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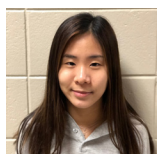
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Mr. Dubbs Named 2019 Teacher of the Year



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It is often said that teachers are like coaches. This comparison makes sense; whether it be in the classroom or out on the field, teachers and coaches care for their students and athletes, teach them, and help them improve. Mr. Mark Dubbs Jr., the recipient of 2019's Teacher of the Year at Marriotts Ridge, takes on both of these roles with remarkable competence and passion.

Mr. Dubbs has been teaching for 30 years at a number of schools in Howard County, including Oakland Mills and River Hill. Currently at Marriotts Ridge, he teaches Human Geography and Economics. He also coaches the Track and Field and Golf teams.

In the classroom, Mr. Dubbs has a relaxed approach towards teaching and creates a comfortable environment for his students. Senior Isaac Kim commented about the class, "Mr. Dubbs is a teacher who truly cares about his students, is passionate about what he teaches at school, and is a friendly person to talk to outside of class.

Throughout his classes, he always makes sure that his students are able to comprehend the lecture by directly asking whether or not we understood what he taught us. It was obvious to me that he deserved the teacher of the year award."

Mr. Dubbs also goes beyond what

This all fits in well with what I teach since I teach social sciences."

Kim specified how Mr. Dubbs teaches life lessons in class: "Mr. Dubbs uses interactive lessons that apply to the unit we are learning about. This allows the student to truly enjoy and apply the knowledge

better known as Coach Dubbs, and he exhibits the same kind of compassion and good-naturedness. Senior Matt Mellstrom, who had Mr. Dubbs as a teacher and coach, said, "He always interacts with everyone and makes sure that everyone is involved with everything. He wants to help you get better."

The feelings that the seniors have towards Mr. Dubbs are reciprocated, as they have a special place in his heart. Mr. Dubbs commented, "The seniors are wonderful and I had a great time teaching them, working with them, and coaching them. They are a very special group."

It is clear that the seniors adore him, but what actually makes Mr. Dubbs so unique? Mr. Dubbs, claiming he is not very unique, said, "I think that being caring as a teacher is important, and there are already a lot of caring people at this school, so instead of being unique, I just hope I can fit in with them."

This answer seems to best showcase who Mr. Dubbs is: a humble, kind teacher who values compassion towards students and staff. He appears to be the perfect embodiment of what a Teacher of the Year should be.



Mr. Dubbs poses for a picture with his students.

is in the class curriculum and strives to have a greater influence on his students. He said, "I love being a role model. I like teaching life lessons during my classes and helping to make my students better citizens.

to our daily lives. Sometimes he even gives us a mental break by telling us an important "pearl of wisdom" to use in the real world or even a funny story."

On the field, Mr. Dubbs is

A Night Among the Stars: MRHS Prom



Brice Handel
News Editor

On Saturday May 4, Marriotts Ridge students got dressed up and headed to Baltimore to attend this year's prom which was held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront.

The venue for this year's prom was very well received by those in attendance. The four-star hotel is located right on the inner harbor and is within walking distance to the National Aquarium and many other Baltimore attractions while a short drive could take you to Camden Yards or M&T Bank Stadium. The upscale hotel certainly fit this year's theme of "A Night Among the Stars." Students headed straight upstairs to a large ballroom with lots of seating outside. Formal dinner tables surrounded the large dance floor which was packed nearly the entire night. Spanning nearly the length of the dance floor was a large DJ booth with a few lighting fixtures. There were several options for food and drinks including salad, sliders, quesadillas, and much more. Senior Ben Rikon said, "The food at prom was really good and it was

nice how big the ballroom was so you had room to move around."

Everyone has a different reason for going to prom. Maybe you just want the pictures, maybe you only care about after prom, or maybe you want to dance the night

Center to attend after prom. After prom is highly anticipated throughout the night as there are lots of opportunities for good food, fun, and tons of prizes. Hungry students could enjoy the various food options including Chick-

concert tickets, a GoPro, an iPad, an Apple Watch and a mini fridge which will certainly come in handy for people living in dorms next year.

