



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

May 17, 2019

Happy Friday, Vikings!

If you ask any teacher why they became a teacher, their story will always culminate in some version of, "I wanted to make a difference in the life of a child." It's why we do what we do each and every day. But what amazes me even more are the people who didn't directly set out to make a difference in the lives of our children and yet, that's exactly what they do.

This past Tuesday, we celebrated and recognized some key contributors to our PTSA...volunteers who have made a remarkable difference by giving the gift of their time and talents. These volunteers are graduating, if you will, and we will miss them dearly but definitely want to recognize the difference they have made for our students. Our heartfelt thanks to **Terri Gainey, Dana Hemlett, Patti Lizzo, Mary Pearce, Dan Phatak,** and **CJ & Rick Ridgely**. I've shared pictures from Tuesday night below under "Celebrations," but I also wanted to lift up these selfless volunteers here as well.

Likewise, the PTSA's Web Team has done an outstanding job this year (and happily, they're all coming back)! ☺ Parent **Debbie Jacoby** along with students **Caroline Kasuba** and **Pooja Nambiar** are elevating the way we communicate and helping us expand our reach in a timely manner. They're the faces behind the PTSA's social media and website.

Of course, our volunteers aren't the only ones who make a difference here at Hebron. We have several staff members who may not be teachers but who make a difference in the lives of your children every day, and our Registrar Extraordinaire, **Mary May**, is one such staff member. Mary was recently honored with HCPSS's newly created "Work Hard. Be Kind" award, and I can't think of a more deserving recipient. Mary makes a difference every single day, and I'm proud that she's a Viking!

The **Viking Backers** support has allowed us to similarly acknowledge 5 staff members every month this entire school year with our "Caught Ya' Being Kind" awards that we give out at our staff meetings. Kindness counts. Working hard matters. And making a difference in the life of a child is why we all do what we do both inside and outside the classroom every day. I am forever grateful to work alongside some of Howard County's very finest staff and volunteers.

Work Hard. Be Kind. Words to live by.
Joelle

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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
May 18	9am-5pm	Safe Space Training @ Wild Lake High Cafeteria
May 21	7:25-9:10am	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal in the Auditorium
May 22	7:25-9:10am, 12:20-2:10pm	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal in the Auditorium
May 23	By 2pm	Seniors last day to pick-up medication from the Health Room
May 23	9:00-11:15am	Senior School Awards Ceremony in the Auditorium (Caps & Gowns required), Class picture, Graduation Ticket and Senior Banners Distribution
May 23		Last Day of School for Seniors
May 27		Schools Closed for Memorial Day
May 30	1:30pm	Early Dismissal for Graduation
May 30	3pm	Graduation @ Merriweather Post Pavilion
June 3	6:30pm	Viking Backers Meeting in the Media Center
June 5	6-8pm	College Night in the Auditorium
June 18		1st period Final Exam (Full Day)
June 19, 20, 21		Final Exams for HS/ Early Dismissal @ 11:10am
June 21	11:10am	Last Day of School
August 29	9-12pm	New Student Orientation
September 5	6:30pm	Back to School Night for 2019-2020

CELEBRATIONS!

****For even more celebrations & good news, follow us on Twitter: [@hcpss_mhhs](https://twitter.com/hcpss_mhhs)**



Congratulations to junior **Brooke Foyles** who was awarded the 2019 Young Trailblazer Award from the Howard County NAACP this past weekend.

She was acknowledged for her leadership as a young activist who strives to make the world a more accepting place for minorities. Way to go Brooke!!



Congratulations to Ms. Mary May, our incredible Registrar who is the recipient of Howard County Public School's "Work Hard Be Kind Award." We are so proud of her and the work she does every day on behalf of all of our students!



Thank you to our amazing PTSA volunteers for all of the time and talent you've donated to our Viking community! We are better because of you and will miss you dearly!!

