



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

May 31, 2019

Happy Friday, Vikings!

Another graduation class can now officially call themselves alumni! Yesterday's commencement ceremony was an incredible celebration! If you weren't there in person, you can always watch it online by going to [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org) & clicking on the link. This year as part of my commencement speech, I dedicated a song to the graduates. I first heard "My Wish" on the radio last summer, and the words were so beautiful that I knew immediately I wanted it to be the cornerstone of my message to our graduates. For those unfamiliar with the song, I'm sharing the lyrics here. Congratulations Class of 2019!!

### **My Wish (by Rascal Flatts)**

I hope the days come easy and the moments pass slow,  
And each road leads you where you wanna go,  
And if you're faced with a choice, and you have to choose,  
I hope you choose the one that means the most to you.  
And if one door opens to another door closed,  
I hope you keep on walkin' till you find the window,  
If it's cold outside, show the world the warmth of your smile.

But more than anything, more than anything  
My wish, for you, is that this life becomes all that you want it to,  
Your dreams stay big, your worries stay small,  
You never need to carry more than you can hold,  
And while you're out there getting where you're getting to,  
I hope you know somebody loves you, and wants the same things too,  
Yeah, this, is my wish.

I hope you never look back, but you never forget,  
All the ones who love you, in the place you live,  
I hope you always forgive, and you never regret,  
And you help somebody every chance you get,  
Oh, you find God's grace, in every mistake,  
And always give more than you take.

Songwriters: Steve Robson / Jeffrey Steele  
My Wish lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC, Domino Publishing Company

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

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

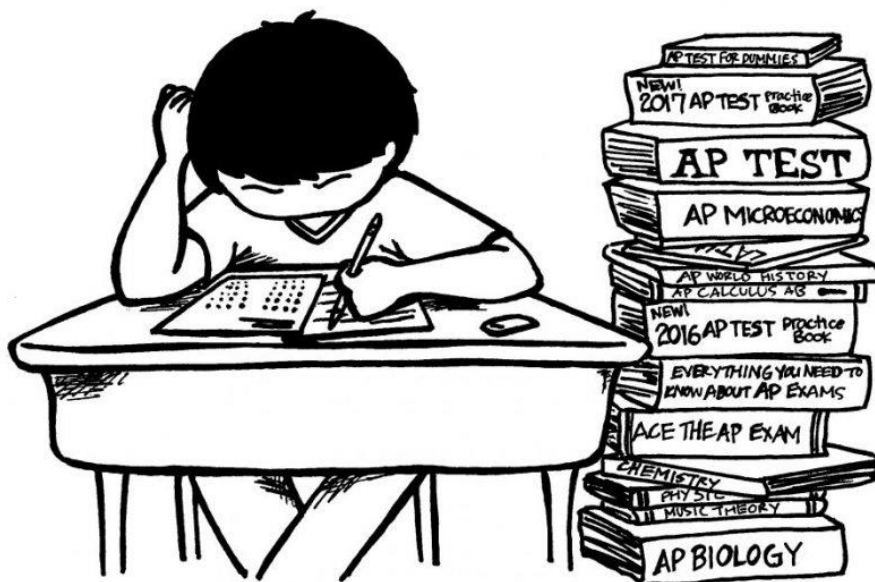
## UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

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

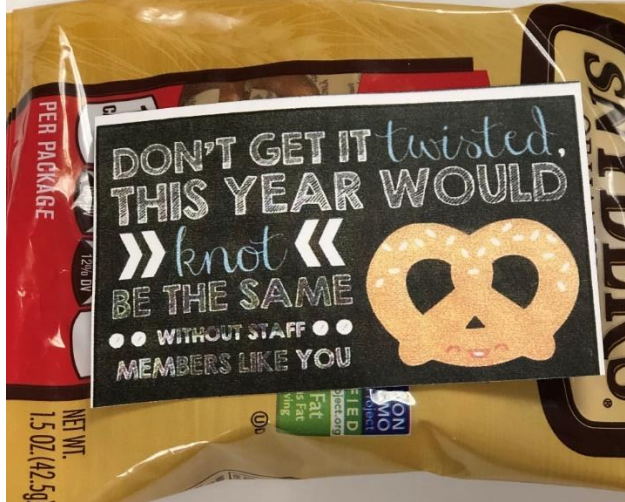
Date	Time	Event
June 3	6:30pm	Viking Backers Meeting in the Media Center
June 5	6-8pm	College Night in the Auditorium
June 7		World of Work Interview(11 <sup>th</sup> ) in the Media Center
June 18		1st period Final Exam (Full Day)
June 19, 20, 21		Final Exams for HS/ Early Dismissal @ 11:10am
June 21	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)*



**Many thanks to Melissa Kiehl and Amy Comberiate** for administering over 1130 AP exams! It takes an incredible amount of preparation and organization and we are lucky to have Melissa & Amy at the helm!



