



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

September 11, 2020

Happy Friday, Vikings!

Back to School Night was a soaring success last night even as we all had to find new ways of coming together. Our teachers appreciated everyone who showed up to their classes, and I received so many emails with the subject line, "best back to school night ever!" Many thanks to our Media Specialist, Tracy Richter, who edited my 30-minute video. I'd much rather speak to all of you in person than have to record a video, which I find much more nerve-racking! 😊 If you missed BTS Night, everything can be found on our [website](#), including PowerPoint translations in Chinese, Korean, and Spanish. Our county translators are truly wonderful! Many thanks to our International Liaison, Jamie Kim, for her assistance with this.

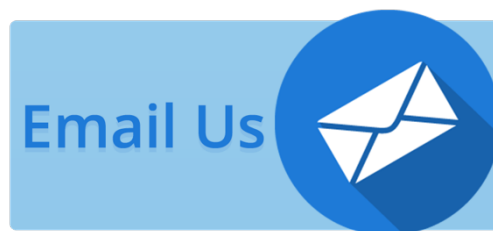
Today from 4:00-4:30pm our SGA will be hosting a LIVE HULA HELLO event. They will have some live drawings and a quick MHHS trivia Kahoot. Please encourage your student to join in the fun! A link was sent out through Canvas and Instagram.

And, of course, today is also the anniversary of 9/11. If we were in school, we would take time for a moment of silence, but since we're not together physically, I hope you're able to find a quiet moment, if you need one, in loving memory.

Communication in our virtual world certainly looks different, but we are committed to ensuring you're able to reach us (and we're certainly reaching out to you – shout out to all of the staff members who have been helping us call our students). If your student was absent during this first week, you've already received at least one phone call from us, checking in out of care and concern.

We will continue to do so as we want to ensure all of our students are able to access their classes.

If you need to reach us, the easiest way is via e-mail. A complete [staff list](#) can be found on our website. (In fact, there's lots of helpful information on our [website](#), which is updated daily.) If you call the school, it will go to our answering machine. Our secretaries check the machine several times a day and then e-mail whomever messages were left for, but if you want to expedite your request, please send an email directly.



I'm looking forward to our first full week of school next week! I hope you have a relaxing weekend, and please don't ever hesitate to reach out if you need something.

Joelle

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

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

Follow us on Instagram: @mhhsga

PTSA: mthebronptsa.com

Viking Backers: <http://www.vikingbackers.org>

MTHMU Boosters: <http://mthmarchingunit.wixsite.com/boosters>

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
September 14	6:30pm	Viking Backers Zoom Meeting
September 17	6:30pm	PTSA Zoom Meeting
September 28		Schools & Offices closed in observance of Yom Kippur
October 3		SAT administration at Mt. Hebron
October 12-16		Senior Portraits (<i>see Class of 2021 Info below</i>)
October 16		Schools close 3 hours early for students
November 3		Schools and Offices closed for Election Day
November 16-20		American Education Week
November 18-20		Senior Portraits make-up dates
November 23-24		Schools close 3 hours early for students
November 25		Schools closed for students
November 26-27		School and Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24-January 1		Schools closed for Winter Break
January 18		Schools and Offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 26-28		High Schools ONLY close 3 hours early for students
January 29		School closed for students
June 15		Last Day of school for students

NEW NEWS

Schedule Change Requests

During the week of September 14-18, Counselors will entertain schedule change requests. If you would like to request a change to your schedule, please complete the [MHHS Schedule Request Form](#). Classes are very full and the 4x4 schedule is very challenging. Not all requests can be made. If a change is granted, your grade in your current class will go with you to the new class. Additionally, **YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO COMPLETE ANY WORK MISSED IN THE NEW CLASS.**

Designated Number for Students ONLY for Tech Help

If your student is having trouble signing into a class or has trouble during the class with their video or mic or anything else technically, they can call **443-961-6689** to speak to Ms. Brown, our new Media Specialist. This number will only be answered from **7:45am-3:15pm daily and only for students who are having technical challenges.**

SGA Applications Available

Applications for SGA are now available. Not sure if you want to run? Come to our interest meeting on **September 14th during Viking Time!** We will use the code **mhhs-sga-interest** Contact Ms. Borgia (danielle_borgia@hcpss.org) or Ms. Viglotti (lisa_viglotti@hcpss.org) if you have any questions!

