

February 21, 2017

Student Services Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 21	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Day
Feb 28	Late Registration deadline (late fee) for 3/11 SAT Test
Mar 3	Registration deadline for 4/8 ACT Test
Mar 10	All Schools Close 3 Hrs Early - P/T Conferences
Mar 11	SAT Test Day
Mar 17	Late Registration deadline (late fee) for 4/8 ACT Test
Mar 29	Junior Interview Day
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

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HCPSS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Registration for HCPSS Summer
Programs is now open!
Visit

www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/
for more information.

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SENIORS - Be sure to check Naviance regularly for updated scholarship opportunities!

Application deadlines for MRHS Boosters, MRHS PTSA, MD PTA, Glenwood Lions, Masonic Charities Scholarships and many others are fast approaching! Don't miss your chance to be awarded money for college!!

**2017 AP EXAM
Registration
Information is
now available.
See page 3.**

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

March 11, 2017
May 6, 2017
June 3, 2017

ACT Test Dates

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 Mar. 7 & 9 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

OR

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

WINTER 2017 ACT PREP AT MRHS

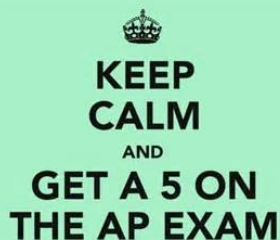
M/W Mar. 20 & 22 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

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.

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**

While 3rd Quarter is just beginning, please note AP exam dates, registration and payment information below for your planning purposes. Additional details will be shared throughout the coming months via AP teachers, the AP link on the MRHS website, Today's Topics and the Student Services newsletter.

2017 AP Exam Schedule: May 1 – 5 and May 8 – 12 - Late testing will take place **May 17 – 19**. This year MRHS AP exams will be administered at **St. Michael Poplar Springs** 1125 St. Michael's Road, Mt. Airy, Md 21771 (with the exception of world languages and late testing, which will be administered at MRHS.) A detailed schedule is found on the AP website: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam/ap-calendar>

Registration will take place **February 27 – March 24**. The registration process includes completing a form in Naviance and returning a signed copy to Student Services prior to the deadline. Please note: **NO registration will be accepted during Spring Break**. Please plan accordingly.

Fees this year are \$93 per exam. We understand the financial burden the exam fees pose – especially when taking multiple exams. This year payment or installments can be made at any time during the year prior to the deadline by check, money order or through Online School Payments.

Online School Payments - HCPSS has contracted with Online School Payments, Inc. (OSP) to afford parents/guardians the ability to pay online for school activities, including AP exams. OSP accepts credit and debit cards (Visa or MasterCard) through a secure web browser at your convenience, 24 hours a day. OSP does charge a small handling fee for this service.

Payments can be made for one or more exams (in "Activity"), or periodic payments at your convenience (in "Obligations" tab). The link to OSP is on the school website or below: <http://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/BVModules/CategoryTemplates/Detailed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=DA075>

Check or Money Order Payments - Please make checks payable to Marriotts Ridge High School and note AP test and the student name on the "memo/for" line. Checks should be sent to the Student Services, attention: Lisa Scott.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Scott, AP Testing Coordinator at lisa_scott@hcpss.org

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: MRHS PTSA Scholarship Applications are **due Friday, April 14 at 2:30 PM!!!**

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

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.



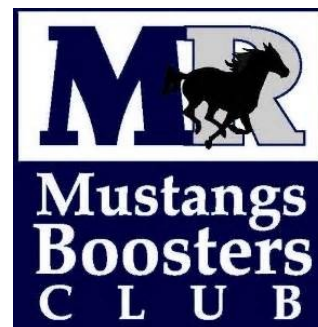
SENIORS! The Community Foundation of Howard County Scholarships are now available to our high school seniors! There is one scholarship, the **Mary Ann Levant Scholarship**, that is for Marriotts Ridge students only!! Check it out!! The process for applying for any of the Community Foundation of Howard County Scholarships is outlined on their website. You can read about these scholarships at <http://cfhoco.org/howard-county-high-school-students/>



Be sure to
check
NAVIANCE
regularly for
updated
SCHOLARSHIP
information!

Scholarship\$

MRHS BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP



HOW HAVE YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE AT THE RIDGE?

WHAT: Scholarship Opportunities – Two \$2000 scholarships toward future education expenses.

WHY: To honor two seniors who embody the Booster goal of “Making a Difference at the Ridge.”

WHO: Any senior who has made a significant difference at the MRHS, is a Boosters member, and maintains a 2.5 GPA.

HOW: Submit a personal statement which reflects how you have “*Made a difference at Marriotts Ridge High School,*” a personal resume, and a letter of recommendation.

Complete application directions/information sheets are available in the Student Services office.

WHEN: Students must complete their application by February 24, 2017. Application materials should be submitted to Ms. Dubbs in the Student Services office, in a sealed 9” x 12” envelope marked “Booster Scholarship.” The winners will be announced in May.

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>.



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.



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 the free information session:

March 2 at Miller Library 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.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY SUMMER PROGRAMS

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY SUMMER SEMINAR AND SUMMER STEM PROGRAMS

Summer seminar applications are now open for all high school juniors interested in the U.S. Naval Academy. Also, Summer STEM applications are now open for all rising 8th – 11th graders. The deadline for Summer Seminar is March 31. The deadline for Summer STEM is April 15. Information on the applications can be found at <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/>.

