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Principal's Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

I can't believe four months of school is over! This week has been an incredible week at Hebron. The Winter Concerts were amazing. Here's the link to the concert on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6daj4N2tZ20&t=1467s>

I am in awe of the talent in our programs. The dance assembly energized our spirits as we witnessed such inspiring performances. Our ESOL department celebrated with our 88 ESOL students and participated in a New Year Gift Drive. Each student was able to select gifts for their family. We had over 150 alumni return to us on Thursday. They visited classrooms and shared their experiences with our students. We ended the week bagging and delivering our collected goods for families in need. This month long event, organized by our SGA and Ms. Sugg truly melted my heart. As the 43rd year comes to an end, our community collected over 66, 000 cans and raised over \$25,000 that served 180 families.

As we approach the end of second quarter and midterm exams, please take time to rest, relax, and enjoy friends and family. Students deserve time to recharge from the incredible work they do each and every day. Please review the below upcoming dates to plan out a study schedule over the next few weeks. Try hard to not get overwhelmed or wait until the last minute to complete projects or study for exams.

Don't forget to scroll through the entire newsletter. There is important communication from our PTSA, Viking Backers, Parent Organizations, and Community News that is valuable to all community members.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS: See details below and see our calendar on the website for all event dates

January 3, 2018: Elective Fair for Parents and Students in the Cafeteria from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

January 4, 2018: 8th Grade Parent Night in the Cafeteria from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

January 8 - January 19: Students & Parents register for courses online for SY 2018-2019

January 8- Viking Backers meeting in the media center 6:30 pm

January 9, 2018: Senior pictures

January 10 & January 17: Viking time in Harrington's room for online scheduling help for students

January 16, 2018: Make up Picture Day for Underclassmen

January 16, 2018: CANVAS parent information night for our Hispanic Parents media center

January 17, 2018: Scheduling Open House Parent help 6:30 pm-8:00 pm in our media center

January 26, 2018: Our theater classes present, "Another Cinderella" in our auditorium at 7:00 pm

May 7- May 18: Advanced Placement Exams. Please see the complete schedule on our website.

May 21- May 31: Graduation window

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the MHHS Community and SGA!!! For the 43rd year, the Mt. Hebron SGA has organized the annual canned food drive – a Viking Tradition. Although originally just a school wide collection of cans, this project has evolved into something far more. From Nov. 15 to Dec. 20, nonperishable food and money were collected in every sixth period class. Statistics are each class are kept on the main hallway bulletin board and students and teachers alike enjoy this friendly rivalry among the classes. Special competition days are held each week in order to collect a balanced array of food. These special days include: "Protein Day," "Dry Mix Day," and more!! All the funds that are collected are used to purchase a huge variety of fresh food at the Chatham Giant, including such items as turkeys, eggs, bread, butter, cheese, vegetables, apples, and milk. Additional funds are also used to purchase such household items paper towels, toilet paper, bar soap, and shampoo. The NHS supports the project by purchasing gifts for the children of all the families. The SGA works throughout the project with the food pantry at Resurrection Church to secure the names of families in need. This year, 180 families will receive nonperishable food, fresh food, household items, and gifts. All of these items will be delivered on Friday, Dec.22 by over 200 current Mt. Hebron HS students and close to 100 alumni. This project affords the total school to get involved in helping others and epitomizes the school spirit and community involvement that defines Mt. Hebron.



Congratulations to Hannah Gonzalez, our amazing Spanish teacher, who just received National Board Certification! This is a huge honor that includes over a year's coursework. WE ARE SO PROUD OF HER!!!!!!!!!!!!

