

Student Services Newsletter



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 5	Schools closed for students - Professional day for staff
Feb 8	SAT Registration deadline for 3/9 test
Feb 9	ACT Test Day
Feb 18	Schools & offices closed - Presidents' Day
Feb 27	SAT Late Registration deadline (late fee) for 3/9 Test
Mar 8	ACT Registration deadline for 4/13 Test
Mar 9	SAT Test Day
Mar 25	ACT Late Registration deadline (late fee) for 4/13 Test
Mar 27	Junior Interview Day

Attention Seniors: Mid Year Reports to Colleges/Universities

This year, as in year's past, all Howard County Public Schools will send mid-year reports to all colleges for which students have previously requested a transcript. This will be automatically be done after February 17 and will include 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter and Mid Term Exam grades. Please know that colleges may give you a deadline for mid year reports, but colleges/universities do understand that all school systems do not follow the same grade reporting calendar and will accept mid year reports after the deadline.

Families can view the list your school will use by clicking on the "Colleges" tab and then the "Colleges I'm applying to" link in Naviance. If a student has changed the list of colleges to which they are applying, students should contact their counselor to make sure all documents required are submitted.

For Students Using the Common App:

A good step to take ahead of this process would be to confirm that your student's college list on Naviance matches the list in your student's Common App account (if using this tool).

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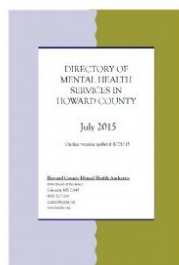
School counselors will meet with all 9th-11th grade students to review course requests and credit checks Jan 29 - Feb 13.



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/2015/10/HCMHA->

Junior Interview Day

You are invited!

2019 Junior Interview Day – March 27, 2019

MRHS Student Services is looking for parent volunteers to help with our Junior Interview Day, on March 27, 2019. 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.

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 **BY FEBRUARY 22**. 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. Please note: We create our schedule based on your RSVP. If at all possible, please try to keep your volunteer slot. If you have any questions, contact Karen Leaf at 410-313-5446 or Karen_leaf@hcpss.org.

Thank you for helping our MRHS students!

We can't hold this event without you!

<https://goo.gl/forms/GaVmZ8Onagm3kgTr1>

Parent Volunteers – PLEASE READ

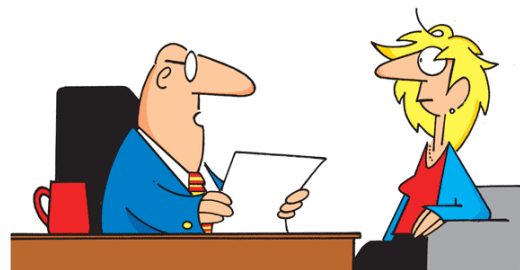
HCPSS has developed a brief training module and certificate of completion for anyone that volunteers at Marriotts Ridge or any other Howard County Public School. Both the module and certificate are located on the HCPSS website. **Parents/volunteers please complete the training and submit your certificate of completion to the front office before registering as a volunteer.**

The training is available at:

<http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

The training must be completed every school year. 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?"

SAT/ACT prep

February 2019

SAT Test Dates

March 9, 2019
May 4, 2019
June 1, 2019

ACT/SAT Prep

Juniors and Sophomores—Are you ready for the ACT/SAT? 2018-2019 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.

ACT Test Dates

February 9, 2019
April 13, 2019
June 8, 2019
July 13, 2019

OUTSMART THE SAT

Catalyst's SAT Bootcamp is a momentum-boosting two-day seminar that arms students with go-to strategies for every question they'll face on the day of the test. Topics include:

- * How to shortcut math problems
- * How to spot hidden clues
- * How to avoid the three sneaky ways SAT Writing & Language questions try to trick students
- * How to manage time

Students receive Catalyst's SAT prep book, bonus online prep, diagnostic tests and copies of essays that earned perfect scores on the actual SAT.

Where: Marriotts Ridge High School

When: 9am - 1pm on Saturday, February 23
AND Sunday, February 24

Tuition: \$195 for the entire course and materials.

ENROLL BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH.
Walk-in students cannot be accommodated.

To enroll, visit CatalystPrep.com and click on "Bootcamp Sign-up" on the website menu bar.

For more information, email info@CatalystPrep.com or call 800-235-0056.

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 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:

2018-2019 SAT PREP AT MRHS

Sat. Feb 2 from 9am-1pm & Mon. Feb 4 from 5:30pm-9:30pm

OR

M/W Apr 29 & May 1 from 5:30pm-9:30pm

2018-19 ACT PREP AT MRHS

Tu/Th Mar. 5 & 7 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

OR

Tu/Th June 25 & 27 from 9:30am-1:30pm

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.

Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel

ECYP is a partnership between the Baltimore Jewish Council and Congressman Elijah Cummings. The mission is to invest in promising teens from Maryland's 7th congressional district and prepare them to serve as open-minded leaders with the skills, community ties and global exposure critical to success in a diverse society.

Applications are now being accepted for the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel (ECYP), Class of 2021, at www.ecyp.org. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2019.



2019 Maryland Boys State Program- June 16-22, 2019 at McDaniel College

Are you a current 2019 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. Tuition for the program for accepted Boys is fully funded by The American Legion, Department of Maryland Posts and sponsors. Applications are due April 15, 2019. For more information, call 410-752-1405 or email boysstate@mdlegion.org.



**An informational session will be held in Mr. Malt's room (200)
after school on February 8.**

Scholarships

PTA COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply now for a PTACHC Scholarship in:

- * Teacher Education: \$1,000
- * General Academics - \$1,000
- * Community Service - \$500
- * Howard County Community College or any Two-year Associates Program: \$500

Applicants must be a senior, have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA in all coursework from grades 9 through first quarter of grade 12, have participated in extra-curricular activities all through high school, and have a financial need for college or technical school. Applications are available in Student Services and are due by APRIL 6, 2019.

Scholarship\$

February 2019

Attention Seniors!!!!

Maggie J. Brown Spirit of Columbia 2019 Scholarship Award

Columbia Association's scholarship program offers up to six \$2500 education awards to graduating high school seniors who exhibit exceptional efforts in providing community service to benefit Columbia residents and those in the Columbia area. To be eligible, students must:

- Be a June 2019 graduating senior from an accredited public, private or parochial high school
- Reside on assessment-paying property or have a parent/guardian who works full-time on or owns CA-assessed property
- Have a cumulative GPA of C or better

Applications available online: ColumbiaAssociation.org/Scholarship
For more information, call 410-715-3161

APPLICATION DEADLINE - MARCH 15, 2019



NEAL SULLIVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN TECHNOLOGY

IntelliGenesis is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to three, full-time 2019 high school graduates, who plan to major in Computer Science or another technology-related field. Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA, good moral character, and demonstrate financial need. A resume is required along with the application, which can be downloaded in Naviance.

ARONSON/WILLIS MEMORIAL AWARD - The Professional Staff of Howard County General Hospital is again sponsoring this award, which is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Barry Aronson and Eugene Willis, fellow members of the Professional Staff, who were enthusiastic supporters of school athletes. This year, two individual \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to one graduating male and one graduating female. The application must be completed and returned to the Office of Medical Staff Administration **no later than Friday, March 29, 2019**. A letter of recommendation from someone knowledgeable of the applicant's academic and sports abilities must accompany the application. Applicants must have participated in at least two varsity sports while maintaining the highest grade point average. Applications can be downloaded from Naviance or picked up in the Student Services Office.

WACE NATIONAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - Attention Seniors who are applying to any of the following institutions and planning to participate in college cooperative education: **Clarkson University, Drexel University, Johnson & Wales University, Merrimack College, Rochester Institute of Technology, State University of New York Oswego, The University of Toledo, University of Cincinnati or Wentworth Institute of Technology**

To qualify for this scholarship, students must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale, apply for admission for the 2019-2020 academic year at the institution(s) you select on the scholarship application and meet other merit scholarship criteria as established by the institution(s) selected on the application. To complete your application, please visit www.waceinc.org.

Deadline: February 15, 2019 (postmarked)

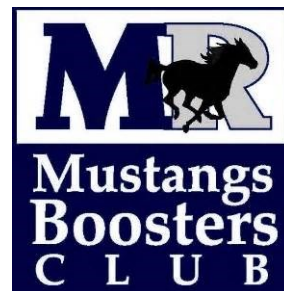
Be sure to check NAVIANCE regularly for updated SCHOLARSHIP information and for more details about the scholarships listed above!

Scholarship\$

MRHS BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadline: February 22, 2019

This Senior Scholarship is designed for a MRHS Booster club member who strives for excellence and has “*Made a Difference at Marriotts Ridge*” through a positive contribution to a school club, organization or sports team. Two awards in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded to defray the cost of any accredited institution of higher learning to which you have been accepted for the next academic year. Please note that applicant or applicant’s family must be a member of the MRHS Boosters Club and applicant must have a 2.5 GPA in order to apply for this award. Information on the application process is available on the Booster website at <http://www.mrhs-boosters.com/senior-scholarships>



MASONIC CHARITIES OF MD SCHOLARSHIP - One hundred \$500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors from MD Public High Schools. A \$5,000 winner and a \$2,500 winner will be selected from all local winners. Considerations include: leadership roles, a personal resume, academic record, financial need, and evaluation by school official. Applications can be picked up in Student Services or downloaded from Naviance and must be completed and returned to Student Services by Friday, March 1, 2019.

