



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

April 24, 2020

Happy Friday, Vikings!

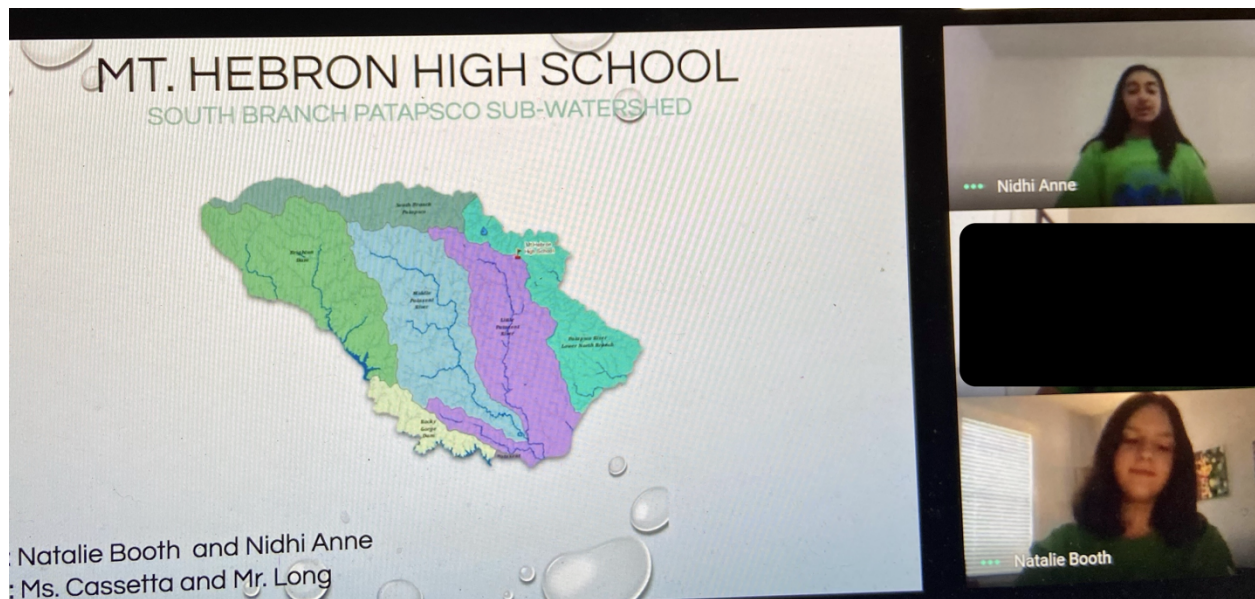
We had another great week virtually! The third quarter closes today, and Monday we begin quarter four – time certainly is moving fast now that we're "back together." The last day for seniors is May 20 and hopefully we will have more information about the rest of the year soon. In the meantime, we want to keep sharing our good news, celebrating our students and acknowledging all of the special traditions we have this time of year.

Ramadan Mubarak! This week Ramadan begins for our Muslim families. Ramadan is the most sacred month of the year for Muslims. This year, Ramadan is anticipated to begin at sunset on Thursday April 23rd and last through Saturday May 23rd. In most Arab nations, the first day of fasting for the holy month of Ramadan is determined by the sighting of the new moon. The first day of fasting is expected to be on Friday, April 24th. Muslims fast every day from dawn to sunset. It is meant to be a time of spiritual discipline, of deep contemplation of one's faith. Over the next month, our Muslim community will be fasting, engaging in various forms of prayer and celebrating Eid al Fitr at the end of Ramadan to the extent that the pandemic allows.

After two weeks of #Suitup, shaving heads and posting MHHS lacrosse pictures and videos, the CHS and MHHS communities have raised over \$50,000! THANK YOU to all of the coaches, players, staff, alumni and community members who helped us reach this unimaginable milestone! Our community clearly knows how to take care of one another! We have also provided many of our students and families in need with gift cards and Chromebooks which were shipped to homes this week.

