



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

April 17, 2020

Dear Beloved Hebron Community,

I can't believe our last newsletter was March 6! It's been five weeks since any of the MHHS staff have seen the students, and we were thrilled to be back online this week! Staff have been eager to see your faces, hear your voices and review your work. They've spent the last two weeks preparing lessons, updating grades, planning with other teachers, attending online training and learning to navigate distance learning - all in preparation to see you! Many students have also reached out to me to share how happy they are to be able to check-in with their teachers and colleagues and actually enjoy having work to do. We miss you students!

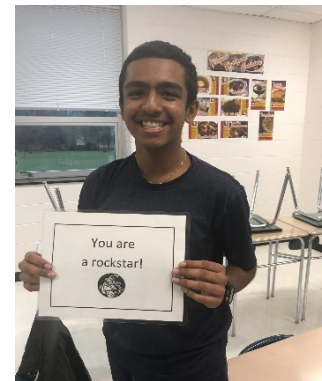
I was able to meet online with our incredible Viking Backers and PTSA and they have been invaluable! ***They are providing every teacher with \$40 to buy distance learning supplies!*** Our math teachers have purchased writing tablets that connect directly to the computers for demonstrating math problems. Other teachers have bought microphones, books, webcams and printer cartridges. They all thank you for the tremendous gift!

In addition, PTSA and our SGA have been collecting and sharing ideas to celebrate our super seniors. No recognition is too small, and every senior deserves to be celebrated. We have a few things in the works and are looking forward to sharing these activities very soon. SGA is planning a Spirit Week and will email staff and students via Canvas soon. If you have any ideas to celebrate or **have any student celebrations to share**, please email me.

I especially want to recognize Coach McCarthy and our Boys Lacrosse team, who, along with the Centennial Boys Lacrosse team, have raised over \$45,000 for the Zaching Against Cancer Foundation. Coach and the team proposed the social media ***#suitup challenge*** to energize, engage, and motivate students. What they've accomplished will leave a lasting legacy much greater than any accomplishment on the playing field. I am so proud of all of them and of our incredible community for all the generous donations.

Finally, while we wait for our next updates from the state and county, we are excited to resume our weekly newsletter as we still have so much to celebrate during this unprecedented time. Most importantly, we wish that you and your families remain healthy - physically, emotionally and mentally. This new normal is scary and with so many unknowns, it is okay to feel anxious, sad and lonely but please know your Mount Hebron staff and community are here for you. We love you, miss you and feel everything you are feeling. Try to embrace the little things and remember, **#VIKINGSTRONG!**

Love you all so very much, Joelle



## **FOLLOW US & STAY CONNECTED**

Twitter: [@hcpss\\_mhhs](https://twitter.com/hcpss_mhhs)

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

Student Online Newspaper: The Mountain: <https://mthmountain.com>

## **UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS**

*See the [calendar](#) on our website for additional dates.*

Date	Time	Event
April 24		End of Quarter 3
April 27		Beginning of Quarter 4
May 5		Report cards uploaded to the student's document tab and all parents and students will be able to access on 5/5
TBA		Prom RESCHEDULED from May 2
May 15		Distance Learning Continues through this date
TBA		Graduation

**Student Schedule** from April 20 until we return to school:

**Format for Google-Meet:** Nicknames for all google meet check-ins:

MHHS-TEACHER-PD#-DATE

Teachers will have work for the week for you to complete posted in Canvas by 9:00 am on Mondays

### **Mondays**

- Period 4A Google Meet Check-In: 1:00-1:45 p.m. OR 2:00-2:45 p.m.

### **Tuesdays**

- Period 1 Google Meet Check-in: 8:00-8:45 a.m. OR 9:00-9:45 a.m.
- Period 4B Google Meet Check-in: 1:00-1:45 p.m. OR 2:00-2:45 p.m.

### **Wednesdays**

- Period 2 Google Meet Check-in: 8:00-8:45 a.m. OR 9:00-9:45 a.m.
- Period 5 Google Meet Check-in: 1:00-1:45 p.m. OR 2:00-2:45 p.m.

### **Thursdays**

- Period 3 Google Meet Check-in: 8:00-8:45 a.m. OR 9:00-9:45 a.m.
- Period 6 Google Meet Check-in: 1:00-1:45 p.m. OR 2:00-2:45 p.m.

**Fridays:** Submit your work by 10:00 am

# **CELEBRATIONS!**

***\*\*For even more celebrations & good news, follow us on Twitter: @hcpss\_mhhs***

#suitup Challenge for Cancer!

**CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU** to Coach McCarthy and the Boys Lacrosse Team who came up with a social media challenge which has captivated our community and gives our kids an opportunity to "Suit Up" (see video on our Twitter page). OVER \$45,000 raised!!!! We are beyond proud of these young men for persevering through what is a very heartbreaking time for them and coming up with this brilliant idea. Please take some time to watch the videos and consider participating or donating to the fund. Also please consider sharing on your social media accounts as it gives anyone a chance to share a story about something that they are missing as well as pay tribute to someone that has battled cancer.

Please consider donating and helping the boys get the two biggest wins of their life. First vs Centennial, but more importantly against Cancer!

Click the link, vote for Hebron and donate!

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/chs-lax-vs-hebron-lax>



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our **National Merit \$2500 Scholarship Winners!** William Li, Lorelei N Loraine & Pooja J Nambiar

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lorelei Loraine who is County Executive award winner!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Pooja J Nambiar! She been selected as a winner of the **National Merit Rockwell Automation Scholarship**.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Aboli Dahiwadka and Angeline Luther, who are 2020 Maryland Affiliate Winner of the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Tori Valentine! She was named Player of the Year for basketball and also named to the first team for All-Met. To make it understood as to how amazing this accomplishment is, she was outdoor track athlete of the year last school year. So two athlete of the year awards in her high school career!





Mt Hebron HS Robotics Team (FRC3748) has delivered almost 50 face shield frames to OpenWorks in Baltimore with more to come.



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**THANK YOU TO OUR ROBOTICS TEAM**  
Members who have been 3D printing protective face shield frames to OpenWorks in Baltimore.

**THANK YOU** to our incredible ESOL teachers: Ms. Lisa Viglotti, Ms. Nichelle Calhoun, Ms. Charity Durham, Ms. Semanti Gangopadhyay, Ms. As Jang and Youn Hee Lee, our PPW - Ms. Jeannine Smith, our International Liaison - Ms. Jamie Kim and so many others who worked endlessly with our community (CAC, Grace Community, Salvation Army to name a few) every week to provide food, lunches, gift cards, internet and electricity to so many of our families in need!



The week of April 8 was National Assistant Principals Week. We are so thankful to have Ms. Cherilyn Brown, Ms. Katie Clark and Mr. Clovis Thomas as our Assistant Principals!



# NEW NEWS

## **The Yearbook Needs YOUR PICTURES!!**

The yearbook needs your help with completing the 2020 yearbook! Here's how you can help:

**-Everyone:** Submit photos from January-March of school events, student life, etc.

**-Senior Spring Athletes:** Submit a picture of yourself in your Spring uniform and sharing your future plans and favorite moments from your sports career.

**-Seniors:** Submit photos of yourself and/or your family social distancing at home OR any photos from senior year! If you are working as an essential worker, we would like to hear your story.

**-Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshman:** Submit photos of yourself and/or your family social distancing at home OR any photos from this school year!

**-Families:** Any photos you would like to share from this school year, online learning (MHHS or HCC), or social distancing (Pictures of pets highly encouraged)

**POST YOUR PHOTOS!! What are you doing during your Quarantine? Who are you with?**

**Here is how you can submit:**

-Download the Jostens ReplayIt! App in your app store. Here's a brief video of how it works: <https://youtu.be/DxM4h29GYjY?t=22>

-Email photos to the yearbook at [yearbook.mounthebron@gmail.com](mailto:yearbook.mounthebron@gmail.com) **please identify people in the photos with names and grades as well as a brief description of what the photo is about.**

**Questions?** Email Ms. Fischetti at [lauren\\_fischetti@hcpss.org](mailto:lauren_fischetti@hcpss.org)

## **PTSA Updates**

- **After-Prom Status: Postponed**  
PTSA will wait to see if school is able to reschedule Prom before finalizing plans for After-Prom which was originally scheduled for May 2. Stay tuned for more information!
- **Congratulations to New Student Webmasters**  
The PTSA interviewed many talented candidates and is happy to announce our two new Student Webmasters for 2020-2021: **Trisha Anand** and **Ashmitha Julius Aravind**. We also welcome **Mr. Jon Booth** as the parent Web Mentor. We look forward to a smooth transition from our exceptional outgoing Web Team including Web Mentor **Debbie Jacoby** and Student Webmasters **Carolina Kasuba** and **Pooja Nambiar**.
- **The Answer Class SAT Prep Classes are now ONLINE**  
Improve your child's college applications and scholarship opportunities! Register now for The Answer Class's **live, virtual SAT prep** - the same inexpensive standardized test preparation option chosen by more than 6,000 Maryland high school students.

