters.com) through March 10 and then will be \$50 at the door. Don't miss out on the fun!

## Attention Golfers!

Our 2016 MRHS Boosters Golf Classic will be held on **Friday, June 3rd, 2015 at Waverly Woods Golf Course with registration at 12pm**. This is one of the boosters signature fund raising events. This year you can register and sponsor on-line at <http://www.mrhs-golf.com>. We have opportunities for Tournament Sponsors, Corporate Sponsors, Hole Sponsors and registration for singles or foursomes. This year we accept payment on-line via credit card for golfers and foursomes. Tournament Sponsors, Hole Sponsors and Corporate sponsors can pay on-line via credit card or choose to be invoiced from our web site.

- **Tournament Sponsorships** are \$1,500.00 and they receive a foursome, a logo on our web site, a banner displayed at the club house, beer cart advertisement, a hole sign, and custom opportunities to advertise and promote your business. Have your logo ready when you register to upload it to our web site.
- **Corporate Sponsorships** are \$1,000.00 and they receive a foursome, a logo on our web site, a banner displayed at the club house, and a hole sign. Have your logo ready when you register to upload to our web site.
- **Hole Sponsorships** are \$275.00 and they have their logo displayed on our web site, and hole sign. Parents this is a great way to create a hole sign that honor, thank or promote a teacher, coach, student, club, or team!
- **Foursomes** are \$600.00 and **Individual Golfers** are \$150.00. Golfers receive a boxed lunch provided by Harris Teeter, golf for the tournament with a cart, dinner provided by Outback Steakhouse, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages during the tournament.

We have set a goal to raise \$10,000.00 this year to support the many sports, clubs, and extracurricular activities at the school. Visit our web site <http://www.mrhs-golf> to sponsor the tournament, sponsor a hole, and to sign up to play! Any support you can provide is greatly appreciated, and remember, your donations are tax deductible. MRHS Boosters is a 509(c)(3) Charity, Tax ID # State: 31202436, Fed: 41-2177587. If you have any questions, please email me at [cf3mail@gmail.com](mailto:cf3mail@gmail.com), MRHS Golf Committee, or Jo Anne Kohler, your MRHS Boosters President at [jekmdk@comcast.net](mailto:jekmdk@comcast.net).

## PTSA Scholarship Application

The MRHS PTSA will award 4 scholarships, each in the amount of \$1500.00 to members of the class of 2016

### Applicants Must

Be a senior currently enrolled at Marriotts Ridge High School.

Be a 2015 – 2016 MRHS PTSA member as of February 8, 2016.

Achieved at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5 as of March 1, 2016.(confirmed by your guidance counselor)

Complete the an application

Submit the Application by April 9, 2016

Submit the completed application no later than Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. (with all signatures), along with your essay in a sealed envelope to the PTSA mailbox or to Ms. Romero in the front office. Address the envelope with: MRHS PTSA Scholarship Application

### **SENIOR BANNERS ON SALE NOW**

It's that time of year to order a senior banner for your graduating MRHS student! The banners will be hung at the school starting in early May. The white vinyl banners are approximately 36" in length by 24" in height, and they contain navy and grey lettering.

**The cost is \$30. Orders are due by April 8th, 2016.**

The order form can be found here and on the PTSA website:

[http://www.marriottsridgeptsa.org/Senior\\_Banner\\_2016\\_Order\\_Form.pdf](http://www.marriottsridgeptsa.org/Senior_Banner_2016_Order_Form.pdf)

( If the PTSA link does not come through, then please cut and paste this link into your browser)

Banner pick up will be after the farewell assembly. Any banners not picked up will be included with the student's senior packet.

All profits will be donated to the PTSA. Questions regarding the banners can be directed to Leigh McIntyre, [leighmcintyre@verizon.net](mailto:leighmcintyre@verizon.net).

Please complete the form and send it to the front office with a check payable to Marriotts Ridge PTSA.

Every year PTA Council of Howard County offers four different scholarships to graduating seniors throughout the county. The deadline for the Scholarship applications is coming up quickly (April 15) and we are asking that your PTA/PTSA could submit a short announcement in your upcoming school newsletter alerting senior students of this opportunity.

PTACHC offers four scholarships that are available to all seniors in the Howard County system and can be used at any college, university, trade, technical, or community college:

Teacher Education Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, Dr. Charles Ecker Scholarship for Community and/School Service, M. Thomas Goedeke Scholarship for 2-year trade, technical field or associates program such as for a community college program. The application and information can be accessed on [www.ptachc.org](http://www.ptachc.org) website and the applications are due APRIL 15th, 2015. For further information, contact Laurie at [scholarship@ptachc.org](mailto:scholarship@ptachc.org).

