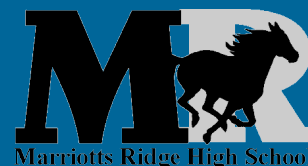


Student Services Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 21	SAT Registration Deadline for 1/21 Test
Dec 26-30	Schools & Offices Closed - Winter Break
Jan 2	Schools reopen
Jan 3	ARL Shadow Day Permission Slips DUE
Jan 5	New Student/Parent Orientation - Class of 2021 - 7pm
Jan 10	Late Registration Deadline for 1/21 SAT Test (late fee)
Jan 10-11	ARL Shadow Days
Jan 13	Registration Deadline for 2/11 ACT Test
Jan 16	Schools & Offices Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 20	Late Registration Deadline for 2/11 ACT Test (late fee)
Jan 21	SAT Test Day
Jan 24-26	High Schools Close 3 hours early - Exams
Jan 27	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Work Day

Counselors:

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410-313-5446

ATTENTION SENIORS!!

Maryland Higher Education Commission have made changes to the Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Grant and this can affect you!

Students who meet the income requirements for the Maryland Higher Education Commission Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant (identified through information on your completed FAFSA form), will automatically be considered for this scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year. The FAFSA window opened up on October 1st and the deadline will remain as March 1st to have priority consideration. The Office of Student Financial Assistance will continue to identify potentially eligible GA Grant recipients weekly until April 1st. There is no longer a separate application process for students to complete in order to be considered for this GA Grant. To be considered for this Grant, it is *solely* based upon the completion of the FAFSA no later than April 1st! Any student that has been identified by the Office of Student Financial Assistance potentially eligible for the GA Grant will be notified via email.

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New Student/Parent Orientation – Class of 2021!

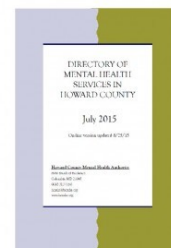
Orientation for new students and parents of the Class of 2021 will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017. Topics include graduation requirements, Grade 9 courses that will be offered, course registration process and more.

Date: Thursday, January 5, 2017
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Place: MRHS Auditorium



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

January 21, 2017
May 6, 2017
June 3, 2017

ACT Test Dates

February 11, 2017
April 8, 2017
June 10, 2017



ACT/SAT Prep

Juniors and Sophomores—Are you ready for the ACT/SAT? 2016-2017 resources for SAT and ACT prep classes are available. The PTSA and Student Services are partnering with Academic Coaches and The Answer to offer our students a variety of resources to help them improve their scores. For further information, contact your student's counselor or stop by Student Services.

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 Jan. 10 & 12 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

OR

M/W Feb. 13 & 15 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

OR

T/Th Mar. 7 & 9 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

2017 ACT PREP AT MRHS

M/W Mar. 20 & 22 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

REGULAR TUITION: ONLY \$159/class* OR \$249 for SAT/ACT Class Package

****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.

Academic Coaches: SAT Prep Classes

Full Prep Program:

This program is recommended for students who need strategies as well as a full content review of the material. Total length of program is 7 weeks.

- 1-4 hour session of diagnostic testing (with pizza and beverages served during break)
- Twelve 2-hour sessions of instruction (24 hours total)
- McGraw Hill prep book and supplemental handouts
- A detailed analysis of the student's diagnostic test results
- Cost: \$375.00 (A portion of the cost is used to fund PTSA school activities)

SAT Prep Class at Marriotts Ridge for the March 11, 2017 SAT Date

Register now at www.academic-coaches.com

410-627-1328

This course includes strategies and a full content review specific to the Redesigned SAT. It begins with administration of a full-length diagnostic SAT including the now optional essay. Based on the results of the diagnostic test, a comprehensive scoring breakdown and full scoring review is given to each student including individualized strategy plans.

Classroom instruction covers all aspects of the new test, including test structure and scoring explanation, time management during the test, key word recognition, guessing strategies, math, grammar, and punctuation review, essay construction, and more! The program offers 24 hours of subject-specific instruction and four hours of diagnostic testing.