Congratulations to our MHHS Bowling Team for a terrific start to the season. Anderson Toth has bowled the team's game high with a 152. Evan Howard (146), Abraham Sanchez (133) and JP Tennant (131) are also among our top scorers this season. Joontae Hwang is leading our new players with a personal average so far this season with a 97. **Congratulations to** our all bowlers and peer students for a great opening: Alexandra Berry, Hunter Cowell, Geneva Dash, Jonathan Getachew, Corey Harman, En Heo, Derrick Howard, Evan Howard, Joontae Hwang, Justin Im, Taymoor Javed, Josh Jung, David Paplinger, Dominic Na, Sanket Patel, Abraham Sanchez, Keshawn Sidbury, JP Tennant, Malcolm Truett, Anderson Toth, Mona Abdel-Halim, Sarosh Ahmad, Nick Jackson, Aarya Kafle, Daniel Niezelski, Molly Peterson, and Kyle Scarlis and Anna Boyle.

Congratulations to Chase Blanchette, Khiem Doan, and Yashas Anil for their strong win at the WJZ sponsored It's Academic competition on December 16th. They defeated teams from Gilman and John Carroll High Schools. The team moves on to the next round and will compete in late February. Be sure to watch their first round win on **WJZ, channel 13 on Saturday, Feb. 10th at 10:00 am.** A shout out goes to David Wang who is the team's alternate.



Congratulations to our Mount Hebron Music Department!!!! Our Music Department is a vibrant musical community that includes a full one third of the entire Hebron population. We have offerings that include 3 bands, 2 orchestra, 4 choirs, Guitar I-IV, Piano I-IV, 2 Music Theory levels and Music Technology. All top performance groups have a GT option. The advanced Theory is AP & GT. The band, orchestra and choir consistently receive top honors at national adjudication festivals. Many students are chosen for All-State each year as well as the Howard County GT Honors groups. The department also has a large Tri-M membership. Congratulations to all of our students in the music department and THANK YOU to Mr. Chris Hettenbach: Department Chair, Choirs, Music Tech and Piano, Dr. David Shumway: Orchestras, Piano and Music Theory, Mr. Josh Rettenmayer, Guitar and Ms. Nicole Sobel: Director of Bands. It was an incredible Winter Concert and THANK YOU to our amazing lighting tech- Andrew Breazeale!!!!

Congratulations to the following students for making All-State

Junior All State Orchestra: Caela Chung, Ellin Kim, and Christina Qian

Senior All State Orchestra: Joanna Choi, Jennifer Jung, Carl Zhang, and David Jin

Junior All State Choir, David Hopkins

Senior All State Choir: Co-tu Doan, Uma Phatak, Krista Schumm, Chloe Ruck, and Daniel Niezelski

Junior All State Band: Shreyas Jammi

Senior All State Band: Zack Costello, Katie Lee, and Joey Peters

Congratulations to our Tri- M Honor Society Inductees:

Anderson, Sarah Abedin, Lara Adhikary, Soham Ahmed, Sarah Aldred, Julia Cangialosi, Nicholas Chung, Yuhyeon Cucchiaro, Lexi Doan, Co-Tu Donaldson, Niall Duan, Jackson Gowni, Preetham Haider, Aylia Jammi, Shreyas Kargupta, Priyanka Lee, Andrew Lee, Se Rin Leone, Alessandra Mahate, Sahar Mazzuca, Megan Na, Sarah Ordowski, Justin Pascarelle, Nick Poston, Cassidy Potter, Robert Rice, Kaitlin Roberts, Jordan Ruck, Chloe Shin, Grace Venginickal, Nicholas Wang, David Wong, Frances Wong, Ginny Young, Matt Zambidis, Alexander Zhang, Bryan Zhang, Carl Zhang, Wendy Bolla, Pranav Hopkins, David Schickler, Braden

Congratulations to our December Math Student of the Month Honorees

Jorge Grananos -Common Core Algebra I , Morgan Amos -Geometry GT , Griffin Cutaiar -Business Calculus GT, Joey Peters -Trig & Math Analysis , Maddy Wyscarver- Common Core Algebra II , Caroline Sidlecki - Calculus AB , Ryan Cursey- Trigonometry , Nick Snyder Algebra II GT , Tori Mannarelli-Calculus C , Douglas Chen-PreCalculus GT, Divine Deinma- Common Core Geometry , Kelsey Noll- Advanced Algebra , Chase Blanchette-Discrete , Amy Del-I AP Statistics

Congratulations to superstar volleyball player-Nicole Tabenske, Mt. Hebron, senior, libero who made our All County Second Team!