Mary Pearce (retiring from 4 years as Mulch Sale Chair, having raised over \$45,000 for After-Prom) **Dana Hemelt**, **Patti Lizzo**, Web Team of students **Pooja Nambiar**, **Caroline Kasuba**, and mentor **Debbie Jacoby** (coming back next year – yay!), **Dan Phatak**, **Terri Gainey**, **CJ & Rick Ridgely** (not pictured)



Congratulations to Mt. Hebron seniors at this past Saturday's Project Lead the Way Engineering Expo at Howard High. Our 37 senior students who made up the 12 Mt. Hebron Engineering teams demonstrated their Capstone Projects for PLTW along with 38 other teams from around Howard County. From these 51 teams, a Grand Champion, Second and Third place team is selected by a panel of judges, along with a Parent's Choice and Student's Choice award chosen by the guests.

In a tremendous showing our students took First! Third! and were the Parent's Choice award recipient!!

Linear Actuated Rollator (1st): **Jack Lorenz, Eliza Munns, Brennan Olds, Chris Ro** and Teacher **Mr. Champney.**

Hospital Bed with Built in UV Sanitizer (3rd): **Uzair Ahmad, Jake Witlin, Eric Yang** and Teacher **Mr. Gorleski.**

V.L.A.D Safe Prescription Dispensing (Parent Choice): **Khiem Doan, William Hoogenboom** and **Ayush Khurana.**

Special thanks to **Mr. Lucania!** As a previous teacher of all of these students, he also assisted them greatly in their brainstorming and fabrication process!!



(Pictured, Left to Right) Prehm Mehta, Ryan Ververs, Lucian Rectanus, Garrett Hill, Liam MacKinnon, Kenneth Bothe, Eleni Keogh, Michael Webster, Nicholas Bagdasarov and Finn Culmiskey.



(Pictured, Left to Right) Mr. Champney, Ryan Ververs, Akash Mandapati, Sai Badugu, Sean Stahler, Alex Ikhov, Dalton Pang, Oliver Boettger, Liam MacKinnon, Garrett Hill, Michael Webster, Lucian Rectanus, Eleni Keogh, Nick Bagdasarov, Finn Culmiskey and Preethi Badugu.

Congratulations to First Robotics Club who were awarded the Official Citation from the Maryland General Assembly and who were chosen to receive the Howard County Executive's STEM award as a result of their hard work and outstanding results. **Special thanks** to **Dave Layshock & Ben Lapointe** at Motorola, **Rick Bodziak** at Booz Allen Hamilton, and **Tim Estell** at BAE Systems.



Congratulations to Katherine Yi and Hannah Tran!! Hannah won the curators choice award in the congressional competition and Katherine was selected by Hon. Elijah Cummings as the winner representing the 7th District in the United States high school art competition. Her painting will hang in the US capital building for one year.

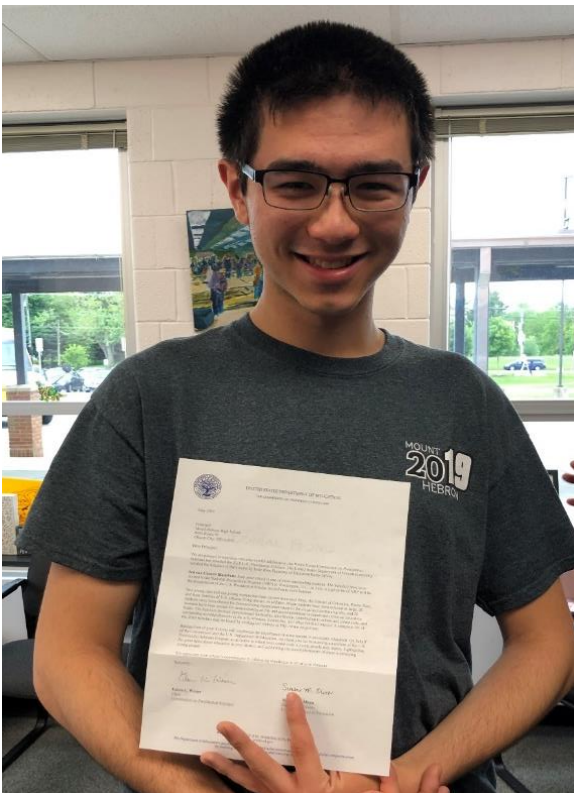


Congratulations to junior Co-Tu Doan 2020 Distinguished Young Woman of Howard County! So proud of you!!



