



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

August 30, 2019

Welcome Back, Vikings!

I hope this message finds you relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year. The beginning of the school year is a magical time, full of possibility and promise, excitement and anticipation of everything yet to come. Your devoted teachers and staff have been back for almost two weeks now. They've spent this time readying your classrooms, preparing your first lessons and collaborating with colleagues. Our hardworking and conscientious custodians worked especially hard this summer, and our building has never looked more beautiful. Welcome **Tim Moore** and **Emmanuel Attoh**, our two newest custodians! When you see their smiling faces, be sure to introduce yourself.

We also have several other new additions to our staff, all of whom are eager to greet and meet your students next Tuesday. Of course, they've already met some of you as it's been great fun seeing our student athletes in and around the building during August as well as our band students, many of our theatre students, those taking driver's ed, and everyone who attended **New Student Orientation** yesterday morning or **Pass & Review** last night. Our **band students** have been working hard in the heat preparing for another stellar year, and this annual tradition was simply fantastic! Kudos to **Mr. Fischer** on his first Mt. Hebron Pass & Review!

Junior Ian Luk and his mom stopped by on Monday morning to bring treats for the staff – perfect timing as they powered us through our 4-hour staff meeting! The **PTSA** spoiled us with lunch on Tuesday as well as Rita's yesterday, and if you smelled BBQ in the middle of the day today, we enjoyed some time together as a staff playing kickball and having an end-of-summer/beginning-of-the-school-year cookout. Many thanks to Alum mom **Dorney Ruck** who loaned us her grill.

Each year brings positive change, and all signs point to another remarkable and productive school year of promoting a high-level of learning while working diligently to meet the needs of each and every one of our students. We remain, as always, committed to ensuring that everyone feels a sense of belonging. For those of you who are new to our Viking community, welcome. And for those of you who are returning, you already know how very special our joyous and caring community is.

I've already bought my favorite school supplies: my planner, some fun, colored pens and a spiral notebook. You only need to bring two of the three (a notebook and something to write with) on your first day, along with your enthusiasm for learning, of course. We'll give you your agenda book and each of your teachers will let you know what specific supplies you'll need for their class. I think it's a pre-requisite for being an educator that you get excited by school supplies! ☺

I'm also incredibly excited to see all of our students next Tuesday morning and our families next **Thursday, Sept. 5th at 6pm at Back-to-School night**. As we begin our 2019-2020 school year, my third at Mt. Hebron, I look forward to spending another year getting to know you and your students even better as we grow and learn together. Remember, anything is possible when you're a Viking!

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
September 5	6:30pm	Back to School Night for 2019-2020
September 6	7:00-10:00pm	Hebron Hula
September 10	6pm & 7pm	PTSA Welcome Reception (6pm) & Meeting (7pm)
September 18	6:00-9:00pm	Senior Crab Feast
September 30		Schools & offices closed
October 9		Schools & offices closed
October 18		Schools closed/Professional Work Day for Staff
October 19	All day events	Homecoming
November 1		3-hour early dismissal at 11:10am

CELEBRATIONS!

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

Mt. Hebron Economics Students Triumph at International Economics Olympiad in Russia

August 5th, 2019

From the HCPSS website



Mt. Hebron High School's national champion Economics Challenge team had a string of victories at the [International Economics Olympiad \(IEO\)](#) in St. Petersburg, Russia this summer. Senior Aditya Krishna won a Gold Medal for his overall performance, while senior Wyatt Currie won both Best in Economics and an overall Bronze Medal.



The IEO is the world championship in academic economics for high school students who have won their respective country's national economics championships. More than 30 teams from 26 countries competed in the nine-day competition by participating in a finance simulation, taking two economics exams and presenting a professionally-developed business case.



Additionally, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, Comptroller Peter Franchot, and Treasurer Nancy Kopp honored Mt. Hebron's national- and international-champion Economics Challenge teams with a Governor's Citation, Comptroller's Citation, and Treasurer's Citation in both a private meeting and during the Board of Public Works session on Wednesday, August 14 in Annapolis.

Maryland's fiscal and economic leadership honored Mt. Hebron's Economics Challenge teams for both their dual national championship in the Council for Economic Education's National Economics Challenge and team-members' success in the International Economics Olympiad in St. Petersburg, Russia.



Thank you to **Erin Lanthier** and **Robin Cahoon** who provided our staff with a delicious Back-to-School luncheon on Tuesday! What a terrific way to kick-off the new school year!! And then we got Rita's on Thursday – an embarrassment of riches! We are so lucky to have such an active & caring PTSA!! We appreciate you all so much!

NEW NEWS

ARL Students

ARL students need to be prepared to attend on the first day of school. Morning ARL students should be outside ready to board their bus by 7:25am.

