



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

May 8, 2020

Happy Friday, Vikings!

First, please allow me to correct a glaring omission from last week's newsletter when I inadvertently thanked only the Viking Backers for the generous \$40 contribution for each of our teachers. Our wonderful PTSA was also instrumental with their generosity, and I feel terrible that I forgot to mention them. Please forgive me! Always, but especially during these challenging times, we are so incredibly fortunate to have two such active and generous parent organizations!

By now, of course, you know that school buildings will be closed for the remainder of the school year. We continue to get direction and information from Central Office and will share any updates with you as soon as we get them. I know you have questions...answers are coming.

You may have seen the following poem shared on Social Media. In case you missed it, I think it's worth repeating as many of our staff found it meaningful.

**We are all in the same boat.**

**We are NOT in the same storm.**

**For some people, it's sprinkling.** This is a break, It's a breather. It's a rest. It's a pause. A time to reconnect with their families. Honestly, it's kind of peaceful.

**For some, it's a storm.** It's a bit scary, It's disruptive. It's enough to make you stay up and watch the news and worry, a bit.

**For some, it's a hurricane.** It's tearing at boards. It's pulling off roofs. It's washing them out to sea. It's dark and unknown. It's life changing. It is not **WRONG** to be enjoying your sprinkle or enduring a storm. But **PLEASE** don't negate the difference. Rest with your family, but don't minimize the hurricane engulfing your neighbor. Laugh at a meme but get on your knees for your friends.

*(Credit: Summer Scott via social media reposts)*

Until next week, stay safe. Stay connected.

Stay hopeful.

Joelle



## **FOLLOW US & STAY CONNECTED**

Twitter: [@hcpss\\_mhhs](https://twitter.com/hcpss_mhhs)

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

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

## **UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS**

Date	Time	Event
May 15		Distance Learning Continues through this date
May 20		Last Day for Seniors
May 25		Schools Closed for Memorial Day
June 1-9		Graduation window
TBD		Last Day of School

## **CELEBRATIONS!**

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



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Ellen Li** who has been selected to be recognized by the Maryland Dance Education Association (MDEA) as an **Honorable Mention** for the 2020 MDEA Artistic Merit, Leadership, and Academic Achievement Award.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Wyatt Currie** who was an essay entry winner in the Maryland & DC Credit Union College Scholarship competition and will receive \$1000 towards his 2020-2021 academic year at the University of Pennsylvania.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Trisha Anand!** Each year, Mu Alpha Theta, the Math National Honors society, has a “Mathematical Video Contest” in which members create fun and informative videos on a math topic. This year, Trisha Anand’s video entitled “Chainrul” was selected as one of eight finalists for this national competition. This is the first time a member of Mount Hebron’s chapter has made it to the final round. Congratulations Trisha!



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Senior Alan Elbert** who has won the chance to qualify for the International Chemistry Olympiad. The Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society has announced the names of 13 outstanding high school chemistry students that will move forward to the second part of the chemistry competition. These students took a national exam that may qualify them to become members of the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Team that will compete in the 52nd International Chemistry Olympiad, IChO.

Due to recent COVID-19 restrictions all exams were administered online. This is the first year that virtual exams were offered. USNCO made history with this challenging and exciting process. Wishing you lots of luck in your next phase of this exciting adventure, Alan!

The **Mt. Hebron Theatre program** would like to **congratulate the following students** who will be inducted into the **International Thespian Society** TONIGHT! This honor society for theatre celebrates the tireless work that these students have put in honing their craft in the classroom, onstage and backstage. Bravo!

- Josephine Arena
- Miranda Arnold
- Natalie Booth
- Madi Heinemann
- Brianna Lee
- Camden Lippert
- Ian Luk
- Erik Moseley
- Luke Pinsky
- Advika Punje
- Julianne Vengroski
- Olivia Shanley



**THANK YOU PTSA & Viking Backers** for acknowledging our teachers this week during Staff Appreciation Week and reminding everyone who drives by our school that while schools are closed, school is still in session, and our teachers are working harder than ever on behalf of every one of our incredible kids!

Thank you also to all of the students and parents who sent messages to our staff this week. They meant so much!

And a special thank you teachers **Phil Herdman** and **Katie Engelstatter** who compiled all of the messages into a beautiful template and sent them to every staff member! You are truly amazing and very much the heart of Hebron!!



# TEACHER of the YEAR AWARD



**CONGRATULATIONS** to science teacher, **Amy Mongano**, who was voted Teacher of the Year by our seniors!!!

This is Ms. Mongano's 19<sup>th</sup> year teaching in Howard County and her 11<sup>th</sup> at Hebron. She is currently teaching AP Environmental Science, Earth Science & Marine Science. She takes the lead on collaborating with her content teams to make sure everyone is on the same page. She coaches the Howard County Championship Environthon team, leads the environmental club and is in charge of our Green School project.

Additionally, she is one of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade team leaders who helps support our new students transition and to have a successful freshman year.

When she found out she'd won, Ms. Mongano said, "I couldn't be happier! This award means so much to me. I think of Hebron as my forever home, and I love all the kids like they're my own." We couldn't be prouder that Ms. Mongano is our 2020 Senior Teacher of the Year! So well deserved!!!



