

Student Services Newsletter



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 24 High Schools Close 3 hours early - Exams - pds. 2&3
- Jan 25 High Schools Close 3 hours early - Exams - pds 4A&4B
- Jan 26 High Schools Close 3 hours early - Exams - pds 5&6
- Jan 27 Schools Closed for Students - Professional Work Day
- Jan 31 PSAT Parent Night at Long Reach High School - 7 pm
- Feb 1-13 Student Credit Checks
- Feb 10 Registration deadline for 3/11 SAT Test
- Feb 11 ACT Test Day
- Feb 20 Schools and Offices Closed - Presidents' Day
- Feb 21 Schools Closed for Students - Professional Day
- Feb 28 Late Registration deadline (late fee) for 3/11 SAT Test
- Mar 29 Junior Interview Day

HCPSS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Registration for HCPSS Summer Programs opens February 1. Visit www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/ for more information.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with Junior Interview Day on March 29. For more information, see Page 3.

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EVENTS AT GLENWOOD LIBRARY

How to Find the Right College for You

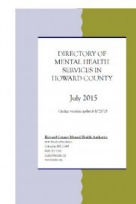
Collegewise discusses how to identify the schools where you will be happiest and most successful. Learn to be a savvy college shopper! Ages 13-19 (parents welcome); 90min.

Tuesday, January 31 at 6:00 pm

Register: <https://goo.gl/jDNEzu>

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

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 MARRIOTTS 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

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

OR

T/Th Apr. 25 & 27 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.

Junior Interview Day

MRHS Student Services is looking for parent volunteers to help with our Junior Interview Day, which will be held on March 29, 2017. The Junior Interview is a graduation requirement for all students. This process has been a huge success in the past because of the many parents who have volunteered their time. You will be conducting mock interviews and reviewing students' resumes. Our parents of the past have really enjoyed their experience.

Junior Interview Day will be split into two sessions (7:30am-10:15am and 11:00am-2:10pm). We are aware of the time constraints limiting many professionals and invite you to attend one **or both** sessions. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all interviewers, compliments of Marriotts Ridge.

If you would like to help with our Junior Interview Day, please click on the link below. Please fill out the request by February 10th. If you haven't already done so, please complete the HCPSS Volunteer Training. (See information below) We will contact you with additional details and information as we get closer to the Interview Day. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Jessie Little at 410-313-5446 or jessica_m_little@hcpss.org.

Thank you for helping our MRHS students!

Thanks to all of you who helped last year. We can't hold this event without you!

<https://goo.gl/forms/AKNJOG0r43ZwBSoG3>

Parent Volunteers – PLEASE READ

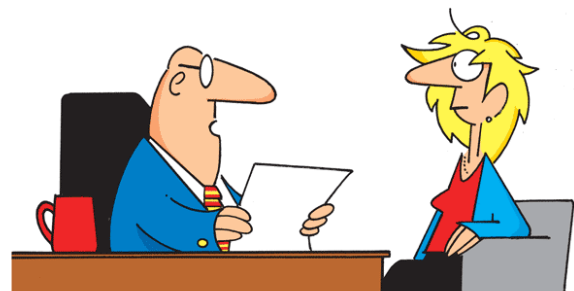
HCPSS has developed a brief training module and certificate of completion for anyone that volunteers at Marriotts Ridge or any other Howard County Public School. Both the module and certificate are located on the HCPSS website, and we'll also create links from your schools to this page under the "Get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

The training is available at: <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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"Any other people skills, besides 400 Facebook friends?"

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.



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>

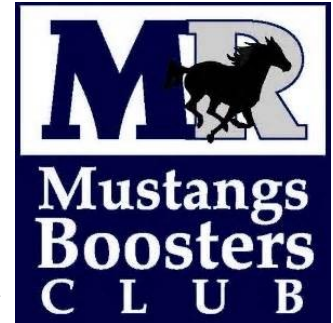
- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must have a minimum composite SAT score of 1150 or ACT score of 27
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 (un-weighted)
- Recipient must remain in an accredited four-year college or university as a full-time student in an approved engineering, computer science, mathematics or physics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



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>.



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.

Paper home reports were distributed before the winter break to 10th and 11th grade students. Reports for 9th grade students will be distributed dur-

ing 3rd period on Monday, January 30. The home report will also include an access code for students who did not enter an email address at the time of testing.

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.

Student Member of the Howard County Board of Education

Attention sophomores and juniors: Are you interested in helping to shape county education policies? Applications are now being accepted for the Student Member of the Howard County Board of Education. The student elected by the students of Howard County will serve a one-year term on the Howard County Board of Education, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Applications are available in Student Services. Completed application packets must be received by Ms. Cindy Drummond, HCASC Advisor, HCPSS, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042 or by email, cindy_drummond@hcpss.org. no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, February 10, 2017.

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.

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/>.

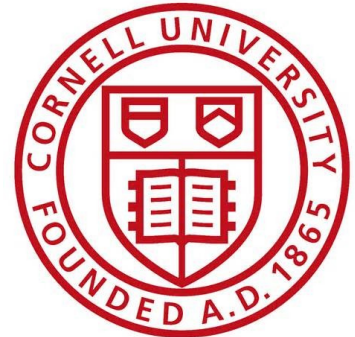
College Programs, News and Events

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

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.mtmlfoundation.org or call 443-768-6939.



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.

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 13 Howard Community College
Feb 28 US Navy Recruiter
Mar 3 Howard Community College

Open House Events

Bridgewater College

February 11, 2017

March 18, 2017

www.bridgewater.edu/visitcampus

Christendom College

February 20, 2017 - Spring Open House

April 24, 2017 - Spring Open House

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

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

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

Saturday, March 25 - Sophomore & Junior Visit

roanoke.edu/visit

Savannah College of Art & Design

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.upi.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 410-290-2920, TTY 410-312-0827.

**Howard County Arts Council
Visual and Performing Arts Summer Camp**



CALL FOR CAMP ASSISTANTS AND VOLUNTEERS

**Looking for a fun *summer job* or *community service hours*?
Come and work at the *Howard County Arts Council Summer Camp*!**

Camp Assistants and Volunteers serve as classroom aides and help ensure that campers have a positive and safe camp experience during week-long arts camps.



Visual and Performing Arts camps are offered to children grades K-7 in one week sessions from **June 26- August 18**. The following opportunities are available:

• **Camp Assistants**

- Must be age 18 by June 15, 2017
- Must commit to at least one full week session, Mon-Fri, 8:45am-3:45pm
- Position is seasonal and is paid at the rate of \$9.25/hr

• **Camp Volunteers**

- Must be age 15 by September 1, 2017
- Must commit to at least one full ½ day session, Mon-Fri, 8:45am-12pm or 12:30pm - 3:45pm
- Position is seasonal and unpaid; however, community service hours may be earned.

Application deadline is March 6, 2017.

For more information and to apply, visit the Howard County Arts Council website at <http://bit.ly/2i229MQ> (Camp Assistant) and <http://bit.ly/2i1YsXD> (Camp Volunteer).

Please call the Howard County Arts Council at 410-313-2787 with any questions.