The mission of the PTA is that it continues to be "a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child." These scholarships serve to meet the intent of that critical mission.. PTACHC Scholarship Committee [scholarship@ptachc.org](mailto:scholarship@ptachc.org) 410.740.5153



# MUSIC FOUNDATION

## Announcing a New Business Patron Tier for the MRHS Music Foundation

Marriotts Ridge High School consistently offers a top-notch music program to its students, thanks, in part, to the generous financial support of local family and business patrons.

In response to recent feedback from small business owners, the Marriotts Ridge Music Foundation will now offer a **Copper** tier of support for businesses wishing to donate less than \$100. Copper contributors' names will be listed in the business section of the music concert programs.

All new family and business patrons must submit their donations by **Friday, April 15** if they would like to be recognized in the Spring Concert programs. The names of those who donated earlier in the school year will already be included in program listings. The MRHS Music Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization, so your contributions are 100% tax deductible.

You can find information on the program, and how to donate

At <https://sites.google.com/site/marriottsridgemusicfest/Fundraising/patron-program>

If you have any questions, please send an email to [mrhsmf@gmail.com](mailto:mrhsmf@gmail.com).

Many thanks for your generous patronage!

## Do you need a new mattress?

Come to the **Marriotts Ridge High School Music Foundation Mattress Fundraiser** on **Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 10 am to 5 pm!** Mattresses are **brand new** with full factory warranties, and **prices are 50% - 60% less than mattress store prices!** All mattress sizes and types are available, in name brands like Simmons, Beautyrest and many more. **Delivery is free, and samples will be available**, so come in and find your perfect mattress! Proceeds benefit the MRHS Music Department and will help pay for music, equipment, instruments, attire and competition fees. More information is available at [www.mrhsmusic.net](http://www.mrhsmusic.net). Thanks for your support of music at the Ridge!





### Parents/Adults Watch New FBI/

#### DEA Film: HC DrugFree

encourages parents to watch this new film, and remember, the prescription drug epidemic is in our community too. Education is necessary to protect your family. [www.fbi.gov/ChasingTheDragon](http://www.fbi.gov/ChasingTheDragon)

**Parents/Adults Can Win \$100, \$75, \$50, or \$25 from HC DrugFree:** HC DrugFree wants to thank parents for their support of our In the KNOW about prescription pain medication campaign. Parents/Adults go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCIInTheKNOW> to enter to win.

**Parents: Attend Free Training to Save a Life!** If your child, spouse or friend is abusing opioids (prescription pain medication such as Percocet or Vicodin, and street drugs such as heroin), attend the free opioid overdose response training offered by the Howard County Health Department. Register by calling the Health Department at 410-313-6202.

### Parents: Sign Up for HC DrugFree's FREE Electronic Newsletter

to learn about local drug/ alcohol issues.

To sign up for our electronic newsletter, please call 443-325-0040 or sign up online at [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org) and click on the "Join Our Mailing List" box.

### Film-Savvy Teens Win \$100 by Winning the HC DrugFree Category at HoCo FilmFest:

HC DrugFree is looking for film-savvy teens to enter the HC DrugFree Category in the 2016 HoCo FilmFest. The winning film will be used as a public service announcement throughout Howard County. Entries must focus on prescription pain medication (opioids) misuse, which often leads to heroin use. Feel free to call HC DrugFree's office at 443-325-0040 if you have any questions. To view the 2015 winning film and see the 2016 guidelines, please visit our Events page at <http://www.hcdrugfree.org/hoco-filmfest/>. **Deadline** to enter is **March 19, 2016**. The HoCo FilmFest will be held on Friday, April 8 at 7:00 PM at the Charles E. Miller Library in Ellicott City.

### Senior Week: Staying Safe in Ocean City:

HC DrugFree will present two programs, **"SENIOR WEEK: STAYING SAFE IN OCEAN CITY"** aimed at parents and high school seniors as they prepare for the annual Senior Week activities in Ocean City.

The presentations will be held on **Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at Howard High School and Tuesday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at Atholton High School**. Speakers will include Ocean City Police Corporal Howard Caplan and Sergeant James McVey, also a Howard County teacher.

The event is part of HC DrugFree's "Be a Parent Not a Friend" campaign that is a resource for parents on avoiding underaged drinking. Aimed at both seniors and their parents, the presentation provides a better understanding of the facts and options involved with Senior Week. "By attending the upcoming presentation, young people can ensure that they make lifetime memories without taking tragic risks," said Joan Webb Scornaienchi, executive director of HC DrugFree who will also speak at the presentations. "We are not trying to dissuade parents from sending their seniors; rather we aim to help make Senior Week a safe experience for teens and a worry-free week for their parents," she said.

High school seniors — and their parents — will be made aware of the rules in Ocean City during senior week. From the simplest rules, such as playing loud music too late at night can result in a \$70 fine — to major drug and alcohol infractions.

For more information, call HC DrugFree at [443-325-0040](tel:443-325-0040) or visit [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org).