# In the Spotlight

It is in perfect timing that during Teacher Appreciation Week, we focus on a teacher who goes over and beyond with our students.

Ms. Lisa Hamlett, Special Educator at Mount Hebron, started her career in kindergarten in both private and public school. Ms. Hamlett came back to her alma mater to work in food service/cafeteria after having children. Shortly after, Ms. Hamlett became an instructional assistant in the Special Ed department at Mount Hebron while earning her master's degree in teaching during this time.

Ms. Hamlett shared that she went into teaching because, 'I love kids and wanted my summers off (I like the beach).' She has always loved people, especially working with students. One of Ms. Hamlett's favorite parts of the job is getting to know each student beyond the classroom. She stated, 'This shows/proves to students that you care more about them than just their grades'. Ms. Hamlett is a firm believer that when you establish a relationship with a student it is easier to engage them in learning. You can see this firsthand when you walk into one of Ms. Hamlett's tutorial or English classes.



Ms. Hamlett shared that success for all students looks different, including 'for some of the kids that I teach it could be showing up at school, coming to class on time, consistently turning in work; but one of the coolest things is when they show enthusiasm for learning!' This is exactly why Ms. Hamlett is our staff focus this week. She is the one with enthusiasm. Enthusiasm for teaching and educating kids.

Lastly, Ms. Hamlett shared her feeling on why we are educators – 'The feeling of pride that they (students) get for a job well done makes me feel like I have made a difference! Isn't that what our job as a teacher is all about? . . . the student!'

Thank you, Ms. Hamlett, for your service to our students. You are a highlight to our school!



# NEW NEWS

## **Quarter Three Report Cards**

Report cards will not be printed this quarter. Students received their third quarter report card on May 6, 2020. You may access their report card through HCPSS Connect.

- Sign in to your [HCPSS Connect](#) account
- Click the Academic Information tab from the left panel
- Click the Report Card from the middle
- Select 2019-2020 Q3 Report Card

Please take time to review the report card with your student and set goals for quarter four. We are proud of how our students have embraced distance learning, and we are encouraging all our students to finish the year strong

## **Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Updates**

The College Board has released some new AP Exam resources:

- AP Exam Day Checklist: Your child should [complete this checklist \(.pdf/513.39 KB\)](#) for each AP Exam they'll be taking this year, and keep it next to them on test day.
- Explainer Videos: [New videos are available](#) to give your child quick, easily accessible information about the test day experience and what they need to do to prepare. Additional videos will be posted to this playlist soon.
- [Accommodations details](#) for the exams are also available now.

HCPSS teachers will continue to work with students to share resources and course specific exam information in preparation for testing. Please visit the HCPSS [Grades and Testing FAQ](#) for more information.

## **Viking Strong Spiritwear for Sale Until May 12**

Show your Mt. Hebron Pride and support your school at the same time! We have opened an online store for our staff, students and community. The orders will ship directly to your house and \$2 from every order will help fund some of our COVID 19 related Mt. Hebron expenses for our Senior Class.

Please see the link:

<https://www.bsnteamssports.com/shop/MTHSTRONG>

The store is open now and will close on May 12th. All orders will ship directly to your home address.

**MT HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**VIKING STRONG 2020**

## 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/>

# School Counselor SPOTLIGHT

- SENIORS!
  - Please complete the Senior Survey on Naviance by May 20, 2020. This is how you will request your final transcript as well as a transcript of NCAA. Go to HCPSS.ME, log in to Clever, find Naviance and then go to Important To-Do's and Tasks. Click the Senior Survey; make sure you hit submit! If you have questions, please contact your counselor!
- ASVAB is offering FREE Career Exploration Workshops for students and parents every Tuesday in May at 1 pm! Sign up is required. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- Did you know that Student Services has a Canvas page? There are lessons for each grade with power points, information on Post-High School Planning, Course Planning and Wellness! Check out the information [HERE](#)
  - [JUNIORS – if you missed the live Post-High School Planning session, the power point is there for you to watch!](#)
  - [SOPHOMORES – Ms. Valentine has put together a power point on Finding Your Future Through Career Exploration!](#)
  - [FRESHMEN – Find presentations on self-awareness, bullying, study skills and grade calculations!](#)
- MAY is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! Check out interesting information, virtual exhibits, video and other resources [HERE](#), sponsored by The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- May is MENTAL HEALTH MONTH as well! Find resources for teens on [NAMI](#)





# SPECIAL SECTION for SENIORS

## **Have you purchased your 2020 senior yearbook?**

The 2019-2020 yearbook can be ordered online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) ! Less than 20 copies remain, so order while they last. Yearbooks will be ready for distribution this fall.

Consider a lasting celebration for your senior by ordering a senior recognition ad in the yearbook--starting at \$80! Order and design online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

# 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

## **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](mailto:Mary_Sankey@hcpss.org) or [Suzanne\\_Stafford@hcpss.org](mailto: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\\_awzb5xzXvaEIA2ehuoWYd6eD-Sd69cOpSg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNuPtnZstRYJU_awzb5xzXvaEIA2ehuoWYd6eD-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.

