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Calendar

Date	Time	Event/Location
June 10	6pm	Incoming 9 th Grade Sports Orientation in the Auditorium
June 11-13	5:30-7:30pm	Lancers Fall Marching Unit Auditions in the Main Gym
June 17-22	4-7pm	MHHS Youth Football Camp @ Turf Field
June 19		Final Staff Appreciation Luncheon by PTSA
June 24 – July 8 No Class on 7/4		Street Smarts Drivers Ed Sessions @ Hebron
July 15 - 26		Street Smarts Drivers Ed Sessions @ Hebron
August 7 - 20		Street Smarts Drivers Ed Sessions @ Hebron
August 12	6:30pm	Fall Sports Parent Meeting
August 14		Fall Sports Begin
August 29	9am-12pm	New Student Orientation
September 5	6:30pm	Back to School Night for 2019-2020
September 10	7pm	1 st PTSA 2019-2020 Meeting in the Media Center
October 26	10am-3pm	MTH Marketplace

Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

Caroline Bodziak, President: mthebronptsa@gmail.com, www.mthebronptsa.com/

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Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm in the Media Center

Next Meeting: September 10, 2019

Restorative Justice in Education: PTSA Book Discussion for Families

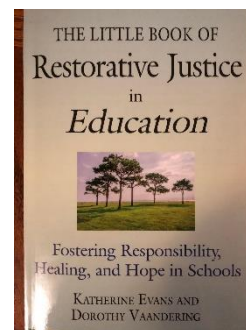
What is *Restorative Justice in Education (RJE)*? It is a school culture that encompasses the core beliefs that all human beings are worthy and interconnected, and supports the three key values of respect, dignity, and mutual concern. Mt. Hebron High School is adopting an RJE culture. Want to learn more? Attend one of three repeating book discussions at Miller Library over the summer:

Wednesday, July 17 7:00-8:30pm

Tuesday, July 23 @ 7:00-8:30pm

Thursday, August 8 @ 7:00-8:30pm

A reservation system will be up by next week. Reserve your spot early and the PTSA will provide you with a free copy of the book: “The Little Book of Restorative Justice in Education: Fostering Responsibility, Healing, and Hope in Schools” by Katherine Evans and Dorothy Vaandering.



School Redistricting: It's Baaaaaack!

The PTSA will continue to track and bring you important information, dates, and opportunities for you to have input on the county's redistricting process that will impact the 2020-2021 school year.

The following message was sent from HCPSS Superintendent Dr. Michael Martirano to the HCPSS community on Tuesday, June 4, 2019:

On January 24, the Board of Education directed that HCPSS initiate a systemwide school boundary review, which could potentially impact any or all of the 74 comprehensive schools in our system for the 2020–2021 school year. This review is critical due to population growth that has resulted in crowding at many schools while schools in other areas are underutilized. [Read the whole message here: <https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2019/06/boundary-review-process/>] For an official timeline and description of ways to provide input, please review: <https://www.hcpss.org/school-planning/boundary-review/#input-sessions> .

What you need to know now:

1. June 13 - The 2019 Feasibility Study will be released. The public will have ability to provide feedback in an online survey (open 6/14-8/1) or at one of four Community Input Sessions.
2. Wed., July 10 – Community Input Session 7-9pm at Oakland Mills High School for families for **Mt. Hebron**, Centennial, Howard, and Oakland Mills high schools. If you can't attend 7/10 you should attend the session Sat., July 13 at Long Reach HS.



KASPO Committee Luncheon a Big Success

The PTSA's Korean American Student Parent Committee served school staff an authentic Korean meal for lunch June 4. Staff raved about the food, and the committee is working on scheduling events for the summer and next school year. Interested in getting involved? Contact Il Minn at imin1@gmail.com.

Staff Appreciation Committee Recognizes Custodial Staff

Custodial staff were given gift certificates to McDonald's as a thank you for their hard work keeping our school building in top shape.



Hebron for Hope T-Shirts Available

Mount Hebron's SGA would like to sell at least 100 more Hebron for Hope t-shirts before the end of the school year in order to support our chosen charity, Believe in Tomorrow Children's Charity!