Remember I told you about our flag which **Nia Crump (class of 2015)** requested...her dad and brother, senior **Kobi Crump**, picked it up this week on her behalf, so I wanted you all to see it. Also, here's a link to a great article about Nia's graduating class at West Point. Thanks, as always, to our **Security Assistant Melvin Kenney** for coordinating this and making it happen!

https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/15/us/west-point-largest-graduating-class-of-black-women-trnd/index.html?utm_source=fbCNN&utm_medium=social&utm_term=link&utm_content=2019-05-16T05%3A00%3A21&fbclid=IwAR1X8oUk68B3VI-pRI8eQPVH6-ep9qGq-Fd34zdjeqjzIbAcY1nxCIYXDQY



Congratulations to Chase Blanchette who has been selected as a 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholar!!

If you've been following along in our newsletters, you know that Chase was a semi-finalist and then a finalist for this prestigious award.

Chase will be recognized in Washington D.C. in June where he will receive a U.S. Presidential Scholar medallion. So incredibly proud of you, Chase!!!



Congratulations to the following tennis players: freshman **Mason Doan** who made the County Tournament semifinals of boys' singles, senior **Noora Rahman** and freshman **Julia Kimack** who made the semifinals in girls' doubles, and senior **Michael Kimack** who made the finals in boys' singles!

This week will be Michael's fourth regional tournament after being Regional Champion for the last two years in mixed doubles and boys' doubles. Way to go Vikings!

NEW NEWS

SENIORS: Graduation Instructions (which you have previously received) are reprinted at the bottom of this newsletter should you need them.

Mandatory Senior Survey!!

ALL seniors need to complete the Senior Survey.

By completing this survey, your final transcript will be sent to the college you are attending in the fall.

- 1st - Log onto **Naviance using CLEVER**
- 2nd - Click on **About Me** tab
- 3rd – Click on **Surveys**
- 4th – Click on **Surveys not started**
- 5th – Complete **-Senior Survey and Information Report 2019.**
- #6 – Make sure you hit SAVE when you are finished.

Here are some pointers for completing certain questions so that the survey is completed correctly and we don't have to contact you to correct any errors.

- Question #5 – Please answer this question completely and honestly. This information does not go public and we need this information to complete our scattergrams. **If this is answered incorrectly, your school will not receive your final transcript.**
- Question #9 – When listing the scholarships that you were offered, you CAN list scholarships from schools you do not plan to attend.
- Question #10 – To clarify, this question is referring to any counselors– especially when lessons are taught by a counselor other than your own.
- Question #12 – The definition of advocating is to support or recommend (as in letters of recommendation, etc.)
- Question #26 – **Supported Employment** would be programs such as DORs or other special education services.
- Question #32 – CTE would include if you were in a Career Academy here at Mt. Hebron or at the ARL.
- Question #34 – This internship could be through the Intern/Mentor class or other internships outside of school.

Feel free to see your counselor if you have any questions. Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. **CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR IMPENDING GRADUATION!!**

Junie B Jones at Drama Learning Center

Featuring Hebron students Nick Brogan and Leah Reineck

Saturday 5/18 at 11am & 2pm and Sunday 5/19 at 11am

Discount code HEBRON unlocks \$10 tickets

<https://dramalearningcenter.com/junie-b-jones/> or 410-997-9352 to reserve

The 39 Steps on Saturday evening's performance, 5/18 at 8pm, Rep Stage, the professional theatre in residence at Howard Community College

We have a block of tickets on hold for Hebron students- family and friends welcome as well.

