

#### PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

August 15, 2018

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School Website: <a href="http://mhhs.hcpss.org/">http://mhhs.hcpss.org/</a>

PTSA: mthebronptsa.com

The Mountain: Hebron High School's Online Newspaper: https://mthmountain.com/

Viking Backers: http://www.vikingbackers.org/

MTHMU Boosters: http://mthmarchingunit.wixsite.com/boosters

# **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**WELCOME** to the 2018-2019 school year at Mount Hebron High School! We cannot wait to see the students and are eager for the school year to start. Fall sports and Band camp are already in session and it has been wonderful seeing the students involved. Our goal is to provide an engaging positive school climate for your student. As you prepare for the start of school, I encourage you to visit our website and follow us on Twitter. Communication is vital to maintaining a strong partnership between our school and our incredible community. Hebron is a busy place and we love to celebrate our students and share all that we have going on. Every Friday, we send out a weekly newsletter that shares school and community news, as well as celebrate our students. If you have ANY good news to share about your student, please do not hesitate to email me at <a href="mailto:Joelle\_miller@hcpss.org">Joelle\_miller@hcpss.org</a>. In addition to our weekly newsletters, we send out Viking News notices. New information will always be on top with repeated information below.

With the start of the new school year, I am constantly reminded of how quickly time passes. That is why it is important to make every day count for our students. The Administrative team and I look forward to seeing you at our many events throughout the school year. Please get involved. We have over ninety clubs for students to join and our incredible PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Organization) and Viking Backers (Boosters) for our parents. Within our PTSA are specific parent

organizations that run events throughout the year. We strongly encourage parents and students to join PAAS (Parents of our African American Students), KAPSO (Korean American Parents Students Organization), CAPSA (Chinese American Parents Students Association), and/or our IPSA (Indian American Student Parent Association). All of our parent organizations work closely with our PTSA, our international liaison (Jamie Kim), and our BSAP (Black Student Achievement Program) Coordinator (Cheryl Grimes). This year PAAS has solidified a partnership with BB&T Bank to run a Financial Literacy course for our students. More information will be shared as the school year begins. You can access all of our parent organizations through our website. We have Board positions currently open for our Viking Backers. Please email <a href="mailto:president@vikingbackers.org">president@vikingbackers.org</a> if you are interested in helping with our Viking Boosters program. We would love and greatly appreciate your participation.

If you have a need to contact the Athletic and Activities Manager, you can call Mr. Brian Rau directly at 410-313-2885 (Brian\_Rau@hcpss.org). If you need Student Services, you can contact them directly at 410-313-2883. You can also always email or call to speak with your Assistant Principal to help with any questions or concerns.

Cherilyn Brown: Last name of students A-F Cherilyn\_Brown@hcpss.org

Dwayne Williams: Last name of students G-N Dwayne\_Williams@hcpss.org

Katie Clark: Last name of students O-Z Kathleen\_Clark@hcpss.org

We are looking forward to a wonderful rewarding school year. Please take time to read all of the information provided below and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

See you soon,

Dr. Miller

# **UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:** See our calendar on our website for additional dates.

August 27	6:00 pm	Fall Sports Parent Meeting- Auditorium
August 29	6:30 pm	Safe Driving Presentation MHHS –Auditorium
August 30	7:00 am	Driving permits issued to seniors first come/first serve
August 30	8:30-10:20	New Student and 9th Grade Orientation- Auditorium
August 31	7:00 pm	Football Home Opener vs MRHS
September 3		Labor Day-No School
September 3		Valley Mede 5K (sponsored by our students)
September 4		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
September 6	6:00 pm	Back to School Night- Auditorium
September 8	7-10:00 pm	Hebron Hula Dance-GYM
September 10		Rosh Hashanah- No School
September 19		Yom Kippur- No School
September 20	6-9pm	Senior Crab Feast- Cafeteria
October 3		Professional Work Day- School closed 3 hours early
October 7	9:00 am	Viking 5K (Sponsored by our Viking Bakers)
October 9		Interim Progress Reports Issued for Quarter 1
October 10		PSAT for 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , & 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
October 8-13		Homecoming!
October 19		Professional Learning Day- No school for students

<u>BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT - Thursday, September 6 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm</u> We suggest that parents and guardians who attend BTSN arrange to carpool or if you choose to walk, arrive early. We ask that you support our efforts to reduce the impact of our event on our school neighborhood by following these suggestions.