Senior, Rosie Kendall, said "After prom is definitely great for everyone because there's something for everyone. No matter what you feel like doing there's something you'll like there." Every year the MRHS PTA works hard to put together activities and entertainment to provide students with a safe, fun experience after prom. It's well worth it especially considering that it only costs \$10 plus another \$10 for the optional transportation that the school provides. After prom is a great opportunity to hang with friends and you don't even need to attend prom to go. Anyone who buys a ticket can go and enjoy all the fun there is to be had at after prom.

For anyone looking for photos from the MRHS Prom, the Baltimore Sun published a photo album titled "2019 Marriotts Ridge High School Senior Prom" which has 90 photos from throughout the night.



Stallion staff Mark Antico, Claire Giannino, and Brice Handel at prom.

away. Whatever your reason for attending prom was, it certainly turned out to be a hit thanks to all the planning and hard work by students, teachers, and parents.

Prom wrapped up around 11pm and many students headed to the Glenwood Community

Fil-A, Qdoba, waffles, ice cream, and donuts while those looking to get active could play Criss Cross Collision Course or Behemoth Beach Volleyball in the gym. Additionally, a raffle finished off the night where students could win various prizes. Those prizes include

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Spring Trip at Disney World



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For the MRHS music division, a long year of performances, adjudications, and competitions has reached the perfect culmination: a successful spring trip to Orlando, Florida. And even better than the numerous awards MRHS pocketed after their performances? A day in Universal Studios and all the rides, food, and Harry Potter memorabilia a student could possibly want.

Of course, this level of excellence does not come without personal drive and sacrifice; Marriotts Ridge students are among the best of the best in all fields, and it is not because they slack off. Hours of detailed practice time both in and outside of school are not only encouraged but expected by the driven music instructors at MRHS. Vocal director Mr. Rawlings reported that, “We took about 3 1/2 months learning the material that would be used to compete with. Three of the choirs had also been adjudicated prior to the competition, which allowed us to implement judging commentary from those performances.”

Following months of hard work, the many musical sections of MRHS took a lengthy bus ride to Florida on April 2nd for their chance to prove to the judges, and

themselves, that the musicianship and dedication exhibited by the bands sets Marriotts Ridge apart from the typical high school. Upon arriving at Universal, the Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Symphony Strings, and Jazz groups

Ensemble followed close behind with a 2, a rating of excellence.

Based on their comments, the judges were quite blown away, with one exclaiming that the tone of the Stage Band was, “To die for!” And how did the students reflect on their

arts. On the HCPSS website, it is affirmed that, “Music education is a vital component of the total education a student receives. Through the study of music, all students develop knowledge and skills that prepare them to experience the power of music in human existence.” Truly, none of the outstanding talent displayed by the musical division would be possible without the resources and backing from administrators who understand the importance of music.

Finally, any discussion or report about the spring trip would not be complete without a mention of Universal Studios. One of the highlights of the trip was time to explore the theme park, which boasts of four roller coasters and too many attractions, eateries, and gift shops to count. When asked about her favorite moment of the spring trip, sophomore flutist Emily Shi said, “Dragon Alley and Hogsmeade in Universal Studios.”

There is no lingering doubt that Marriotts Ridge possesses some of the best and brightest musically, and Mr. Ellis, the band director, said with pride, “I have the best music job in the country. I wouldn’t want to teach anywhere else. I am so proud of ALL of our music students. It is an honor to get to work with such talented and dedicated students every day.”



Students on the spring trip smile ecstatically.

each played their best, followed by a performance from Chorale, Madrigals, Women’s Ensemble, and Men’s Ensemble at the Chapel. The work ethic that the Mustangs are famous for most definitely paid off, as the predominate mark earned by the ensemble groups was a 1, which is a rating of superior, and Women’s

performance? Junior percussionist Maia Dunchak said, “Amazing! We won a bunch of trophies!”

What allowed Marriotts Ridge to be this successful? Howard County, and Marriotts Ridge in particular, excels musically due to the priority this school system places on an education in the fine

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THE STALLION Your College Dorm Prep Checklist

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Are you not sure where to start preparing before heading off to college next school year? Here is a list you can go through and personalize to your own needs in order to help you create your own college dorm checklist.