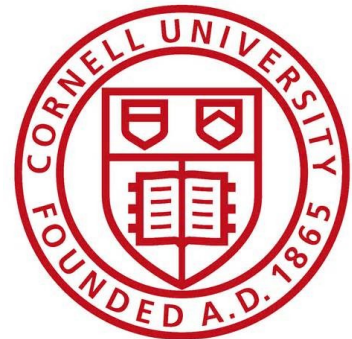
College Programs, News and Events

Cornell University presents 2 Summer Engineering Programs:

Catalyst Academy Summer Program

July 16-22, 2017 (Application Deadline March 15, 2017)

Catalyst Academy is a high school summer program in Engineering. This one week program is for rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from underrepresented backgrounds who desire to learn about engineering. Experience college life at Cornell University and explore the many possibilities that await you!



Curie Academy Summer Program

July 16-22, 2017 (Application Deadline March 15, 2017)

Curie Academy is a one week residential program for high school girls who excel in math and science. The focus is on rising juniors and seniors who may not have had prior opportunities to explore engineering, but want to learn more about it in an interactive atmosphere. Experience life at Cornell University and explore the many possibilities awaiting you in engineering.

Catalyst and Curie Academies tuition includes room, meals, and research materials. See web for more information and program tuition cost:

<https://sites.coecis.cornell.edu/curieacademy>

<https://sites.coecis.cornell.edu/catalystacademy>

College Programs, News and Events



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/>



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

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.

ARROW COLLEGIATE TOURS

HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES TOUR

See what campus life is like at:

North Carolina A & T University
Bennett College
St. Augustine University
Clark Atlanta University
Spelman College
Morehouse College
Florida A&M University

April 12-16, 2017
\$485.00

www.arrowcollegiatetour.com

ONE DAY COLLEGE TOUR: TEMPLE UNIVERSITY & CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY

Temple University

- Presentation by Admission Office & Campus Tour
- Discuss programs, tuition, student life and more

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

- Campus tour by members of admissions office
- Bring transcript & SAT Scores
- Students with 2.0 GPA and SAT of 700 or better will receive application fee waiver and on-the-spot admissions decision

March 2, 2017
\$70 per person

www.arrowcollegiatetour.com

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.

Feb 28	US Navy Recruiter
Mar 3	Howard Community College
Mar 8	Liberty University
Apr 21	The Temple: A Paul Mitchell Partner School

Open House Events

Bridgewater College

March 18, 2017

www.bridgewater.edu/visitcampus

Christendom College

April 24, 2017 - Spring Open House

www.christendom.edu/admissions/open-house/

Fairmont State University

March 25, 2017

fsuforme.com/visit

Messiah College

April 8, 2017 - Open House

April 21, 2017 - Open House

www.messiah.edu/visit

Roanoke College

Saturday, March 25 - Sophomore & Junior Visit

roanoke.edu/visit

Savannah College of Art & Design

March 4, 2017 (Atlanta)

April 1, 2017 (Savannah)

April 22, 2017 (Atlanta)

University of Alabama

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

Save The Date!

2017 YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR

Saturday, April 1, 2017 • 10 am - 2 pm
Long Reach High School • 6101 Old Dobbin Lane
Columbia, MD 21045



**Register online at: MIDMDYOUTHFAIR2017.EVENTBRITE.COM or
Contact Jermira Sarratt, Youth Coordinator at 410-290-2623
Email: jesarratt@howardcountymd.gov
Must be 16 - 24 to register.**



Partnering Agencies:

Howard County Office of Local Children's Board, Children and Family Services, Community Partnerships - Continuum of Care, Department of Social Services, Mental Health Authority, Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Solomon's Porch Worship Center and Building Families for Children.

Equal Opportunity Program: As an equal opportunity program, discrimination in WIDA Title I financially assisted programs or activities is prohibited by federal law and by Howard County Government. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. If you need an accommodation please contact Stephanie Hill at 410-290-2520, TTY 410-312-0827.

Healthy Relationships and Dating Dangers

The Council of Elders Community Academy



Saturday, February 25, 2017
9 – 11:15 a.m.

Oakland Mills Middle School

9540 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia 21045

This session is open to parents and students of all levels. Peer interactions and dating can impact students' lives. Representatives from HopeWorks, a Howard County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center, will share characteristics of healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships involving children.

Separate sessions for all student levels will be held. The session topics are: "I Can/We Can" (elementary students) and "Is it Love" - focusing on healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships and dating dangers (middle and high school students).



Please register at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/OLVEBfeIR2BRfIgj2>

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Present 4th Annual

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Every girl deserves the perfect dress!

Free prom attire, personal shopper, fashion tips, raffles & much more!



March 4, 2017

Atholton High School

Senior & Main Cafeteria

6520 Freetown Road • Columbia MD, 21044

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

*For information contact Kathy J. Barrett grammateus@zphiblgz.org
or Becca's Closet beccascloset.ahs@gmail.com*



**Becca's
CLOSET**

Krista Bopst, Advisor Becca's Closet of Althoton High School

Cherice Daniel, President Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Lambda Gamma Zeta Chapter of Howard County