Congratulations to our Physics, Science, Computer Science, Math, our Project Lead the Way Engineering teachers, and all staff at MHHS!!!!!! Once again, as we have so many years previously, we have been selected as a top engineering source school by UMCP. Our MHHS staff is teaching and training the engineers of tomorrow!

Congratulations to our Indoor Track Team! Below are the results of their last meet (Dec. 18)!

Team	Girls -1 st	Boys - 2 nd
55m	3 rd Jaiden Ritter, 4 th Blaire Ridgely, 5 th Morgan Flack	
300m	2 nd Jaiden Ritter, 5 th Blaire Ridgely, 7 th Ebere Ugorji , 8 th Morgan Flack	
500m	1 st Glen Turner , 2 nd Ebere Ugorji	
800m	1 st Mike Schlining	
1600m	4 th Caylee Bergreen	
3200m	4 th William Jones, 7 th Eric Vaughan, 8 th Ross Wenzel, 2 nd Emily Beyer	
55m Hurdle	2 nd Colton Wartman	
800m	1 st Mike Schlining,	
Long Jump	4 th Teni Olasimbo, 7 th Kaile Melton, 1 st Colton Wartman, 7 th Olu Yessoufou	
Triple Jump	4 th Destiny Efinda, 1 st Colton Wartman, 4 th Olu Yessoufou, 5 th Subomi Olumide	
High Jump	8 th Kaile Melton	
Shot Put	4 th Rachel Brown	
4x200 relay	5 th Boys	Faisal Alamad, Colton Wartman, Joel Evens, Glen Turner
4x200 relay	5 th Girls	Mia Flack, Kate Fleck, Natalie Lewis, Lexi Croft
4x400 relay	1 st Girls	Morgan Flack, Ebere Ugorji, Jaiden Ritter, Blaire Ridgely
4x400 relay	1 st Boys	Glen Turner, Colton Wartman, Faisal Alamad, Joel Evens
4x800 relay	1 st Boys	Glen Turner, Mike Schlining, Jacob Ververs, Joel Evens

Dec 16th Meet-

Team	Girls – 5 th out of 50 teams	Boys – 22 nd out of 50 teams
55m	6 th Jaiden Ritter	
300m	4 th Jaiden Ritter	
500m	8 th Morgan Flack	
800m	3 rd Mike Schlining	
3200m	2 nd Emily Beyer	
800m	1 st Mike Schlining,	
Long Jump	5 th Colton Wartman,	
4x200 relay	1 st Girls Morgan Flack, Ebere Ugorji, Jaiden Ritter, Blaire Ridgely 3 seconds from qualifying for Indoor Nationals	
4x400 relay	1 st Girls Morgan Flack, Ebere Ugorji, Jaiden Ritter, Blaire Ridgely 5 seconds from qualifying for Indoor Nationals	

Congratulations to Mt. Hebron High School's Senior Emmy Beyer for being **named to the 1st Team, Baltimore Sun, All Metro Girl's Cross Country Team.** This is a HUGE accomplishment. Please Congratulate Emmy if you see her this week. Emmy won several races for the Vikings as a strong senior. She finished first in the Class 3A East meet in 19 minutes, 23.6 seconds as Mount Hebron took second overall, one point behind Centennial. She also won Hood College Invite (19:10.8) earlier in the season, running against a tough field she took first in the Howard County Invitational (19:06.0) in early September.

