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Principal's Newsletter

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We have much to celebrate this week!

Congratulations to Jenna Hoffman! Jenna's photograph of a Syrian refugee boy was selected for display in the exhibit for The Memory Project: Faces of Joy. Jenna's portrait of a young Syrian refugee boy, Abdul Aimenin, was one of 70 giclee prints drawn from 3,000 portraits featured in The Memory Project: Faces of Joy exhibition, which opened this past Thursday at the University of Wisconsin, Nancy Hall-Ruth Davis Design Gallery in the School of Human Ecology. Jenna traveled to Madison, Wisconsin to be a part of the opening where she met a recently immigrated Syrian refugee family and, through an interpreter, heard their harrowing story. It was through the smiling, shy, joyful faces of their 8 and 6 year old daughters that she witnessed the amazing resilience of the human spirit and the desire of every mother and father to strive for a better world for their children. We are very proud of you Jenna!

Congratulations to Mt. Hebron Senior, Scott Seitz, who achieved his Boy Scout Eagle Rank on September 12th. Scott belongs to Troop 944 in Ellicott City. He designed and built Handicap Planters for a local nursing home for his Eagle project.

Congratulations to the following Commended Students recognized by the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. The Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Congratulations to:

Ananya Devadiga, Jun-Gi Hong, Kathleen Jacob, Jennifer Jung, Priyanka Kargupta, Se Rin Lee, Jiachen Liu, Isaac Luther, Victoria Mannarelli, Matthew Michaels, Elizabeth Milano, Samuel Nitkin, Cosette O'Connell, Adam Odolil, Trueman Phamdo, Sophia Sagandyk, Michael Schlining, Krista Schumm, Angela Wang and Ross Wenzel.

Congratulations to the Girls' Cross Country Team and their wonderful accomplishments!

HOCO Invite: We had three individual champions at the Howard County Invitational. Emily "Emmy" Beyer won the varsity race with a time of 19:07. Alexandra "Lexie" Banham won the open race with a time of 21:39. Maria "Masha" Grafov won the Fresh/Soph race with the 21:14. Our varsity team placed 8th out of 18 teams with a total of 240 pts. Our fresh/soph team placed 3rd out of 13 teams with a total of 91 pts. Our open team placed 3rd out of 6 teams with a total of 76 pts. Every member of the team ran seasons best at the HOCO invite!!!

TRI-MEET @ Marriott's Ridge: Our team won the tri-meet at Marriott's ridge with a total of 25 points. Marriotts Ridge came in second with 31 pts and Long Reach third with 85 pts. Emily "Emmy" Beyer won the varsity race with a time of 19:42. Maria "Masha" Grafov placed 2nd and Alexandra "Lexie" Banhman 3rd followed by Chemutai "Wangui" Nganga (8th), Ellie Gustafson (11th), Caylee Bergreen (12th) and Olivia Minnich (15th) rounding out our top 7. (FYI: the top seven finishers are used to determine the team scores). We had 4 seasons best at the Marriott's Ridge Tri-meet: Maria Grafov, Lexie Banham, Wangui Nganga and Isabelle Rathbun!

HOOD COLLEGE: Our team placed sixth out of 21 teams with a total of 133 points. Emily "Emmy" Beyer won the varsity race with a time of 19:10. Maria "Masha" Grafov placed 12th and earned a medal. Alexandra "Lexie" Banhman and Ellie Gustafson both won ribbons placing 36th and 37th respectively. Our JV team placed third of 11 teams with a total of 90 points. Chemutai "Wangui" Nganga placed second in the JV race with a time of 22:15. We had 16 season bests at the Hood College Invite: Maria Grafov, Lexie Banhman, Ellie Gustafson, Wangui Nganga, Jordan Maloney, Caylee Bergreen, Olivia Kryger, Gabbie Imre, Jenna Daughtery, Olivia Dibble, Allison Lee, Amanda Chiei, Race Hunde, Grace Shin, Sachi Pawar, Ana Mosisa.