# **CELEBRATIONS:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our MHHS FBLA! During the National Leadership Conference for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), two students from Mt. Hebron High School secured national awards in their respective events.

Ryan Jung, senior: 3rd place Economics

Wyatt Currie, Junior: 6th place Spreadsheet Applications

Rees Draminski: 11th place Hotel Management

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jacob Witlin who was selected to attend the NRA Youth Education Summit this summer participating in debate, public speaking, and touring DC with 45 other students from around the US. At the end of the week he won a \$5000 college scholarship, the top prize offered.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jordan Foster who attended Nationals for Track and Field in Iowa for the Triple Jump.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Mt. Hebron's Economics Challenge champions who were honored at the State House in Annapolis by Maryland Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, and Treasurer Kopp for their impressive national achievements this year. Please check out the attached pictures and watch the following video between minutes 15:00 and 21:00 (BPW 7/19/2018): http://governor.maryland.gov/board-of-public-works-meetings/

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Josh Leach who is the ONLY student casted for the upcoming show, Jesus Christ Superstar for Just Off Broadway. Josh was cast in the roll of Simon the Zealotes. Josh is a senior this year and plans to go to college majoring in music education and minoring in theater arts. All while playing football. The Play specifics are in details below.

https://justoffbroadwaymd.com/cast-announced-for-jesus-christ-superstar/

# **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **UPDATE YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO ASAP**

All families must update their emergency contact information annually. While we recognize many of you may not have any changes to make, you must click through all of the screens and click submit in order to have this task completed. Some decisions require annual permission, such as permission to photograph your student, for example (this one is pretty important if you want your student to appear in the yearbook or in team/activity postings). Please visit <u>HCPSS Connect</u> today and click submit on the final screen!

Common Roadblocks to Successfully Updating the Family File:

- You can now reset your password with or without a security Q&A. So, if you've tried to update
  and hit a roadblock, please try again.
- If you are having trouble remembering your username (which is the full email address for an adult responsible for the student account), call or email Ms. Mary May at <a href="Mary\_May@hcpss.org">Mary\_May@hcpss.org</a> and we'll let you know what you should be using to access the initial time. Please note: You cannot complete this task using the student login/account. It can only be completed via a guardian account.

• Families new to HCPSS should receive an authorization key in your email. Follow those instructions. If you've requested a reset, and haven't received an email, we need you to check your junk or SPAM folders. That seems to be where a bunch of those things are ending up. If you still don't have it, give us a call.

#### **HCPSS SAFE DRIVING INFORMATION**

There are 180 available parking spaces for students who drive. Seniors receive first priority. Seniors and juniors who wish to park at our High School must complete a parking permit application **AND** attend the required driving seminar *with a parent*. **Please be prompt! Doors close at 6:00 p.m.** 

The Safe Driving Program dates are posted to the HCPSS Website. Contact Dwayne\_Williams@hcpss.org with questions related to Mt. Hebron parking permits. Mt. Hebron's dates are August 29 and September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in our auditorium. Parking applications will be given out at the presentation. All Howard County students are required to pay a fee of \$15 to park at school during the school day.

Students can bring their completed parking application, a copy of their driver's license, registration, insurance card, and their \$15 fee in the form of a check payable to Mount Hebron High School. We will begin issuing parking permits on THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 at 7:00 AM. Students can begin lining up as early as 6:30 am outside of our front office. Ms. Ling will administer passes on a first come, first serve basis to seniors. We must have everything in order to issue a parking permit.

http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2018/08/2018-2019-safe-driving-presentations/

#### **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

New student orientation for Freshman and New Students-Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 10:20

New students and incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their printed schedules the day of orientation.

Hebron staff members are hosting an orientation session for 9th grade students and new students on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Students will learn about the school, access their lockers, and follow their schedule. Students should report to the auditorium at the start of the morning. Unfortunately, transportation to the orientation activities is **NOT** provided.

### **GETTING TO SCHOOL**

The official school hours for Mount Hebron High School for the 2018-2019 school year, <u>as set by the HCPSS Board of Education</u>, are 7:25 am to 2:10 pm. Bus schedules are printed the week prior to school in the local newspapers.