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# Around Town

## Support Grassroots 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup'r Sundae

Soup'r Sundae & Silent Auction – NEW!!!!

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wilde Lake High School

\$20/adult - \$5/kids under 12

Includes: Soup – Bread – Ice Cream – Family Fun!! Tickets can be purchased online at

[www.souprsundae.eventbrite.com](http://www.souprsundae.eventbrite.com) or at the door.

All proceeds go to support Grassroots, Howard County's only 24-hour crisis service center and homeless shelter.

## GLENELG HIGH SCHOOL BAG-A-PALOOZA

March 16th at



**Glenelg High School**  
**Tickets \$15.00 in advance**  
**\$20.00 at the door**  
**For more information go to:**  
**glenelghigh-**  
**schoolptsa@gmail.com**

**Folly Quarter Middle School Community Indoor Yard Sale.** Sat. March 12, 8:00am - 12:00pm, 13500 Triadelphia Rd. Ellicott City. Get your spring cleaning done early! Clean out your closets, basements, and garages! Yard salers and vendors welcome! Space available/\$20 per table. Vendors keep their profits. Sponsored by the FQMS Leo Club benefiting [Alice's Dream Foundation](http://www.alicesdreamfoundation.org). To reserve a space email [fqmsyard-sale2016@gmail.com](mailto:fqmsyard-sale2016@gmail.com) or call 410.489.5799.

**Looking to fulfill service hours???** We need volunteers to help make the yard sale a success Friday night and Saturday. Check our *Volunteerspot* link to sign up to help at <http://vols.pt/>

## Glenwood Community Center presents:

### **Game On!**

Create your own board game for **Teen Tech Week** or just play with our wide selection of games, including Wii, giant Word Winder, chess, checkers, and board games. Refreshments. Ages 9 & up, families welcome. 90 min.  
**Sat, Mar 12th, 3:30 – 5:00 pm**

### **Get Crafty with Comic Books**

Join us for a night of trivia and crafts. Learn how to up-cycle old comic books while enjoying trivia and games about all things DC and Marvel! For adults and teens. Age 11 & up, families welcome. 90 min.

**Thu, Mar 17th, 7 – 8:30 pm**

**Register:** <http://goo.gl/q4pGdM>

### **Lego® Challenge**

Bring your best building skills at our monthly LEGO® challenge! Ages 9-17.

**Sat, Mar 26th, 3:30 - 4:30 pm**

### **Celestial Searchers Young Astronomers Club**

Local astronomy educator Dr. Joel Goodman discusses our solar system and beyond with hands-on activities. Includes outside telescope viewing (weather permitting). Grades Kindergarten - 8; with adult; 60 min.

**Mon, Mar 28th, 7 – 8 pm**



# Around Town... continued

## River Hill Yard Sale Information

You, your family, or your club can be a vendor for the 2016 River Hill Yard Sale! Get easy money from stuff you already own, with just a \$30 space fee. To reserve a spot, fill out this form <http://goo.gl/forms/vY2JM81XdO>. The yard sale is Saturday, April 16 from 8am to 1pm, so sign up now and tell your friends to come find some great buys. Registration deadline is April 9th. Email [rhhsyard-sale16@gmail.com](mailto:rhhsyard-sale16@gmail.com) with questions or for more information contact John Difato ([john\\_difato@hcpss.org](mailto:john_difato@hcpss.org)) and Cristin Lauer ([cristin\\_lauer@hcpss.org](mailto:cristin_lauer@hcpss.org)). See you there!

## **Sister Cities Summer International Camp Program - Deadline extended to March 21**

10th - 12th graders can still apply for Columbia Association's (CA) annual summer Sister Cities High School Exchange program in France or Spain! The international exchange camp is open to high school students studying Spanish or French (level 2 and up) who reside in Howard County. Participants spend approximately two weeks of cultural and linguistic immersion during the summer in one of Columbia's European sister cities: Cergy-Pontoise in France or Tres Cantos in Spain. During this time, they are hosted by the family of a French or Spanish student. After returning to the United States, students host their French/Spanish counterparts for another two weeks. Throughout the trip, there are lots of organized group activities for the participants, both abroad and in the U.S. Teachers say that students' language skills increase a lot through this summer camp; parents report their children become much more independent. This year's participants will depart with their respective chaperoned groups for France or Spain on June 26 & 27. The program then runs through the end of July. The program fee is \$700 for Columbia residents and \$850 for nonresidents and airline tickets will be ~\$1,300 to \$1,500 per participant. There are excellent scholarships available for Columbia residents who qualify. Deadline is March 21. For an application or more information, visit [ColumbiaAssociation.org/TeenExchange](http://ColumbiaAssociation.org/TeenExchange), or contact Laura Smit at 410-715-3162 or [Laura.Smit@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:Laura.Smit@ColumbiaAssociation.org).