This past Wednesday was Earth Day! And to help us celebrate the 50th anniversary of this environmental movement as well as the 30th Anniversary of the Howard County Conservancy, students from across the county participated in the Virtual Watershed Summit. **Natalie Booth** and **Nidhi Anne** represented Mt. Hebron's 9th grade GT Biology and Earth Science students and shared the research they conducted last fall.

In addition, they provided recommendations to improve our watershed based on data collected at a stream site as well as from our own school yard. Joining the students on this virtual meeting were several VIPS including: Lt. Governor Rutherford, Dr. Martirano, Dr. Ball, Senator Sarbanes, Christiana Rigby, Deb Jung, and Ava Marie (WBAL Channel 11). Both of these young women made us very proud, and I've included a screenshot below that I took while they were presenting. Thank you too, to their staff sponsors, science teachers, **Mr. Rusty Long & Ms. Heather Cassetta**. Job well done!!



Stay safe. Stay connected. Stay hopeful.
Joelle



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

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

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
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
May 15		Distance Learning Continues through this date
May 20		Last Day for Seniors
TBA		Prom RESCHEDULED from May 2
TBA		Graduation

Student Schedule until we return to school:

Format for Google-Meet: Nicknames for all google meet check-ins:
MHHS-TEACHER'S LOGIN ID-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 pm OR 2:00-2:45 pm

Tuesdays

- Period 1 Google Meet Check-in: 8:00-8:45 am OR 9:00-9:45 am
- Period 4B Google Meet Check-in: 1:00-1:45 pm OR 2:00-2:45 pm

Wednesdays

- Period 2 Google Meet Check-in: 8:00-8:45 am OR 9:00-9:45 am
- Period 5 Google Meet Check-in: 1:00-1:45 pm OR 2:00-2:45 pm

Thursdays

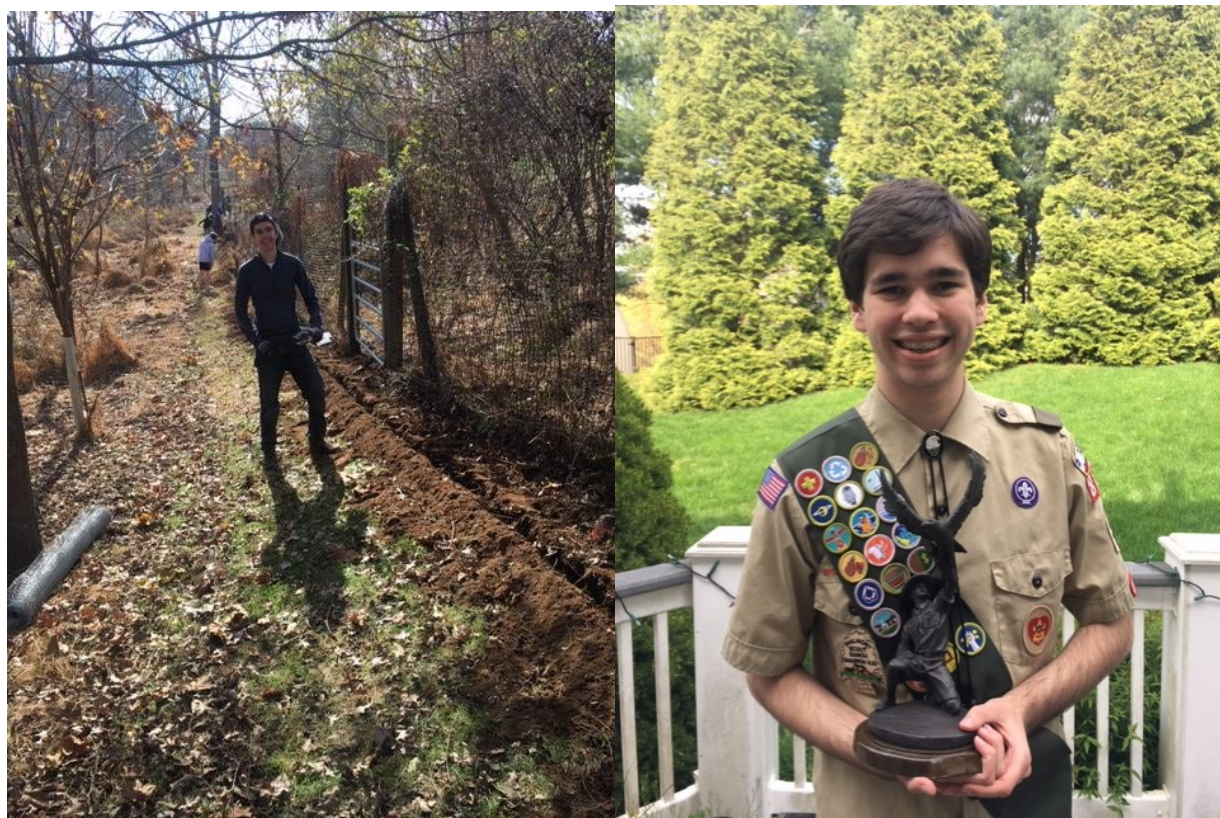
- Period 3 Google Meet Check-in: 8:00-8:45 am OR 9:00-9:45 am
- Period 6 Google Meet Check-in: 1:00-1:45 pm OR 2:00-2:45 pm