We believe that the safest way for students who do not drive themselves to get to school is by accessing the transportation provided. However, we do understand that there may be occasions when

it is necessary to drive your student to school. When that happens, please follow the procedures listed below to help ensure the safety of all students during school arrival time:

Students who must be driven to school are to be dropped off at the auditorium doors at the side of the building following the established traffic pattern. This is the lot AFTER the intersection/light at St. Johns Lane and Old Frederick Road.

Students may not be dropped off along Old Frederick Road or St. Johns Lane.

Parents are to refrain from making left turns from the drop-off lot onto Old Frederick Road.

Between 6:50 am and 7:20 am, parents cannot enter our staff or bus lot to drop-off students.

Students who are driving themselves to school are encouraged to arrive early to avoid being tardy. Traffic jams occur daily during the morning rush along Old Frederick Road and St. Johns Lane. We very much appreciate your partnership to ensure our commitment to student safety.

Students who arrive at/after 7:25 am are considered tardy and may receive disciplinary consequences. Students can arrive to school as early at **6:30 am** as our cafeteria is open. Students enter through the patio doors that lead directly into the cafeteria. Students may NOT enter the school building before 7:00 am without a teacher pass. Students who arrive before 7:00 am can wait outside or go to the cafeteria.

# **OPENING DAY PROCEDURES**

ARL students need to be prepared to attend on the first day of school. Morning ARL students should be outside ready to board their bus by 7:25 am.

Students will report to their first period classes following the schedule posted in Synergy. All students will receive an agenda book the first day of school. This serves as a student's hall pass throughout the year and should be used to help organize assignments and commitments both within and outside of the school day.

All students and parents are required to sign and return the **Student Honor Code and Academic Integrity**, **Alcohol and Drug Policy Agreement**, **and other documents that will be distributed the first day of school**.

#### **WELCOME VISITORS**

In order to ensure the safety of all students and staff, all visitors must press the buzzer located to the far left of the main entry doors to be admitted to our building. Please provide us with your name, student's name and reason for your visit. We will buzz you right in. During school hourse, all visitors must report to the office to sign in unless you are going to the attendance window. All visitors must wear a visitor badge. This includes those who are visiting administration, student services, the health room, and/or any staff member.

As a gentle reminder, please remember to bring in a valid form of identification (e.g. Drivers License) if you are picking up one of our students. It's also a good idea to double check your Emergency Procedure information to ensure the list of individuals authorized to pick up your student during the school day is up to date.

# **ATTENDANCE REMINDERS**

Please remember if your student misses school, they have **two** days to turn in absent notes (notes not e-mails). Please include first and last name, reason for absence, date of absence and parent signature.

If an absence is not recorded as excused the student may not be allowed to make up work.

Students are allowed 3 discretionary days for vacation/travel/college visits/athletic events not associated with school etc.

If you are picking your student up early, please make sure you have identification. If someone other than a parent is picking up a student early, please make sure that person is listed as an emergency contact and brings identification.

# **OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

If you found any MHHS Textbooks or Media materials over the summer, please bring them in to school as soon as you get a chance.

#### **MEDICATION FORMS**

Students who require medication to be administered during the school day need to have new forms completed for this fall. Summer hours book fast and some physicians require a wait time for medical forms to be completed so schedule your appointments now! For your convenience, you can find these forms on-line at the HCPSS website by clicking on the link for Physician's Orders (http://www.hcpss.org/aboutus/forms.shtml).

# STUDENT SERVICES

# NAVIANCE

Students can access Naviance through Clever (go to hcpss.me and then click Clever). Your username and password are your active directory username and password that you use to sign on to a computer at school.

#### STUDENT SCHEDULES

This year, the school system has determined all HCPSS high school students will receive schedules electronically via Synergy during the week of August 13-17. Schedules will be emailed to the address(es) in Synergy, so it's very important you take the time now to ensure your Family File is updated. HCPSS Connect

**Schedule Changes Will Only Be Made** for one of the following reasons:

- You are scheduled for less than 7 classes.
- You passed a class in summer school and need to update your schedule.
- You need a class to graduate and it is not currently on your schedule.
- You need an adjustment to accommodate release time or the intern/mentor program.

