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Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

Caroline Bodziak, President: mthebronptsa@gmail.com, www.mthebronptsa.com/
Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm in the Media Center

Membership Available Online

Visit the new student-created PTSA website at www.mthebronptsa.com/ for the **convenience of joining online**. Of course, you can still go old-school by downloading a form from the website. The important thing is to join the PTSA to support programs that support all Hebron students and staff. Visit the website for details on PTSA programs, our values, goals and past accomplishments. **To be eligible for PTSA Scholarships in the spring, senior students plus at least one adult family member MUST be PTSA members.*

New Meeting Format

You spoke, we listened! PTSA will invite reps from various school departments, clubs, and areas of interest to address the assembly *before* the meeting begins, instead of after. Keep an eye on the Valhalla Voice for upcoming speakers. A PTSA meeting consists of two parts: A meeting of the General Assembly (PTSA and all parent advocacy groups) to hear reports from the principal, SGA leaders, Staff report, and parent advocacy group reps, followed by the PTSA Business Meeting, at which time many of the parent advocacy groups break off for their own business meetings.

Next PTSA Meeting Oct. 9 in the Media Center

6:00-7:00pm – Welcome Social for parents new to MHHS. Mingle with current PTSA members and students from the Student Government Association (SGA) to ask questions about life at Hebron. Light refreshments provided.

7:00-7:15pm – Guest Speaker - TBA

7:15-8:30pm - PTSA meeting. Hear reports from the principal, SGA leaders, and other parent groups, followed by the PTSA business meeting. We promise to keep it short!

Values: Café Conversations Sept. 26 7:00-8:30pm

Parents and guardians are invited to the first of four repeating workshops to **help Mt. Hebron HS define a set of values for the school community**. What values do you have as an individual? Within your family? Within your community? How about within your school? School administration is using professional learning and Viking Time to work with teachers and students on this issue during the school day. The resulting values developed by the students, families and staff will be combined, consolidated, and used as the theme for the 2019-2020 school year. Please participate and have your voice heard.

If Sept. 26 doesn't work for you, pencil one of these dates in. You only have to attend one.

Monday, October 22 6:30pm-8:00pm

Thursday, January 17 7:30am-9:00am

Tuesday, March 5 7:00pm-8:30pm

All sessions will be held at Mt. Hebron HS. Refreshments provided by the PTSA.

PTSA Position Statement on School Overcrowding

The PTSA voted at the Sept. 11 PTSA meeting to approve a Position Statement in response to the HCPSS call for public comments. You can find a copy of this statement on the PTSA website www.mthebronptsa.com and the Mt. Hebron High School PTSA Facebook page.

The Howard County Board of Education continues to seek citizen input on Options to Relieve High School Overcrowding. <https://tinyurl.com/yaua99gn>. The BOE held a public hearing Sept. 11 to collect oral testimony, however you still have time to add your voice. You may submit written testimony via letter (Board of Education Office, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042) or email (BOE@hcpss.org) no later than 4:30pm on September 18, 2018. The Board is scheduled to take action on September 20, 2018. For questions about the call for public input, please contact the Board of Education office at 410-313-7194.

Hospitality Committee Busy Feeding Staff

Hospitality will be coordinating subs and cookies for the Sept. 26 Values Café Conversations, and is planning a baked potato bar luncheon for staff Nov. 19 during conference week. If you would like to be on the Hospitality email list, please send an email to mthebronptsa@gmail.com.

Staff Appreciation Committee

This year the PSTA would like to partner with you to bless our teachers, support staff, and bus drivers throughout the year. You'll be getting requests for small donations and together we can show our Mt. Hebron Staff how much we appreciate the hard work and long hours they put into caring for and educating our kids. All donations can be dropped off in the bin in the office (by you or your student) marked "Staff Appreciation" on or before Friday, September 21. Thanks so much for joining us to show our gratitude!! To

sign up, click here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/508094ea8a728a20-mount> . If you have any questions, please email: Sandi Miller at sandracmiller@outlook.com.

