

Student Services Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 11	PSAT/NMSQT Test Day
Oct 12	Junior Post-Secondary Planning Night - 6:30 pm In the Commons
Oct 15	HCPSS College Fair; 1-3 pm at Atholton High School
Oct 20	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Work Day
Oct 25	BSAP College & Career Opportunity Night - 5:30-9 pm at Long Reach High School
Oct 25	SAT Late Registration Deadline (late fee) for 11/4 Test
Oct 28	ACT Test Day
Nov 2	SAT Registration Deadline for 12/2 Test
Nov 3	ACT Registration Deadline for 12/9 Test
Nov 4	SAT Test Day

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PSAT Testing

PSAT testing will be administered on October 11, 2017 to all 10th and 11th grade students during school hours at Marriotts Ridge. PSAT practice booklets were distributed to all of these students last week to help them prepare for the upcoming exam. Students should bring a calculator and two number 2 pencils to the exam.

NMSQT Testing

This year, all 9th grade students will be taking the NMSQT Test on October 11, 2017. The NMSQT is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments and establishes a baseline for college and career readiness as students enter high school. There are no practice booklets to prepare for this test.

Attention Parents of Seniors: All 9th – 11th grade students will be participating in the administration of the PSAT and NMSQT on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Traditionally, seniors have used this day for college and career preparations. This is a good day to visit colleges and potential career sites and work on their college application. Seniors may also decide to come to school to complete work. Seniors who come to school to work need to report directly to Student Services. Due to testing, the Media Center computers will not be available on this day.

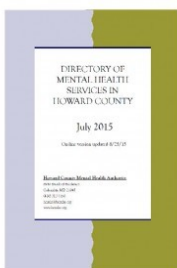
Students, please discuss your plans with your parents. If you plan to be absent to work on college and career prep, please complete the discretionary absence form and return it to the Main Office.

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NEED A WORK PERMIT? Go to: <https://www.dllr.state.me.us/childworkpermit>

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/2017/08/August-31-2017.pdf>

Junior Post-Secondary Planning Night
Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 pm
at MRHS in the Commons

CLASS OF
2019

This event is intended for the parents of current juniors. Student Services staff will share information about planning for post-secondary education and tips for junior year.

The **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE** (often written as **CSS PROFILE**), short for the College Scholarship Service PROFILE, is an application distributed by the College Board in the United States allowing college students to apply for financial aid.

The profile is completed in addition to the FAFSA. Check the list of participating schools to see if your students college of interest is listed.

Learn more: <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>

Attention Parents of Seniors: NEED HELP WITH THE FAFSA?

Marriotts Ridge High is providing the opportunity for families of MRHS Seniors to meet with counselors and college admission staff to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and related financial aid information on October 16th between 8:30 am and 3:00pm at Marriotts Ridge. Call 410-313-5446 for an appointment. Spanish speaking interpreters will be available, if needed. A maximum of 30 appointments may be scheduled. To complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the following information is required. This information must be brought with you when you come for your appointment: 1) The student and the parents FSA ID, if they already have one. 2) A copy of the student and/or the parent's 2016 Tax Returns, if they have filed. 3) A copy of the student and/or the parent's 2016 W2s and all 2016 untaxed income info. Untaxed information includes but is not limited to child support, housing, food, and other living allowances, veterans non-educational benefits, etc. If you are a dependent student, then you will also need most of the above information for your parent(s). Please take advantage of this free service to our MRHS parents and families.

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH CANVAS AND/OR SYNERGY?

hcpss.me
Instructional Apps
**STUDENT, TEACHER,
& PARENT PORTAL**



Canvas
Learning Management



Synergy
Student Information



HC Library

Please visit the following link for an overview and user guides:
<http://www.hcpss.org/connect/guides/>

If you are new to Howard County Public Schools, please stop by the main office for your log in information. You will then need to visit the media center to activate your account.



ARL Shadow Days

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PERMISSION FORMS FOR THE NOVEMBER ARL SHADOW DAYS IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH!!

The ARL is hosting Shadow Day opportunities for student in 9th & 10th grade Tuesday Nov. 7th, Wednesday, Nov. 8th, and Thursday Nov. 9th

If you are interested in exploring any of the academies listed below please fill out the appropriate permission slip (available in Student Services) and return to Ms. Nelson in Student Services by October 27th. Attending a Shadow Day can play an important role in a student's decision making as they go through the scheduling process for next school year. Remember that the academies are countywide programs and some Academies fill up quickly.