Congratulations to the Hebron Varsity Wrestling team on Improving to 11-0 with a tri match Victory over Centennial and Oakland Mills Wednesday 19th. Amazing record Team Hebron

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our KASPO, Korean American Student Parent Organization, for an AMAZING luncheon for our staff on December 14. Thank you to all the parents who worked so hard for this beautiful and delightful break to our busy week!!! Thank you Young Ahn(Grace Ahn's mom) , Yim Chang(Karen Yi's grandmother), Kwang Lee(Jason Lee's dad), Hye Jeon Suo(Yoonjae Choi's mom), Youngmi Yoo (Haram Chun's mom), Hosun Kim(Timothy Kim's mom), Margaret Hwang(Joontae Hwang's mom), Sanghee Yeom (Justin/Joshua Kweo 's mom, Jieun Kim(Brendan & Tara Kim's mom), Boyoung Lee (Hyojoo Kim's mom), Christen Park(Nathan Park's mom), Hyonchu Cho(Grace Cho's mom), Sam Chung (Matthew Chung's dad) Wooyoun Jin(David/Steve Jin's mom), Sarah Kim(Joo Eun Kim's mom), Hae Kyung Choi(Joanna Choi's mom) and Youngmi Lee(Dahye Park's mom).



Thank you Mindy Levene Spak and our ESOL staff, who started a tradition a few years ago and created a holiday event for our ESOL students, "Something New For the New Year." THANK YOU to our staff, students and community who donated. The majority of our students are away from their extended and sometimes immediate families. Some are refugees and the possibility of going home does not exist. Most came to this country with few positions. The weather, food and traditions here are different from those in their country. While we may get excited about the holidays and spending time with family, it is often a time when our students become homesick for their families, and home countries. While we celebrate, they are often struggling. Before the students go home for the holidays they come into a room set up like a store and get to choose items for themselves and the other children in their homes as well as a little something for their guardians or parents. The ESOL team wants to extend a thank you to the Mount Hebron community for their donations and support. The students in our program are overwhelmed by your generosity.



Thank you Alumni and Student Services for Alumni Day! It was wonderful that former students returned to share their knowledge, experience and advice about the college and career world with our students. We had over 130 returning students who visited classrooms to share their college and career experience.



Thank you to Ms. Reyes and our Dancers for an AMAZING performance!

Thank you to Ms. Viglotti and our MHHS students who are working with #OneHoward and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at HCPSS in a youth group that is open to all high school students. Our students are participating in dialogues on race and diversity in Howard County.

Thank you to our Boys Basketball team! Thank you for your kind donations to our Team Holiday Charity event this year, the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. With your help, we were able to provide two needy families in the DMV area with their full list of clothing, shoes and toys for their children this season. The Salvation Army provides assistance to thousands of needy families during the holiday season, and because of your generosity, we were able to become a part of their program to help others. Thank you for making a difference for those in need!

SCHOOL NEWS

Elective/AP Fair

Current 9th-11th grade students- learn about all the different courses you can take! Come to the elective fair on January 3 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the cafeteria to meet with teachers and learn about AP classes, GT Program, ARL Academies, and all other electives. Students begin registering for next year's classes online beginning January 8.

Math National Honor Society

The Math National Honor Society is excited to be welcoming over 100 new members this year! Thanks to everyone who applied! There will be an Induction Ceremony on January 22, 2018 from 6-7pm in the auditorium. The families of all inductees are invited to join us for the ceremony and celebration. We look forward to seeing you there!

HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2018

Tuesday, January 23, 2018: Period 1 Exam; Full day of school

No extracurricular activities, including practices, rehearsals, events, etc.

AM & PM ARL Classes in Session

Wednesday, January 24, 2018: Periods 2 & 3 Exams; High schools close 3 hours early

No extracurricular activities, except 90 minute conditioning practices which may begin at 2:45 p.m. No PM ARL Students

Thursday, January 25, 2018-Periods 4A & 4B Exams; High schools close 3 hours early

No extracurricular activities, except 90 minute conditioning practices which may begin at

2:45 p.m. No AM ARL Students

Friday, January 26, 2018: Periods 5 & 6 Exams; All schools close 3 hours early. All extracurricular activities resume at 2:45pm. No AM ARL Students

MTH Theatre:

Save the Date!

January 26th @ 7pm watch the Theatre Arts student tell across cultures and time.

Join us for "Another Cinderella !?!" A multicultural telling of the oldest fairy tale.

Whether slipper, sandals, or sneakers, come watch how a pair of shoes can change your life. Any questions please contact Mr. Steven Barker: Theatre Arts & English 12 Teacher.

