

# Student Services Newsletter



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 14	Senior Parent Night - 6:00 pm
Sept 19	ARL Back to School Night; 6:30 pm - ARL, 10920 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042
Sept 21	Schools & Offices Closed
Sept 22	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Learning Day
Sept 22	ACT Registration deadline for 10/28 Test
Sept 26	Regional Financial Aid Night at Hammond HS - 7:30 pm
Sept 27	Regional Financial Aid Night at Centennial HS - 7:00 pm
Sept 27	SAT Late Registration deadline (late fee) for 10/7 Test
Oct 1	FAFSA applications open
Oct 15	HCPSS College Fair; 1-3 pm at Atholton High School

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## SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

Student Services will hold an informational session for parents of Seniors regarding the process for requesting transcripts and teacher recommendations for applications, sending SAT/ACT scores, and other important information! The meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 14, at 6:00 pm** in the auditorium. All parents of seniors are strongly encouraged to attend.

# CLASS OF 2018

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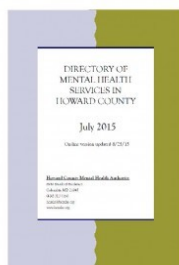
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**NEED A WORK PERMIT? Go to:**

<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-Directory-October-2015.pdf>

**Regional Financial Aid Information Night**  
***Sponsored by the HCPSS Office of School Counseling***  
***in collaboration with your school counselors***

Learn about financial aid and how you can make it work for you.

Students and parents are welcome to attend!

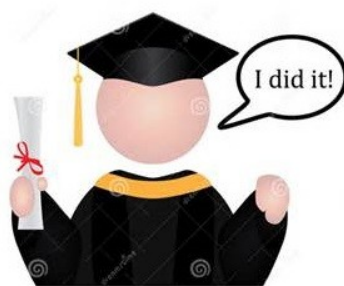
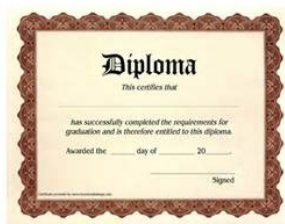
**September 26 - Hammond High School – 7:30 pm**

**September 27 - Centennial High School - 7:00 pm**

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>



## **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 will be given out in English classes the week of September 11th. These forms are used to verify graduate's names and are to be signed and returned to Student Services as soon as possible.**

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.

## **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.

# SAT/ACT prep

## SAT Test Dates

October 7, 2017  
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

## Prepare for the October SAT!

Catalyst SAT boot camp @ Marriotts Ridge

Saturday, 9/30 and Sunday, 10/1  
9:00am - 1:00pm

[https://catalystprep.com/  
bootcamp\\_su](https://catalystprep.com/bootcamp_su)

**FREE PRACTICE SAT EXAM** - Princeton Review;  
Ages 13-18, Saturday, September 23, 11am-3pm. Results Session, Thursday, October 5, 7pm. Glenwood Branch, Howard County Library System. Contact Lori Conforti at 410-313-5577.

Register at: <https://goo.gl/y3cugU>

## 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., Oct. 21 from 9am-1pm &

Mon., Oct. 23 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

## OR

Sat., Feb. 10 from 9am-1pm &

Mon., Feb. 12 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](http://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

## **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

**FREE!**  
Register today at  
[www.gotomynecf.com](http://www.gotomynecf.com)

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](http://www.nationalcollegefairs.org).

## **Free Sessions/Classes at Glenwood Branch Library**

**HiTech Math Lab:** Drop-in math help through AP Calculus for middle and high school students, ages 11-18. Thursdays, starting September 28 (no session 11/23) from 4-6:30 pm. Registration preferred. Contact Lori Conforti at 410-313-5577. Register at: <https://goo.gl/Q5E96a>

**Maximize Your College Applications & Essays:** September 13, 20, and October 4 from 7-8 pm and September 30 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Contact Lori Conforti at 410-313-4477. Register at: <https://goo.gl/4nLp2D>