Class sessions are held at Marriotts Ridge on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7 pm (with the exception of the Diagnostic Testing on Jan. 17 from 5:00-9:15 pm)

Class dates and times are below.

MRHS SAT Prep Class Schedule for March 11, 2017 SAT Date

Tuesday, Jan. 10	Diagnostic Testing	5:00-9:15 pm
Thursday, Jan. 19	Reading/Writing & Languages	5:00-7:00 pm
Jan. 23-27	**Exam Week - No Classes**	
Tuesday, Jan. 31	Reading/Writing & Languages	5:00-7:00 pm
Thursday, Feb. 2	Mathematics	5:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 7	Reading/Writing & Languages	5:00-7:00 pm
Thursday, Feb. 9	Mathematics	5:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 14	Reading/Writing & Languages	5:00-7:00 pm
Thursday, Feb. 16	Mathematics	5:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 21	**School Closed - No Class**	
Thursday, Feb. 23	Mathematics	5:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 28	Reading/Writing & Languages	5:00-7:00 pm
Thursday, Mar. 2	Mathematics	5:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday, Mar. 7	Reading/Writing & Languages	5:00-7:00 pm
Thursday, Mar. 9	Mathematics	5:00-7:00 pm
Saturday, Mar 11	SAT!	

ARL SHADOW DAYS

ARL (Applications and Research Laboratory) Shadow Days – Jan. 10 & 11 FOR 10TH GRADE STUDENTS

The Applications and Research Lab (ARL) will be having "Shadow Days" during the school day on January 10th and January 11th. The ARL offers students a hands-on, advanced approach to learning in a specific career domain. The programs strive to prepare students for the world-of-work and college with the following academy options: Computer Networking, Architectural Design, Early College Program in Cybersecurity, Automotive Technology, Systems and Project Engineering, Graphic Design, Construction Management, Biotechnology, PC Systems, Aerospace Engineering, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Animation and Interactive Media and Academy of Finance, Health Professions and Hotel and Restaurant Management. Transportation will be provided.

If your student is interested, please advise them to see their counselor to get the necessary paperwork.

Students must have a signed permission slip to participate in a Shadow Day. These can be obtained from Student Services.

Students must return the permission slip to their counselor complete with the following signatures: parent/guardian, a counselor, and teachers of the class periods they will be missing.

ALL FORMS ARE DUE TO STUDENT SERVICES BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD .

Upon receipt of the signed permission letter by the due date, students will be able to ride the ARL bus and spend time in their academy of interest. **Students will need to report to the ARL bus rather than to their first period classes (or after period 4 for after-noon sessions).**

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ford in Student Services.

Schedule:

Tuesday, January 10 – Periods 1 & 2 (Morning Session)

Open only to current 10th graders except for Aerospace Engineering

Graphic Design	Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Biotechnology	Animation and Interactive Media
PC Systems	Aerospace Engineering (Open to 9th graders)
Systems and Project Engineering	

Wednesday, January 11 – Periods 1 & 2 (Morning Session)

Open only to current 10th graders except for Cybersecurity

Computer Networking
Architectural Design
Early College Program in Cybersecurity **(Open to 9th graders)**
Automotive Technology
Construction
Finance

Wednesday, January 11 – Periods 5 & 6 (Afternoon Session)

Open only to current 10th graders

Health Professions
Hotel and Restaurant Management



ARL SHADOW DAYS

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM IN CYBERSECURITY AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING SHADOW DAYS FOR 9th GRADE STUDENTS

Aerospace Engineering – Tuesday, January 10
Early College Program in Cybersecurity – Wednesday, January 11

The ARL offers an Early College Program in Cybersecurity and an Aerospace Engineering Shadow Day for 9th grade students. Please go to Student Services for a permission slip to participate. Students must return the permission slip to their counselor complete with signatures from a parent/guardian, a counselor and teachers of classes they will be missing. **Permission slips are due back to Student Services by January 3rd.**

PSAT Score Information

Long Reach High School will be hosting a PSAT Information Night on January 31st at 7 pm.

Attention Parents of Students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 - On October 19, 2016, students in grades 9-11 participated in the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) assessment. Students who included an email address on their test booklets should have received an email from the College Board on December 12 containing directions to access their assessment results online.