Congratulations to our Boys' Cross Country Team -The varsity team finished in the top 20-25% of each major invitational entered with over 30 schools entered in each race. They won the only county tri-meet race so far this season. The JV team finished as one of the top 4-5 teams in each race. Sahil Sardesai (senior) has emerged as one of the best runners in the county, and within the state 3A classification. He has consistently been in and around the top 10 individuals in each race so far this season. There is also some very good underclassmen talent, with Will Jones (freshman), Bryce Kampert (sophomore) and Anthony Marcelli (sophomore) who secured a place on the varsity team.

Mt. Hebron Golf Team

Junior Ryan Jung placed 6th in the Howard County Golf Champion at Hobbit's Glen Golf Course on Tuesday 9/26. Ryan put up a score of 80, just 3 back from the tournament winning score of 77. Congratulations Ryan. The tournament qualifiers were Lake Lloyd, Ryan Jung and Sung Kim, who all averaged 20 points or better over at least three matches to qualify. These three will also represent Mount Hebron at the District V Championship at Crofton Country Club on 10/9. The Boys' Golf team concluded its regular season with a record of 7-6, lead by Lake Lloyd, Ryan Jung and Sung Kim. Senior Lake Lloyd had a team best score of 2 over par against Centennial on 9/19 for the Vikings this year, and also placed in the top three in the county for scoring. The Girls' Golf team finished with a record of 4-7 in the county. Scoring leaders for the ladies were Sophomores Christina Bodziak and Kate Fleck. The Lady Vikes have a bright future having a league highest ten players! This is a young group with a lot of potential. Donald.Walters@hcpss.org

Thank you to the **Mt. Hebron Vikings Volleyball Program** – they decided to pay it forward last week and donate school supplies for Lee Elementary School in Tampa, Florida. The families in the program generously responded to the Varsity Assistant, Tina Catanach's request to help the school from her hometown. Together the Mt. Hebron Volleyball Program and Bollman Bridge Elementary School, in Jessup, MD, donated an incredible amount of supplies and support to the school! It was hand delivered to the Hillsborough Education Foundation (the non-profit collecting for the school) in Tampa, FL this past weekend. Way to go Vikings!!!!

Thank you to those that showed an interest in participating in the Hebron Culture Fest! In an effort to accommodate more groups, the **Culture Fest is being rescheduled for spring 2018**. There will be a meeting in the near future for those interested in performing, fundraising, and participating in the event! We look forward to working with you and your students :-) Dina Reyes and Kara Brooks-Odom

Thank you for your support of the **Millionaire's Club**. We are planning a **"White-Out Wednesday" on Wednesday, October 4** all day at school. Students will wear white to show compassion and support for all hurricane and earthquake victims. Tee Shirts will be sold during all lunch shifts this week and next week, Viking Time, and before and after school in Room 145. **VIKING STRONG FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS. 50% of profits will be donated to a worthy Hurricane Relief fund.**

Thank you to all of the parents who came to College Night on September 25th! We enjoyed seeing you there and talking about the next step for your children. **The presentation for that night was emailed out to all senior parents and is available in the student services section of the MHHS website.** Contact your child's counselor if you need more information!

UPDATE Family File

Family File: For those of you who have not yet updated your Family File (formerly known as Emergency Procedure Card) for this school year, please know that **each school year** parents/guardians are **required** to log into Connect to verify **each** of their child(ren)'s information. Even if you think you have completed the Family File, it is possible to log into Connect, review the information, and simply overlook a step or neglect to hit the Submit button at the end, so please double check that you have done so. Please take the time to review and **submit your Family File information** today. Resources on how to access Family File may be found online at <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>. If you have forgotten your login credentials, you may click the "Forgot Password" link on the log-on page. *Tip: Your Connect login is NOT the same as your student's login.* In addition, the green "Help" button allows you to request help with log-in issues. **Students will not be allowed to purchase a Homecoming Dance (October 14th) ticket if their Family File information has not been verified and submitted. Tickets go on sale October 2nd.** If you require further assistance, we request that you send an **email to Mary May**, MHHS Point-of-Contact, Mary_May@hcpss.org. You can expect a response within one business day. Thank you for taking care of this important annual family responsibility.

