



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

May 29, 2020

Happy Friday, Vikings!

Once again, congratulations to our MHHS Senior Class of 2020! As a senior class you've accomplished so much...

With your collective and individual voices, you have prompted change in our school and community in some truly remarkable ways. In addition to our annual food drive that raised over \$25,000 for families in need, you started a food pantry; you continued your nonprofit student led organizations; you organized a 5K and raised over \$8,000 for Voices for Change and you continued with the Stamp Out Intolerance Project. You provided bagged lunches to Grassroots, raised money for UNICEF, participated in the Out of the Darkness Walk raising over \$4000 fighting suicide. During our time in quarantine you helped our lacrosse team raise over \$50,000 for the Zaching Against Cancer Foundation in just two weeks!

You are resilient and you are strong. Together you've been awarded over 8 million dollars in scholarships. As seniors you've given so much to your community, both locally and globally. You show the true hallmarks of leadership - leading by example in service to others. And these are just a few of the ways you give back and support OUR community.

I am proud to share our Senior Awards Program with you today. It in no way encompasses all the incredible accomplishments of all of our seniors, but we are proud to share those recognized today. Thank you to our incredible Student Services Team and to Ms. Richter and Ms. Engelstatter for putting this show together!



**Watch it here:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jLf6mjw8Bs&feature=youtu.be>

Love you all dearly and will miss you greatly. Thank you for all you've done for Mount Hebron High School! You are VIKING STRONG!

Until next week, stay safe. Stay Connected. Stay hopeful. And, of course, stay Viking Strong.  
Joelle

## FOLLOW US & STAY CONNECTED

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

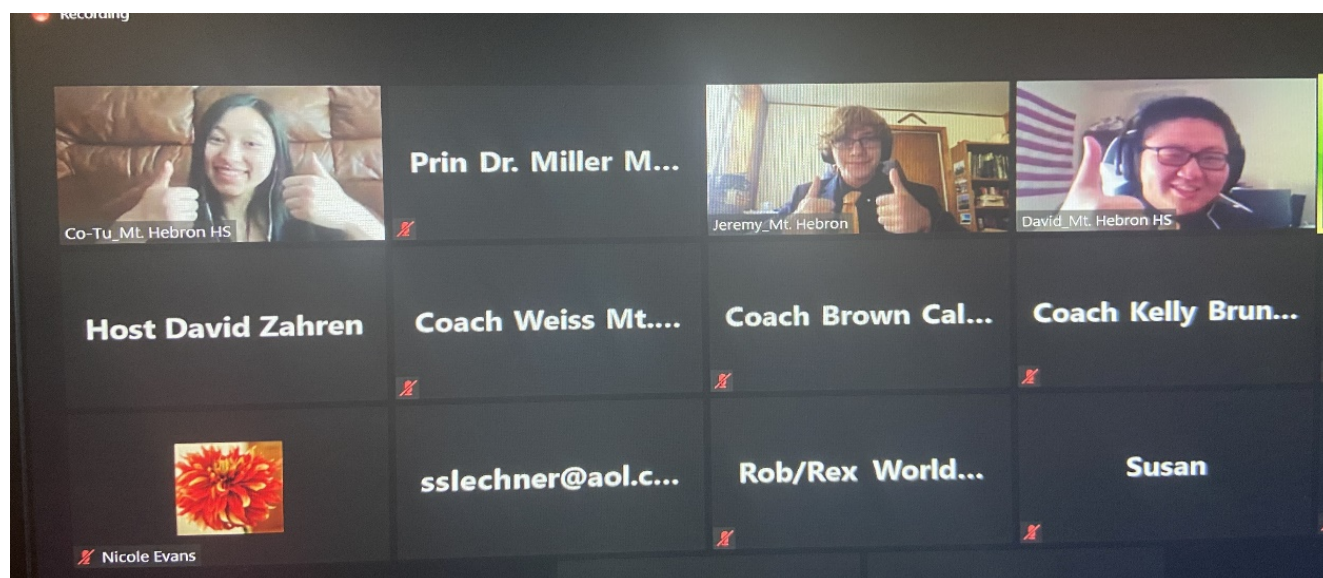
Student Online Newspaper: The Mountain: <https://mthmountain.com>

## UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
June 4	10am	MHHS Virtual Graduation
June 11		Virtual Student Visit Day for Rising 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders
June 12		Virtual Student Visit Day for Redistricted 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> graders
June 18, 21 & 22		Half days for students
June 23		Last Day of School for students

## CELEBRATIONS!

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



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Co-Tu Doan, Jeremy Roberts-Kleban, and David Wang for their 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the state finals of the WJZ sponsored It's Academic Tournament. The team began their competitions in the fall and advanced to the finals this past Saturday winning their semi-final round in the morning and then placing second in the finals in the afternoon. This finish placed Co-Tu, Jeremy, and David 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 81 teams! Be sure to watch them compete on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am on WJZ.

