December 2018

Student Services Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 1	SAT Test Day
Dec 4	CHS/HoHS Overcrowding Options Family Night MRHS 7pm
Dec 8	ACT Test Day
Dec 24-Jan 1	Schools Closed - Winter Break
Jan 8, 9, 10	ARL Shadow Days (more information will follow)
Jan 10	Incoming 9th Grade Parent Night 6:30pm (snow date Jan 17)
Jan 15	PSAT Score Report Workshop 6:30pm - Student Services
Jan 21	Schools/Offices Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 23-25	High Schools Close 3 hours early - Mid Terms
Jan 28	All Schools Close 3 hours early - Professional Work Day

Marriotts Ridge High School

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New Program and Opportunities for MRHS Students in the SY 2019-20

HCPSS Staff are hosting a parent information session on the programmatic options available to reduce enrollment at Centennial and Howard High Schools. This family session will share information on the opportunity to participate in Project Lead The Way Biomedical Science, Computer Science, or Aerospace Engineering programs to be held at Marriotts Ridge High School; student reassignment, shuttles to HCC, and career development options. Parents of rising 9th-12th graders are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, December 4th @ Marriotts Ridge High School - 7-8:30pm

New Student/Parent Orientation - Class of 2023!

Orientation for new students and parents of the Class of 2023 will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019. Topics include graduation requirements, Grade 9 courses that will be offered, course registration process and more.

Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019 (snow date: Jan. 17)
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Place: MRHS Auditorium

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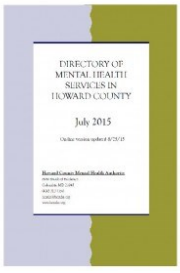
NEED A WORK PERMIT? Go to:

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/2015/10/HCMHA-

SAT/ACT prep

SAT Test Dates

December 1, 2018
March 9, 2019
May 4, 2019
June 1, 2019

ACT Test Dates

December 8, 2018
February 9, 2019
April 13, 2019
June 8, 2019
July 13, 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.

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.

PSAT Score Report Evening Workshop - At this workshop, we will cover what your PSAT score means, what to expect on the SAT and ACT, and how to use your PSAT results to help you prepare for upcoming college entrance exams. Parents and students are invited to attend to learn more about these important tests.

WHEN - January 15th at 6:30 pm
WHERE - Student Services Conference Room

ASVAB TESTING / December 13

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be administered here at Marriotts Ridge on December 13th at 7:25 am in the TV Studio. Interested students should contact Mrs. Leaf in Student Services.

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.

ARL INFORMATION SESSION

Learn how the Career Academies provide high school students with opportunities to earn college credit, scholarships and industry certifications; participate in worksite and mentorship experiences; and become creative problem solvers by participating in hands-on project-based learning. Current Career Academy students and alumni will share their experiences.

Tuesday December 11, 7-9pm
HCPSS ARL Building

APPLY TO BE A VOLUNTEER AT THE MARYLAND SCIENCE CENTER

The Maryland Science Center has a volunteer opportunity for interested high school students. Each year during the winter and early spring, children from 1st to 5th grade can attend a camp-in program. The children come to the Science Center, participate in some science-based workshops, visit the planetarium, and explore the museum. High school student volunteers are needed to facilitate these events.

Volunteers do not stay overnight; they complete their sessions on Friday or Saturday evenings between 5pm - 11pm. Volunteers help with check-in, snack and science-based workshop activities. Volunteers earn up to 6 hours of service credit for each event. Volunteers are asked to commit to at least 4 evenings. The Camp-In Program runs late January through early May.

- Volunteers must be at least 15 years old and in 10th grade.
- Volunteers must be comfortable interacting with students between the ages of 6 and 12 years old.
- Volunteers must be enthusiastic about science and be able to follow directions.

Applications can be found in Student Services or online at:
https://www.mdsci.org/positions/camp-in-youth-volunteer/

Send any questions to campin@mdsci.org

Scholarship$

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

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 or 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

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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.

Save the Date!

JUNIOR INTERVIEW DAY

Parent volunteers! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Volunteers will be needed to conduct mock interviews with our current juniors. More information and sign up will follow after Winter Break.

"Any other people skills, besides 400 Facebook friends?"

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.

Dec 5	Virginia Commonwealth University
Dec 13	Howard Community College
Dec 19	Boston College

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

Ithaca College - Open Houses
April 27, 2019
my.ithaca.edu

Meredith College
January 26 - Open House for Seniors

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