HOMEcomings INFORMATION

Homecoming 2017 is October 14: The theme for this year's Homecoming is **Vikings through the Ages.**

Seniors: The Future/Juniors: The Wild West/Sophomores: The Jurassic Era/Freshmen: The Renaissance.

Spirit Week Days: Monday 10/9: USA Day/Tuesday 10/10: Movie Day/Wednesday 10/11: PSATs/Thursday 10/12: Vikings Through the Ages Day/Friday 10/13: Color Day: Seniors: Black/Juniors: Gold/Sophomores: Blue/Freshmen: Red.

The Mount Hebron Pancake Breakfast: OCTOBER 14th, MT HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL @ 7:30AM
9440 OLD FREDRICK ROAD, **Saturday, October 14th, 2017 at 7:30AM**, Ellicott City, MD – Mount Hebron High School is preparing for 2017 Homecoming! On October 14th, the day will begin with our annual pancake breakfast followed by the parade and then the Vikings Homecoming Football Game. The Vikings Homecoming Pancake Breakfast menu will include sausage, doughnuts, fruit, and of course, PANCAKES! Don't miss out! Support the Vikings by attending the annual Viking Homecoming Pancake Breakfast. Tickets, ages 9 and older, are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from members of the Mount Hebron Football team, at home football games or by emailing **Trish Lettieri** at trish_lettieri@comcast.net. Proceeds from the **Viking Homecoming Pancake Breakfast benefit the Mount Hebron Football Program.**

ACTIVITY BUS

The **After-School Activities Bus** is available now on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** and continuing until May 17. The **bus will depart at 3:55pm** from the front of the school and make stops at four major areas: **Liter Court & Liter Drive, Hollifield Station Elementary School, Town and Country and West Spring Drive, and Worthington Elementary School.** The purpose of this bus is to support students who stay after school for tutoring, make-up work, club meetings, detention, or to study in the Media Center. Students may obtain **bus tickets** from any staff member. If you would like your son or daughter to ride the After School Activities Bus, **please fill out the Beyond School Hours Permission Form (located in the front office)** and return it to **Dr. Neugebauer.**

DONATIONS WANTED! Do you have any 35MM film cameras not being used? Any old photo equipment, supplies, or other cameras that you no longer need? The Mt. Hebron Photo Department wants to grow the program for our students so they have more opportunities to improve their photography skills and concepts. Please contact photo and art teacher Caroline Creeden for more information or donations. We appreciate your support! **Caroline Creeden** [-caroline.creeden@hcpss.org](mailto:caroline.creeden@hcpss.org).

Celebrate your student's senior year and purchase a recognition ad for the 2017-2018 Valhalla! Ads can be purchased at www.jostensadservice.com and are easy to make. Sizes include full page, 1/2 page, 1/4 page, and 1/8

page. The last day to purchase is 11/13/17. Email Ms. Fischetti at Lauren_Fischetti@hcpss.org if you have any questions.

Yearbook Sales: Yearbooks are on sale now! Get the 2017-2018 Valhalla for the low price of \$80. Personalized books are on sale for \$86 and come with FREE icons for a limited time. Go to jostensyearbooks.com to buy yours today!! Email **Ms. Fischetti** at Lauren_Fischetti@hcpss.org if you have any questions.

The Millionaire's Club is launching this year with a philanthropic venture. This club is focused on Financial Literacy concepts that culminate in a Personal Finance Challenge in April. Cash prizes are awarded to the teams that place 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The club has placed 2nd and 4th in the region as they focus on current events and financial topics like credit scores, interest rates, and investments. The club recognizes the importance of sharing their success with others in need. They are selling **Viking Strong tee shirts for \$10** and 50% of the profits will be donated to a hurricane charity, most likely the Red Cross. These shirts will be sold during all lunch shifts as well as during Viking Time in Room 145. The Millionaire's Club is Viking Strong for Hurricane victims.

