



August 7, 2019

IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I cannot wait for the staff and students to return! In just a few short weeks, 1656 students and 203 staff will be walking through these doors, and I am soooooo excited!!!!!! I wanted to provide all of our new and returning parents and students a few back-to-school dates and logistics. Please read below and do not hesitate to contact me or another administrator if you have any questions or concerns. Our first Principal's Newsletter will come out on Friday, August 30th.

Joelle Miller, Principal

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Katie Clark, Assistant Principal Last Names A-F

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School Website: <http://mhhs.hcpss.org/>

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>

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS: See our [calendar](#) on our website for additional dates.

August 12	6:30pm	Fall Sports Meeting- Parents & Athletes
August 21		MHHS Staff Return
August 22	6:30pm	Safe Driving Class- Parents & Students
August 22	6:30 pm-9:30 pm	Auditions for the Fall Play- Choir Room
August 23	10:30am	Superintendent Kick Off - Band/Cheer attend
August 26	6:30pm	Safe Driving Class- Parents & Students
August 26	4:30 pm-6:30 pm	Auditions for the Fall Show- Choir Room
August 27	8:00am	Parking Permit Pick Up
August 29	8:00am-10:30am	New Student Orientation
August 29	7:00pm	Marching Unit Pass & Review
September 2		Labor Day
September 3		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
September 5	6:00 pm	Back-to-School Night - Auditorium
September 6	7:00 pm	Hebron Hula
September 30		No School
June 26		LAST Day of School

FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS

All tryouts start August 14th unless otherwise noted

Please visit <https://mhhs.hcpss.org/athletics/teams> to contact the coaches for any specific tryout questions.

Football JV and Varsity: Stadium Field at 9:0am to Noon

Cross Country Boys and Girls: Stadium Track at 7:00am

Volleyball: Main Gym

August 14th- Freshman and JV 8-11am

Varsity 1-3pm

August 15th- JV 8-10

Freshman 10-12pm

Varsity 1-3pm

August 16th JV 8-10am

Freshman 10-12pm

Varsity 1-3 pm

Boys Soccer: Varsity: August 14th Stadium Field at 6:00am

JV: August 14th at 8:00 AM lower soccer field

Girls Soccer: JV and Varsity: August 14th Bermuda Soccer Field at 8:00am

Golf Boys and Girls: August 14th and 15th Meet at Willow Spring Golf Course at 8-12pm.

Cheer JV and Varsity: Aux Gym

August 14th, 15th, 16th 9-11am Aux Gym

August 19th and 20th 9-12pm Aux Gym

August 21st 3:00-6:00 PM Aux Gym

Field Hockey JV and Varsity: Will start on Saturday, August 17th Stadium Field at 8:30am

Allied Soccer: TBD once students are back on Sept. 2nd.

Instructions for Fall Sports Registration/Tryouts Must be complete by August 12th

1. Go to <https://www.hcpss.org/connect/>
2. Login to your connect portal (must be the parental login. Using your student's login info. will not allow registration.)
3. Once logged in go to the menu on the left and click **HS Athletic Registration** (if you have more than one student make sure you have selected the student from the drop down menu at the top of the page.)
4. Click on **Athletic Registration**.
5. Complete all forms. Do not skip or leave any boxes blank. Please upload physical dated after April 1, 2019 (PDF). Older physicals will not be accepted. Please load BG&E bill dated after June 1, 2019. Older BG&E bills will not be accepted.

YEARBOOK PICKUP

Anyone who ordered a MHHS yearbook can pick it up on August 27th at 8:30am in the Cafeteria.

SCHOOL NEWS

UPDATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Parents/guardians may now complete/update their Family File emergency information. Parents must verify or update information for each child, **each school year**. Access Family File by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#), selecting the Family File tab on the left and then selecting Family File. [Details and resources](#) can be found on the HCPSS website.

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 6:30 p.m.**

The Safe Driving Program dates are posted to the HCPSS Website. Contact Clovis_Thomas@hcpss.org with questions related to Mt. Hebron parking permits. Mt. Hebron's dates are August 22 and August 26 at 6:30 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 TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 at 8:00 AM. Students can begin lining up as early as 7:30 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.**

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New student orientation for Freshman and New Students-Thursday August 29th- 8:00am–10:30 am. **New students and incoming 9th graders will receive their printed schedules the day of orientation if they need it. Schedules will be emailed by the county shortly.** Students should report to the auditorium at the start of the morning. Unfortunately, transportation to the orientation activities is **NOT** provided.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT - Thursday, September 5 from 6:00 – 8:30pm

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. We will begin in the auditorium with announcements from the principal and begin class rotations at 6:30pm.