Fridays

- Submit your work by 10:00 am

CELEBRATIONS!

***For even more celebrations & good news, follow us on Twitter: @hcpss_mhhs*



CONGRATULATIONS to **Ryan McClure**, who recently earned his Eagle Scout rank! His service project involved installing a 300-ft. underground, anti-woodchuck fence at the Howard County Conservancy.

CONGRATULATIONS to the **MATH STUDENTS** of the month for **MARCH!**

Algebra 1 - Akira Odom, Kendall Swift,
and Jeyli Ical Pop

Geometry - Grace Shanley

Geometry GT - Sebastian Zamora Sanchez

Algebra 2 - Gianna Warner and Amari Mehta

Algebra 2 GT - Annika Means

Trigonometry - Han Wei

Trig/ Math Analysis - Alexandra Currie

Math Analysis - Douglas Stewart

PreCalc GT - Sam Cohen

Business Calc GT- Kathryn Gordon

Calculus AB- Pauline Chang

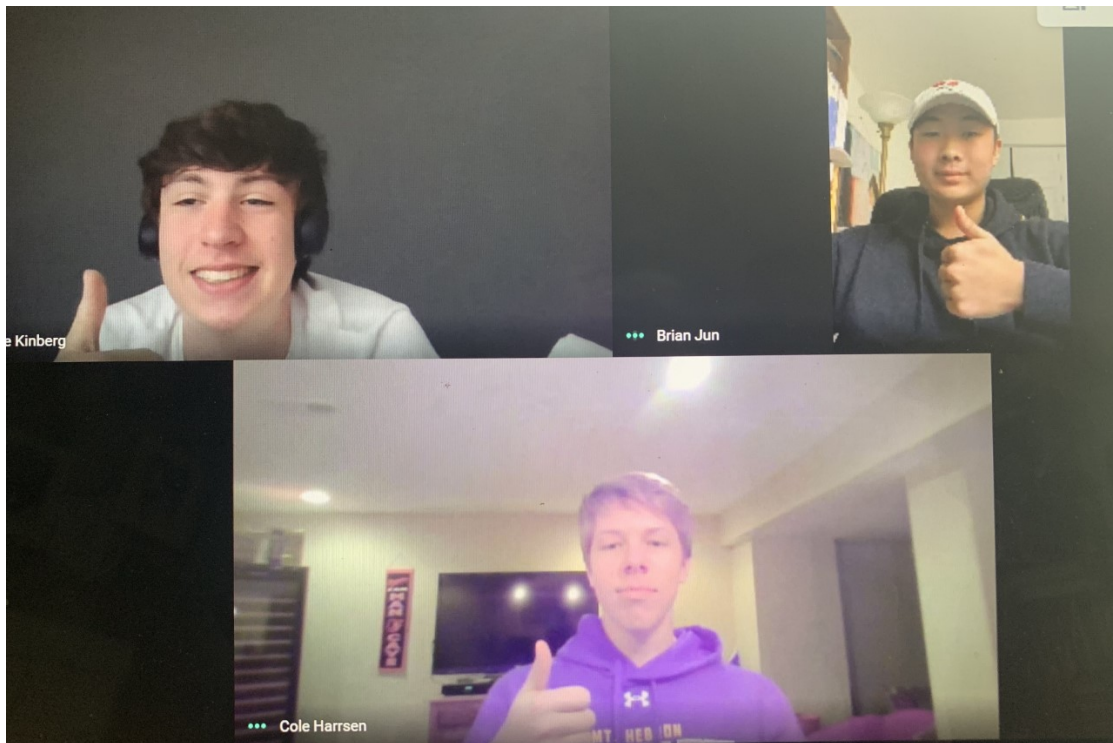
Calculus C- Grant Kay and Nia Bryant

Discrete Mathematics - Hugh McLaurin

Statistics AP - Diya Bhattacharyya



CONGRATULATIONS to Bri Hoskinson! She committed to play softball at CCBC! We are so proud of her!



CONGRATULATIONS to **Ms. Brookhart's Accounting Students** who competed in the Stock Market Game for Maryland from February-April and had one of our teams take first place! The Stock Market Game takes a lot of research and patience, especially during the spring we've had, but this team persevered and came out on top! Kudos to **Bryce Kinberg, Cole Harrsen, Brian Jun, and Mahmoud Abdel-Halim** (who wasn't available for a picture)!