Bernadette_Bechta@hcpss.org

FBLA

Mount Hebron's Chapter of **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** is sponsoring a "safe space" trick or treat alternative at **Hollifield Station Elementary School's Fall Festival on Friday October 27th from 6 to 8 pm**. All elementary-age children are invited to attend with a parent. There will be carnival games for prizes or candy. FBLA is funding this event, but donations are always appreciated. Michael_Gorleski@hcpss.org

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

On Tuesday, September 26th, MHHS' Shakespeare's Scoundrels, the Viking's new Shakespeare Troupe met for the first read-through [see pictures] of their two 30-minute **Shakespeare productions, Romeo & Juliet and Much Ado About Nothing**. The troupe meets every Tuesday under the leadership of **Mr. Barker**. Seniors Danielle Wendt, Katie Jacob, and Savannah Offenbacher are the student co-directors of the production, which will premiere this December at the **Winter Theatre Fest on Dec 7th and 8th**. These productions will then tour to our feeder middle schools to assist the students with their learning about the Bard and his works. The Scoundrels meet every Tuesday after school from 2:30pm-4:00pm and all are welcome. The Scoundrels will be hosting a stage combat workshop and a Shakespearean Verse master class later in the year. Steven_Barker@hcpss.org (Theatre Arts & English 12th Teacher)

STUDENT SERVICES

Change in the phone and electronic device policy for SATs. Beginning with the October 2017 SAT® School Day, the College Board is requiring supervisors to **collect all cell phones** and wearable technology from test takers before administering the test. All devices must be powered down when entering the testing room. Students will label their device, place them in bags, and bags will be held in the testing rooms for the duration of testing.

Lockers: Students, if you changed your mind about needing or wanting a locker, please come to the front office and Ms. Bradley will gladly give you one.

The student services department is delighted to welcome two school counseling interns to our team this year! They are both finishing their masters degrees in school counseling at Loyola University. **Sharon Shaw** is working under the supervision of Ms. Flynn and **Cathlyn Myers** is working under the supervision of Mr. Peabody. We are lucky to have these two professional interns on the team during the fall semester. They will be working with students over the course of the semester. If they plan to engage in regular meetings with your child, they will contact you with further information and for permission. They are part of our team, so if you hear from them, please work with them as you would any school counselor. If you have questions, please contact **Ms. Flynn** or **Mr. Peabody**.

The school counselors met with freshmen this week during health and PE classes. We were able to work with them in Naviance and meet individually with them to plan for high school and beyond. Please check in with your student about these meetings. We enjoyed meeting them and are very excited to help our newest high school students explore the many opportunities available to them! If you have any questions at all, do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor.

Needs assessment: The school-counseling department at MTH is striving to meet the needs of our student community. In order to best do this, we want to know what most holds students back from performing their best in class. Is it study skills? Anxiety? Organization? You will be emailed a link to a needs assessment next week. We are asking everyone in our community to complete it once - all students, parents, educators and community members who work with our students. Please look for the link and take a couple of minutes (really, it will not take more than a couple of minutes) and answer the questions for us. All answers will be anonymous.

International Achievement Liaison: Mrs. Jamie Kim at jamie_kim@hcpss.org
Mt. Hebron HS (M, W, Th) 410-313-2883.

BSAP Community: Cheryl Grimes: BSAP Liaison: cheryl_grimes@hcpss.org.

Mt. Hebron HS (Alt W, Th, F) 410-313-2883.

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

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

Viking Backers

Viking Backers Annual Basket Bingo will be held at the Lodge in Catonsville on Friday, November 17, 2017 at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:00PM. There are no reserved tables). In addition to baskets, the Backers will feature Coach Purses and other themed baskets. This is always a sellout event. Tickets are \$30.00

The Viking Backers concession stand is now open at all home sporting events. We still need a bunch of volunteers for short shifts on Friday night. Can you help? Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44afae2fa2fa7-20172> to sign up!
Thank you to everyone who has already signed up or served! Questions? Email president@vikingbackers.org

PTSA

Viking Voice

The October Viking Voice is up on the website, or can be accessed directly at <http://bit.ly/Oct17VV>

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-and-programs/> on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.