Good luck to Co-Tu and David and the other senior members of the It's Academic Team. We will miss you and wish you all the luck in your future endeavors.

And **CONGRATULATIONS** to their coach, Ms. Bryna Weiss who was named It's Academic Coach of The YEAR!!!!

**THANK YOU to Mr. Fischer & our incredible past and present Marching Unit Members** for this truly special collaboration on our Fight Song. Watch it here: <https://www.mthebronmusic.org>



*From Mr. Fischer:*

So, we did a thing! We know firsthand how special the Mt. Hebron community is, especially rooted in the history and tradition dating back to 1964 when the school opened. Since we have not been able to gather in person to cheer on our Vikings, we thought it only fitting to gather virtually to show our thanks, our support, and our enthusiasm for our home team. We asked past, present, and future Vikings to record the schools fight song and submit a picture thanking and supporting the hardworking staff working tirelessly to support students. HCPSS calls it Continuity of Learning... we call it Continuity of LOVE. Thank you to the over 100 musicians who participated. And a **HUGE THANK YOU to my student interns (Mr. Corbett and Mr. Roberts)** for their amazing efforts (after graduating!) to

support music education at Mt. Hebron. ENJOY!

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A MASSIVELY HUGE THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN to **Erin Lanthier & the PTSA Hospitality Committee** for providing breakfast and lunch, fueling our staff who worked long hours during diploma distribution day this past week.

Thanks also go to the **Viking Backers** who provided snacks and drinks. To say we are appreciative is an understatement!



Check out the link below for a video from the Council for Economic Education featuring Mt. Hebron!! We are bursting with Viking pride!



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= uQgmo2Br4Q&feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQgmo2Br4Q&feature=share)

(And check out Coach Vann Prime below who is one of our two incredible staff “in the spotlight” this week!)



## **Ms. Jerdine Nolen**

Jerdine Nolen has been an English teacher and Special Education teacher for almost 40 years! She has been at Hebron since 2004 and both of her children, Matthew and Jessica graduated from Mount Hebron. Ms. Nolen is also a novelist and children’s book author. She was born in Crystal Springs, Mississippi and raised in Chicago, Illinois, along with five sisters and two brothers. She can’t remember a time when she wasn’t writing and collecting words.



*She shares, “My stories are about possibilities—possible and impossible possibilities. Possibilities are sometimes born out of great needs. Stories help us examine and shape the world we live in. Stories give us hopeful answers and insights to questions no one person can answer on their own—stories help us share our lives. This is what I love about being a writer.”*

She received a B.A. in special education from Northeastern Illinois University and an M.Ed. in interdisciplinary arts education from Loyola University in Chicago. She is an educator, a classroom teacher, curriculum writer, staff developer, family involvement specialist, and administrator. She also enjoys lecturing on a variety of topics related to books and the writing process.



She has published nineteen books. Her diverse range of picture books, from the thoughtful “In My Momma’s Kitchen” to the wildly imaginative “Harvey Potter’s Balloon Farm,” which was made into a TV movie. She volunteers her time speaking and working at our HCPSS elementary schools reading her stories and inspiring students to write.

We are so blessed to have her at Mt. Hebron!



## **More on Ms. Nolen by Rachel Fulchino**

Mt. Hebron doesn't realize how fortunate we are to have Jerdine on staff. She is an incredible human being. She is smart, funny, caring, and compassionate. She finds joy in everything and encourages others to see the beauty in the world. And she is so humble about all of it. Honestly, she will probably be really upset with me for writing this – she hates the spotlight! But she is so deserving of it. All of the students who have been in our classes leave knowing how much she cares about them. She always serenades them on their birthdays with a special song she wrote when she was in school, and she always surprises them (and us!) with amazing stories from her past. Teaching with Jerdine every day is the best adventure! I am so blessed to call her my friend.



## **Mr. Vann Prime**

Social Studies teacher Vann Prime just completed his fifteenth year at Mt. Hebron.

