Happy Friday, Vikings!

As both a former science teacher and former Science Olympiad coach, I can’t begin to tell you how excited I am for this Sunday when we will host the regional tournament for the Science Olympiad! Founded in 1984, Science Olympiad is one of the premiere science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to the teams who participate. And under the guidance of our truly outstanding science teacher, Hebron Science Olympiad coach and event coordinator(!), Paul Sabota, we have 60 teams who will be competing on Sunday!

From Herpetology to Heredity, Chemistry Labs to Codebusters, Meteorology to Mission Impossible and so much more, there is truly something for everyone who has an interest in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) with 23 different events in which students can compete. Our students (as well as the over 100 students from across the state who we’re going to compete against) have been working long hours with their coaches beyond the school day and on weekends preparing for their events. They’ve been studying, building robots and mouse traps and other structures, doing lab simulations, and taking mock tests. They’ve been preparing both as individuals and as teams because one of the aspects I love most about Science Olympiad is that it fosters teamwork.

And while our student teams are busy competing on Sunday, our adult teams of volunteers will be working feverishly to support this far-reaching community event. Our beloved and active PTSA is responsible for reserving our building and committing resources to make this happen. Our dynamic and ever-present Viking Backers will be running concessions all day. Countless Viking staff and community members have volunteered in the competition rooms. And our custodians will be working overtime as well, all in support of our young people who will have the opportunity to move on to the state competition at the University of Maryland in April and from there, represent Maryland at Nationals. The Science Olympiad awards generous scholarships every year, and I couldn’t be prouder of our community for coming together to support this worthwhile event for our future scientists.

Coming together for a cause is a running theme here at Hebron, but this week in particular, I am struck by our shared compassion, commitment and kindness. In addition to the Science Olympiad, students came together this week in support of The American Childhood Cancer Organization. Many thanks to sophomore Alyssa Corb for bringing this to our attention and to our SGA and sponsors Katie Engelstatter and Phil Herdman for helping coordinate our PJammin® for Kids with Cancer event today. Further thanks to Key Club sponsor, Jamie Kim and our energetic Key Club members who sold candy grams and delivered them on Valentine’s Day in support of the Children’s Miracle Network. And best of luck to all of our wrestlers as we host the county wrestling tournament today (varsity) and Monday (JV).

I hope to see you many of you on Sunday proudly sporting your Viking black and gold because our amazing community is definitely something of which everyone should be proud to be a part!

Joelle
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Website: [http://mhhs.hcpss.org/](http://mhhs.hcpss.org/)
Student Online Newspaper: The Mountain: [https://mthmountain.com/](https://mthmountain.com/)

**UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS**
See the [calendar](http://mhhs.hcpss.org/) on our website for additional dates.

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CELEBRATIONS!

**For the most up-to-date celebrations, be sure to follow us on Twitter: @hcpss_mhhs**

Congratulations to Project Lead the Way Academy students, Noora Rahman and Aiswarya Boby, both of whom were selected for the Meyerhoff Scholars program at UMBC as well as the scholars program at college park. So proud of them both!!

Congratulations to Khiem Doan (Music Composition) and Maryem Farghali (Visual Arts) for winning the Mt. Hebron leg of the National PTA’s Reflections program. They were presented with certificates by Dr. Miller and Deborah Basilovich, the PTSA’s Reflections Co-Chair. Such talented teens we have at Hebron!
Thank you to Jake Witlin who shared this photo and submitted the following for our newsletter: Rho Kappa Honor Society welcomed guest speakers Colonel Robert Lowell and Colonel Lou Schott to speak at our monthly meeting. COL Lowell served in Desert Storm and COL Schott is 97 years old and served in WWII! I was originally introduced to these men through the American Legion and Boys State and invited them to speak. One of the guests took the above picture and also provided a hand out about Boys and Girls State. We had over 30 members in attendance at our meeting this week. Way to go Jake and our History Honor Society students!

Congratulations to Josh Leach who is currently starring in Newsies at Third Wall Productions!