All tickets will be sold at the deeply discounted student price of \$15 when mentioning Hebron at the time of advanced reservation. Tickets must be reserved by calling the box office at 443-518-1500

WORTH REPEATING

HCPSS Budget Shortfall for Next Year

The County Council is balancing the budget and asking the Board of Education (BOE) to reduce the amount of money it is asking for. The Superintendent and BOE are working hard to figure out options, which could potentially include finding savings by surplusing teachers and increasing class sizes. To learn more about this topic and what you can do about it read the home page blog on the PTSA website at <https://mthebronptsa.com> or see the same info posted on the PTSA's Facebook page @MHHSPTSA. Time is of the essence - there is an opportunity for you may email the County Executive and Council members any time before the budget vote May 29.

High School Final Exam Schedule, June 18-21

Tuesday, June 18 (Full day of school; B Day)

- **Period 1 Exam**, 7:25-9:05 a.m.
- Period 2 Class, 9:10-9:50 a.m.
- Period 3 Class, 9:55-10:35 a.m.
- Period 4B Class and lunch, 10:40 a.m.-12:40 p.m.
- Period 5 Class, 12:45-1:25 p.m.
- Period 6 Class, 1:30-2:10 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19 (Schools Dismiss Three Hours Early)

- **Period 2 Exam**, 7:25-9:05 a.m.
- Brunch, 9:05-9:25 a.m.
- **Period 3 Exam**, 9:30-11:10 a.m.

Thursday, June 20 (Schools Dismiss Three Hours Early)

- **Period 4A Exam**, 7:25-9:05 a.m.
- Brunch, 9:05-9:25 a.m.
- **Period 4B Exam**, 9:30-11:10 a.m.

Friday, June 21 (Schools Dismiss Three Hours Early; Last Day of School)

- **Period 5 Exam**, 7:25-9:05 a.m.
- Brunch, 9:05-9:25 a.m.
- **Period 6 Exam**, 9:30-11:10 a.m.

Calling **ALL** Superintendents, Principals, Directors, and other Educational Leaders!

MARYLAND FAMILIES ENGAGE

The 2019 Maryland Family Engagement Summit

Understanding Implicit Bias: Engaging Families in Culturally Responsive Ways

SAVE THE DATE!

Join the Conversation:
PreK-Grade 2 Suspension and Expulsion
Panel Discussion!

Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019
7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Maritime Conference Center
Linthicum Heights, MD

marylandfamiliesengage.org
early.engagementmsde@maryland.gov
@MDEngageEarly #MDFamiliesEngage

Featuring Keynote
Dr. Rosemarie Allen
a nationally-recognized
early childhood author,
leader and expert

Save the Date!

College Night is **June 5th 6 pm-8 pm** and will begin in the MHHS Auditorium!

Multiple experts including College Representatives will be presenting. The rotation format of the evening will allow attendees to view at least 3 presentations!

- Get an Insider's View of The College Application!
- Learn to Dissect a College!
- Become a Financial Aid Expert!
- Hear about the benefits of a Community College...including transfer options/honors programs! And more!!!!

Students & Parents in all grades are welcome. **HOWEVER**, 11th grade parents/students are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend. Don't miss it!

Seniors with Medication in the Health Room

If your Senior has medication in the Health Room, it must be picked up no later than **Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 2:10PM**. Any remaining medication will be destroyed. Students may pick up their Inhalers, Epi Pens and Benadryl. Any questions, please call 410-313-8178.

Graduation is May 30th @ 3pm

Last day of school for seniors is May 23rd. Early dismissal for all students at 1:30 on May 30th. The complete graduation schedule is available on the HCPSS website at <https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2019/03/2019-high-school-graduation-schedule/>

Values at Hebron

What Values do you have when you think of the learning environment at Mt. Hebron High School? Answer this 2-question survey and let your voice be heard! Parent responses will be combined with feedback from students and staff to create a theme for the 2019-2020 school year. Click here to take the short survey: <https://forms.gle/e1w3a3cLaXWx5oyT9>

Student Mentors Needed from Our Community

Have you ever considered serving as a mentor to a high school student? The Mt. Hebron High School Gifted and Talented Research Program is seeking professionals to be mentors to students enrolled in the Intern/Mentor Program for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for students who wish to evaluate a career or college major through a research-based course while in high school. Students generally spend five hours each week working with their mentor in a variety of ways.