New Students to Hebron Meet & Greet

In addition to our incoming freshman, we have many new 10th-12th grade students. Student Services and SGA would like our *new students to Hebron to join us in the courtyard on the first day of school beginning at 7:00 am (or whenever their bus drops them off) for donuts and a meet and greet.* Our courtyard is directly in front of our main doors once you enter the building. Looking forward to meeting all of our new students!

Hebron Hula

The MHHS SGA would like to invite all students to join us on our first Friday back at school for our annual Back-to-School Hebron Hula. **The Hula will be held on Friday, September 6th from 7pm to 10pm.** It is a fun, casual dance to welcome everyone back to school. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold Tuesday through Friday in the cafeteria. No tickets will be sold at the door. We hope to see everyone back at the Hula!

Welcome Visitors

As a reminder, all visitors must have a photo ID when visiting our school. As we endeavor to keep everyone safe, please be aware that you will be asked the nature of your visit. If you have an appointment with Student Services or a teacher, please report to the front office to sign in. All visitors **MUST** sign in during our school day. Thank you for your support with this county policy.

Special Visitor Parking

We now have 7 designated parking spots for visitors in the front of our parking lot. Please use these spots when you are coming to visit the school during our school day before 2:30pm. Cars parked in the bus loop prior to 2:30pm are subject to ticketing.

Got Stuff for Your Student?

When dropping items off for your child, please label them and drop them at the table in the front office. Let the front office staff know if you need them to contact your child to pick it up.

Did You Move Over the Summer?

Parents/Students, if you moved, please contact the registrars immediately to ensure we have your updated information. They can be reached by email: sheila_winters@hcpss.org and kimberly_tracy@hcpss.org, or phone, 410-313-2883.

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!

Update Your Emergency Information ANNUALLY

Parents/guardians may now complete/update their Family File emergency information. *Parents must verify or update information for each child, each school year.* Access your Family File by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#), selecting the Family File tab on the left and then selecting Family File. [Details and resources](#) can be found on the HCPSS website.

After School Activities Bus Running Again This School Year!

The Activities Bus is available for any student staying after school for academic support or extra -curricular activities. The dates for the bus, as well as the stops, are listed below. Both are subject to change. If your child is interested in taking the bus, please fill click on the link & complete the form. **Students may not ride the bus without parent/guardian permission.**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hfuJg83ak7JXXsSaOv-1Hrly6lvIbQea0HtTzOdfwmo/edit>

Bus Dates:

September: 24, 26

October: 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31

November: 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21

December: 3, 5, 10, 15, 17, 19

January: 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 28, 30

February: 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

March: 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31

April: 2, 14, 16, 21, 23, 30

May: 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

Bus Stops (Pick up at MTH @ 4:10 pm)

- Maple Rock Dr and East Stayman Dr
- Hollifield Station ES
- High Ridge Rd and Rosemar Dr
- Town and Country Blvd and West Springs Dr
- Wheaton Way and Normandy Woods Dr
- George Howard Building – 3430 Court House Dr
- Worthington ES

New SAT Courses Offered

We have new SAT courses being offered in conjunction with PTSA at MHHS through the Answer Class. Please click on the links below for more information or to sign up.

<https://www.mthebronptsa.com/post/sat-act-prep-classes-at-hebron>

For Students to Sign up directly:

<https://theanswerclass.com/shop/?fwpschool=mt-hebron-high-school>

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SAT & ACT.

THE ANSWER CLASS HAS ANSWERS.
(Otherwise, we'd have to change our name.)

The Answer Class's SAT & ACT prep is the inexpensive standardized test preparation option chosen by more than 5,300 Maryland high school students. And it's coming to your high school!

Our class is...

- >Highly regarded - 97% of students would recommend the course to a friend
- >Comprehensive - everything you need to know in only 8 hours
- >Cost-effective - only \$149* per class or \$249* (\$49 savings) for the SAT/ACT prep combination package. Need-based scholarships are available. *Early bird discount for registering at least one week ahead of the class date
- >A school fundraiser - 20% of all tuition collected is donated to your school

View the full schedule of SAT & ACT prep classes and register online at www.theanswerclass.com.

THE ANSWER CLASS

AP Exams - A Guide for Mt. Hebron Parents



Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting your child through the AP course experience. In 2019, nearly 500 students took over 1,100 AP exams – that equates to roughly 80% of students enrolled in an AP courses taking at least one exam. If your child plans to take the end-of-course exam, please take note of the following important information.