GETTING TO SCHOOL

STUDENT MORNING DROP-OFF



Red – Do not park

Blue – Entrance Pattern

Yellow – Exit Pattern

Our parking lot and Old Frederick Road is congested every morning from 7:05am-7:25am. On average, we have 643 parents who drive their children to school. We have 200 staff members and allow 215 seniors to park on campus. That is a lot of cars for a (former) junior high parking lot. We strongly encourage EVERY student to ride the school bus. Due to safety concerns, parents/Lyft drivers/Uber drivers are not allowed to drop students off in our bus loop or our staff lot.

The DROP-OFF for students is the lot **AFTER** the intersection/light at St. Johns Lane and Old Frederick Road. Once you enter the student lot, stay to the right if you want to exit and go left on Old Frederick Road. Stay to the left to drop students off at the auditorium doors at the side of the building following the established traffic pattern (See above diagram).

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

Parents **may not** make left turns from the drop-off lot onto Old Frederick Road.

Students who are driving themselves to school are encouraged to arrive early to avoid being tardy. 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 as **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.

FALL PLAY INFORMATION

Thursday August 22 Auditions for the fall show, DAMN YANKEES 6:30-9:00 PM--choir room
Monday August 26 Auditions for the fall show, DAMN YANKEES 4:30 -6:30 PM-choir room

Mr. Sankey and our new Theatre Arts teacher, Ms. Carlsen, are pleased to announce that auditions for our fall show, DAMN YANKEES will be held on Thursday August 22 from 6:30 to 9:00 and on Monday August 26 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Both auditions will take place in the choir room. Auditions are open to all Mt Hebron students. For the audition, please prepare a song to sing (under 60 seconds). The song can be from DAMN YANKEES, or from another show or any song of your choosing. Please bring sheet music as we will have a piano player at the audition. You may also sing to an instrumental CD or with your phone. The show has many roles and many ensemble numbers. For those attending the student parking meeting on Aug 22, please feel free to come down to the choir room after your meeting. Show dates are November 8-16.

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.

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**. Please look into the camera. We will buzz you right in. During school hours, 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. When visiting, please do not park in the bus loop. Please park in the staff lot. We have "VISTOR" parking in the front row for you. When dropping items off for your child, please label them and drop them at the table in the front office. Let the front office staff know if you need them to contact your child to pick it up. If you have an appointment with Student Services or a teacher, please report to the front office to sign in. All visitors **MUST** sign in during our school day.

STUDENT SERVICES

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

A-Ce	Ms. Veronica Valentine (Veronica_Valentine@hcpss.org)
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 (Patrick_Miles@hcpss.org)
Sk-Z	Ms. Elizabeth Dolan (Elizabeth_Dolan@hcpss.org)

PTSA & PARENT ORGANIZATION NEWS:

Caroline Bodziak PTSA President: mthebronptsa@gmail.com

PTSA New Website Live - Join Online!
www.mthebronptsa.com/

Contact mthebronptsa@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to an exciting year reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones!

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 additional funds from our 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](#)

2019-2020 Viking Backers Memberships Available Now!

We invite you to join the Viking Backers, booster club for Mt. Hebron High School. The Viking Backers is an all-volunteer, parent organization that supports ALL student extracurricular activities including academics, arts & athletics. Visit www.vikingbackers.org to join online or drop off your completed membership form & payment at the Fall Sports Parent Meeting on 8/12, at the New Student Orientation on 8/29 or at Back to School Night on 9/5. Completed forms & payment can also be mailed to P.O. Box 775 Ellicott City, MD 21041. Your

membership supports ALL students at Mt. Hebron! 410-989-3717 Viking Backers text/mobile
www.vikingbackers.org

Voices for Children Annual 5K

Monday, September 2nd. As you may know, this is a community event hosted by local middle and high school students supporting Voices for Children.

This is the 10th year for teens of Mt. Hebron to host a 5k for a non-profit! The students are supporting [Voices for Children](#). We love the idea of children supporting other children right here in our very own community.. 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/>

Cypressmeade Park

3100 Fawnwood Dr Ellicott City, MD 21042

Monday September 2nd, 2019

The Out of the Darkness Community Walk

Join the Mount Hebron High School team (<http://afsp.donordrive.com/team/MTH>) for this walk on 9/28! The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, support, and a walk that unites a campus and community – a time to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental illness have affected our lives and our loved ones.

Walk Date: 09/28/2019

Walk Location: Lake Elkhorn - Columbia, MD

Check-in/Registration Time: 10:00 am

Walk Begins: 11:30 am

Walk Ends: 1:00 pm

The Mt Hebron PTSA is expanding efforts on mental health this year with speakers including the school's own Student Support Team (SST), Grassroots Suicide Prevention (QPR) Training, events during "Pi Week" in March, and the Sept. 28 Out of the Darkness Walk.

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