



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

October 12, 2018

Happy Homecoming Fellow Vikings!

It's no secret that I'm partial to a good cup of dark roast (or 6 ☺) to keep my energy level high during the day, but this week, I've been fueled by the energy from your students! Spirit Week is such a special week, the kind of high school experience that creates lasting memories and solidifies bonds even while presenting opportunities to make new friends. Your kids' creativity is remarkable, and I marvel at the coordination and care they put into the details of their class presentations for Spirit Week judging. Tomorrow marks the pinnacle of our festivities, starting with a community pancake breakfast at 7:30am. The football players will be putting their arm muscles to work as they mix the batter, so I hope you'll be able to join us. Such a yummy way to start our day and fuel us for the remaining festivities. After the breakfast, our incredible marching unit will serenade our surrounding neighborhoods as they lead the parade followed by our always creative class floats and other Viking spirit groups. The football game starts at 1:00, and the weather looks like it's going to be a crisp, fall day, perfect for donning your Vikings sweatshirt (available for sale at the pancake breakfast) and cheering for our team as they take on the Reservoir Gators. The dance starts at 7:00, and everyone who's coming needs to arrive by 8. The Homecoming Court will be announced at 8:30. I know much of the students' spirit this week comes from the support they receive at home, so thank you for everything you do to help your student and all of our students celebrate and commemorate our truly special Viking community.

Joelle

P.S. We know your time is valuable. We've separated the news between "new" and "repeating," in hopes that this will help you navigate the newsletter faster. You can click the links below to take you directly to that section of the newsletter or scroll down to read all the news.

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

The Mountain: Hebron High School's Online Newspaper: <https://mthmountain.com/>

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

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

Date	Time	Event
October 15		Transcript Request Deadline for November 15th college applications
October 17	9-9:30am	Balfour visiting Seniors during Viking Time to discuss Caps and Gowns
October 19		Professional Learning Day- No school for students
October 23	10:15am-12:15pm	Balfour visiting Seniors during lunch to take Cap and Gown Orders
October 23		Withdrawal date for students to drop courses
October 24	10:30am-12:30pm	Balfour visiting Seniors during lunch to take Cap and Gown Orders
October 26		Last Day for Coat Drive
October 26		Last Day Collecting Donations for Pediatrics at HoCo General
October 31		Deadline for Science National Honor Society Application
November 6		Election Day- No school
November 7		Professional Learning Day- No school for students
November 8	6:30-8pm	PTSA Values: Café Conversations in Cafeteria
November 12	6:30pm	Winter Sports Parents meeting in Auditorium
November 14		Report Cards Issued for Quarter 1
November 14	6:30/7:00pm	Gallery Walk of Art Show followed by PRISM concert
November 15		Winter Sports Tryouts start
November 19		Half Day for Students – Professional Learning Day
November 20		Half Day for Students – Parent/ Teacher Conferences
November 21		No School for Students – Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 22-23		No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 19		Interim Progress Reports Issued for Quarter 2
January 17, 2019	7:30-9am	PTSA Cafe Conversations
March 5, 2019	7-8:30pm	PTSA Cafe Conversations
April 27, 2019		Prom @ The Hotel at Arundel

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Mathematics teacher, Farah Jawhar, who will be honored by Dr. Martirano at the Board of Education meeting on October 18th as he celebrates individuals and groups who have gone above and beyond in making an impact. We are so proud of her!

Congratulations to English teacher, Shannon Davis, who has been recognized by the National English Honor Society for High Schools on the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Mount Hebron Chapter. Five years of support and growth is a milestone worth celebrating!

Congratulations to the very talented, Josh Leach, who is opening in Jesus Christ Superstar this weekend with JustOffBroadwayMD. He is the only student in the production!

Congratulations to Isaac Justice and Tyler Lizzo who scored in the top 2.5% among Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT test takers and have been invited to participate in the National Hispanic Recognition Program, which highlights their outstanding educational achievements. We are so proud of both of them!

NEW NEWS

Withdrawal Date Clarification for HS Courses

Howard County Public School System Policy 8020: High School Grading and Reporting governs procedures related to students who withdraw from courses or change levels of a course. Any student who withdraws from any course more than seven school days after the published first quarter interim report will receive a W (withdrawal) on the report card and permanent report card. No credit shall be received by students who withdraw. If a student transfers between levels of the same course, the grade the student earned will be transferred and averaged. A W code will not be assigned. If a student withdraws from a course and transfers to a different course more than one week after the first published first quarter interim report, no credit will be awarded unless a half-credit course option is available. The schedule change form will be placed in the student's cumulative record. A W code will be assigned. ***For the 2018-2019 school year, the W date is October 23, 2018.***

Senior Meeting During Viking Time

A representative from Balfour will be visiting seniors during Viking Time on Wednesday, October 17 to discuss caps and gowns. They will return during lunch shifts on Tuesday, Oct. 23 and Wednesday, Oct. 24 to take cap and gown orders. More information to follow.

Winter Sports

Winter Sports Parents Meeting, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

All parents of students who will be trying out for a Winter Sports team should attend.

Winter Sports Tryouts start on November 15th

Please complete the online registration in the Parent Portal in Canvas. All paperwork must be complete prior to November 15th. Log into your Parental Canvas page and click HS Athletic Registration on the left column.

Winter Sports Online Registration is Open

Log into your Parental Canvas Page.

Click on HS Athletic Registration on the left tab.

Click on Athletic Registration and complete the required forms on the left tab.