Ms. Brookhart also had 8 students in the Millionaires Club who competed in the Maryland Personal Finance Challenge a few weeks ago, and one of those teams comprised of **Dylan Holzman, Magnus Dunn, Finn Devine, and Pablo Perrotti** took second place!! These boys were able to use their knowledge from their business classes and the Millionaires Club lessons to come out with a win! They are a hardworking and dedicated group and we are so proud of them!



CONGRATULATIONS to our upper-division Econ Team, **Wyatt Curie, Lorelei Loraine, Nicholas Snyder** and **Sudharsan Sundar** who finished the National Econ Challenge Maryland State Championship exam this past week and scored a PERFECT 900/900. You can't beat perfection, which means that we at least tied for our 15th Maryland state championship and are on our way to the national semi-final exam.

And as if that wasn't enough good news, our "youngsters," **Samuel Lieman, Keith Lee, Ssaniya Mahate,** and **Maaik Swaters** scored 290 each, meaning each missed only a single question. That gives them a team score of 870, and those are the highest team and individual scores in Mt Hebron's history of competition!



CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Weiss, Mr. Walters, Ms. Stafford, Mr. Sankey, Dr. Miller, Mr. Herdman, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Flynn, Ms. Donaldson, and Ms. Brown who were nominated by our incredible students and parents to be recognized by the Howard County Public School System's Gifted and Talented Educator Recognition Award. We are excited that they are among the 100 educators nominated for the Educator Recognition Award this year. Thank you for recognizing our staff!