Now that you've declared what college you will be attending next year it's time to start thinking about what you're going to bring with you to college. A good place to start is with essentials like bedding and toiletries. One of the first places you look when figuring out what college you attend is looking at the dorms and learning about the bathroom arrangements. Beds in college dorms are usually a twin-size bed, therefore buying a new set of sheets and a comforter should be at the top of your list. Are the bathrooms private or shared? If you're sharing a bathroom with a floor or you're in a suite with three other people, you'll want your toiletries to be portable therefore a tote bag or caddy would be practical. Also, flips flops or any shoes you wouldn't mind walking to the showers in.

Next on your list should be clothing

and laundry. What's the weather going to be like in that area? Pack accordingly, but don't bring all your clothing at once. There won't be enough room in your dorms

out what furniture is provided so you can figure out what you need to bring like storage cubes and boxes you can put under your bed. Also, bring hangers for your closet



Here's a great example of a well-organized dorm desk.

storage for your entire wardrobe. Where will you wash your clothes? You'll need a hamper to carry your clothes in, but also one that doesn't take up a lot of space in your room.

Next personalizing your dorm room and school supplies. Figure

and a bedside or desk lamp. For school supplies, make sure you bring what you like to have to study like index cards or highlighters.

Next is electronics. You should decide if you want to bring your own printer or just use the schools.

Don't forget your power cord or laptop! "It's important to bring a good laptop as most of school is now done online and you don't want to have technical issues," advised Senior Megan Blackman.

If you're planning on bringing a mini fridge, microwave, or coffee pot, make sure to communicate with your roommate so you don't bring any duplicates. However, be sure to make sure your college allows the appliances you want to bring with you.

Finally, cooking and food. Find out the policy for food in your dorm before buying or bringing anything on campus. Don't bring any perishables food to keep in your room; you might forget to throw it away which could cause your room to stink. Dry foods are the best to keep in your room if you're craving a late-night snack, such as popcorn, ramen, or mac n' cheese.

There are others things that aren't on this list that you might need to think about such as doctors appointments, being outside, and sports. Create a list of your own personalized with what you need and want for your dorm. Good luck at college next year!

Soothing Summer Activities



Abigail Kim
Staff Writer

The end of the year is getting closer and closer, and each day you'll become increasingly curious as to what you want to do during your two months of being school-free. To help you figure out what you want to do, here are some recommendations! "I'm planning to hang out with some old friends this year. I recommend trying something new during the summer, since that opportunity is unavailable during the school year," advises Freshman Arya Gevaria.

As said above, summer is full of chances to explore new activities. Although it's a given that you can lay on your couch and binge watch some new Netflix shows, it would be much more productive to find a new hobby or two during your break.

"I actually do have some plans for this summer. I'm going with some friends to see a concert sometime in July. I'm excited to see some performances, and I hope it will be fun," described Freshman Matthew Stringer. Along with the many other activities that you can complete during the summer, visiting music events or

gatherings could also prove to be a quite fun adventure. If you know of any tours or concerts that are coming up, ask for permission to go and get some tickets as quick as possible.

"We're decorating our house by placing different pictures throughout

and organization would be a good way to rid of your boredom and get ready for the next school year. Simply fixing up your closet or changing the layout of your room can prove to be fun and new, while placing some new decorations



These are some ideas of soothing summer activities.

the rooms. I'll also be attending some fun camps for volleyball," said Freshman Sanjana Chokkaku.

Since school's out, you're probably going to be cooped up in your house with nothing to do. Decoration

can be exciting as well. This way, you won't have to worry about organizing during the school year!

"I'm going to get my permit during the summer, and our

family is thinking of travelling to New York City," said Sophomore Megana Kamala.

Travelling is definitely known to be one of the more popular ways to spend your months of summer vacation. Have a discussion with your friends or family and, if you feel up to it, try to find a place to travel to for a couple weeks. Whether you choose to go hot or cold, find a location that feels right to you.

"For summer, I spend my days relaxing at home with my brother. When it gets too lonely, I hang out with friends nearby for a while," explained Freshman Lacee Adams.

Most people decide to spend their summers lounging around at home. If so, there are some opportunities to do some things inside or outside your house. Like what is most popular today, simply streaming a show you were interested in could take up your attention for weeks.

No matter how you spend your summer, just make sure you have fun doing it. Continue studying so you don't forget any information you learned during this year. Have a fun and enjoyable summer!

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Congratulations to the Class of 2019!



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MRHS Baseball's New Team

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Sports Editor

After making an appearance in the Regional Championship last year, Marriotts Ridge Baseball looks to build off of last year's success and have another strong season on the diamond.