Get the same experience as an in-person class from the comfort and safety of your own home:

- Specially trained teachers ready to answer students' questions about the SAT and the college application process
- Strategies and tips for navigating the SAT and playing to students' academic strengths

- The practice experience of taking a full-length SAT and reviewing selected answers

Register now for an online class at <https://theanswerclass.com>

- **Thank You PTSA Volunteers**

Thank you to all the volunteer PTSA parents who put in hours working on projects that had to be cancelled or postponed when school was cancelled, including:

Mulch Committee - Jason Bashura, Debbie Daniels and Debbie Jacoby

Mental Health Committee – Ana Nunez

After-Prom Committee – Laura Munns, Caroline Bodziak, Dana Arthurs, Michelle Jaecksch, Sarah Bates, Abe Hollander, Cindy Carrico, Stacey Carneal, Susan Hill and Jenise Dunn

### **Take A Code Break with Bill Gates**

With schools closed and tens of millions of students at home, **Code.org** is launching **Code Break** — a live, weekly interactive classroom where Code.org will teach your students at home while school is closed, and a weekly challenge to engage students of all abilities, even those without computers.

Code Break offers a weekly dose of education, community, and computer science, and has brought together students from as far as Africa, China, India, and South America. Guest what! As our next special guest, we'll welcome the world's greatest philanthropist and Microsoft co-founder, **Bill Gates**, for a unique experience that connects computer science to current events. You do NOT want to miss this one!

To join Code.org's live classroom and receive the weekly challenges for students of all ages, visit [Code.org/Break](https://code.org/break) ([Links to an external site.](#)).

## **SPECIAL SECTION for SENIORS**

### **Senior Banners**

PTSA has received senior banners from the printer. They will be hung on the field hockey fence facing Rt 99 to show our community how proud we are of our seniors. PTSA will email families who purchased banners to arrange for a date in early May to get banners to you.

### **Have you purchased your 2020 senior yearbook?**

The 2020 yearbook is still for sale at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)! Only 30 copies remain! If seniors still wish to purchase their 2017 freshman yearbook, we will honor the deal whenever we return to school.



# Pop-up Food Pantry

From Sunday April 19th to Sunday May 3rd  
2020, every day from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
(Subject to change. Please call to confirm)

Long Reach Village Center  
8775 Cloudleap Ct, Columbia,  
MD 21045

To donate contact Pravin Ponnuri:

☎ 410-340-0529

✉ [PravinPonnuri@hotmail.com](mailto:PravinPonnuri@hotmail.com)

Co-ordinated by Indian Origin Network of Howard County



# NEWS WORTH REPEATING

## **AP Exam Updates**

<https://blog.collegeboard.org/2019-20-ap-exams-online-what-you-need-know?excmid=SM058-ST-1-tw>

College Board has provided some additional information about the upcoming Advanced Placement (AP) spring exams. Below are a few critical points for parents and students:

- **Exam Format**
  - Each AP exam will generally be a 45-minute, open book/open note, online assessment that will cover the first 75% of the course. Students will be able to access the exam using a variety of devices. The schedule and specifics on each exam are on the [College Board's COVID website](#). More details about accessing the assessments will be released later in the month.
- **Cancellations**
  - Students do not need to officially cancel exams. Students can decide the day of the exam not to sit for the exam. Before deciding not to sit, we recommend that students work with their teachers and the optional College Board online resources to determine their preparedness.
- **Refunds**
  - Any student who does not take the exam will be provided a full refund by HCPSS. In late June, College Board will confirm who has taken exams and our school will begin processing refunds for any student who did not participate.

Additional information will be shared as we approach the May testing window. Please check the College Board's [COVID-19 update page](#) for the latest information.

## **Looking for Donations of Photo Supplies**

Many people are finding time to do some extra cleaning and organizing these days. If you have any old film cameras or photography equipment you don't use any more, please consider donating it to the MHHS art department for our photography classes. Email instructor Caroline Creeden [caroline\\_creeden@hcpss.org](mailto:caroline_creeden@hcpss.org)

### **Viking Backers Positions Available for 2020-2021**

Viking Backers Booster Club is currently taking nominations for officers for the following positions:

- VP Communications
- VP Spirit Wear
- VP Ways and Means

We will be voting to approve a slate of new officers at our May 4th VIRUTAL general board meeting at 6:30pm. If you are interested or would like to know more about these positions, please email any of the following:

Jim Bahel: [president@vikingbackers.org](mailto:president@vikingbackers.org)

Srini Gorantla: [SRINIVASUANWESHA@gmail.com](mailto:SRINIVASUANWESHA@gmail.com)

Dana Arthurs: [vikingspiritwear@gmail.com](mailto:vikingspiritwear@gmail.com)

### **Are You A Proud Viking? Become A Viking Backer!**

We invite you to join the Viking Backers, Booster Club for Mt. Hebron High School. The Viking Backers is an all-volunteer, parent organization which supports ALL student extracurricular activities including academics, arts & athletics.

Visit [www.vikingbackers.org](http://www.vikingbackers.org) to join online. We no longer are taking paper forms or checks; everything is going through the website. Your membership supports ALL students at Mt. Hebron.