Below are the dates for the academy specific Shadow Days:

Tuesday, Nov 7th **Morning** (period 1 and 2) - **10th graders only**

Construction Management, Biotechnology, Computer Essentials-Cybersecurity, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Animation & Interactive Media

Tuesday Nov 7th **Afternoon** (periods 5 and 6) – **10th graders only**

Health Professions (Certified Nursing Assistant and EMT), Hotel & Restaurant Management

Wednesday, Nov 8th (periods 1 and 2) - **10th graders only**

Computer Networking-Cybersecurity, Architectural Design, Academy of Finance, Graphic Design, Automotive Technology, Systems and Project Engineering

Thursday, Nov 9th (periods 1 and 2)-**current 9th graders only**

*Early College Program in Cybersecurity * Aerospace Engineering-PLTW

* *These Shadow Day experiences ONLY are open to current 9th graders*

If you unable to attend the Shadow Day of choice, you are welcome to call the ARL directly to schedule a visit at 410-313-6998

For detailed information about each Academy go to <http://www.hcps.org/academies/>

For specific questions about the Academies and if they would be a good fit for your student, please contact your child's assigned counselor

SAT/ACT prep

October 10, 2017

SAT Test Dates

November 4, 2017
 December 2, 2017
 March 10, 2018
 May 5, 2018
 June 2, 2018

ACT Test Dates

October 28, 2017
 December 9, 2017
 February 10, 2018
 April 14, 2018
 June 9, 2018
 July 14, 2018

ACT/SAT Prep

Juniors and Sophomores—Are you ready for the ACT/SAT? 2017-2018 resources for SAT and ACT prep classes are available. The PTSA and Student Services are partnering with The Answer Class and Catalyst Prep to offer our students a variety of resources to help them improve their scores.

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 5,000 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!

YOU CHOOSE THE TWO-DAY CLASS THAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU:

2017-2018 SAT PREP AT MRHS

Sat., Oct. 21 from 9am-1pm &
 Mon., Oct. 23 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

OR

Sat., Feb. 10 from 9am-1pm &
 Mon., Feb. 12 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

2017-18 ACT PREP AT MRHS

M/W Mar. 12 & 14 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 the full schedule or to register, please visit
www.theanswerclass.com or call 410-997-3006.

College Programs and Events

Find your perfect college with one-Stop Shopping!

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



BALTIMORE

Monday, October 30, 2017: 9 am-12 pm & 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Tuesday, October 31, 2017: 9:00 am-11:30 am
Baltimore Convention Center

FREE!
Register today at
www.gotomynecf.com

WASHINGTON DC

Sunday, November 5, 2017: 12:30 pm-4 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday, November 12, 2017: 11 am-3:00 pm
Pennsylvania Convention Center

PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS - WASHINGTON DC

Sunday, October 1, 2017: 1 pm-3:30 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center

These free events are 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.nationalcollegefairs.org.

Upcoming College/Military Visits

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.



Oct 10	Vanderbilt University		
Oct 10	Howard Community College	Oct 31	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Oct 11	MICA		
Oct 12	University of Hartford	Nov 1	Emory University
Oct 13	Randolph College	Nov 3	Loyola University Maryland
Oct 16	University of South Carolina	Nov 3	Becker College
Oct 16	Virginia Tech	Nov 7	Savannah College of Art & Design
Oct 16	Catholic University of America		
Oct 16	Case Western Reserve University	Nov 8	Wilson College
Oct 17	Washington College	Nov 13	Howard Community College
Oct 17	King's College	Nov 14	Bethany College
Oct 17	University of South Florida	Nov 14	Wesley College
Oct 18	University of New Haven	Nov 14	The Temple: A Paul Mitchell Partner School
Oct 18	James Madison University	Nov 15	VCU Arts
Oct 18	Davis & Elkins College	Dec 4	United States Navy Recruiter
Oct 18	American University	Dec 8	Howard Community College
Oct 19	University of MD College Park		
Oct 19	Roanoke College		
Oct 19	York College of Pennsylvania		
Oct 19	Villanova University		
Oct 19	Stevenson University		
Oct 19	Saint Vincent College		
Oct 19	George Washington University		
Oct 23	Lehigh University		
Oct 24	West Chester University of PA		
Oct 25	University of Virginia		
Oct 25	School of the Art Institute of Chicago		
Oct 26	High Point University		
Oct 26	Albright College		
Oct 27	Hood College		
Oct 27	The College of New Jersey		
Oct 27	Johns Hopkins University		
Oct 27	University of Scranton		
Oct 27	Shepherd University		
Oct 31	The New School		

Open House Events

Brandeis University - Fall Open Houses

Saturday, October 14
Sunday, October 22
Saturday, October 28
Saturday, November 4
Sunday, November 12
brandeis.edu/fallforbrandeis

Christopher Newport - MD Reception

Turf Valley Resort
2700 Turf Valley Road
Monday, October 23 at 7pm

Discover MIT - Information Sessions

Walt Whitman High School-Shaw Auditorium
7100 Whittier Boulevard
Bethesda, MD 20817
October 12 at 7:00 pm

Franklin & Marshall College - Open House

October 14, 2017
October 21, 2017
November 11, 2017

Ithaca College

October 28, 2017
November 10, 2017
April 28, 2018
my.ithaca.edu

Landmark College

October 14, 2017
November 18, 2017
landmark.edu/visit

Loyola University Maryland - Open House

Saturday, October 28, 2017; 10am-3pm

McDaniel College - Discover McDaniel Day

October 20, 2017
November 20, 2017

NC State - Open House

Saturday, October 14 - 9am - 2pm

SAIC Days 2017

Saturday, October 21, 2017; 12-3pm
District Architecture Center
421 7th St. NW
Washington DC
Registration required: saic.edu/ugevents