Questions about schedules should be directed to Student Services: 410-313-2883 or your specific counselor.

Ch-G Ms. Tina Flynn (Tina\_Flynn@hcpss.org)

H-Le Ms. Monique Flores (Monique\_Flores@hcpss.org)

Li-Pa Ms. Allison Downey (Allison\_Downey@hcpss.org)

Pe-Si Mr. Patrick Miles (<u>Patrick\_Miles@hcpss.org</u>)

Sk-Z Ms. Patricia Marton (<u>Patricia\_Marton@hcpss.org</u>)

#### **DIPLOMA SIGNATURE CHANGE FORM (Seniors Only)**

The Howard County Public School System has instituted a Diploma Name Form for graduating seniors. A high school diploma is an OFFICIAL document. Accordingly, diplomas will be printed using the senior's **full legal name** as it appears on the birth certificate, passport or court-ordered name change document. Any family that wishes to have the printed diploma use a name other than that which appears in Synergy should download a copy of the Diploma Signature Change Form and submit it to Student Services no later than Friday, October 5, 2018.

# **GT INTERN/MENTOR PROGRAM**

The Gifted and Talented Intern/Mentor program is still in need of mentors in the following fields:

- o Clinical medicine
- Dentistry
- Geriatric nursing
- o Family Law
- Substance abuse research

Mentors allow students to volunteer for roughly 5 hours each week, and engage in appropriate work fort their professional setting. If you work in one of these fields and would be willing to learn more about the program, please email Dr. Melissa Kiehl at <a href="mailto:mkiehl@hcpss.org">mkiehl@hcpss.org</a>.

# MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Muslim Student Association will host an after EID get together Thursday Sept 13. All students are welcome and refreshments will be served.

#### **THEATRE**

# Viking Backstage: News & Events from Mount Hebron Theatre.

Calling all actors, singers, dancers, costumers, carpenters, electricians, advertisers, and artisans. Please join us Friday, September 7th right after school until 4 pm in the Auditorium for games, snacks, and info about all the opportunities Hebron Theatre has to offer. Learn about Mainstage shows, Tech opportunities, Improv and Shakespeare Troupe, Thespians and the New York Trip. Lots of fun for all. Be a part of it!

Rehearsals have already begun for our first student-produced (studio production) musical of "The Fantasticks." Directed by senior Jennie Hardman, choreographed by sophomore Samantha Yakaitis and featuring a cast including Joe Nolan, Jake Scarborough, Leah Reineck, Kaegan Stottlemeyer, Kevin Aguilera, Max Nzone, Ryan McClure, and Ian Luk, (and featuring our own Mr. Sankey on piano) The Fantasticks tells the classic story of boy meets girls and what happens the day after the fall in love. "Follow, follow, follow" us to the theatre for our production of the longest-running musical in history.

"The Fantasticks" will play the Viking Stage on Friday, September 28 and Sunday, September 30. Tickets go on sale September 1st.

# "Once a King or Queen of Narnia, Always a King or Queen of Narnia..."

#### AUDITIONS for the fall mainstage

of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe will be September 12th, 13th, & 14th (second week of school) from 3pm-6pm. Directors are looking to fill 50 roles to tell this classic tale of magic, mystery, faith, and forgiveness. No experience necessary.

Not sure how to audition?

Come to the Audition and Stage Fighting Workshop on Saturday, September 8th. Learn how to read for parts and what to expect in the process. Also, learn the basics of stage fighting required for the show from our guest artist Fight Choreographer Rin MacDonald. Sign up for a two-hour slot running from 9a-11a, 11a-1p, or 1p-3p.

Click the link to sign up for the workshop today. https://goo.gl/forms/9cqx7bzRtjfzdV9m2

### **VITA: VIking Theatre Auxillary**

The VIking Theatre Auxillary (VITA) is a new small but vital organ of the Mount Hebron Theatre Arts Program. It is comprised of parents and adult volunteers like you who want to help the play productions and drama projects to reach their full potential. In a dozen large or little ways, we need your help.

We will have information at Back to School night and a "meet, greet, and get on our feet" meeting sometime between September 17-21st. Please contact Mr. Barker at steven\_barker@hcpss.org if you are interested in joining this new organization.