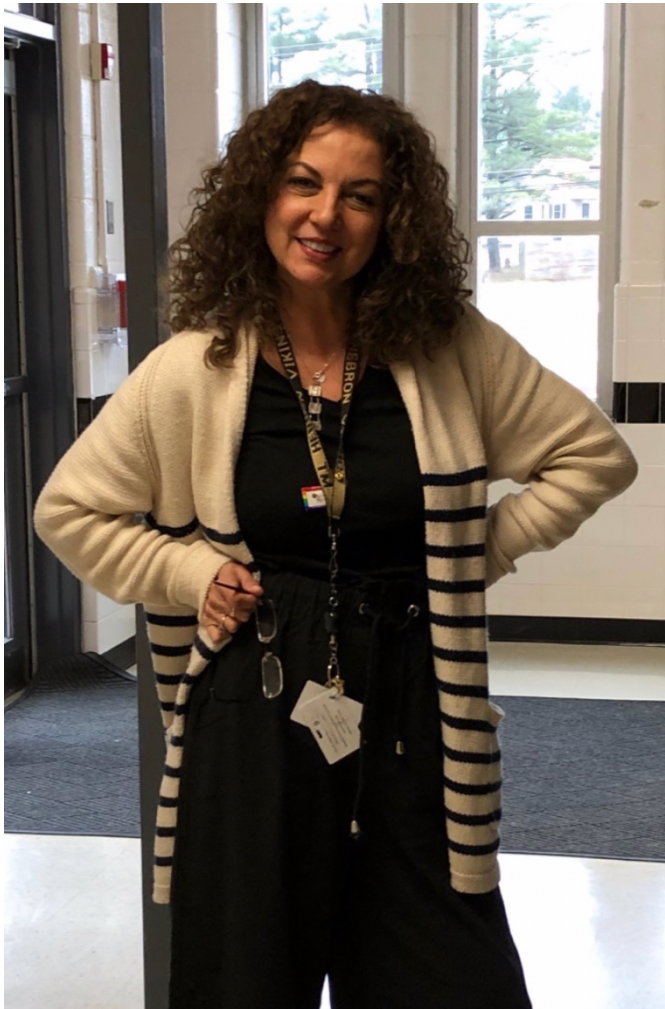
CONGRATULATIONS to **TEACHER/COACH FREDERICK & HIS WIFE, CHRISTINA**, on the newest addition to their family!

Shawn Everett II arrived on 4/17/2020 at 11:39pm weighing 7lbs. 12oz., 20.5in.

**IT'S A
BOY!**

In the Spotlight

In honor of Administrative Professionals Day this past Wednesday, we're highlighting one of the truly special administrative professionals at Hebron!



How many hats can one person wear? We're not sure, but **Denise Kelehan** sure wears a lot! Denise is a long-time paraprofessional at Mount Hebron and is well known for her strengths in completing multiple tasks all at once. Denise has played a very important role in organizing tasks, especially as it relates to state assessments.

She has been a member of our staff for the past 10 years and most recently has worked as our Assistant Testing Coordinator. Denise has made many contributions to ensure smooth test administrations for every student. She takes great strides to assist with organizing the testing schedule, grouping students, meeting with students and parents, communicating with staff and using technology. Denise has taken on these tasks in the most professional way and maintains the utmost positive attitude.

During these days of extended closure, Denise has offered to help from a distance. She's always thinking of ways to

make this period easier for staff, such as setting up Google meets with some support staff just to check on their well-being! Denise was a very integral part of the team tasked with ensuring that every MHHS family completed the technology survey. In completing this task, Denise was one of the pleasant voices many families connected with as they worked through getting technology access for their children.

Denise Kelehan is an amazing staff member and her dedication to the educational environment makes a difference every day!



NEW NEWS

Next Week is Spirit Week!

SGA is hosting a virtual spirit week next week. Students and staff are asked to participate by tagging photos in Instagram or sharing them with Ms. Engelstatter or Mr. Herdman to send out via Instagram.

If you use Instagram tag **#MHSSpirit** in your photos and if you have a private account DM the photo to **MHHSSGA**. This will allow us to post your photo in our stories.

Monday, April 27 th	<u>Pajama Monday</u> - Show off a pic working hard in your PJs
Tuesday, April 28 th	<u>Tik Tok Tuesday</u> - Show off your favorite school appropriate Tic Toks
Wednesday, April 29 th	<u>Workout Wednesday</u> - Show off how you're staying in shape
Thursday, April 30 th	<u>Throwback Thursday</u> - Show off your favorite old school photos
Friday, May 1 st	<u>Food Friday</u> - Show off those amazing dishes and meals you've created

National Honor Society Update

Attention all juniors and seniors. The NHS application deadline has been moved to September 30, 2020. Please do not submit your teacher recommendation forms via email at this point. Please hold all application materials until next fall. Questions can be directed to Mary_Sankey@hcpss.org or Suzanne_Stafford@hcpss.org

The Yearbook Needs YOUR PICTURES!!

Thank you to everyone who has submitted photos to the yearbook!