In his time at Mt. Hebron, Mr. Prime has taught AP Micro- and Macroeconomics, AP European History, Modern World History, International Relations, and Ancient and Medieval History.





Fourteen years ago, Mr. Prime started Mt. Hebron's AP Economics program, which has become Maryland's most successful economics program in both size and AP test scores. In 2009, Mr. Prime also began AP European History at Mt. Hebron, with similar success.

Mr. Prime also founded and coached Mt. Hebron's National Economics Challenge team and its Model United Nations debate team. Additionally, he has sponsored Mt. Hebron's highly successful Mock Trial debate squad for fifteen years.

Over the years, Mt. Hebron's National Economics Challenge team has placed the school's name high in the history of national academic competitions. Since 2009, Mt. Hebron has won a total of 14 Maryland state championships, represented Maryland in 14 national semi-final competitions, appeared in the national finals seven times, and in the past two years, won a total of four National Championships in both competitive divisions.

Mr. Prime was Mt. Hebron's senior class Teacher of the Year in 2011, 2015, and 2017. The U.S. Secretary of Education recognized Mr. Prime with the 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholar's "Most Influential Teacher" award. He is a two-time recipient of the University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award. In 2015, the University of Maryland honored him with the Merrill Presidential Scholar mentor award and scholarship.



Prime also is a regular invitee to contribute to scholarly colloquia, including the Cato Institute, the Liberty Fund, the Bill of Rights Institute, the Association of American Educators, Strata, and the American Enterprise Institute.

Mr. Prime came late to education. Before teaching, Mr. Prime was a Clandestine Services Intelligence Officer and Intelligence Operations Officer with the Central Intelligence Agency. Additionally, he worked in business in the import/export and educational sectors both in the United States and Germany. In addition to the CIA, Mr. Prime also taught English-as-a-second-language to executives in Germany. He also worked as the International Trade Advisor at the legal firm Kirkland and Ellis in Washington, DC.



Mr. Prime is a fervent traveler who spends much of his free time exploring the museums, palaces, and vineyards of Europe. His dream would be to live on a small goat farm in German-speaking Switzerland with a half dozen Labrador and Golden Retrievers and his beloved spouse, Lisa. We are so lucky that Mr. Prime calls himself a Viking!

# NEW NEWS

## **How to Figure Final Grades for Seniors**

<https://help.hcpss.org/grades-testing/final-grades-calculated/>

## **To Watch Graduation NEXT THURSDAY, June 4 @ 10am**

Although this isn't the graduation anyone had in mind, the county will continue the tradition of streaming all high school graduations on the [HCPSSS website](https://www.hcpss.org/commencements/). There will have large boxes at the top of the homepage for each graduation at the designated date/time. Each graduation also will include a running transcript for viewers in need of captioning services. On-demand viewing will be available shortly after each graduation. In addition, graduation-related information is available at <https://www.hcpss.org/commencements/>. Each school's box will redirect to individual school pages where we will embed the livestream and post the graduation programs.



## **A VIRTUAL EVENING FOR PARENTS ABOUT THE SAT & ACT**

**Thurs., June 11 @ 7:00 pm ♦♦ Online**

*Presented in Partnership with MHHS PTSA & Guidance Office*

Please join us for a special evening to learn more about the SAT & ACT and how these important tests impact your child's college application.

### **This complimentary session includes:**

- Differences between SAT & ACT
- Tips and strategies on timing, guessing, and scoring
- Updates on summer & fall testing
- Helping your student decide which test better matches their strengths
- Question and Answer period

[Join Zoom Here](#)

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## **Is Your College-Bound Student Taking the SAT or ACT Soon?**

**Comprehensive and Convenient Summer SAT Prep for Mt. Hebron HS students**

[M/W June 29 & July 1 from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm](#)

[OR](#)

[M/W July 27 & 29 from 5 pm – 9 pm](#)



Our live virtual, eight-hour SAT and ACT classes are open to area high school students looking for comprehensive, convenient, and engaging summer test prep. Summer is the perfect time to enroll your student in The Answer Class's affordable online test prep. Learn everything you need to know about the SAT in only 8 hours – and without breaking the bank!

Students and parents can easily [register for these classes on our website](#) and the needed materials will either be mailed to your home or sent by email to print at home. Students will also receive a link to join the online classroom.



- WELLNESS – MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
- Try out a new app! COLORFY has coloring art games and is available through Google Play and the App Store!
- FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN THE COMMUNITY
  - There are many different food resources throughout the county, through the Howard County government, community partners, including schools, local food bank, and generous residents who are working to ensure no one goes hungry during this time.