**Thank you** to our thoughtful and creative PTSA Staff Appreciation Committee for reminding us that Hebron would “knot” be the same without all of us! What a fun treat during graduation week!



**Congratulations** to our Mt. Hebron tennis team! Mt. Hebron tennis had its most successful State Tournament in over a decade with three qualifiers from the Regional Tournament.

**Bonnie Vess** (10), who finished second in girls’ singles at Regionals, battled a tough opponent in the first round at States and fell just short of a semi-final opportunity.

**Abishay Reddy** (10) and **Adam Sowers** (9) finished second at Regionals in boys’ doubles. They advanced to the semi-final at States where they ultimately placed fourth.

**Michael Kimack** (12) won his third Regional title, this time in boys’ singles, and advanced to the final at States. He placed second, adding another silver medal to the one that he took home as a sophomore when he played mixed doubles. Great season, Vikings!!

# NEW NEWS

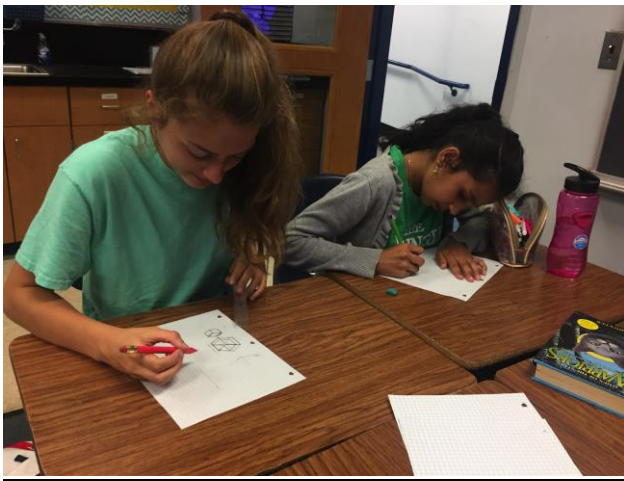
## **WEngineer Summer Camp Opportunity**

Juniors **Rashi Kejriwal**, **Shreya Santhanagopalan**, and **Caroline Kasuba** started an engineering education intramural at Patapsco Middle school named **WEngineer**. This after school program is aimed at encouraging kids to pursue engineering. Students enjoy the engaging activities and are constantly being challenged to step outside of their comfort zone.

The intramural teaches a wide variety of engineering skills, including biomedical engineering, 3D modeling, and isometric sketching. Students have made their own puzzle cubes and constructed circuits to understand how they function. This advanced intramural gives a head start for kids to acquire more knowledge about engineering that can be applied at high school and college levels. Shreya, Rashi, and Caroline plan engaging activities and weekly lessons to introduce different fields of engineering.

They are also running a **summer camp during the week of August 12, 2019**. Be on the lookout for notifications if you are interested in this fantastic program!

Contact them if interested at: [we.ngineer@yahoo.com](mailto:we.ngineer@yahoo.com)



## **Attention 11<sup>th</sup> grade Students and Parents**

**The World of Work interview clinic will be held on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### **What is the World of Work?**

- Graduation requirement that helps students become College/Career Ready
- Opportunity to create a Resume which can also be used for the college application process as a senior
- Excellent opportunity to “practice” for an actual interview
- Allows an unbiased professional to share your strengths and weaknesses with you

### **Additional Details**

- Students received interview and resume preparation through English classes
- Each student will receive a pass from his/her English teacher the day before the Mock Interviews
- Students should hold on to this pass and bring it with them on the day of interviews.
- Dress Professionally! See your counselor if you would like to borrow an item from the MHHS Professional Wardrobe
- **Bring a CLEAN/CORRECTED copy of your resume to your Interview.** The Media Center is closed the morning of the interviews, so print ahead of time!
- Be sure to utilize the Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills Booklet at home to prepare and practice!
- See your counselor with any questions!

## **WORTH REPEATING**

### **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

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

**Save the Date!**

College Night is **June 5th<sup>th</sup> 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**, 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents/students are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend. Don’t miss it!

**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](http://www.hcdrugfree.org) and go to the Teen Advisory Council page. Refreshments provided at meetings, so must RSVP to [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) or call 443-325-0040.

## **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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade through 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:jared_ettinger@hcpss.org)

For Girls & Coed Week: Email [tierney\\_ahern@hcpss.org](mailto:tierney_ahern@hcpss.org)

**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](mailto:joe_fischer@hcpss.org). I look forward to meeting you and building an even greater band program together.

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