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 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

Student Device Update

Following on-site distribution of student technology devices to high school students, the challenges of adhering to social distancing guidelines proved too difficult to continue distribution at schools. Devices are being sent via FedEx to families of elementary and middle school students who have requested to borrow them, as well as any high school students who have not yet received a requested device.

Unfortunately, FedEx backlogs have delayed delivery of some devices for students. In error, parents may have received an email regarding the assignment of a Chromebook that they have not yet received.

To better assist families, parents/guardians can view devices assigned to students in HCPSS Connect. To see these devices, parents/guardians should log in to HCPSS Connect, select Student Technology on the left navigation bar and then again in the middle. A new window will open where families can see devices assigned and indicate any changes to their needs. Full directions are available online.

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If the device(s) listed in the inventory section are not received by Friday, April 24, parents/guardians are asked to email the Information Technology Asset Management team at ITAM@hcpss.org. Make sure to include your child's legal name, student identification number (if known), and any other relevant information.

News from the Theatre Wing

Dear Hebron Theatre Community,

Mr. Sankey and I are thrilled to host the Theatre Banquet on **May 8 at 7pm on Google Meet** to celebrate our students and their amazing accomplishments. We will have a slideshow highlighting our incredible season, student-selected superlatives, senior speeches, awards from Mr. Sankey and myself, and a senior video! Black tie optional.

Seniors who are interested in giving a short 1-2 minute speech live during our event, please email me at kcarlsen@hcpss.org and I will put you on our list. This speech is similar to what we do during circle time before the last show. If you have questions, please let me know.



The ITS Board is putting together superlatives and a slideshow. Please see below for their requests from students.

We would love to have all theatre students, in classes and in shows, to vote on superlatives! Click on the following link and vote by May 1st: <https://forms.gle/YNyyKDAqXngxVAPs7>

The ITS Board will be putting together a slideshow that will be composed of all the photos and videos from this year. These are the things we will need from you:

1. Show pictures
 2. Videos
 3. Rehearsal photos
 4. Group photos
 5. Production party photos
 6. After shows photos
 7. Basically any school appropriate pictures that were taken during the show times this year.
- Freshmen and Sophomores email your photos/videos to Michael Badmus
michaelbadmus62@gmail.com. Juniors and Seniors email your photos/videos to Ashlee Arena
aarena152020@gmail.com.

This event will be held on Google Meet as required by the county. What this means is that only students can access this event through their HCPSS Google accounts but family members are welcome to join us by watching on the student's device.

How to log into the Theatre Banquet on May 8 at 7pm

1. Go to <http://meet.google.com>
2. Click on "Join or start a meeting"
3. Enter the nickname "mhhs-theatre-banquet-2020"
4. Click "Continue"
5. Mute your microphone and then click "Join now"

We are incredibly excited to celebrate our wonderful students in classes and shows! If you have any questions, please email me at kcarlsen@hcpss.org. See you on May 8th at 7pm!

Theatrically yours,
Ms. Carlsen and Mr. Sankey



- Requesting transcripts for college, scholarships or internships? Transcript requests are now online! Find the request for transcripts here: <https://forms.gle/oCr46F5Svhfmbhs19>
- LESSONS ON CANVAS! Lessons are now available on Canvas for grades 9-11. Look under the Student Services Canvas Page and select your grade.
- JUNIORS: Please visit the [Junior Lessons tab](#) on the Student Services Canvas page to review the material regarding "Post High School Planning."
 - The counselors will be presenting this material live next week through GoogleMeet. You will have three different opportunities to join (please pick one).
 - Wednesday, April 29 Noon (Mrs. Downey & Mrs. Flores) **MHHS-Counseling1-April29**

- Wednesday, April 29 3:00 (Ms. Dolan & Ms. Valentine) **MHHS-Counseling2-April29**
- Thursday, April 30 Noon (Ms. Flynn and Mr. Miles) **MHHS-Counseling3-April30**
- **Please contact your counselor directly with questions or concerns.**