Reflections

Three PTSA volunteers are preparing for a big rollout of National PTA's Reflections program for the arts with this year's theme of "Heroes Around Me." Keep your eyes open for signs around school; information will be posted on the PTSA website as soon as it's available.

HC Drug Free

Do you have expired or leftover medicine at home that you don't know what to do with? Drug Take-Back Day is scheduled for **Oct 27, 2018 - 10AM until 2PM at the Wilde Lake village center Parking Lot**. This is a convenient, fast, friendly drive-thru medication and sharps collection event. The PTSA is looking for **8-10 student and adult volunteers** to represent MHHS at this event – students receive service hours! The students need to prepare a banner with the school's logo and a positive message. Please spread the news. If interested please contact: Sripriya Sundararajan at prashpriya@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed

Maybe one of these is right for you! To ask questions and get details, please email mthebronptsa@gmail.com.

1. **Assistant PTSA Liaison to Student Services** – Work with students in tracking their service hours. This is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys engaging with students.
2. **Mulch Sale Assistant** – Needed to shadow this year's Mulch Sale Chair, Mary Pearce, to prepare to run the show the following year. The PTSA Mulch Sale is the PTSA's largest fund raiser in support of After-Prom.
3. **Assistant to the director of After-Prom Sponsorships & Social Media** with the goal of running the show next year. Sponsorships and Social Media can be done separately or together.
4. A MHHS PTSA **rep to the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC)** to attend monthly SECAC meetings and report back to the PTSA. If your child has an IEP or 504, this might be the opportunity you've been waiting for.
5. **Legislative Advocacy** – A new opportunity! Learn how to take an issue you care about (gun control? Immigration?) through the legislative process. We have a parent member who can coordinate visits to the Maryland General Assembly from the Annapolis side. We would need a parent or student member interested in coordinating from the Hebron end.

Viking Backers

president@vikingbackers.org, <http://www.vikingbackers.org/>

Concession Help!!

The Viking Backer concession stands raise a significant amount of money which helps fund our teams and clubs. We are in constant need of volunteers during sporting events both at the indoor and outdoor stands. Please consider donating a little of your time and sign up to work at Concessions: <https://tinyurl.com/HebronFall2018>

Annual Viking 5K

Reminder please sign up for **the ANNUAL VIKING 5K** The 26th Annual Viking 5k and 1m Fun Walk **SUNDAY Oct 7 @ 9:00 am.**

Join the Mt. Hebron High School community on Sunday, Oct. 7 to kick off homecoming week by running (or walking) the Hebron trail, neighborhood and stadium track!

Compete for age group or Mth Awards (Alumnus, Student, Parent, Faculty and more!). New to running? We have a Novice award this year! and Bullseye Running keeping time! Proceeds benefit the efforts of the Viking Backers, supporting student clubs and athletics.

Race Information: <http://www.vikingbackers.org/viking-5k-race-details.html> Online

Registration: <https://www.athlinks.com/event/viking-5k-cross-country-race-2018-210846>

Not running this year? Please consider to volunteer some time to support this Viking tradition!

Race Committee: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44afae2fa2fa7-viking1>

Race Day: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44afae2fa2fa7-2018>

Feet First is providing certificates for the top male and female finishers! Clark's Ace Hardware has provided a basket, to be raffled. And there will be a special raffle for 8-13yo!

REGISTRATION (Note Online Registration closes Oct 4, with price increase on Race Day):

Race Tshirts guaranteed for the first 120 registered participants. Questions?

Email: MTH.Viking5K@gmail.com Mike Bosilovich, Chairperson

You still have time to get your **Viking Backers Membership**

Visit www.vikingbackers.org to join online or you can mail your form to P.O. Box 775 Ellicott City, MD 21041. Your membership supports ALL students at Mt. Hebron! www.vikingbackers.org

Like us on Facebook Follow us on Twitter Follow us on Instagram

We are still need in need of volunteers for the board and committees, see list of open positions below. If you are interested please contact Viking Backers president@vikingbackers.org or come to one of our meetings to learn more.