- **College Board now requires students to register for exams in October.** Registration is a two-step process. Students must use the College Board Portal to elect which exams they wish to take. They will access the portal using their College Board account and a join code provided by the AP teacher. Parents must “opt in” to allow students to use the Portal. Teachers will provide “opt in” forms to all their AP students. Then, they will use their Naviance/Family Connections account to complete the registration process and pay for the exam(s). This is a county process, and registration is only open to student accounts. Students must complete both steps in order to register. They will receive detailed instructions soon.
- The **cost** is \$94/exam. Payment must be made at the time of registration. After students select their exams in the Portal and submit the online Naviance registration, they are asked to submit a printed copy of the Naviance form along with proof of payment (check, or print-out of online credit card payment).

Student Registration	Exam ordered by Nov. 1	\$94
HCPSS Late Registration	Exams ordered between Nov. 6 and 15th	\$94+\$20 fee
College Board Late registration	Ordered Nov. 16–Mar 13	\$94 + \$40 fee
Unused/ canceled exam	Exam that is canceled or not taken by the student	\$40 fee *Refund before Feb 8 th for on time registration - \$54 **Refund after Feb 8 th for on time registration - \$45

- If you elect to register after November 1st, there is no guarantee your registration can be processed in time to avoid fees. Please register by the 1st.
 - There is no discount for multiple exams.
 - Students who are self-studying or in Virtual AP courses must follow the same deadlines, but need to see Dr. Kiehl to acquire the join code for registration.
 - Fee waivers are available for students who meet certain financial need criteria. Details will be available in Naviance.
- Exams are **held off-site** at Crossroads Church of the Nazarene (2750 Rogers Ave., Ellicott City, MD 21043). Students must provide their own transportation to and from the exam, so please plan accordingly. Exams are generally 4 hours, and begin at 8am or 12pm (with students arriving 30 minutes prior). The schedule of exams can be found at: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees>

- Students who can receive **accommodations for disabilities** must have approval from College Board to receive accommodations during AP exams. Work with your counselor prior to February to ensure this. If a student has approved accommodations, they will should sync in the new AP Portal.
- **Additional information will be posted on the Mt. Hebron Homepage, Naviance Homepage, and shared through teachers.**
- Parents are also invited to attend county meetings to learn more about the process.

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
Hammond High School Sept 9th 6 pm	Howard High School Sept 11th 6pm	Centennial High School Sept 10th 6:30 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atholton • Hammond • River Hill • Wilde Lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenelg • Howard • Long Reach • Reservoir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centennial • Marriotts Ridge • Mount Hebron • Oakland Mills

If you have course-specific questions, please talk with your child's teacher. If you have questions about any of the information on this handout, please reach out to the appropriate AP Coordinator:

Dr. Melissa Kiehl – School-Based Coordinator - mkiehl@hcpss.org or 410-313-2880

Dr. Kiehl is the point of contact for questions about registration, or other issues leading up to the exam. She is a teacher in the building, and can be found in room 109.

Mrs. Amy Comberiate – Testing-Site Coordinator - amy_comberiate@hcpss.org

Ms. Comberiate is the point of contact during the two-week testing period. She will be on-site at Crossroads coordinating the testing, including accommodations. She is an English teacher on leave from Mt. Hebron.

SPECIAL SECTION for SENIORS

Event	Date	Location	Cost
Crab Feast Dinner & Dance	September 18	MHHS Cafeteria	\$25
Homecoming Dance	October 19	MHHS Gym & Cafeteria	
Cap & Gown Order Due	October		
Senior T-shirt	January		Free!!
Prom	May 2, 2020		
Class Night Dinner & Dance	May, 2020	TBD	
Senior Picnic	May, 2020	TBD	

If you have questions about any the events or costs, feel free to contact Ms. Lydia Kang
lydia_kang@hcpss.org

WORTH REPEATING

Back-to-School Night

Thursday, September 5 from 6:00 – 8:30pm

We suggest that parents and guardians who attend BTSN arrange to carpool or if you choose to walk, arrive early. We ask that you support our efforts to reduce the impact of our event on our school neighborhood by following these suggestions. We will begin in the auditorium with announcements from the principal and begin class rotations at 6:30pm.

PSA About Suicide Featuring Former Hebron Student

A former Mt. Hebron student is featured in this PSA about suicide. It may be shown at all HoCo theaters during the previews so a lot of our students may see this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=2t8hQCp9l4s&feature=youtu.be>

Student Services

Questions about schedules should be directed to Student Services: 410-313-2883 or your specific counselor.