- **Howard County Public School Systems** Grab N Go meals are available Monday-Friday from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm for anyone under 18, no pre-registration needed. Locations include:
  - Bushy Park Elementary School, 14601 Carrs Mill Road, Glenwood
  - Cradlerock Elementary School/Lake Elkhorn Middle School, 6680 Cradlerock Way, Columbia
  - Deep Run Elementary School, 6925 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge
  - Ducketts Lane Elementary School, 6501 Ducketts Lane, Elkridge
  - Hollifield Station Elementary School, 8701 Stonehouse Drive, Ellicott City
  - Howard High School, 8700 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City
  - Laurel Woods Elementary School, 9250 North Laurel Road, Laurel
  - Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia
  - Swansfield Elementary School, 5610 Cedar Lane, Columbia
  - Talbott Springs Elementary School, 9550 Basket Ring Road, Columbia
  - Wilde Lake Middle School, 10481 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia
  - Community Locations: (Weekend meals not provided at community locations)
    - Forest Ridge Apartments, 5890 Stevens Forest Rd, Columbia
    - Monarch Mills Apartments, 7600 Monarch Mills Way, Columbia
    - Bethel Christian Academy, Campus 1, 8455 Savage Guilford Rd., Savage
- **Department of Community Resources and Services** is currently offering Grab-N-Go food distribution for eligible older adults at the Ellicott City 50+ Center, located at 9401 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Distribution is held on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. for registered residents. If you wish to register, please call (410) 313-1234.
- **Howard County Food Bank** is open Tuesdays – Thursdays 1 – 4 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon at 9385 Gerwig Lane in Columbia. The Food Bank is providing pre-packaged bags of food to clients and new clients should bring identification and proof of Howard County residency for their first visit.
- **Columbia Community Cares** is providing grab and go bags of food, and other essential supplies such as diapers, at the following locations, Monday – Friday, 11 a.m - 1:30 p.m:
  - Cradlerock Elementary School/Lake Elkhorn Middle School, 6680 Cradlerock Way, Columbia
  - Howard High School, 8700 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City
  - Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia
  - Swansfield Elementary School, 5610 Cedar Lane, Columbia
  - Wilde Lake Middle School, 10481 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia
- **Salvation Army** hosting a monthly pop-up pantry, June 17th, at 3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City from 1 -3 p.m. They will have fresh produce along with canned goods, please bring proof of Howard County residency.
- **OPPORTUNITIES**
  - Colleges are now offering Virtual College Visits! Check out these colleges below:
    - [Carnegie Mellon Virtual Visit](#)
    - [Cabrini University Virtual Visit](#)
  - Looking for an internship? FIRN is offering project-based internships for rising juniors and seniors and undergraduate and graduate level students, who have an interest in serving the needs of immigrants and refugees in our community, celebrating their

contributions, and/or launching new initiatives to transform the future. This is an opportunity to work alongside members of the FIRN team and gain substantive, practical experience while creating impact and change. Find out more here:

- [FIRN Intern JD Summer 20-1.pdf](#) 

- **POST-SECONDARY PLANNING SERIES**

- **POST-SECONDARY PLANNING SERIES** – Offered by counselors and staff from HCPSS as well as leading colleges. See info below!

**HCPSS presents: Post-Secondary Planning Series**  
**an opportunity to begin preparing for after high school**

topic	presenter(s)	date, time, location
<i>The Benefits of Attending a 2-year college</i>	<b>Rebecca Morrow</b> , Admissions and Academic Advisor, Dual Enrollment, HCC	<b>Date:</b> June 4, 2020 <b>Time:</b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm <b>Location:</b> The recorded presentation will be posted on your Student Services canvas page.
<i>Telling Your Story</i> Bailey Jackelen will lead a virtual college admissions workshop that illustrates how students can take advantage of all parts of the application to tell their unique story. Through an abbreviated and interactive case study, the workshop will demonstrate how the different parts of an admissions application work together in a holistic applications review and how students can use each to share their narratives with the admissions committee.	<b>Bailey Jackelen</b> , Assistant Director, JHU	<b>Date:</b> June 8, 2020 <b>Time:</b> 7:00pm <b>Location:</b> Live <b>Register today for the presentation!</b> Note that you do not have to answer all of the questions on the registration page. You will receive the Zoom log in information in your event registration confirmation. <a href="https://admissions.jhu.edu/register/hcpsworkshop">https://admissions.jhu.edu/register/hcpsworkshop</a>
<i>College Essay Workshop Part 1</i>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Date:</b> June 11, 2020 <b>Time:</b> 4:00pm <b>Location:</b> TBD
<i>College Essay Workshop Part 2 (We recommend that you attend Part 1)</i>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Date:</b> June 16, 2020 <b>Time:</b> 4:00pm <b>Location:</b> TBD
<i>Career Paths that don't require a four-year degree</i>	<b>Jill Altshuler</b> , School Counselor at Reservoir High School <b>Grace Dellinger</b> , Transition Specialist at Reservoir High School	<b>Date:</b> June 18, 2020 <b>Time:</b> 3:00pm <b>Location:</b> The recorded presentation will be posted on your Student Services canvas page.