Our next meeting is TONIGHT Monday, September 17th at 7pm in the Media center

BOARD OF DIRECTORS vacancies for 2018-2019:

- President – VACANT (keep in touch with board and committees; lead monthly meetings; liaison to admin)
 - VP Ways & Means – VACANT (communicate with event committee chairs for fundraisers)
 - VP Concessions – Patti Lizzo*
 - VP Spirit Wear – VACANT (organize spirit wear sales)
 - Spirit Wear – VACANT (assist the VP Spirit Wear by hosting in person sales at school)
 - Volunteer Coordinator – Stacey Freedman*
 - Website – Jackie Wilson*
 - Winter Event – VACANT (create a new adult or community fundraiser)
- (*-indicates last year of service)

Parents of African American Students (PAAS)

CJ Ridgely, Co-president, Cheryl Godsey, Co-president: mthebronpaas@gmail.com, www.mthebronpaas.wixsite.com/paas

Chinese American Parent and Student Association (CAPSA)

Grace Wang, Chair: capsa.mhhs@gmail.com, www.capsamhhs.weebly.com

Indian American Student Parent Association (IASPA)

Gopi Suri, Chair: gopi_suri@yahoo.com

Korean American Student Parent Organization (KASPO)

Il Minn, President: iminn1@gmail.com

Mount Hebron Marching Unit Boosters (MTHMU Boosters)

Helen Morse, President: <http://mthmarchingunit.wixsite.com/boosters>

Did you know that the Mt. Hebron Marching Unit is on Facebook? Please check out our page at <https://m.facebook.com/MTHMU/> for some amazing drone photos as well as videos of our awesome Band, Cavaliers, and Lancers from their performances the last few weeks, including New Student Orientation and the first football game vs. MRHS.

Cavaliers News:

Cavaliers will have practice from 3:00pm-5:00pm on the following days:

Tuesday, September 18th

Tuesday, September 25th

Wednesday, September 26th

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want to enjoy MTHMU music even more often? We need your help! There are many volunteer jobs at our various events. Check them out here and sign up today! We still need helpers for many jobs including the upcoming sub-making day on 9/22. It's a lot of fun!

<http://signup.com/go/eaUfWpp>

The MTHMU Booster Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 3rd, at 6:00 pm in the Band Room.

MTHMU Dates of Importance to be Added to the Calendar:

Fri., 9/21 Future Viking Night @7:00 pm

Sat., 9/22 MTHMU Sub Sale: Making at School & Delivery

Sat., 9/29 Stevenson Band Day

Wed., 10/3 MTHMU Booster Meeting @ 6:00pm

Sat., 10/27 MTHMU Marching in Alsatia Mummies Parade @Hagerstown, MD

Mon., 10/29 MTHMU Orchards Parade (Marching through Mt. Hebron neighborhood)

Mt. Hebron Marching Unit Booster News

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14 5:30 Call time MHHS vs Howard

September 21 5:30 Call time MHHS vs Atholton

VOLUNTEER – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have over 180 students in the program. Every family NEEDS to volunteer! There are small jobs that require little work, there are more demanding jobs. Take a look at the Signup link below and sign yourself up for a couple of positions. Rookie parents – there will always be a returning parent to help you out and help you figure out how to do the task at hand.

We would like to try and get the slots filled for the next couple of months so we know we have things covered.

<https://signup.com/group/11370346279992860110>



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SUB SALE

On September 22nd the MTHMU Boosters and the students have approximately 1400 subs to make and deliver! Use the link above to sign up to help out. This is a great opportunity to come out and meet some new parents and make some friends. Coffee and donuts will be available! We will get started early in the morning so that the subs can be delivered by lunchtime.