The MD Theatre Guide named Newsies on of their Top 5 “must see” shows in Maryland. Critics have been raving, and Josh even got a mention in a review. So proud of you Josh!
Our staff was definitely feelin’ the love on Valentine’s Day! Such a cute idea from our PTSA Staff Appreciation Committee. A little bite of chocolate goes a long way! Thank you!

NEW NEWS

Update to the Academic Calendar
Howard County public schools have been closed due to inclement weather on four days this school year: November 15, January 14 and 30, and February 11. As a result, all four of the inclement weather make-up days reserved on the school calendar will be used.

The last day of school is now scheduled to be Friday, June 21. The final three school days, June 19, 20 and 21, will dismiss 3 hours early. The updated HCPSS calendar is available online at https://www.hcps.org/calendar/.

Elevator Keys- Health Room
Throughout the school year many injuries occur. Because the elevators require a key for use, students are issued a temporary key if they are on crutches, in a wheel chair or a boot. Unfortunately, some of the students have not promptly returned the keys even though they have been released from the doctor. If you have a child who was issued an elevator key and no longer needs it, please check with them to make sure that the key is returned to the health room. The health room is almost out of keys.
**We're off to see the Wizard!**
Dates for the performances are March 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at 7pm and March 24 at 2pm. Our Senior citizen matinee is on March 21 at 9:30am.

Tickets are currently on sale and are $10. Over 80 Vikings are involved in this production celebrating 80 years as an American Classic. Come support your Hebron Theatre and take a trip down the yellow brick road!

**After-School Bus Dates Added**
The following are the after-school bus dates for the remainder of the school year. Since we have had school closures on past bus dates, we have rescheduled the bus for the dates highlighted in red – they are Mondays. The **bolded** dates are Wednesdays.

Feb: 19, 21, 26, **27**, 28
Mar: 5, 7, 12, 14, **18**, 19, 21, **25**, 26, 28
Apr: 2, 4, **8**, 9, 11, 23, **24**, 25, 30
May: 2, 7, 9, 14, 16

If there are any more school closures on the dates above, we will add another Monday as the make-up day.

Pick up time is approximately 4pm. The bus will stop at the following locations:
1) Liter Court and Liter Drive
2) Hollifield Station Elementary Station
3) Town and Country and West Springs Drive
4) Worthington Elementary
5) Brunswick Zone/Dunkin Donuts

**Leadership and Service Opportunity**
for **All Middle and High School** students interested in:
- Sharing the Student Voice on HCPSS Policy and Community Issues
- Gaining Leadership Skills
- Practicing Community Service
- Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

Please join us for the Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month. The next Meeting is Wednesday 3/13 7-8:30 at the Homewood School 10914 MD-108, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org
WORTH REPEATING

Seeking Camp Assistants and Camp Volunteers
The Howard County Arts Council is once again seeking Camp Assistants and Camp Volunteers for its 2019 Visual and Performing Arts Summer Camp. The camp runs one week sessions for children grades K-7 from June 24- August 28. The application deadline is March 30, 2019. Contact Tammy Oppel deputydirector@hocoarts.org for more information.
**Leadership U Class of 2019**

Are you thinking of college for your child? Let **Leadership U** help your current sophomore build the skills that will help them succeed! **Leadership U** can provide him or her a memorable week-long program of leadership development, networking, and community awareness. Beginning the end of July and continuing through the fall of their junior year with nine Sunday afternoon group meetings, **LU** will give your child the opportunity to build their network, strengthen their leadership skills, meet new students, and work on a community service project of their choice. **Come learn more and speak to some of our grads at one of our final two information sessions: March 7 at Miller Library, from 7-8pm.** Parents and students in both 9th and 10th grade are encouraged to attend. Additional information is available at [http://www.leadershiphc.org/leadership-u-2/](http://www.leadershiphc.org/leadership-u-2/)

**Presenting Women in Aerospace Science & Engineering**

The Zonta Club of Howard County invites students, parents, educators, and the community to a free educational speaker program. **Women in Aerospace Science and Engineering** will feature women presenters discussing their studies and careers in aerospace science and engineering. Our guests are from the University Of Maryland Department Of Aerospace Engineering in College Park.