# NEWS WORTH REPEATING

## **Student Schedule for the remainder of the school year:**

**Format for Google-Meet:** Nicknames for all google meet check-ins:  
MHHS-TEACHER'S LOGIN ID-PD#-DATE

*Teachers will have work for the week for you to complete posted in Canvas by 9:00 am on Mondays*

**Mondays:** Period 4A Google Meet Check-In: 1:00-1:45 pm OR 2:00-2:45 pm

### **Tuesdays**

- Period 1 Google Meet Check-in: 8:00-8:45 am OR 9:00-9:45 am
- Period 4B Google Meet Check-in: 1:00-1:45 pm OR 2:00-2:45 pm

### **Wednesdays**

- Period 2 Google Meet Check-in: 8:00-8:45 am OR 9:00-9:45 am
- Period 5 Google Meet Check-in: 1:00-1:45 pm OR 2:00-2:45 pm

### **Thursdays**

- Period 3 Google Meet Check-in: 8:00-8:45 am OR 9:00-9:45 am
- Period 6 Google Meet Check-in: 1:00-1:45 pm OR 2:00-2:45 pm

**Fridays:** Submit your work by 10:00 am

## **Great Resource for Families**

Columbia Cares is an organization that has helped many families throughout the region with food and other household items. There are distribution sites at several of the HCPSS grab and go sites for those families with transportation, or an opportunity to have groceries delivered for those without transportation or in quarantine. Feel free to look at the website for information on the organization as well as opportunities for volunteering or monetary support/ ways to connect your families to distribution sites or grocery delivery. They speak Spanish too! Feel free to reach out to Diann with questions! <http://columbiacare.live/about-us/>

## **National Honor Society Update**

Attention all juniors and seniors. The NHS application deadline has been moved to September 30, 2020. Please do not submit your teacher recommendation forms via email at this point. Please hold all application materials until next fall. Questions can be directed to Mary\_Sankey@hcpss.org or Suzanne\_Stafford@hcpss.org

### **Looking for Donations of Photo Supplies**

Many people are finding time to do some extra cleaning and organizing these days. If you have any old film cameras or photography equipment you don't use any more, please consider donating it to the MHHS art department for our photography classes. Email instructor Caroline Creeden [caroline\\_creeden@hcpss.org](mailto:caroline_creeden@hcpss.org)

### **The Yearbook Needs YOUR PICTURES!!**

Thank you to everyone who has submitted photos to the yearbook! The staff still needs your help with completing the 2020 yearbook. Here's how you can help:

**-Everyone:** Submit photos from Winter break and your life at home this spring! Are you still working? What does distancing learning look like for you? How are you staying in touch with your friends? Let us know by sending pictures and completing this survey! [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNuPtnZstRYJU\\_awzb5xXvaEIA2ehuoWYd6eD-Sd69cOpSg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNuPtnZstRYJU_awzb5xXvaEIA2ehuoWYd6eD-Sd69cOpSg/viewform)

**-Senior Spring Athletes:** submit a picture of yourself in your Spring uniform OR a clear head shot and share your future plans and favorite moments from your sports career.

#### **Here is how you can submit:**

-Download the Jostens ReplayIt! App in your app store. Here's a brief video of how it works: <https://youtu.be/DxM4h29GYjY?t=22>

-Email photos to the yearbook at [yearbook.mounthebron@gmail.com](mailto:yearbook.mounthebron@gmail.com) **please identify people in the photos with names and grades as well as a brief description of what the photo is about.**

**Questions?** Email Ms. Fischetti at [lauren\\_fischetti@hcpss.org](mailto:lauren_fischetti@hcpss.org)

### **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](http://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.