Students receive credit for their time with you and engage in a number of activities! For example, a student with a doctor in an operating room might simply shadow the mentor during various surgeries; a student in a research lab would be assigned part of the research study; a student in a law office might work with documents, sit in on client meetings, and go to court. The opportunities are limitless!

We are currently in need of mentors in the following fields:

Local Politics	Pediatrics/NICU nursing	Clinical psych research
International Relations/Policy	Physical Therapy	Social Work (children)
Criminal Law and other areas of Law	Clinical Medicine – Any field	Mental Health
Broadcast Journalism	Cardiac Surgery	Finance/Accounting
Investigative Journalism	Anesthesiology	Marketing
Architecture/Construction – Project development and management	Ophthalmology	Business/Entrepreneurship
Mechanical Engineering	Clinical pharmacy	Business/Finance
Aerospace Engineering	Cardiology (clinical or research)	Business - tech industry
Chemical Engineering	Neurology/Neuroscience - lab setting	Supply Chain Management
Electrical Engineering	Pharmaceutical Research	Chef/Restaurant Manager
Software Engineering	Energy/Agriculture - Lab	
Cybersecurity	Microbiology Lab Research	
Data Analytics	Biotech Lab	
	Physics Research	

If you work in one of the fields listed above and might be open to working with a high school student next year, please contact Dr. Melissa Kiehl, GT Resource Teacher, at mkiehl@hcpss.org.

2019 Viking Basketball Summer Academy

Boys Week: July 15-19

Co-ed Week: July 22-26

Girls Week: August 5-9

Hours & Location:

9am-2pm

Mt. Hebron HS Gymnasium

9440 Route 99, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Age Group:

Campers entering 2nd Grade through 9th Grade. Participants will be grouped by age, ability, and experience level.

Tuition - \$200

***Tuition includes: MTH camp team jersey, awards, and a basketball!**

Gift Incentive! Send your child to two weeks of camp and receive an additional takeaway on their second week!

HOW TO REGISTER

- 1. Go to the website: vikingbackers.org**
- 2. Click the link "Summer Sports Camps"**
- 3. Follow instructions in the "Registration and Fees" Section**
- 4. Click link for registration completion**
- 5. Click links for payment completion**

General Camp Information:

The camp is planned to provide comprehensive skill instruction for beginning, intermediate, and advanced basketball players. Emphasis will be placed on fundamentals, individual skill development, and team strategy. In the first phase of the day, players will work in stations, learning important drills to improve all aspects of their craft. In the second half of day, students will compete in league play and various daily competitions. Campers will also have an opportunity to watch current & former players demonstrate individual and team drills.

Questions?

For Boys & Coed Week: Email jared_ettinger@hcpss.org

For Girls & Coed Week: Email tierney_ahearn@hcpss.org

Teen Advisory Council

HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council (TAC) meets one Monday evening a month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Barn/Teen Center in the Oakland Mills Village Center and is open to all Howard County high school students. Community service hours are available for all meetings and events. To register, please visit www.hcdrugfree.org and go to the Teen Advisory Council page. Refreshments provided at meetings, so must RSVP to Admin@hcdrugfree.org or call 443-325-0040.

ATTN: Current and Former MTH Band Students

We are *looking for any MTH band instruments that might be lying around your house*. It seems that several instruments have been borrowed over the years and not returned to the band program upon graduation or leaving the program. If you have an instrument that belongs to Mt. Hebron, please kindly return the instrument to the front office or directly to Mr. Fischer in the Band Room. No questions asked. Thanks for your assistance as we work together to ensure the success of the band program for years to come.

Do you play a Woodwind, Brass or Percussion instrument? If YES, I have just the thing for you... JOIN BAND!

I wanted to reach out and let you know how excited I am to be joining the Mt. Hebron community as the new Band Director. I know that for many of you, band was once an important part of your daily schedule, and I am reaching out to encourage you to consider joining band again. The Mt. Hebron Band Program has a storied history that dates back to 1964 when the band first performed as an integral part of the Mt. Hebron Community. I am looking forward to building on the tradition of excellence that has become the cornerstone of the program.