Seton Hall University - Open House

October 15, 2017
November 19, 2017
February 18, 2018
April 22, 2018
www.shu.edu/visiting

Tufts University - Open Houses

Oct. 13 - Women in Engineering
Oct. 13 - Arts & Humanities
Oct 19-20 - Voices of Tufts Diversity Experience: Engineering *
Oct. 20 - Engineering
Oct 26-27 - Voices of Tufts Experience: Arts & Sciences
(*You must apply to participate in the Voices of Tufts Diversity Experience: visit admissions.tufts.edu/voices)

University of Virginia

October 22, 2017; 4:00 pm
Courtyard Gaithersburg Washingtonian Center
204 Boardwalk Place
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
Register [here](#)

Open House Events

Virginia Tech - Open House

November 11, 2017

November 12, 2017

<https://admissions.vt.edu/visit/openhouse.html>

West Virginia University - Audition & Portfolio Days

October 29, 2017

January 20, 2018

February 3, 2018

ccarts.wvu.edu



United States Military Academy West Point Information Night



Interested in attending West Point?

The West Point Southeast Regional Coordinator will be holding an Information Session on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Host: Howard High School Army JROTC Battalion

Location: Howard High School Cafeteria, 8700 Old Annapolis Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

POC: HoHS JROTC Instructors, 410-313-2878, patricia_marshall@hcpss.org

EXPLORE HCC AT OUR FALL OPEN HOUSE



**FOR PROSPECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO
TOUR OUR CAMPUS, AND LEARN ABOUT ADMISSIONS, FINANCIAL
AID & SCHOLARSHIPS, CAMPUS LIFE, AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.**

RSVP: WWW.HOWARDCC.EDU/SIGNUP



WHEN
October 11,
2017 8:00 AM

WHERE
SMITH THEATRE
10901 Little Patuxent
Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044

CHECK IN
HVPA LOBBY
PARK IN LOT A, B, OR C



HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council (TAC) will meet on **Monday, October 16 and Monday, November 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** TAC is open to all Howard County high school students and community service hours are available. Monthly meetings are held at The Barn (Teen Center) in the Oakland Mills Village Center. Free pizza is provided. Teens and parents must complete the registration form found on the Teen Advisory Council page at www.hcdrugfree.org and teens must RSVP to Admin@hcdrugfree.org before each meeting.

HC DrugFree's program, "Not My Child...Yes, Your Child" presented in partnership with **Marriotts Ridge High School PTSA and Mount View Middle School PTA** will be held on **Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 pm** in the Marriotts Ridge High School auditorium. This event is free and open to high/middle school parents, family members and any adults working with teens who think their children will never get involved with drugs and those who are already suspicious or dealing with a child's experimentation! Hear facts, strategies, experiences and encouragement and get your questions answered by HC DrugFree and its community partners, as well as parents and others with stories to share. For more information and to understand the importance of attending this event, view HC DrugFree's video at <https://vimeo.com/231604408> and contact HC DrugFree at 443-325-0040, Admin@hcdrugfree.org, or visit www.hcdrugfree.org.

HC DrugFree's Convenient Drive-Thru "Sharps"* and Medication Collection will be held on Saturday, October 28 at the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near The UPS Store and Slayton House from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers will direct traffic around the parking lot as **Howard County Police** receive and secure your medications for proper disposal and medical staff handle your sharps for proper recycling. To understand the importance this event, view HC DrugFree's video at <https://vimeo.com/231604408>. For more information about this event, how to dispose of medications throughout the year and more, contact HC DrugFree at 443-325-0040, Admin@hcdrugfree.org, or visit the Events-Take Back Day page at www.hcdrugfree.org. *(Sharps: needles, syringes and EpiPens)

HC DrugFree Is Looking for Parent/Adult Volunteers, so whether you have an hour a month or 10 hours a week to volunteer, please **email only** to Admin@hcdrugfree.org to let us know your availability. Be sure to say if you can type, are willing to drive to pharmacies or liquor stores, and if you have any special skills or interests.

For Grade 8–12 Students and their Parents:

BLACK STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM College & Career Opportunity Night



Empowerment Through Entrepreneurship

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

5:30–9:00 p.m.

Long Reach High School

6101 Old Dobbin Road, Columbia, 21045

Keynote Speaker




Omar S. Muhammad
Director of Entrepreneurial
Development &
Assistance Center,
Morgan State University

Highlights:

- College, Career, and Entrepreneur Representatives
- School Counselor One-to-One 20-minute Sessions
- Marching Band
- Focused Information Sessions



For updates, please visit:
www.hcpss.org/schools/bsap/

 Follow us on Twitter
@HCPSS_BSAP

Fall AND Winter Clothing Give Away!



FREE Clothing for All Ages, Infant to Adult
Saturday, October 28 • 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

North Laurel Community Center
9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, MD 20723



MORE INFORMATION: 410-313-0220 (VOICE/RELAY)
or mscinfo@howardcountymd.gov
www.howardcountymd.gov/msc

If you need this information in an alternate format, or need accommodations to attend this event, contact the MSC at 410-313-0220 or mscinfo@howardcountymd.gov at least one week in advance.