



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

November 30, 2018

It's Opening Night at the Theatre, Vikings!

Have you ever done something for which you received a standing ovation? I've no doubt our students will receive one tonight, as well as for each of their 5 subsequent performances of *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. They definitely deserve it! But wouldn't it be great if people regularly gave us standing ovations for other things we do in our lives? Some mornings, especially when it's cold outside, just getting out of bed and getting to school on time deserves a standing ovation.

A standing ovation shows, "enthusiastic approval or appreciation," according to the dictionary. When is the last time your student did something to warrant your enthusiastic approval? As a parent of two teenagers myself, I know that the roller coaster of parenting teens often has us hanging on for dear life rather than wanting to stand up and applaud. But I guarantee if you look hard enough, you will find something every day which warrants a standing ovation. Our staff sees opportunities every day as they interact with your remarkable kids.

Tomorrow begins a new month, our last one of 2018. Though most people wait until January 1st to start their resolutions, I encourage you to consider starting a month early and find something every day which makes you want to give your student a standing ovation. (I'm sure they wouldn't be too embarrassed if you added, "Bravo!" as well.☺) Of course, if you're looking to give a real standing ovation, I hope you'll disappear through the wardrobe with us as we leave Ellicott City behind for a few hours and escape into the magic of Narnia.

Joelle

P.S. The show runs tonight, Dec. 1, 6, & 7 @ 7:00pm or Dec. 2 & 8 @ 2pm. And if you come, our Leadership class encourages you to bring either a can of food or a cash donation in support of our canned food drive.

P.S.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.

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UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

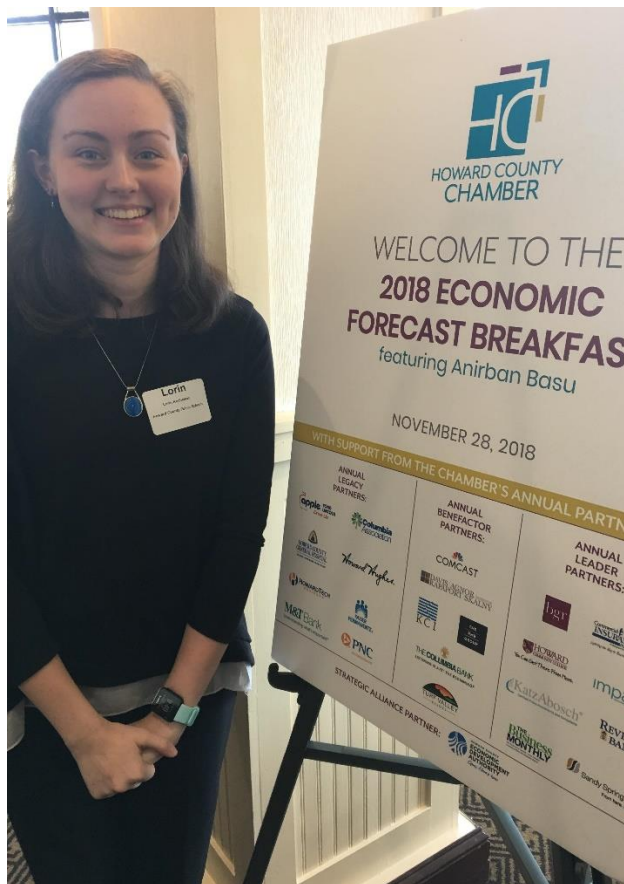
See the [calendar](#) on our website for additional dates.

Date	Time	Event
November 30, December 1-2, December 6-8	7pm (2pm Dec 2 & 8)	Theatre Production of <i>The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe</i> in Auditorium
December 3	6pm & 7pm	Choreographers' Showcase in Dance Studio
December 4	2:15- 3:45pm	9 th Grade After School Study Skills Session in room 217 who earned a D or E on their 1 st Quarter
December 7	5pm	Deadline for MLK Essay submissions
December 7		Math National Honors Society Applications Due
December 10	6:30- 8:30pm	Youth In Conversation @ Oliver's Carriage House also known as Kittamaqundi Community Church
December 11	7-9pm	ARL Open House for parents & students
December 12	7-8:30pm	Leadership & Service Opportunity Meeting @ Homewood
December 13	During English	Underclassmen portrait make-up day
December 13-14	7pm	Music Concerts @Auditorium (Snow Date 12/15)
December 18	During day	Winter Assembly @Auditorium (Snow Date 12/20)
December 19		Interim Progress Reports Issued for Quarter 2
December 20		Last Day collecting for Canned Food Drive
December 22- January 1		Schools closed for Winter Break
January 3		8th Grade Parent Night in MHHS Auditorium
January 8		Final Date for Senior Portraits
January 10	6:30-8pm	Electives Night (Current 9th-11th graders) in MHHS Cafeteria
January 11		Last Day to Order Graduation Cap & Gown
January 17, 2019	7:30-9am	PTSA Cafe Conversations
January 31		Deadline for Formal Drape/Tux Senior Portraits
February 6		Report Card Issued for Quarter 2
March 5, 2019	7-8:30pm	PTSA Cafe Conversations
March 16, 2019		MTH Marketplace sponsored by Viking Backers
April 27, 2019		Prom @ The Hotel at Arundel

CELEBRATIONS!!