Veronica Valentine | A-Ce | Veronica_Valentine@hcpss.org
 Tina Flynn | Ch-G | Tina_Flynn@hcpss.org
 Monique Flores | H-Le | Monique_Flores@hcpss.org
 Allie Downey | Li-Pa | Allison_Downey@hcpss.org
 Patrick Miles | Pe-Si | Patrick_Miles@hcpss.org
 Liz Dolan | Sk - Z | Elizabeth_Dolan@hcpss.org

- NAVIGATE 2020 is holding a 3 day Virtual Conference and College Fair for students and families! You can find more information and register here: <https://virtual.gotocollegefairs.com/>
- NAVIANCE also has added information on Virtual College Tours to each college page! Search a college of your choice and look to the right of the college name for “Virtual Tour”.
- SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID FOR SENIORS
 - Going to HCC in the fall? They are accepting institutional scholarship applications online. https://www.howardcc.edu/admissions-aid/pay-for-college/financial-aid/scholarship_programs/
 - Looking for more scholarships? Check out Naviance! Look under “Colleges” (in the top right of the home page) and then “Scholarships and Financial Aid” from the drop down! Students should log on using Clever and use their school computer credentials to sign in. Parents can contact the school counselor if they do not have log in information.
 - Not happy with your financial aid package? You can appeal your financial aid package. Each of you were given an admissions rep and/or a financial aid rep when you were accepted. You should contact both of them and let them know about any change in circumstances that were not captured on your FAFSA – layoffs, COVID-19 health issues, foreclosures, etc. Two great articles are below on how to appeal.
 - <https://www.savingforcollege.com/article/how-to-appeal-for-more-financial-aid-for-college>
 - <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/appealing-financial-aid-award>
 - A sample script when calling admissions or financial aid officers: *“Hello my name is NAME and I’ve been accepted to your school. NAME OF SCHOOL is my top choice and I would love to attend. The only thing holding me back is the financial aid offer. Do you have a process to appeal financial aid offers?”* Make sure you are pleasant and professional because they are the ones who make the final decisions. Also make sure you follow the process exactly as any deviation could mean you do not get more money. If this is true, you may add this but DO NOT LIE! *“The only thing holding me back is that OTHER SCHOOL has offered me a full scholarship/more scholarship and I was wondering if NAME OF SCHOOL could meet OTHER SCHOOL’s offer?”*
 - Need more time to make your final decision? Check out this website for the latest schools who have moved their decision deadlines to June 1 or beyond: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I6FRnbFPfMzNzKoPwYSFgLPB23XYdDTNk7bnpp5omjM/edit>

SPECIAL SECTION for SENIORS



We love you seniors and can't wait to celebrate you! I had a blast on Thursday morning social distancing with the other principals posing in front of their signs that the RHHS PTSA bought for us! If you are driving on 108 by Central Office, you can see all the signs from each school wishing you all the best. We all miss you so much!!!!

Senior Banners

The deadline on Senior Banners has been extended until Friday, April 24! Order yours now at www.varsitygraphics.net/hebron. Celebrate your senior with a personalized senior banner that can be used as a keepsake or at graduation parties to celebrate this big achievement!

These 2' x 3' weather-resistant vinyl banners are \$35.00. Originally, banners were to be displayed in school hallways then delivered to students during graduation rehearsal. The PTSA's alternate plan is that banners will be hung on the football practice field fence (by the student parking lot) for three weeks.



If you do NOT want your banner displayed on the school fence or have any other questions, please email Cindy Anderson at cindy_anderson@hcpss.org. Order a banner for display and PTSA will email you about how to get your banner after the three-week period.

Have you purchased your 2020 senior yearbook?

The 2019-2020 yearbook can be ordered online at www.jostens.com ! Less than 30 copies remain, so order while they last.

Consider a lasting celebration for your senior by ordering a senior recognition ad--starting at \$80! Order and design online at www.jostens.com

NEWS WORTH REPEATING



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

Co-ordinated by Indian Origin Network of Howard County

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.

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- 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

All PTSA questions may be directed to mtthebronptsa@gmail.com. Stay safe and healthy. We look forward to our next opportunity to gather safely as a community!

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

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

Srini Gorantla: SRINIVASUANWESHA@gmail.com

Dana Arthurs: 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 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.