[Elected Positions App](#)

[Appointed Positions App](#)

MHHS Math Team

Do you want to develop your math skills and knowledge? Do you enjoy working cooperatively to complete math puzzles? Are you interested in competing with other math students in the county? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then join Math Team!! Sign Up [here](#). Questions? Contact Ms. Jawhar (farah_jawhar@hcpss.org) or Ms. Borgia (danielle_borgia@hcpss.org)

Back to School Vaccine Clinics

Free vaccine clinics will be held at several HCPSS schools every day from 4-6 p.m. during the week of September 21-25. Online pre-registration is required and is open from August 25-September 9 at www.vaccineconsent.com. Clinics will be held outdoors using a virtual queue program so families can wait in their cars or socially distance from the clinic.

Appointments can be made at any available location. Multiple vaccines, many required for school entry, will be offered and provided at no cost. When registering, parents/guardians will be able to choose which vaccines their child needs. Families can check <https://md.myir.net/> to see which vaccines their child has already had or can contact their school nurse.

Click [here](#) for a flyer with information.

National Suicide Prevention Week

National Suicide Prevention Week is September 6-12 with World Suicide Prevention Day being September 10. Over a million people worldwide die by suicide every year and estimated 25 million people attempt to take their life. Math Teacher, Sara Tagget became an advocate for suicide prevention when my daughter Katrina "Kara" Tagget died by suicide on September 21, 2008. Read more [here](#).

AP Testing

New information is on our website. [Read more](#).

Student Climate Change Institute

Current sophomores can apply now to be part of this amazing opportunity. Go to our website to [read more](#) and download the application. Applications are due Sept. 20th.

Counselor's Corner

Junior & Senior College Visits

Representatives from colleges and universities have visited our school in the past and met with students to provide students with information on their specific college or university. This year, HCPSS will be hosting college visits virtually. If you're interested in attending a virtual college information session with specific colleges, please complete this [form](#).

If you do not see a college on the list that you're interested in, please list the college(s) under "Other" You will be asked to provide an email address. The date, time and meeting link of the college visit you select will be emailed to you at the email address you provide. Please be sure to check your email that you provide on a weekly basis. Please reach out to your school counselor if you have any questions.

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IOTA LAMBDA OMEGA CHAPTER

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS!!

Need help navigating the College Application Process?

- Research colleges/universities
- Learn strategies for writing college essays
- Prepare for ACT/SAT exams
- Gain valuable Financial Aid/Scholarship information
- Attend our virtual College Fair

#CAP (College Application Process)

Virtual Zoom Kick-Off Session

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020
7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

RSVP by 9/15 to reserve your spot!
aka.ilo.cap@gmail.com
Parents are encouraged to attend

The Princeton Review Online SAT / ACT

Attend [Free Webinars](#) with expert instructors to walk you through what it takes to master timing, content, and strategy on the tests.

ACT, SAT, or Both Strategy Sessions	Mon., Sept. 21 – 8:00 p.m.
SAT LiveOnline Strategy Sessions	Wed., Sept. 16 – 5:00 p.m.
	Wed., Sept. 30 – 5:00 p.m.
ACT LiveOnline Strategy Sessions	Wed., Sept. 23 – 5:00 p.m.
College Application Essay Writing Workshop	Mon., Sept. 14 – 8:00 p.m.
Dream Colleges	Mon., Sept. 28 – 8:00 p.m.

- Additional sessions available to view online; click on underlined link above.

Is Your College-Bound Student Taking the SAT Soon?

The Answer Class helps students gain confidence in their test-taking abilities and teaches tips and strategies on timing, guessing, and scoring. Click [here](#) for more information.