Congratulations to Senior **Sierra Faish** who has been accepted into the MAEA BWI Fall 2018 Exhibit. If you're at the airport, you'll be able to see some of her remarkable artwork on display.

Congratulations to all of the dancers who participated in last night's **Dancer's Choreographer's Showcase**. This informal performance showcased the choreographic works of the Jr. Company & Dance Company. This year students were assigned to choreograph an original, creative work based on a concept from a work of art created by one of the visual art students. The composition reflects the choreographers' perception of the art work. Their performances were truly inspired!



Congratulations to Senior **Lorin Rocheleau** who was chosen to represent Howard County CRD programs at the Chamber of Commerce meeting this past Wednesday. She is the first student from Mount Hebron to be asked! We are so proud of her!



Congratulations to staff member, Ms. Suellen Hubbard, on her 1st place finish at the Festival of Trees gingerbread competition. Her house was beautiful and exquisitely detailed!

NEW NEWS

Canned Food Drive Update

The Mt. Hebron Canned Food Drive is underway! After 8 days of collecting we have accumulated over \$6,000 in cash and cans. Please consider donating cans and money to our drive. Our goal is to provide over 180 families with food and necessary donations to take care of their families during this winter season. Each day students bring in cash and cans to their 6th period classes. 6th period classes compete against each other. Additionally, weekly competitions based on specific types of cans occur. This Friday the class that collects the most canned fruit wins a prize. Thank you for your continued support with the CMS CFD.

Student Services News

Student Services has been busy this week meeting with all juniors for college and career exploration. Counselors helped students identify critical pieces of the student profile and learn about resources and tools available for post high school preparation. It was also an opportunity for students to get to know their counselors. Next week counselors will be working with sophomore classes to learn more about career exploration and how to achieve balance. Next up is course registration - stay tuned for more information after the holidays!

Releasing a Student from the Health Room

When a student needs to go home, a parent/guardian who has custody will be initially contacted by the School Nurse or Nurse Assistant. If the parent/guardian is unable to pick up their child, the child may go home with a designated adult on the emergency contact list. To ensure your child's safety, please double check who you have listed on as an emergency contact and make any changes as needed. For safety and liability reasons, the health room staff cannot authorize a cab/Uber or similar modes of transportation.

Computer Science Education Week: December 3 – 9

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning how technology works. Only 35% of all high schools teach computer science.

That's why the CTE Department invites you and your families to participate in the Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week, December 3 - 9, 2018. More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code. To continue bringing programming activities to your students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. I encourage you to volunteer, reach out to local media, share the news on social media channels and consider hosting additional Hour of Code events in the community. See <http://hourofcode.com/us> for details, and help spread the word.

WORTH REPEATING

For Parents of Freshmen

The 9th Grade Team will be holding an after school Study Skills Session for freshman on Tuesday, December 4th in room 217 from 2:15 - 3:45. Any 9th grader who earned a D or an E on their quarter 1 report card is invited to join us.

Underclassmen Make-Up Pictures

Underclassmen picture make-up day is December 13. Students who were absent for underclassmen picture day or bought a package and wish to retake their photos can go down during their English class time to get their portraits taken. Please email Ms. Fischetti with any questions at lauren_fischetti@hcpss.org

Graduation Cap & Gown Order

If you have not ordered your cap and gown yet, please do so at www.balfour.com. All orders must be in by January 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gutierrez (brittany_gutierrez@hcpss.org) or Ms. Miles (leigh_miles@hcpss.org)

Photography Supplies Donations Needed

Do you have any 35MM film cameras not being used? Any old photo equipment, supplies, or other cameras that you no longer need?

The Mt. Hebron Photo Department wants to grow the program for our students so they have more opportunities to improve their photography skills and concepts. Please contact photo and art teacher Caroline Creeden caroline_creeden@hcpss.org for more information or donations. We appreciate for your support of your students, the art/photo department, and Mt. Hebron.