FUTURE VIKING NIGHT

Future Viking Night will be next Friday, September 21. We need parents to bring in baked goods that can be passed through the stands during half time for our guests and for the MTHMU after their halftime show. Please bring baked goods to the band room Friday when you drop off your son or daughter.

WATER REQUEST

We have parades and a trip to Stevenson University coming up. We like to collect cases of water ahead of time so that each student gets 2 to 3 bottles of water at each event. If you would like to donate cases of water, please bring them to the band room when it is convenient. They can be stacked in M8 (the closet on the right side of the room, near the mailboxes).

QUEEN SHOW SHIRTS

If you ordered multiple shirts for your student this year, we have ordered additional shirts and they should be in any day.

GLORY DAYS

If you are planning to dine at Glory Days, request an itemized receipt and deposit it in the red mailbox in the band room. The MTHMU will be receiving a percentage of all sales through November 30th.

SCRIP

We place a Scrip order the **last Wednesday of every month**. Physical gift cards will be delivered on the first Wednesday of every month at the Booster meeting. Scrip Now cards can be ordered at your convenience when you pay using Presto Pay.

Create a Scrip account and get an order in so that you can earn money for your student's ledger to pay for band camp fees in the fall!

To create an account on Scrip:

1. Visit <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>
2. Click Join a Program
3. Enter our Enrollment Code: 4AL3A152578L1
4. Click Register
5. Populate the fields and finish the Registration process

Any questions can be directed to Hope Duffy: hopeduffy@comcast.net

* Orders and payment due by August 29th!

MTHMU BOOSTER MEETINGS

This year we will be holding the Booster meetings on the first **Wednesday** of the month from **6:00 - 7:00pm** in the Band Room. ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend.

October 3, 2018

November 7, 2018

December 5, 2018

January 2, 2019

February 6, 2019

March 6, 2019

April 3, 2019

May 1, 2019

June 5, 2019

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA

[MTHMU Boosters website](#)

[MTHMU Booster Facebook page](#)

[MTHMU Twitter page](#)

[Mt Hebron Bands website](#)

[MTHMU Amazon Store](#)

Email the Boosters: mthmuinfo@gmail.com

David Costello

Helen Morse

MTHMU President

MTHMU Vice President

Innovative Pathways Evening Program

Opportunities & Experiences for all Students to take courses and Accomplish their Goals

The Innovative Pathways Evening Program offers all students an opportunity to realize individualized goals for their high school career by earning credits through evening courses. Over the course of one or two semesters, students are able to take full or half-credit classes in many subject areas for:

- Recovery Credit -Original Credit -Open up space in schedule
- Program advancement -Make room for other courses of interest -Gain great experience

Parents can register online through September 21 for the Innovative Pathways Evening Program at www.hcpss.org/connect/

You can find more information regarding times, tuition, and financial assistance in the attached documents. If you have any questions, please reach out to innovativepathways@hcpss.org or 410-313-6627.

Junior Achievement Rising Women

Meets on Wednesdays, 5pm-7pm from Oct 3, 2018 – Jan 16, 2019 at the Maryland Center for Entrepreneurship

JA Rising Women is a unique after-school opportunity for female high school students in Howard County who are interested in exploring their entrepreneurial potential. Under the guidance of businesswomen in Howard County who serve as mentors, you and your JA Rising Women team will conceptualize and idea for a product or service, capitalize your venture, market your offerings, and reap the profits! Whatever your interests or strengths, there is a place for you in the student company. JA Rising Women requires a certain level of commitment, which you must be willing make. The program is a great experience, but relies on the effort of the students involved to make it successful.

There is no cost associated with this program and it's a great experience to include in your college application or resume. In addition, participants who complete the program may be eligible for scholarship, internships and other unique opportunities. To be considered for the program, students must complete and submit an application packet by September 21, 2018. For more details and application requests, please contact Nick Anderson at 410-363-7695 or nanderson@jmaryland.org.

For more Community News and Programs visit

<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>