#### PTSA & PARENT ORGANIZATION NEWS:

Caroline Bodziak PTSA President: <a href="mailto:cbodziak@aol.com">cbodziak@aol.com</a>

PTSA New Website Live - Join Online!

Student web developers and their parent mentor have been working hard this summer to update the PTSA's website and it is now LIVE! Check it out at <a href="https://www.mthebronptsa.com/">www.mthebronptsa.com/</a>.

Learn more about the Mt. Hebron Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and - new for this year - you can join online! Check back soon for more information about PTSA programming for the school year.

Join us for our first PTSA meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 11 in the media center. 6:00-7:00pm is a welcome social for all parents new to Mt Hebron, 7:00-8:00pm is the regular PTSA meeting, and at 8:00pm will be extra programming: "The State of the School" by principal Dr. Joelle Miller and Student Services staff.

Contact <a href="mailto:mthebronptsa@gmail.com">mthebronptsa@gmail.com</a> with any questions. We look forward to an exciting year reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones!

Values: Café Conversations

What values do you have as an individual? Within your family? Within your community? How about within your school? Parents, guardians and community members are invited to attend one of four repeating working sessions to help Mt. Hebron HS define a set of values for the school community.

School administration is using professional learning and Viking Time to work with teachers and students on this issue during the school day. This additional working session will be repeated four times between September and March with the hope that all interested family and community members will find a date and time that works for his or her schedule. All sessions will be held at Mt. Hebron HS. Refreshments provided by the PTSA.

#### Please join us on one of these four dates:

Wednesday, September 26 7:00pm-8:30pm Monday, October 22 6:30pm-8:00pm

Thursday, January 17 7:30am-9:00am

Tuesday, March 5 7:00pm-8:30pm

The resulting values developed by the students, families and staff will be combined, consolidated, and used as the theme for the 2019-2020 school year. Please participate and have your voice heard.

#### Hospitality

The PTSA Hospitality Committee will welcome all staff back to school with a special Luncheon on Tuesday, August 26. Details coming soon.

#### Reflections

Do you love art? Do you want to encourage a love of the arts in the people around you? PTSA wants to bring Reflections to MHHS and is looking for two parent co-chairs to assist Faculty Chair, Steven Barker (MHHS Theater Arts Teacher), in bringing this opportunity to students.

Reflections is a nationwide PTA program that is a creative and fun way for all students to engage in the arts. There are 6 categories: film, dance, musical composition, photography, visual arts and literature. Students use their imagination and creativity to create original works of art in one of these six categories around the 2018-2019 theme, "Heroes Around Me." Details on Reflections at MHHS will be posted on the PTSA website soon. In the meantime visit: http://mdpta.org/bridge\_reflections.html to learn more.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

- 1. Two parent Reflections Co-Chairs to assist Faculty Chair, Steven Barker. A great opportunity to do with a friend!
- 2. Mulch Sale Assistant Needed to shadow this year's Mulch Sale Chair, Mary Pearce, to prepare to run the show the following year. The PTSA Mulch Sale is the PTSA's largest fund raiser in support of After-Prom.
- 3. Assistant to the director of After-Prom Sponsorships & Social Media. Contact mthebronptsa@gmail.com .

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# **Help Out Homewood School**

Homewood School is in need of items for their Staff Grab & Go Breakfast on August 22, 2018. The **Homewood School** has 3 distinct programs to meet the specific needs of individual students who have difficulty functioning in traditional classroom settings. Homewood does not have a PTA as each student is counted at their home school. Your help would be greatly appreciated. You can sign up at the following SignUp Genius link: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48aba62ba02-breakfast">www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48aba62ba02-breakfast</a>.

Items that can be taken and eaten on the go are needed. Please drop off any donations to Homewood School, marked "GRAB & GO BREAKFAST" prior to August 22nd. They are located at:

10914 Clarksville Pike (Route 108), Ellicott City, MD 21042

**CAPSA**: Chinese American Parent and Student Association (CAPSA)

Grace Wang Committee Chair – Guihua.wang@kci.com or Webmaster Yu Chen – chenyu@umbc.edu

A new parent and student organization, Chinese American Parent and Student Association (CAPSA), was founded in MHHS community on March 19, 2018. Lead by the five-member committee, this organization welcomes all parents and students who have Chinese heritage or those interested in Chinese culture. CAPSA will work with PTSA to serve MHHS faculty and students while promoting culture diversity, understanding, and integration. Chase Blanchette, senior, is the first term student committee member who will lead the efforts on student outreach.