Transcript Process 2020-21

As many of you prepare for your next steps - applying for colleges, armed forces, scholarships and internships, please see the transcript process for the 20-21 school year below. The process has changed from what was sent out in the spring so PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PREVIOUS LINKS/FORMS sent in the spring. If you have questions, please contact your counselor. Thanks and we look forward to working with you through this exciting time!

For Dual Enrollment & Internships:

[9th-11th grades Transcript Request](#)

[Dual Enrollment Transcript Request](#)

[Graduates Transcript Request](#)

For Seniors: Colleges/Scholarships/Armed Forces (see Naviance Documents for all forms):

1. Add Colleges to the 'Colleges I Am Thinking About' List
Log onto your Naviance account and add colleges to 'Colleges I Am Thinking About' list.
2. Complete *Waiver of Right to Access Letters of Recommendation (see Naviance Documents for the Waiver Form)*
The completed form needs to be completed and electronically signed by your parent or guardian AT LEAST 20 SCHOOL DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DEADLINE. Counselors and teachers will not submit their letters of recommendation without having this form completed in your file.
3. Complete *Transcript Request Form* 20 days prior to deadline (see Naviance Documents for the Transcript Request Form)
The completed form, which needs to be signed electronically by your parent or guardian, allows the school to send your transcripts to the colleges to which you are applying.

Services to Assist Low-Income Households

The Maryland Department of Human Services is the state's human service provider. The agency provides a wide range of services that are administered by local departments of social services in each of the 24 local jurisdictions across the state. These services assist low-income individuals and families in their communities.

[Supporting Maryland's Families in Need - English](#)

[Supporting Maryland's Families in Need - Spanish](#)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps low-income households buy the food they need for good health.

[SNAP flyer - English](#)

[SNAP flyer - Spanish](#)

Class of 2021 Information

Senior Pictures

One of the first things you need to do as a SENIOR is to have your senior portrait taken. **Senior portraits will take place October 12-16. Make-up portraits November 18-20.** Please click [here](#) for more information.

News Worth Repeating

Have you completed these 2 important tasks?

1. **Emergency Card Procedures with Family File:** HCPSS utilizes [Family File](#) for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Regardless of virtual or in-person learning, parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child. Parents/guardians can complete Family File by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#), selecting the More Options tab on the left, and then selecting Family File in the center column. [Family File guides](#) are available online.
2. **Policies and Procedure Review:** This year, the Code of Conduct and Student Handbook will not be provided in hard copy. These reference materials are available for your review online on our website. We are asking students and parents to read this document and [electronically sign](#) affirming you have reviewed the information together with your student.

National Honor Society

Juniors and Seniors are now welcome to start the National Honor Society application process for the 20-21 school year. The entirely digital application is available on the MHHS website under academics. Please disregard any application materials that came out last spring. They are no longer being used and will not be accepted as part of the new application. Email Mary_Sankey@hcpss.org or Suzanne_Stafford@hcpss.org with any questions. ***The application deadline is October 9, 2020.***

One Book, One Hebron

Interested in making actionable change in our community? Click [here](#) for more information on our school website.

G/T Seeking Parent Help with Intern/Mentor Program

Click [here](#) to learn more about how you can help our G/T students.

Concerns with your 2020 yearbook?

Please fill out this following [form](#) for the yearbook staff. We will answer questions as soon as possible; thank you for your understanding and patience during this busy time! Any other questions about purchasing yearbooks or senior portraits can be emailed to yearbook.mounthebron@gmail.com

Looking for Donations of Photo Supplies

Been cleaning during quarantine? 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

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 to join online.



Support Your PTSA

Mt Hebron's PTSA supports critical academic needs, is an active voice on decisions that impact your child's health, safety, and quality of education, and builds a stronger, more inclusive school community. We invite you to [join](#) because increasing our membership, even by one, makes many things possible.

DIRECTORIES: We are using a new program called [MemberHub](#) as our new membership directory and communications tool. Once you purchase your 2020-21 PTSA membership, lookout for your MemberHub welcome email.

There is no wrong or right way to be involved – anything you can give, whether it is time or money, will support your child's potential. We invite you to [join](#) because we can do more together than apart. It only takes 5 minutes. Thank you in advance!