To assist families with interpreting the results, HCPSS will host a PSAT parent night on January 31, 2017, at 7 p.m., at Long Reach High School.



Paper home reports will be distributed early January 2017 with additional information. The home report will also include an access code for students who did not enter an email address at the time of testing.

Career Academies Information Session

Learn how the Career Academies provide high school students with opportunities to earn college credit, scholarships, and industry certifications, participate in worksite and mentorship experiences, and become creative problem solvers by participating in hands-on project based learning.

WHO: Middle/high school students and their families

WHEN: January 5, 2017 – 7-9pm

WHERE: Applications and Research Laboratory, 10929 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City



Scholarship\$

McDaniel College Educator's Legacy Scholarship

Current high school seniors with at least a 2.5 GPA whose parent or guardian is currently employed full time in K-12 education within a school setting and has worked full time in education for a minimum of the past four consecutive school years are eligible to receive the Educator's Legacy Scholarship at up to \$25,000 per year (\$100,000 over four years) to help fund his/her college education. Stop by Student Services for more information or contact the McDaniel Admissions Office at 410-857-2230 or 800-638-5005. You can also email admissions@mcdaniel.edu.

The Howard County Professional Fire Fighters Association Scholarship

The Howard County Professional Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 2000, is pleased to announce that we will provide a \$500 scholarship for a graduating senior from each of our Howard County public high schools.

This scholarship is geared to help the "average" student who displays exceptional qualities and effort rather than being an award for the highest grades or sports aptitude. Any student who has attained a 2.5 grade average in their senior year and a minimum SAT score of 900 will be welcome to participate by submitting the enclosed form.

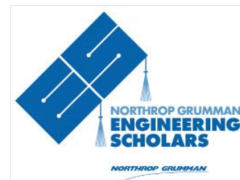
Entries shall be postmarked no later than April 1, 2017. Applications can be downloaded from Naviance or picked up in Student Services.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN ENGINEERING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This scholarship program helps support promising high school seniors who intend to pursue a career in an approved engineering, computer science, mathematics or physics program and who live in communities where Northrop Grumman Mission Systems has a major presence. Multiple \$8,000 scholarships will be awarded to qualified high school seniors in Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City. (one in each county; one in Baltimore City)

The application deadline is February 4. Applicants must submit an official transcript, three letters of recommendation and a 400-word essay. Complete the online application at <http://www.northropgrumman.com/CorporateResponsibility/Community/Pages/engineeringscholars.aspx>

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must have a minimum composite SAT score of 1150 or ACT score of 27
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 (un-weighted)
- Recipient must remain in an accredited four-year college or university as a
- full-time student in an approved engineering, computer science, mathematics or physics program.



2017 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award

It's a Dog-Eat-Dog World.... Especially if you are looking for scholarships! Are you a young entrepreneur? Do you know a young entrepreneur? Graduating high school seniors who operate their own small business are eligible to receive a 2017 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award from the NFIB

Young Entrepreneur Foundation. Visit www.NFIB.com/YEA for more information and to apply online BEFORE DECEMBER 18, 2016. Don't let your future go to the dogs!

Be sure to
check
NAVIANCE
regularly for
updated
SCHOLARSHIP
information!



LEADERSHIP U

Are you interested in making a difference? Consider joining Leadership U Class of 2017! Leadership U is an exciting leadership development, team-building and community service opportunity for current high school sophomores. This four-month program involves a week-long summer program of hands-on learning and interactive activities, and involvement in a team community service project. This program is for students with leadership potential, a desire to learn with others, and with an interest for the community.

Who is in LeadershipU?

Students who live in Howard County

Students who have a desire to learn about their community and a willingness to volunteer

Students who want to have fun while meeting new people from different areas of Howard County

Interested Students should attend one of the free information sessions:

January 24 at Miller Library

February 13 at Central Library

March 2 at Miller Library

All sessions are from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Cost is \$875 (**financial assistance is available**). More information is available in Student Services.

Applications are due Thursday, March 16, 2017. Visit www.leadershiphc.org.