Math National Honor Society

The Mu Alpha Theta (Math National Honors Society) is opening the application process for the 2018-2019 school year. Eligibility requirements along with an online application can be found on the student canvas page. **Applications are due Dec. 7, 2018.** Please contact Ms. Green (jennifer_green@hcpss.org) or Ms. Riaz (zoya_riaz@hcpss.org) with questions.

Senior Portraits

The final school date for senior portraits is January 8, 2019. If you are unable to do this date, please call Lifetouch at 410-644-7700 to schedule an appointment at their Baltimore studio. Please note that studio appointments have a \$10 sitting fee. You are only required to take the free formal yearbook photos, but are welcomed to choose any package available. For more information about senior portraits and Lifetouch packages and prices, go to our page on the school website <https://mhhs.hcpss.org/yearbook>

The deadline for formal drape/tux senior portraits is January 31st. If you are submitting a portrait from an outside photographer, please have them email it to yearbook.mounthebron@gmail.com with a subject line of "Senior Portrait [Last Name of Student], [First Name of Student]". It should be attached as a .jpeg file. **Please note that the yearbook reserves the right to not accept portraits that are not high enough quality.**

Please see examples of appropriate senior portraits on our yearbook page: <https://mhhs.hcpss.org/yearbook>

Deadlines for optional casual portraits will be March 29, 2019. Please email it to yearbook.mounthebron@gmail.com with a subject line of "Casual Senior Portrait [Last Name of Student], [First Name of Student]".

Please email Ms. Fischetti with any questions at lauren_fischetti@hcpss.org

Looking for Peer Partners

"The Allied Bowling program is looking for a few committed Peer Partners. Peer Partners buddy with players to help ensure full participation in the game. It is a 2-day per week commitment (Tues/Thurs beginning Dec. 6th through Jan. 17th). Please email Ms. Trish Ewart if interested (patricia_ewart@hcpss.org)."

National Aquarium Summer Program

The application process has opened at the National Aquarium for their summer program for high school students to volunteer. Applicants must have completed their 9th grade year and one high school level science course in order to be eligible. Interested students can pick up an application packet from any science teacher.

Leadership and Service Opportunity Wednesday 12/12

for All Middle and High School students interested in:

- Sharing the Student Voice on HCPSS Policy and Community Issues
- Gaining Leadership Skills
- Practicing Community Service
- Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

We welcome all interested students to attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

Next Meeting Wednesday 12/12 7-8:30pm at the Homewood School

10914 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042

For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

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.

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 Kittamaqundi Community Church)

Meeting Dates in 2018/2019:12/10, (*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.

Beyond School Hours Program – Media Center

A reminder that the Media Center is open every Tuesday and Thursday after school, until 3:40 pm. In addition, National Honors Society Tutors will be available for drop-in tutoring on any subject. Please encourage your child to utilize this **free tutoring service** whenever needed!

After School Activities Bus Dates: (Tuesdays and Thursdays, **bolded** dates are **Wednesdays**)

Dec: 4, 6, 11, **12**, 13, 18, 20
Jan: 3, 8, 10, 15, **16**, 17, 22, 29, 31
Feb: 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, **27**, 28
Mar: 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28
Apr: 2, 4, 9, 11, 23, **24**, 25, 30
May: 2, 7, 9, 14, 16

Pick up time is approximately 4pm. The bus will stop at the following locations:

- 1) Liler Court and Liler Drive
- 2) Hollifield Station Elementary Station
- 3) Town and Country and West Springs Drive
- 4) Worthington Elementary
- 5) Brunswick Zone/Dunkin Donuts

Parent Support Group

Mount Hebron has a parent group. The purpose of this group is to provide a voice and tools that will assist parents of students who have needs in the areas of social communication, social regulation and executive functioning skills - whether in a university, work or supported living setting. Mount Hebron parent, Michelle Im, along with members of our special education team, have volunteered to lead this amazing discussion and support group. Mrs. Im also serves as the Vice President for Howard County's Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC).

The remaining meetings will be held in Mt. Hebron's Media Center from 6:30-8:30 on the following dates. All are welcome! Please join us!

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 - Beyond ESY

Group discussion is designed to help parents understand the importance of expanding

their high school student's social experiences to include real world opportunities across multiple settings.

Monday, February 11, 2019 - Benefits of Building Partnerships and Social Success

Group will review and discuss models of parent professional partnership, include a guide towards building successful partnerships with school staff and setting realistic expectations for lifelong learning.

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 - SI + SR = 🧠

Group discussion designed to foster an understanding of the relationship between social interaction and self-regulation; to prompt parents to implement strategies at home.

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