

October 24, 2017

Student Services Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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
Nov 10	Schools Close 3 hours early - End of Marking Period
Nov 17	Report Cards Issued
Nov 17	ACT Late Registration Deadline (late fee) for 12/9 Test
Nov 20-21	Schools Close 3 hours early - P/T Conferences
Nov 21	SAT Late Registration Deadline (late fee) for 12/2 Test
Nov 22	Schools Closed for students - P/T Conferences
Nov 23-24	Schools/Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 2	SAT Test Day
Dec 9	ACT Test Day

Counselors:

Jessica Little (A-CI)
Jodi Dubbs (CL-I)
Nicola Hildreth (J-L)
LaNae Nelson (M-SC)
Andrew Johnson (SE-Z)

Registrar: Joni Deison
Secretary: Karen Leaf

410-313-5446

UPDATE YOUR NAVIANCE ACCOUNT

Students: [Log into Naviance and update your email address.](#)

We cannot send email communication via Naviance until your email address is updated. Your email to inst.hcps.org does not receive Naviance communications.

To update your email, follow the directions below.

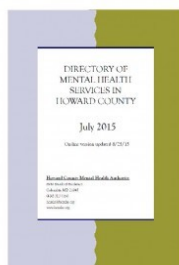
Log into Naviance, Click "about me", scroll down and click "profile". Click the pencil to edit your email.

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

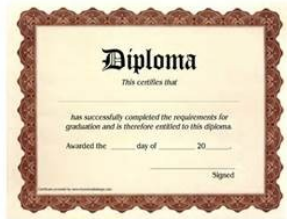
CRISIS TEXT LINE—Text **START to 741-741** for free, anonymous and confidential support at your fingertips, 24/7. Text 741-741 from anywhere in the USA, anytime, about any type of crisis and a live, trained Crisis Counselor will respond quickly.



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>

CLASS OF 2018

For Graduating Senior Students/Parents



This is to inform you that each graduate's name will be displayed on their diploma as is on their report card, with a first, middle and last name spelled out. This information is being retrieved from the school system database for each student.

Diploma Signature Forms were given out in English classes the week of September 11th, along with the blue senior folders. These forms are used to verify graduate's names and are to be signed and returned to Student Services as soon as possible.

If another copy is needed, please see Mrs. Leaf in Student Services.

Keep in mind that a diploma is a legal document. Students' legal names (as on their birth certificate) with a first, middle, and last name should be used.

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>

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH CANVAS AND/OR SYNERGY?

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



Canvas
Learning Management



Google Apps
for Education



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.hcpss.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 24, 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., Feb. 10 from 9am-1pm &
 Mon., Feb. 12 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

OR

Tues/Thurs, March 6 & 8
 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 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
Oct 31	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Oct 31	University of Rochester
Nov 1	Emory University
Nov 1	University of Baltimore
Nov 3	Loyola University Maryland
Nov 3	Becker College
Nov 7	Savannah College of Art & Design
Nov 8	University of Mary Washington
Nov 8	Wilson College
Nov 13	Howard Community College
Nov 14	Bethany College
Nov 14	Wesley College
Nov 14	The Temple: A Paul Mitchell Partner School
Nov 15	VCU Arts
Dec 4	United States Navy Recruiter
Dec 5	Montserrat College of Art
Dec 8	Howard Community College

Open House Events

Brandeis University - Fall Open Houses

Saturday, October 28
Saturday, November 4
Sunday, November 12

brandeis.edu/fallforbrandeis

Bridgewater College

November 11, 2017
February 3, 2018
March 17, 2018

bridgewater.edu/visitcampus

Davis & Elkins College

Saturday, November 11

www.dewv.edu

Franklin & Marshall College - Open House

November 11, 2017

Ithaca College

October 28, 2017
November 10, 2017
April 28, 2018

my.ithaca.edu

King's College

November 12, 2017

www.kings.edu

Landmark College

November 18, 2017

landmark.edu/visit

Loyola University Maryland - Open House

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

McDaniel College - Discover McDaniel Day

November 20, 2017

Seton Hall University - Open House

November 19, 2017
February 18, 2018
April 22, 2018

www.shu.edu/visiting

Skidmore College

November 10, 2017

skidmo.re/openhouse

Tufts University - Open Houses

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 Scranton

November 5, 2017

admissions.scranton.edu

University of New Haven

Sunday, November 12, 2017

newhaven.edu/openhouse

Virginia Tech - Open House

November 11, 2017
November 12, 2017

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

Wellesley College

November 11, 2017

wellesley.edu/admission/discover

West Virginia University - Audition & Portfolio Days

October 29, 2017
January 20, 2018
February 3, 2018

ccarts.wvu.edu

York College of PA

November 11, 2017

www.ycp.edu/fallopenhouse17



State Leadership Seminar

Each spring, more than 10,000 high school sophomores across the country join one of HOBY's 70 State Leadership Seminars where they:

- Engage in self-discovery and 3-4 days of life-changing leadership training.
- Explore leadership from three perspectives: individual, group, and society.
- Discover how personal, group, and societal leadership lead to social change.
- Cultivate their leadership skills through fun, interactive workshops.
- Become effective, ethical leaders in the home, school, and community.
- Experience college life by staying in university dorms and rooming with other sophomores from across the state.
- Return from the seminar with skills and inspiration to take action.

School administrators select and register students for the program at HOBY.org. Obtain your school ID and password by emailing registration@hoby.org with your high school's complete name and mailing address.

Learn more at HOBY.org/programs/leadership-seminars

HOBY.org



registration@hoby.org

Register by December 8,
2017, to guarantee spots for
your students.



818-851-3980 x400



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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 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

Highlights:

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

Keynote Speaker



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



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

Follow us on Twitter
[@HCPSS_BSAP](https://twitter.com/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.