I recognize that there are many reasons why students choose not to participate in band in high school. I respect that band may no longer be a top priority or even an interest, however I want you to know that I would love to speak with you to discuss ways that you might enjoy band in high school. You can find me in the band room before school or during lunch (4A). There is a place for everyone in our band family. So... If you currently play, used to play or wish you could play an instrument, stop by to see me or feel free to contact me directly at joe.fischer@hcpss.org. I look forward to meeting you and building an even greater band program together.

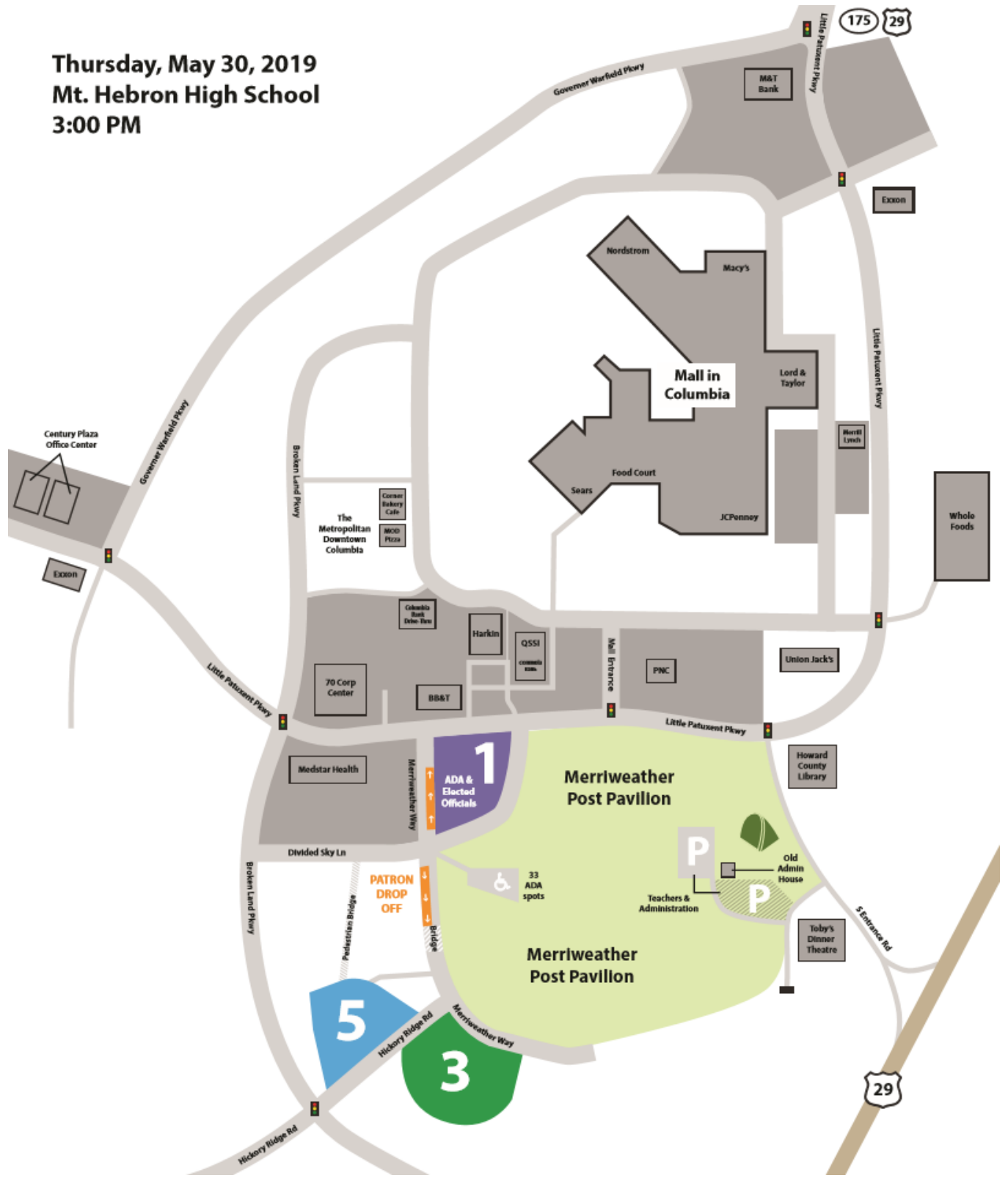
Your next VALHALLA VOICE will be published May 20th with the latest news from your parent advocacy groups and community.