College Programs, News and Events



Bowie State University presents Black College Expo, 2017

Saturday, March 3, 2017
9am to 5pm

Bowie State University – Student Union
14000 Jericho Park Rd.
Bowie, MD 20715

- Scholarships & Financial Aid Resources
- Get Accepted to College on the Spot*
- Seminars and Workshops
- Student Athlete Recruitment Information
- Step Show & Celebrity Guests
- Band Auditions
- Win Dollars for College—see following details

*not applicable to all colleges

\$10 at the door / \$8 online / Special Group Rates Available

Students should bring several copies of your transcripts, SAT and/or ACT test scores for possible acceptance.

WIN DOLLARS FOR COLLEGE! - Winners must attend the EXPO to receive their scholarship. Please check in at the registration booth no later than 12:00 pm on the day of the EXPO.

All Juniors and Seniors are eligible to win scholarship money by writing an essay... "Why Is a College Education Important to Me?"

Deadline – Tuesday, February 21, 2017

For more information and to register, go to www.thecollegeexpo.org or call 877-427-4100.

College Programs, News and Events

2017 College Tours for Students

The MTM Foundation sponsors college tours that allow aspiring college students to visit college campuses and receive an introduction to college life. Tours are chaperoned by the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., teachers and parents. Chaperones are certified in First Aid/CPR and have undergone background investigations.

TOURS INCLUDE

Round trip
Motorcoach Transportation
Meals and Lodging
Meet College Coaches/Staff
On-Campus Activities

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE

Financial Aid Workshops
Available Scholarships/Endowments
Application Process Workshops
Campus Life Lessons
Two Participation Scholarships Awarded

IVY LEAGUE

April 6-10, 2016 - \$750.00

Brown University, Columbia University Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania State University, Princeton University, Harvard University, Yale University, University of Pennsylvania

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

April 11-15, 2016 - \$575.00

Delaware State University, Bowie State University, Howard University, Hampton University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina A&T University, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Spelman College

To register and for more information, please visit www.mtm1foundation.org or call 443-768-6939.

College Programs, News and Events

ATTENTION SENIORS!!

If you are eligible for free and reduced meals (FARMS) and show strong academic potential, you may be interested in the TEACHERS FOR TOMORROW program.

Teachers for Tomorrow is an exciting opportunity for students who are impacted by poverty and show

strong academic potential to earn a college degree from McDaniel College and then have a guaranteed job with our talented Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) workforce upon graduation. For more information, visit <http://www.hcpss.org/about-us/superintendent/teachers-for-tomorrow/>



*A Howard County Public School System
and McDaniel College Partnership*

Upcoming College/Military Visits

Dec 20
Jan 4

Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets
Virginia Military Institute



We are currently scheduling college visits to Marriotts Ridge Student Services. The **complete** list of upcoming college visits is also located on Naviance and the Marriotts Ridge website. Go to www.marriottsridge.net – then scroll down to the bottom of the page; under Applications, select Naviance. In Naviance, select College 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.

Open House Events

Bridgewater College

February 11, 2017

March 18, 2017

www.bridgewater.edu/visitcampus

Fairmont State University

March 25, 2017

fsuforme.com/visit

Messiah College

February 20, 2017 - Open House

April 8, 2017 - Open House

April 21, 2017 - Open House

www.messiah.edu/visit

Roanoke College

Monday, January 16 - Info Session & Tours

Sunday, February 19 - Math & Science Exploration Day for Seniors

Saturday, March 25 - Sophomore & Junior Visit

roanoke.edu/visit

Savannah College of Art & Design

January 14, 2017 (Savannah)

January 21, 2017 (Atlanta)

February 18, 2017 (Savannah)

March 4, 2017 (Atlanta)

April 1, 2017 (Savannah)

April 22, 2017 (Atlanta)

University of Alabama

February 6, 2017

February 20, 2017

March 6, 2017

March 27, 2017

universitydays.ua.edu

University of North Carolina - Greensboro

Junior Day - Friday, April 28, 2017

www.admissions.uncg.edu

University of Pittsburgh Johnstown

April 1, 2017

www.upj.pitt.edu/openhouse

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>

Western New England University

March 5, 2017

www.visit.wne.edu