HCPSS ANNOUNCES CLASS OF 2018 COMMENCEMENT WINDOW

Ellicott City, Maryland—The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) has confirmed the date window for the 2018 high school graduations. Commencement ceremonies will take place at Merriweather Post Pavilion between May 21–31, 2018. HCPSS has made this early announcement to enable planning by parents, students, schools and community members. HCPSS will provide the specific dates and times of each school's graduation ceremony after Merriweather finalizes its concert schedule, generally in the early spring.

Yearbook Sales:

2017-2018 yearbook is for sale! Don't miss out on capturing this school year's memories and purchase a book today at jostensyearbooks.com! Questions? Email **Ms. Fischetti** at Lauren_Fischetti@hcpss.org

PTSA & PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

International Parent Group in Mt. Hebron:

KASPO: Korean American Student Parent Organization (KASPO)

IASPA: Parents interested in joining the Indian American Student Parent Association (IASPA) can contact **Gopi Suri** at gopi_suri@yahoo.com.

PAAS: Parents of African American Students (PAAS) can contact President **Charles Turner** at Charles.Turner@atsol.com . Please join PAAS at <http://mthebronpaas.wixsite.com/paas> PAAS Communications Committee

VIKING BACKERS BOOSTER CLUB:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the Viking Backers! We would like to wish you all peace, happiness and some time to relax with family and friends during the holiday break. We appreciate all of the support from our school community and especially want to thank the many parent team representatives and concessions volunteers who have helped this year. We wish you all the best in 2018!

There is still time to decorate for the holidays... Support student activities at Mt. Hebron by purchasing from our **TREE & TRIM SALE** in the parking lot daily after school until 9 pm and all day Saturday. Payne Landscaping donates a portion of every sale back to the Viking Backers. Thank you to all who made purchases this season!

VOLUNTEERS are needed in the **CONCESSION STAND**. One adult is needed at every shift, otherwise, students are encouraged to help and earn service hours.. Please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44afae2fa2fa7-20172018> *Please note that due to health department regulations, only those who have registered to help may be present in the concession stand. Each winter athletic team has a parent representative who sends out periodic requests for volunteers and teams are relied upon to fill as many spots as possible. Please let us know if you haven't received those messages. We REALLY appreciate your service and cooperation.

MONTHLY MEETING For more information on how you can get involved and support our student activities, come to our next **MONTHLY MEETING** on January 8th from 6:30-7:30 pm in the media center. Everyone is invited!

LOOKING AHEAD....The Viking Backers Booster Club needs you! We are already planning for next year and are looking for a few people to fill key leadership positions – VP Spirit Wear; Corporate Sponsorship Committee Chair and members; Concessions committee members (to take over as VP in 2019). Please contact president@vikingbackers.org for more information or come to our next meeting on 1/8 at 6:30p in the media center.

DRIVERS ED CLASSES sponsored by the Viking Backers are available at Mt. Hebron! Every student who wants to get a driver's license in Maryland must take a driver's education course. We receive a portion of the tuition for each student who takes the course at Mt. Hebron. Registration is open for the following classes:

01/08/18 - 01/22/18: 2:45 pm - 6:00 pm with Greg's Driving School **(No class on 1/15 - school closed)**

01/29/18 - 02/09/18: 3:00 pm - 6:15 pm with Street Smarts Driving School

02/01/18 - 2/14/18: 2:45 pm - 6:00 pm with Greg's Driving School

Register through either Greg's or Street Smarts. For more information:

<http://www.vikingbackers.org/driver-s-ed.html>

Questions? Email president@vikingbackers.org www.vikingbackers.org [Like us on Facebook](#) [Follow](#)

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PTSA:

Have you had a chance to join the PTSA? Just print the membership form from the school website and send it in with your child or mail it to school. The PTSA supports the students and staff by providing scholarships to Seniors, sponsoring the After-Prom Party, publishing a school directory and so much more!"

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Please visit the Community News and Programs page <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-andprograms/> On the HC PSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.