For communications with CAPSA, you may use individual's emails or <a href="mailto:capsa.mhhs@gmail.com">capsa.mhhs@gmail.com</a>

**PAAS**: CJ Ridgley & Cheryl Godsey Co Presidents

Mrs. Godsey: cheryltmg01@gmail.com

Mrs. Ridgley rickyandcj@verizon.net. Please join PAAS at

http://mthebronpaas.wixsite.com/paas PAAS Communications Committee

KASPO: Korean American Student Parent Organization (KASPO) Jamie Kim@hcpss.org

**IASPA**: Indian American Student Parent Association-Interested in joining-contact Gopi Suri at gopi\_suri@yahoo.com.

#### VIKING BACKERS BOOSTER CLUB:

Did you know that HCPSS provides only a FRACTION of the funds needed by our athletic teams each year and gives NOTHING to our student clubs? The financial support by the Viking Backers Booster Club is VITAL to the success of our students in many extracurricular activities. For the last few years, we have not been able to fully fund all requests and next year promises to be more of the same – especially since the county has CUT an additional \$5000 from the athletics budget! YOU can help by joining AND getting involved.

410-989-3717 Viking Backers text/mobile www.vikingbackers.org Like us on Facebook Follow us on Twitter Follow us on Instagram

The 26th Annual Viking 5k and 1m Fun Walk SUNDAY Oct 7 @ 9:00 am.

Join the Mt. Hebron High School community on Sunday, Oct. 7 to kick off homecoming week by running (or walking) the Hebron trail, neighborhood and stadium track! Compete for age group or MtH Awards (Alumnus, Student, Parent, Faculty and more!). New to running? We have a Novice award this year! and Bullseye Running keeping time! Proceeds benefit the efforts of the Viking Backers, supporting student clubs and athletics.

More information please visit the Viking Backers Website.

REGISTRATION (Note Online Registration closes Oct 4, with price increase on Race Day):

Race Tshirts guaranteed for the first 120 registered participants.

Questions? Email: MTH.Viking5K@gmail.com Mike Bosilovich, Chairperson

### MTHMU BOOSTERS:

Come join us for the Pass in Review August 24, 2018 7:00 pm out in the stadium!

# **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

# Valley Mede 5k

**Monday, September 3rd**. As you may know, this is a community event hosted by local middle and high school students supporting Voices for Children.

This is the 9th year for teens of Mt. Hebron to host a 5k for a non-profit! This year, the students are supporting <u>Voices for Children</u>. We love the idea of children supporting other children right here in our very own community. To learn more about the race and to register, sign up <u>here</u>. If you can't be at the race, you can still support the event by signing up to be a virtual runner! For more information:

https://voicesforchildren5k.weebly.com/

# **Host Family Needed for Hebron Exchange Student**

Razaq is an exchange student from Indonesia. Through no fault of his own, he needs a host family. Razaq won an extremely competitive scholarship program from the U.S. State Department to come experience ordinary life in the USA and to share his culture. Out of 70,000 Indonesian applicants, he was one of 80 selected. Razaq is an excellent student, kind, and responsible. He is very interested in science, active in school clubs, and tries to be a role model for his younger sister. Host families volunteer to provide room and board and to treat the student as part of their family. He has his own health insurance and spending money.

This is an opportunity to learn about another country and culture -- as well as make a lifelong friend from Indonesia! AFS Intercultural Programs has an active program in Howard County with support for both students and families. If you would like more information, please contact Christina McGarvey at 410-997-7087 or AFSBaltimore@g

# Jude Jawhar Towson Scholarship Information

This past February we lost an incredible former student, Jude Jawhar. She attended Towson University, inspired to become a nurse specializing in oncology, she never gave up her dream. Her family has set up a scholarship foundation to help a nursing student attain her degree. Jude will forever hold a place in our hearts. Please consider donating at the link below.

https://towson.networkforgood.com/projects/50472-college-of-health-professions-jude-jawhar-nursing-scholarship

For more Community News and Programs visit <a href="http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/">http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/</a>