



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

October 19, 2018

Hello Viking Families,

The halls of our school are quiet today, which means your house may or may not be. ☺ It's a different energy here without your students, but today is a day to practice what we preach, about taking time for renewal and balance. Our theatre teachers ensure all of their thespians understand that when they're participating in a show, their priorities are health, homework, and the show, in that order. Our athletics coaches preach a similar philosophy. Today our teachers are working on professional development and recharging their batteries, so they're able to best meet the needs of your incredible kids when they return on Monday.

And given the excitement that carried over from last week's Homecoming festivities, this day was well-timed. Were you here for the pancake breakfast? **Carol Kinloch** and her tireless pancake committee fed over 750 members of our Viking community. It's impossible to list the names of every volunteer, but from the Viking 5k & Fun Walk which kick-started our celebration the weekend before to the breakfast and parade to the game and, of course, the dance, if you played any part in the success of this year's Homecoming, please know you are appreciated more than any of us could ever express.

Teachers **Katie Engelstatter** and **Phil Herdman**, our SGA sponsors, deserve a special shout-out as they fearlessly spearheaded Spirit Week and Homecoming coordination for the first time, and we've heard nothing but positive feedback. The terrific **Tittsworth brothers** (Mike & Tommy, along with an intrepid group of teacher chaperones) were responsible for the dance. And the smiles on your students' faces were all the thanks we need. (Though the bowl of Starbursts that **Sandy Miller** & the **PTSA's Teacher Appreciation Committee** placed in our staff workroom this week certainly had us "*bursting*" with joy!) I hope this weekend gives you at least a few minutes for some rest and renewal. You definitely deserve it!

Joelle

P.S. We know your time is valuable. We've separated the news between "new" and "repeating," in hopes that it 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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UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

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

Date	Time	Event
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 23	7-8:30pm	Community Engagement Forum in Auditorium
October 24	10:30am-12:30pm	Balfour visiting Seniors during lunch to take Cap and Gown Orders
October 25	4pm	Field Hockey Semi-Finals \$6 Entry @ Stadium Field
October 26		Last Day for Coat Drive
October 26		Last Day for donations for Pediatrics at HoCo General
October 31		Deadline for Science National Honor Society Application
November 6		No School – Election Day
November 7		No School for students – Professional Learning Day
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 16	6pm	Basket Bingo @ The Lodge in Catonsville
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 7	5pm	Deadline for MLK Essay submissions
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 our newest STUDENTS OF THE MONTH! We celebrated our students during 6th period yesterday, and the weather cooperated for a great photo! So proud of everyone's efforts!



NEW NEWS

Martin Luther King Essay Contest 2018

The Howard County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission presents our Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at Howard High School. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission encourages all eligible Howard County students to participate in our essay contest.

Our theme this year is **“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”** Students are invited to write an essay *describing a time when they spoke up for that which was right and tell us about their experience and how it relates to the teachings of Dr. King.* The deadline for all submissions is Friday, December 7, 2018 at 5:00 PM additional details can be found on the homepage of our school website.

www.mhhs.hcpss.org

For additional information please contact Farheen Sheik at (410) 313-6467 or email fsheik@howardcountymd.gov.

MPSSAA Field Hockey Section Semi-Finals

Winner Reservoir/Atholton @ Mt. Hebron at 4:00 PM on the Stadium Field on Oct. 25th. All Tickets \$6.00. Only MPSSAA State passes accepted.

Community Engagement Forum

The Mt. Hebron Community Political Engagement Club (CPEC) is organizing a forum in the Mt. Hebron Auditorium on October 23 from 7-8:30pm. Four county council candidates (Liz Walsh, Raj Kathuria, China Williams, and David Yungmann) and one state delegate candidate (Courtney Watson) have been invited to talk about local issues and values of community engagement. We invite students and their families to attend this event to get involved with our community. If you have any questions, please contact William Li at wliwli2591@gmail.com or 443-642-1790.

Mt Hebron Viking Backers Basket Bingo

Basket Bingo tickets are now available for purchase on the Viking Backers website. Come join us on November 16 at 7pm (doors open at 6) for a night of fun with friends and a chance to win many fantastic prizes!! All 20 bingo games have a prize worth about \$200!! Order your tickets now before we sell out! Tickets are \$30. www.vikingbackers.org

Colds and Flus: When to stay Home?

Diarrhea: three or more cases of illness-related diarrhea.

Fever: Temperature above 100.0 F. Student may return to school after they are fever-free for 24 hours without the assistance of medications.

Vomiting: Repetitive vomiting that is illness-related.

Upper Respiratory Illness: Follow the fever protocol. Practice good hygiene by frequent hand washing and covering coughs. If symptoms persist in excess of 10 days, it is recommended to seek medical care.

WORTH REPEATING

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.***

Play It Safe Poster Contest

An amazing opportunity for all of our creative and talented students. ***Submissions are due by October 26, 2018.*** Check out our website & click on "Play It Safe Poster Contest" under our News section for more information. <https://mhhs.hcpss.org/news>

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.

Click HS Athletic Registration on the left column.

Click on HS Athletic Registration on the left tab.

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

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. 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/1cmOPvSu1r3vaeLgDN115Qol1sQ3sGY3eBMf85ujdoNo>

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.

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

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.

As a reminder, your VALHALLA VOICE will be published Monday with the latest news from your parent advocacy groups and community.