The event will take place on **February 26, 2019, Tuesday at 7:00 PM, at the Howard County Elkridge Library** (located at 6540 Washington Blvd, Elkridge 21075). Admission is free. Food and refreshments. All are welcome!

**Change in Vaping Law**

A recent change to the law regarding Vaping now allows police to issue a civil citation to juveniles for possessing an electronic smoking device. This is very important for both parents and students to be aware as it is illegal for juveniles to possess any type of electronic smoking device.

**International Parent Leadership Program**

The International Parent Leadership Program (IPLP) will be held at Mt. Hebron HS this March. The program is open to any international parents who would like to learn about the school system. If you are interested in participating, please go to [https://goo.gl/forms/iilUc3Ci62g2CT2a53](https://goo.gl/forms/iilUc3Ci62g2CT2a53) to register. Registration will close on 2/22/19. If you have any questions, please contact jamie_kim@hcpss.org. The sessions are: 3/4/19, 3/11/19, 3/18/19, 3/25/19, 6:00-8:00pm. You must attend all 4 sessions.

**AP Courses and Exams**

Do you have a child enrolled in an AP course this year? If so, we invite you to read more about the registration and testing process on our website at: [https://mhhs.hcpss.org/news/2019/01/ap-exam-registration](https://mhhs.hcpss.org/news/2019/01/ap-exam-registration)

More information will be shared in February when registration opens.
Muslim Interscholastic Tournament
The Muslim Student Association is proud to be attending MIST (Muslim Interscholastic Tournament) again this year in conjunction with students from the surrounding area and ISB. If your student is interested in participating this year, please have them contact Ms. Brooks-Odom through canvas or email. Information for the weekend long event in April can be found here: www.dcmist.com and is open to all Mt Hebron Students regardless of beliefs.

2019 Graduation Window Dates
The window for graduation for the Class of 2019 is Monday, May 20 - Friday, May 24 and Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31. The actual graduation schedule will be available in the spring (usually around April 15).

Photography Supplies Donations Needed
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.

Please contact photo and art teacher Caroline Creeden caroline.creeden@hcpss.org for more information or donations. Thank you for your support!

Youth in Conversation
Youth in Conversation is a group of high school students who want to “talk about the things no one talks about.” The goal is to build community by having conversations about identities we have in common and issues that separate us, such as race, culture, religion and gender.

All HCPSS high school students are welcome & free dinner will be provided by #OneHoward and the Columbia Association each evening we meet

We will meet the second and fourth Monday of every month from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Oliver’s Carriage House, 5410 Leaf Treader Way, Columbia, MD 21044 (also known as Kittamaqundi Community Church)

Meeting Dates in 2019: 2/25, 3/11 & 3/25, 4/8 and 4/29 (In April we will meet the 5th Monday instead of the 4th Monday because of Spring Break), 5/13
Please see the FRONT OFFICE for a form if you would like to participate.

Parent Support Group
Mount Hebron has a parent group. The purpose of this group is to provide a voice and tools that will assist parents of students who have needs in the areas of social communication, social regulation and executive functioning skills - whether in a university, work or supported living setting.

Mount Hebron parent, Michelle Im, along with members of our special education team, have volunteered to lead this amazing discussion and support group. Ms. Im also
serves as the Vice President for Howard County's Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC).

The remaining meeting will be held in Mt. Hebron’s Media Center from 6:30-8:00. All are welcome! Please join us!

**Wednesday, May 8th - SI + SR = 😎**
Group discussion designed to foster an understanding of the relationship between social interaction and self-regulation; to prompt parents to implement strategies at home.

Your next VALHALLA VOICE will be published **February 19th** with the latest news from your parent advocacy groups and community.