A-Ce	Ms. Veronica Valentine (Veronica_Valentine@hcpss.org)
Ch-G	Ms. Tina Flynn (Tina_Flynn@hcpss.org)
H-Le	Ms. Monique Flores (Monique_Flores@hcpss.org)
Li-Pa	Ms. Allison Downey (Allison_Downey@hcpss.org)
Pe-Si	Mr. Patrick Miles (Patrick_Miles@hcpss.org)
Sk-Z	Ms. Elizabeth Dolan (Elizabeth_Dolan@hcpss.org)

PTSA & Parent Organization News

Caroline Bodziak PTSA President: mthebronptsa@gmail.com

PTSA New Website Live - Join Online! www.mthebronptsa.com/

Contact mthebronptsa@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to an exciting year reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones! VIKING BACKERS BOOSTER CLUB:

Did you know that HCPSS provides only a FRACTION of the funds needed by our athletic teams each year and gives NOTHING to our student clubs? The financial support by the Viking Backers Booster Club is VITAL to the success of our students in many extracurricular activities. For the last few years, we have not been able to fully

fund all requests and next year promises to be more of the same – especially since the county has CUT additional funds from all of our budgets including academic, arts, and athletics. YOU can help by joining AND getting involved.

The Viking Backers is an all-volunteer, parent organization that supports ALL student extracurricular activities including academics, arts & athletics. Visit www.vikingbackers.org to join online.

Getting to School/Student Morning Drop-off



Red – Do not park

Blue – Entrance Pattern

Yellow – Exit Pattern

Our parking lot and Old Frederick Road are congested every morning from 7:05am-7:25am. On average, we have 643 parents who drive their children to school. We have 200 staff members and allow 215 seniors to park on campus. That is a lot of cars for a (former) junior high parking lot. We strongly encourage EVERY student to ride the school bus. Due to safety concerns, parents/Lyft drivers/Uber drivers are not allowed to drop students off in our bus loop or our staff lot.

The DROP-OFF for students is the lot AFTER the intersection/light at St. Johns Lane and Old Frederick Road. Once you enter the student lot, stay to the right if you want to exit and go left on Old Frederick Road. Stay to the left to drop students off at the auditorium doors at the side of the building following the established traffic pattern (See above diagram).

Students may not be dropped off along Old Frederick Road or St. Johns Lane.

Parents may not make left turns from the drop-off lot onto Old Frederick Road.

Students who are driving themselves to school are encouraged to arrive early to avoid being tardy. We very much appreciate your partnership to ensure our commitment to student safety.

Students who arrive at/after 7:25 am are considered tardy and may receive disciplinary consequences. Students can arrive to school as early as 6:30 am as our cafeteria is open. Students enter through the patio doors that lead directly into the cafeteria. Students may NOT enter the school building before 7:00 am without a teacher pass. Students who arrive before 7:00 am can wait outside or go to the cafeteria.

Thank You for Supporting Our Girls Soccer Teams!!

JOIN US

————— in support of —————

Mount Hebron High School
Girls JV & Varsity Soccer Teams



Fundraiser!

Wednesday September 11th

5-8pm

Modern Market Eatery

6181 Old Dobbin Lane (near Cava) in Columbia, MD

Dine in OR carry out!

- At check-out, **mention Mount Hebron High School Girls Soccer** or show flier. 50% of each purchase goes back to MHHS. Average cost per meal is \$10.
 - **Menu** includes grain bowls, all-day breakfast, pizzas, sandwiches, salads, and kids menu – all with scratch-made dressings, hand-kneaded dough, house-marinated meats, and hand-juiced beverages.
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Voices for Children Annual 5K

Monday, September 2nd. As you may know, this is a community event hosted by local middle and high school students supporting Voices for Children.

This is the 10th year for teens of Mt. Hebron to host a 5k for a non-profit! The students are supporting Voices for Children. We love the idea of children supporting other children right here in our very own community. If you can't be at the race, you can still support the event by signing up to be a virtual runner! For more information:

<https://voicesforchildren5k.weebly.com/>

Cypressmeade Park

3100 Fawnwood Dr Ellicott City, MD 21042 Monday September 2nd, 2019

The Out of the Darkness Community Walk

Join the Mt. Hebron High School team (<http://afsp.donordrive.com/team/MTH>) for this walk on 9/28! The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, support, and a walk that unites a campus and community – a time to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental illness have affected our lives and our loved ones.

Walk Date: 09/28/2019

Walk Location: Lake Elkhorn - Columbia, MD

Check-in/Registration Time: 10:00 am

Walk Begins: 11:30 am Walk Ends: 1:00 pm

The Mt Hebron PTSA is expanding efforts on mental health this year with speakers including the school's own Student Support Team (SST), Grassroots Suicide Prevention (QPR) Training, events during "Pi Week" in March, and the Sept. 28 Out of the Darkness Walk.

For more Community News and Programs visit <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-andprograms/>

Your next VALHALLA VOICE will be published September 9th with the latest news from your parent advocacy groups and community.