

Student Services Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 8, 9, 10	ARL Shadow Days
Jan 8	PSAT Score Report Workshop 6:00pm - Cafeteria
Jan 10	Incoming 9th Grade Parent Night 6:30pm (snow date Jan 17)
Jan 11	ACT Registration deadline for 2/9 test
Jan 18	ACT Late Registration deadline for 2/9 test (late fee)
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
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

Counselors:

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Jodi Dubbs (CL-I)
Pauline Baek (J-L)
LaNae Nelson (M-SC)
Andrew Johnson (SE-Z)

Registrar: Joni Deison
Secretary: Karen Leaf

410-313-5446

Welcome to Student Services!

Please welcome Mrs. Pauline Baek to Student Services. She is replacing Ms. Hildreth, who recently accepted a position at Central Office. Prior to completing a full-time internship at Mt. Hebron, Mrs. Baek completed her Masters in Education for School Counseling, while teaching social studies at Murray Hill Middle School. She brings the perspective of a teacher who has taught in three states, as well as the perspective of a corporate career changer. When Mrs. Baek is not at work, she and her husband enjoy their time with their elementary, middle and high-schooler. She is grateful to have the opportunity to join the staff at Marriotts Ridge!

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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

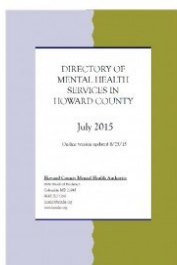
CLASS OF 2023



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

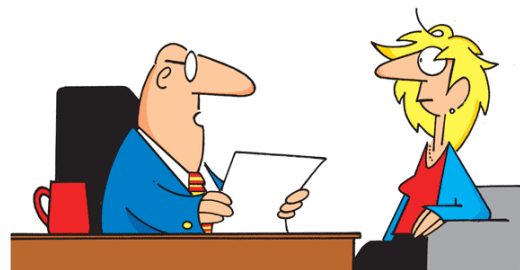
HCPSS has developed a brief training module and certificate of completion for anyone that volunteers at Marriotts Ridge or any other Howard County Public School. Both the module and certificate are located on the HCPSS website. **Parents/volunteers please complete the training and submit your certificate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

The training is available at:

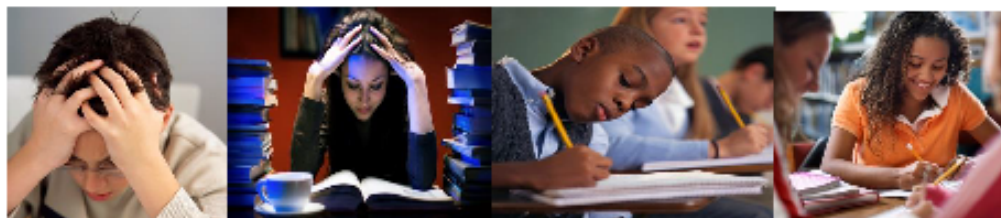
<http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

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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MAAAC 2019 MIDTERM MADNESS CARE PACKAGE EVENT

Before you know it, your student will be taking midterm exams. Let your son or daughter know that you are thinking about him/her during MIDTERMS. This year the Mustang African American Awareness Club (MAAAC) will be offering hand packed care packages filled with energizing goodies, items to help them study, as well as a personalized note from you, if you desire.

The cost of the Midterm Madness Care Package is \$10.00 (please make all checks payable to MRHS/MAAAC). Proceeds will help MAAAC fund community outreach activities, and purchase supplies and educational materials for our club. Your support is greatly appreciated! All orders must be placed by Friday, January 18, 2019. Order forms may be dropped off in Student Services to Ms. Green.

Send a small package of motivation to the students you LOVE! Packages will be delivered on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 to the student's 6th period class. Drop off the completed order form with the payment in Student Services to Ms. Green.

Example Package Contents:

Granola Bar	Highlighter	Study Tip Reminders
Water	Post-it Notes	Pencils
Halo, Cutie or Apple	Fruit Snack	Popcorn

*Package contents will depend on availability, but students will have the same number of items listed above. *

ORDER DEADLINE: Friday, January 18, 2019 (Please Print)

Midterm Madness Care Package Order Form		
Student Name:	Grade:	Relationship to Student:
Sender's Name:	6 th Period Teacher's Name & Room #:	
Personalized Message/Note: (Please Print)	Payment: Cash/Check Make check's payable to MRHS/MAAAC Club	

SAT/ACT prep

January 2019

SAT Test Dates

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

ACT Test Dates

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 8th at 6:00 pm
WHERE - Marriotts Ridge Cafeteria



PSAT Information Night

Kaplan Test Prep and Marriotts Ridge High school are happy to provide this **free workshop** to aid high school students and their parents with the college admissions process. Join us for this free event on Jan 8th.

Wondering what your PSAT score means?

Not sure what to expect on the SAT or ACT?

Join us on Jan 8th and learn about these important exams.

Tuesday, January 8 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Marriotts Ridge High School Cafeteria

Students who took the PSAT in October can learn what their score means, how to interpret their score report, and how to use their PSAT results to prepare for the SAT.

The SAT and ACT exams are important for college admissions and scholarships. Parents and students are welcome to attend this session to get more information about the structure, content, and timing of these tests, plus some tips to help be more successful on test day!

Students from all area schools are welcome to attend the workshop.

All parents and students welcome!

Marriotts Ridge High School 12100 Woodford Dr., Marriottsville 21104



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Find more events online at
Kaptest.com/hsevents



Scholarship Opportunity for Current Juniors

The Coolidge Scholarship is among America's most generous: a **FULL RIDE** scholarship that covers a student's tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study. Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2020 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply. (Unfortunately, current high school seniors are not eligible to apply.)

The applications is available at Coolidgescholars.org and must be completed online and submitted by 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

The Coolidge Foundation invites the top 100 applicants to participate in its Coolidge Senators Program, which includes an all-expenses paid Summit Weekend in Washington DC and a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. Applicants who make it to the finalist level, but do not ultimately win the full-scholarship, receive a one-time finalist scholarship of \$5,000.

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.



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 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)

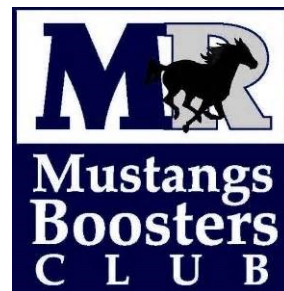
Be sure to check NAVIANCE regularly for updated SCHOLARSHIP information and for more details about the scholarships listed above!

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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.

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.

Upcoming College/Military Visits

Jan 10	Howard Community College
Jan 17	Paul Mitchell School

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