"Our team consists of many close relationships, and everyone is invested in winning", said Senior Gavin Ross. After getting eliminated earlier than they wanted to last year, the team wishes to reload and establish a winning culture. This team has won 2 County championships in two years but have failed to make it to the State Championship, needless to say that is a major goal for this year's team.

Senior Aleksei Guzman, a new player on this year's team, has a strong baseball background and has decided to continue his baseball career at the collegiate level at Penn State University. With a big future ahead of him, he still remains focused on continuing the success that Marriotts Ridge has had the last two years. "My

main goals for this team are to win our third consecutive County Championship and our school's first State Championship," said Guzman. His time and energy is fully focused on bringing success to the Marriotts Ridge baseball program this year, and the program is excited to see

Senior Gavin Ross said, "the people who are filling in are meshing well with our team and understanding our style of play." These are strong words from a four year Varsity player who has been a part of the program for the back to back County Championships.



The boys baseball team talks before a game.

what he can bring to the table.

With people graduating, the next wave of varsity players are supposed to step into these roles.

One of the new players includes Junior Justin Woodbury. Justin is on the Varsity team for the first time and is already seeing the field

often. Justin is an excellent pitcher for the Mustangs, a group that continues to be successful every year. He is not a one dimensional player; he can pitch, but also finds himself playing in centerfield often. He is comfortable here and has excelled in his role. When asked what his personal goals were, he said, "Personally, I want to win more than anything."

Senior Aleksei Guzman, another new player, had this to say about fitting in with his new team, "I fit in great with the team. They have welcomed me with open arms this season." This team values their relationships with one another and makes sure that no one is left out. A strong chemistry has helped this team overcome their losses and celebrate their victories.

From top to bottom, this year's team has the capability of producing yet another County Championship and making it to the school's first State Championship. If new players step up and excel at their respective positions and put together a fantastic run, this team will be primed for yet another deep postseason run.

Another Strong Season Ahead For MRHS Lacrosse



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After winning the State Championship the season prior, it is a difficult feat for any team to rebuild themselves enough to be just as competitive as they were the year before. But as spring rolls around and lacrosse season is in full swing, our boys team attempts to do just that.

The boys lacrosse team appears to be a strong contender yet again this year, with the rumor being that they have one of the strongest defenses in the county, as well as a strong offense, that, in combination with each other, will lead Marriotts Ridge to an exciting playoff run. After finishing the regular season off with an impressive 11-1 record, the team took the field against what some would call their in-county rivals, the Glenelg Gladiators early on this season. Both the players and the coaches knew that this game would be a pivotal point in their regular season, setting the stage for a possible face off against the Gladiators later on in the playoffs. Offensive player Jack Ault hinted

at this, stating, "There's definitely a chance we see them [Glenelg] again in the playoffs, but we knew we couldn't be thinking about that yet. If we start thinking about playoffs too early, we expose ourselves to not being as prepared and focussed

multiple lead changes, ties, and eventually push the game into a golden goal (first team to score wins), four minute overtime period. With the score tied at 6-6, the boys needed to find it in themselves to keep pushing and find a way to

Goalie Colin Kelley collecting an impressive eight saves throughout the game, it was up to the offensive squad to find the back of the net.

Despite doing a great job of running, cutting and driving for a full game already, the offensive players needed to somehow find their way to goal again. And only a few minutes into the overtime period, Junior Tommy Rudo did just that. Wrapping around from behind Glenelg's goal, cutting in and delivering a quick but powerful shot to the bottom right corner, Rudo snuck the ball past Glenelg's keeper and won the game for the Mustangs. "It was honestly just, like, I didn't even know what I was doing," Rudo told reporter Tim Schwartz in a sideline interview after the game. In a marathon of a celebration, the boys ran across the field with hands held high in the air. They had won the game that would put them at an impressive 4-1 and propel them into the rest of their regular season with confidence.

The boys turn their focus to the playoffs and hope to recapture the State Championship that they did just one year ago.



Sophomore John Miller during a game.

for each game." While this is a valid point, fans and spectators could not help but imagine how this game would affect both teams later on.