# 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](http://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.**



Sept 12	United State Coast Guard Academy	Oct 12	University of Hartford
Sept 14	U.S. Marine Corp Recruiter	Oct 16	University of South Carolina
Sept 18	Notre Dame of Maryland University	Oct 16	Virginia Tech
Sept 19	Penn State	Oct 16	Catholic University of America
Sept 19	Drew University	Oct 16	Case Western Reserve
Sept 19	Army National Guard		University
Sept 20	Elon University	Oct 17	King's College
Sept 20	Colby College	Oct 18	University of New Haven
Sept 26	University of Pittsburgh	Oct 18	James Madison University
Sept 27	University of Colorado at Boulder	Oct 18	Davis & Elkins College
Sept 27	New York University	Oct 19	University of MD College Park
Sept 28	Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising	Oct 19	Roanoke College
Sept 28	UMBC	Oct 19	York College of Pennsylvania
Sept 28	University of Southern California	Oct 19	Villanova University
Sept 29	University of Miami	Oct 19	Stevenson University
Sept 29	College of Charleston	Oct 19	Saint Vincent College
Oct 2	Randolph-Macon College	Oct 23	Lehigh University
Oct 2	St. Mary's College of Maryland	Oct 25	University of Virginia
Oct 3	Florida Institute of Technology	Oct 26	High Point University
Oct 3	Salisbury University	Oct 26	Albright College
Oct 4	Furman University	Oct 27	The College of New Jersey
Oct 4	University of MD Eastern Shore	Oct 27	University of Scranton
Oct 4	Dickinson College	Oct 27	Shepherd University
Oct 4	University of California, Berkeley	Oct 31	The New School
Oct 4	University of Dayton	Oct 31	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Oct 5	McDaniel College		
Oct 5	Rochester Institute of Technology	Nov 3	Becker College
Oct 5	University of Alabama	Nov 8	Wilson College
Oct 5	Towson University	Nov 14	Bethany College
Oct 9	Stony Brook University	Nov 14	Wesley College
Oct 9	University of Connecticut	Nov 14	The Temple: A Paul Mitchell Partner School
Oct 9	Radford University		
Oct 10	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Nov 17	Howard Community College
Oct 10	Howard Community College	Nov 17	Stamps School at Univ of Mich.
Oct 11	MICA	Dec 4	United States Navy Recruiter
		Dec 8	Howard Community College



## Open House Events

### **Brandeis University - Fall Open Houses**

Sunday, September 17

Saturday, October 14

Sunday, October 22

Saturday, October 28

Saturday, November 4

Sunday, November 12

[brandeis.edu/fallforbrandeis](http://brandeis.edu/fallforbrandeis)

### **Discover MIT - Information Sessions**

Centennial High School - Auditorium

4300 Centennial Lane

Ellicott City, MD

October 5 at 6:30 pm

Walt Whitman High School-Shaw Auditorium

7100 Whittier Boulevard

Bethesda, MD 20817

October 12 at 7:00 pm

### **Penn State University - Schreyer Honors College**

Scholars Day Open House - September 22



### **HC DrugFree Teen Advisory Council (TAC)**

**Meeting:** Monday, September 18 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. TAC is open to all Howard County high school students and community service hours are available. Meetings are held at The Barn (Teen Center) in the Oakland Mills Village Center. Free

pizza is provided. Teens must complete the registration form found on the Teen Advisory Council page at [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org) and RSVP to [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org).

**Medication and Sharps Convenient Drive-Thru Collection:** Saturday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. is national Drug Take Back Day. Join the Howard County Police and HC DrugFree at their convenient drive-thru collection of unwanted or expired medication and sharps (needles, syringes, and EpiPens). No need to get out of your car. Just look for the teens in bright green shirts holding signs and directing traffic. Community service hours available for volunteers. Location: Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near the UPS Store. For more information, visit [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org) or contact us at [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) or 443-325-0040.



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**Bring resumes**  
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# INTERNSHIP FAIR

## FRIDAY, 9.22.17

**Burrill Galleria, 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

### PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS:

**Angels Who Care Home Health Services**

**CCL USA**

**Defense Contract Audit Agency**

**DP Solutions**

**Geo-Technology Associates, Inc.**

**HCC Public Safety**

**HCC Sustainability Office**

**Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab**

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