Graduation Instructions

1. Participation in the graduation ceremony is not mandatory. Students who elect not to participate in the ceremony and rehearsals are still expected to attend school from 7:25am to 2:10pm during each school day through May 23, 2019. All students must have an approved absence or early dismissal note for any absence from school.
2. Although participation in the graduation ceremony is voluntary, **attendance at all senior meetings is mandatory**. Students need to be on time and stay for the full event.

3. If a student experiences an emergency illness on the day of a scheduled practice, the student's parent or guardian must call the office at (410) 313-2880 by 7:30 a.m. to explain the reason for the absence.
4. Caps and gowns are required attire for the Senior Awards Assembly on May 23, 2019 and Commencement Ceremony on May 30, 2019. The decorating of caps is strictly prohibited.
5. Females should wear a dress or dress pants and dress shoes. **No sneakers, tennis shoes, boots, flip flops, or other such footwear is allowed.** Avoid large earrings and bracelets that can get caught on caps and gowns.
6. Males should wear a collared shirt with a necktie and long pants with dress shoes. **No sneakers, tennis shoes, boots, flip flops, or other such footwear is allowed.** All shirts are to be buttoned, and collars are to be worn inside the gown.
7. Students who are recognized for school-based academic accomplishments are welcome to wear that organization's cord or stole whenever caps and gowns are worn.
8. When students receive their graduation gowns, **they should hang it up!** Wrinkles can be removed by hanging the gown in the bathroom, where the steam will smooth the material.
9. **Each graduate will receive 10 graduation tickets.** If extra tickets are needed, the student must submit the **Additional Ticket Form**, which can be found on the school website under "Graduation Information" or may be picked up from the main office. On the form, students must designate to whom the first 10 tickets will be given and must include a justification for the number of extra tickets requested. The form must be signed by a parent or guardian and must be brought to the auditorium during ticket distribution on May 23, 2019.
10. **Questions?** Call Ms. Gutierrez or Ms. Miles at 410-313-2880 or email at Brittany_gutierrez@hcpss.org or Leigh_Miles@hcpss.org

Thursday, May 30, 2019
Mt. Hebron High School
3:00 PM



SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 2019

DATE	EVENT
Monday, May 20	Period 1 – Class Period 2 – Exam Period 3 – Class Period 4B – Class Period 5 – Class Period 6 – Exam
Tuesday, May 21	7:25am – 9:10am Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal (Auditorium) Period 3 – Class Period 4A – Exam Period 5 – Exam Period 6 - Class <i>*Students leaving after period 5 must have a note for early dismissal.</i>
Wednesday, May 22	7:25am – 9:10am Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal (Auditorium) Period 3 – Exam Period 4B – Exam 12:20pm – 2:10pm Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal (Auditorium)
DATE	EVENT
Thursday, May 23	Last day for seniors ☺ 7:25am Dress in cap and gown Meet in auditorium seats for attendance, announcements and final graduation rehearsal. 8:15am – 8:45am Class of 2019 Picture Location: Stadium (weather permitting) Rain Location: Main Gym 9:00am – 11:15am Mandatory Senior Awards Assembly (Auditorium) 11:15am – 11:45am Graduation Ticket Distribution

	<p>11:45am – 2:10pm Senior Class Picnic at Mt. Hebron HS *Students should submit picnic permission slips during any of the graduation rehearsals</p>
Thursday, May 30	<p>Commencement Ceremony – 3:00pm Merriweather Post Pavilion</p> <p>Seniors must be in your seats for attendance by 2:00pm at Merriweather.</p>