The game itself did not disappoint. The two teams scored back and forth enough to cause

score. "At that point we were all pretty drained," Senior Cameron Schalte said, "but these are the games we live for. We wanted the win and knew it would take all of us to do it." With their defense holding up strong and Senior

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THE STALLION Girls Lacrosse



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The Marriotts Ridge girls lacrosse team has had a fast start to the season and looks to keep up its winning ways with hardwork and focus.

When the girls were asked how their season is going so far, all the girls that were interviewed had a positive response. Sophomore Lauren Fisher said, “The season’s going well so far. We have won our first three games and look to continue that winning streak.” Fisher wasn’t the only player who’s been feeling good about the season so far. Sophomore, Morgan Lee added, “the season is going really well, I really like the team, and all the other girls.” This sounds like the girls are creating good chemistry with one another and are winning games at the same time.

When asked what they are doing well as a team, Fisher said, “we work really well together, and have a lot of good team chemistry, and right now I think we just need to keep doing what we’re doing,

because we’re playing well together and winning a lot of games.” If the team keeps working hard at practice and working well together on and off the field, they should continue to win games as the season goes on.

very hard in practice.” Practice is very important and it is where a team can get better every single day. The team has been taking advantage of this opportunity and has worked hard on the practice field.



The girls lacrosse team on the field.

Sophomore Morgan Lee also stated, “To add on to what Lauren said we work really well together as a team, and we also stay focused and work

The girls also had some comments on how they could improve their season. Junior Eloise Clevenger stated, “we need to go practice by

practice and game by game and not rush things. We also need to put more effort and work into the things we’re struggling at.” Sophomore Natalie Held had a different opinion on that, saying, “I think our team has been playing amazing so far, and we just need to keep doing what we’re doing and giving it our all.” Throughout a season, a team will go through ups and downs, but if the Mustangs can work out their small problems, they should continue their recent success they have had.

So far the girls have been off to a great start to the season and have been playing very well together. They’re are having a lot of fun playing with each other while also putting in a lot of hard work. A big reason to the girls success this season is their hard work and focus at practice, which has translated into winning a lot of games this season. All of their great practices give them more confidence and energy for upcoming games. The team can continue to work on a few minor things, but nothing too major. If the girls keep playing, it’s going to be a great season for the Mustangs.

Track and Field Setting New Records



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The Mustangs Track and Field team have been blowing by the competition, winning meets and setting records. As they approach the end of the season, the Mustangs look to set more records and run away with more titles.

With a larger team, not everyone is invited to the meets. Most of the team just practices, but the ones who are participating in the meets are competing at a very high level. Juniors Montara Clay, Audrey Mullins, Camille Liparini, and Jada Charon were one second away from setting a school record for the 4 by 100 meter relay race. They finished in 53.4 seconds, whereas the school record is 52.3 seconds. The biggest issue for the Mustangs are the individual times. “I am worried because it depends on how many points you get which means we need to do very well on Individuals,” says Jada Charon. An individual event will eventually get counted in to the total score at the end of the meet, which is how a team wins the meet overall. Invitationals are an event, as a sports

competition, restricted to those who have been invited to participate. These are very important because it is against different schools outside of the county, this is different

and to build strength. Junior Nick Harris, is a star receiver on the Mustangs football team says, “track helps me get faster and makes me want to get better for football

maybe a basketball player wants to increase their quickness so they run the 100 meter sprint. With a lot of available spots on the team, anyone can participate in track and not participate at the meets. Other athletes choose to run Track to stay ahead of the competition for their respective sport.

With such a large team the practices can be crowded, so the Coach will split them off into different position groups. There is long distance, sprinters, and shot put. This allows athletes to choose the position group they want to work with and what they want to improve. This also allows the large group to be more spread out and make the practice run a lot smoother.

This years Track and Field team looks to set record at meets and become better athletes. They work hard even on their off days and have the drive to succeed. While some athletes are staying in shape for their respective sport and look to compete at practice everyday to build strength and endurance. This large group of athletes has worked hard each and every day on the track to better themselves for the team, the Mustangs will look to run away with multiple victories at their meets.



Junior Montara Clay runs with speed on the track.

competition then the Mustangs will see throughout the season and at the County Championship.

Track and field is also helping out other athletes who play different sports. It helps the athletes stay in shape throughout their offseason

because I know I will be better than ever when football season comes along.” Most athletes run track to help them better themselves for their main sports. Like for soccer player they might run track to help with long distance running. Or