AFCEA Scholarships - The Central Maryland Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) will recognize outstanding high school seniors for their achievements and aid them in accomplishing their goals in higher education. AFCEA is a worldwide association for communications, electronics, information systems, and intelligence professionals. This year, AFCEA Central MD is offering two scholarships to a total of 17 potential students:

The Freedom Scholarship is awarded to those students who have overcome an adversity or hardship in their personal or family life.

The Merit Scholarship is awarded to those students who excel academically.

More information and applications can be found on Naviance. Applications can also be picked up in the Student Services Office.

WOMEN’S BOARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year, the Women’s Board, supporters of MedStar Montgomery Medical Center, awards scholarships to students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in the healthcare field, including associate, bachelor’s master’s and doctorate degrees. Scholarships can range from \$500 to \$4,000 and may be applied to tuition, room, board, books and fees. Apply online at MedStarMontgomery.org/Scholarship by 5:00 pm Friday, March 15, 2019.

Summer Programs

University of Maryland – Terp Young Scholars Program – July 7 - 26, 2019

The Young Scholars Program invites college-bound high school students to an outstanding pre-college experience at the University of Maryland.

Pursue academic interests and discover career opportunities

Earn **three university credits**

Participate in seminars, workshops, and social activities

Explore university life

This summer, live like a Terp and find out what college is all about. To learn more, visit ysp.umd.edu or email ysp@umd.edu



Applications open February 19 and close June 15, 2019

AG DISCOVERY At the University of Maryland

Spend three weeks this summer at the University of Maryland College Park in an immersive hands-on learning experience. See science in action as we explore animals, plants, food, culture, and the environment and discover the career opportunities that can stem from studying agricultural and natural resource sciences. Participants earn three hours of university-level course credits through the Terp Young Scholars Program.

When/Where: July 7 - 26, 2019 in College Park, MD - Participants stay in campus residence halls for the duration of the program.

Who Can Apply: Any students in grades 9-11 who have not already participated in Ag Discovery at the University of Maryland College Park

Costs: Students accepted into the Program pay transportation costs to the University. Other associated program fees are covered by the USDA.

Apply Today at www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery

Applications are due March 15, 2019

Summer Programs

LEADERSHIP U: Are you interested in making a difference? Consider joining Leadership U Class of 2019! 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:

February 11 at Central Library

March 7 at Miller Library

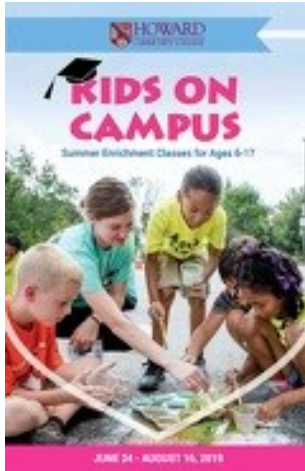
All sessions are from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Visit www.leadershiphc.org for applications and more information.

Applications are due Thursday, March 14, 2019

HCPSS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Visit
www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/
for more information and to register

**HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2019 KIDS ON CAMPUS**

HCC Kids on Campus courses provide wonderful enrichment options covering a wide variety of subject areas for ages 6-17. The program runs from June 24 through August 16 with both half and full day options. In addition, before and after care options are available for working parents.

The 2019 brochure is now available on line at <http://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/courses/kids-on-campus/>

Cornell University presents Two Summer Engineering Programs:**Catalyst Academy Summer Program**

July 14-20, 2019 (Application Deadline March 1, 2019)

Catalyst Academy is a high school summer program in Engineering. This one week program is for rising high school 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 14-20, 2019 (Application Deadline March 1, 2019)

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>

Upcoming College/Military Visits

Feb 26 DeSales University

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 - Open House

February 2, 2019

March 16, 2019

bridgewater.edu/visitcampus

Case Western Reserve - Open Houses

February 18

March 29

April 5, 12, 19

case.edu/admission

Ithaca College - Open Houses

April 27, 2019

my.ithaca.edu

Messiah College

Monday, February 18 - Open House

Saturday, April 6 - Open House

Seton Hall University—Open Houses

February 17

April 14

www.shu.edu/visiting