All registrations are due prior to tryouts on Nov. 15th

Coat Drive thru October 26

Please bring your clean, ready-to-wear winter outerwear to Mt. Hebron and leave in the collection boxes in the foyer. Items needed include coats, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, etc. for adults and children of all ages. Students will sort the items and distribute within Howard County in early November. The Coat Drive is a collaboration between PTSA and HCPSS. Thank you for keeping Howard County warm this winter!

Donation Box for Pediatrics at HoCo General

We need your help to collect; gently- used board games/ toys/ other fun and easy-to-clean activities! Seeking unused toiletries (travel- size shampoos, conditioners, body wash, deodorants, etc.), unused children's underwear. There is a collection box outside the auditorium and donations will be collected through October 26th. Thank you!

All donations will go directly to the children at Howard County General Hospital.

Contact: Co-Tu Doan (doan.cotu@gmail.com) for more information.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cmOPvSu1r3vaeLgDN115Qo1sQ3sGY3eBMf85ujdoNo>

Special Olympics fundraising night at Squisitos

Let's raise some dough! Leadership U is fundraising to support Special Olympics Howard County Young Athletes Program.

Join us Wednesday October 17th from 4pm-9pm at Squisito Pizza & Pasta. When 15% of proceeds from your support gets donated to Special Olympics Howard County Young Athletes Program. All funds raised go directly toward the program which is in its inaugural year. In addition to the 15% of the sales for the evening, they also match with 15% in gift cards which we will also donate to Special Olympics for their end of the year party.

FINE ARTS NEWS

The PRISM Concert, featuring Music, Dance, Theatre, Film and Visual Art, is Wednesday, November 14th. Please join us at 6:30pm for a gallery walk of the Art Show featuring student work in a variety of media joined by a string quartet and guitarists. The concert begins at 7pm in the auditorium.

WORTH REPEATING

Detailed Directions for Parents to Access the Family File

To access the Family File you go through your HCPSS Connect account (also referred to as "Synergy" and "Parent Portal").

- 1) Go to the Mt Hebron website <https://mhhs.hcpss.org/>
- 2) Scroll down to Essential Applications and click on the first one, HCPSS Connect
- 3) Click on the blue bar that says HCPSS Connect Login. (There are also several Guides and Tutorials on this page which can help you.)
- 4) On the login screen enter your full email address as your Username and your Password and then click Login. The Family File will be one of the choices on the left side of your screen.
- 5) If you have forgotten your password or haven't set up an account yet, click on the blue words "Account Activation and Forgot Password" below the login area and follow the prompts.
- 6) If you need assistance, contact Mary May at 410-313-2880 or Mary_May@hcpss.org

Youth in Conversation

Youth in Conversation is a group of high school students who want to "talk about the things no one talks about." The goal is to build community by having conversations about identities we have in common and issues that separate us, such as race, culture, religion and gender.

All HCPSS high school students are welcome & free dinner will be provided by #OneHoward and the Columbia Association each evening we meet

We will meet **the second and fourth Monday of every month from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** at Oliver's Carriage House, 5410 Leaf Treader Way, Columbia, MD 21044 (also known as Kittamaquundi Community Church)

Meeting Dates in 2018/2019: 10/22, 11/12 & 11/26, 12/10, (We will not meet the fourth Monday in December because of Winter Break) 1/14 & 1/28, 2/11 & 2/25, 3/11 & 3/25, 4/8 and 4/29 (In April we will meet the 5th Monday instead of the 4th Monday because of Spring Break), 5/13

Please see the FRONT OFFICE for a form if you would like to participate.

Transcript Request Deadline for College Application

The deadline for requesting transcripts for November 15th college applications is October 15th.

Science National Honor Society

If you are interested in applying for the Science National Honor Society you may click on the link to access the application. [Science National Honor Society Application](#)
Completed applications must be turned in to Mr. Blocklin or Ms. Mongano by Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Please see/e-mail Mr. Blocklin or Ms. Mongano with any questions. Daniel_Blocklin@hcpss.org or Amy_Mongano@hcpss.org

Beyond School Hours Programs

Several intervention initiatives are available this year to support the academic success of our students:

1. The **Media Center** is open until **3:45PM** on **Tuesday & Thursday** for students who would like to study, use the computers, work on group projects, or receive tutoring.
2. An **After School Activities Bus** is available on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** beginning September 25 and continuing until May 16. The **bus will depart at approximately 4:00pm** from the front of the school and make stops at four major areas: **Liter Court & Liter Drive, Hollifield Station Elementary School, Town & Country & West Spring Drive, and Worthington Elementary School.**
Students may use the After School Activities Bus if they need to: make-up work, attend club meetings, serve detention or study in the Media Center. This should be especially useful for our Freshmen and Sophomore students who do not drive to school. If you would like your son or daughter to ride the After School Activities Bus, please have them pick-up a permission form in the front office.
3. Tutoring in major academic subjects, English, Math, Social Studies, Science and World Language will become available on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** in the **Media Center.**

Please direct any questions to Danielle Borgia (Danielle_Borgia@hcpss.org) and Dwayne Williams (Dwayne_Williams@hcpss.org).

Play It Safe Poster Contest

An amazing opportunity for all of our creative and talented students. Check out our website & click on "Play It Safe Poster Contest" under our News section for more information. <https://mhhs.hcpss.org/news>

As a reminder, your VALHALLA VOICE is coming on Monday with the latest news from your parent advocacy groups and community.