We still have plenty of small, medium, large, and extra large t-shirts. These shirts are unisex, preshrunk cotton. Shirts are \$10, and can either be bought with cash or check, made out to Mount Hebron High School. Ask your student to stop by the

media center or contact Mrs. Engelstatter at katherine_engelstatter@hcpss.org if you would like to buy a shirt.

Interested in School-Related Policies?

The following HCPSS policies are all up for revision in 2019-2020. If you would like to be a member of a policy committee which will meet in the fall 2019, please email the PTSA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) at ptachc@gmail.com.

Policy 1050 Tobacco-Free Environment

Policy 9230 Alcohol, Other Drugs, Prescription Medication and Over the Counter Products

Policy 4030 - School Activity Funds

Policy 7000 - Workforce Diversity

Policy 7020 – Nepotism

Policy 8080 - Responsible Use of Technology

Policy 8090 - Non-School-Hour Curricular Programs (2 year review)

Policy 8100 - Field Trips

Policy 9010 - Attendance

Subscribe to the PTSA Website

Create a login then update your settings to get notifications of new postings to the PTSA website blog. For detailed instructions [click here](#).

Chinese American Parent and Student (CAPS) Committee

Margaret Sui, Chair: msui2998@hotmail.com

Korean American Student Parent Organization (KASPO)

Now a PTSA Committee

Il Minn, President: iminn1@gmail.com

Viking Backers

Viking Backers www.vikingbackers.org

We need your talents and your ideas! The Viking Backers have several important volunteer opportunities for the coming school year. This is a great opportunity for parents

to make Mt. Hebron High School a better and more rewarding experience for students and faculty. We have several great opportunities including VP of Concessions, VP of communications, and others. Our student activities, our athletes, and our school are all touched by the work of the Viking Backers volunteers. Please contact Jim Bahel, President (president@vikingbackers.org), to discuss these openings. We also invited you to attend our June 3 meetings to discuss these opportunities

Registration for Viking Backers Summer Sports Camps is now open. We are proud to work with our coaches and athletic staff to continue this Hebron tradition.

Please visit the Backers homepage (www.vikingbackers.org) and select the "Summer Sports Camp" link which will take you to the page for camper registration and payment. <http://www.vikingbackers.org/summer-sports-camp.html>

SPIRIT WEAR SALE - Monday June 10th at Incoming Freshman Sports Night 5:45 pm outside auditorium.

Drivers' Education: The Viking Backers is happy with the options we are able to offer our students for Drivers' Education. Both of our Drivers' Ed partners - Greg's Driving School and Street Smarts - have upcoming classes and openings. Please check the Viking Backers' website <http://www.vikingbackers.org/driver-s-ed.html> for additional information and registration details.

MTH MARKETPLACE – 10/26/19

By popular demand, MTH MARKETPLACE is back for the fall! On Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10a-3p, the Viking Backers Booster Club will host an arts & crafts festival with over 120 vendors featuring handmade goods, art, décor, jewelry, skin care and more! Admission and parking are FREE and open to the public.

If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please fill out the application at <https://forms.gle/TGPAAuNBKWRcBfus8>. Spaces are 8x8 or larger for \$40 (plus a \$2 transaction fee).

For more information, please see our Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/471657553411552/> or event website <https://mthmarketplace.weebly.com/>. Additional questions? Email Lisa Scarbath at lscarbath@gmail.com

Parents of African American Students (PAAS)

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

Indian American Student Parent Association (IASPA)

Gopi Suri, Chair: gopi_suri@yahoo.com, Visit Website: IASPA

Mount Hebron Marching Unit Boosters (MTHMU Boosters)

MTHMU NEWS

Please check out our Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/MTHMU/> for lots of photos and videos of all our performances this year! For MTHMU Families, we also try to post helpful reminders there!

READY TO GET INVOLVED FOR NEXT YEAR?

If you're interested in volunteering for next year – please reach out immediately to mthmuinfo@gmail.com.

We need a lot of hands to help MTHMU be the best it can be, and it is a lot of fun too!

LANCERS FALL MARCHING UNIT AUDITIONS

Auditions for Fall MU Lancers will be held THIS WEEK on June 11th, 12th and 13th from 5:30-7:30 in the Main Gym.

Community News

NAMI Parent Support Group

NAMI of Howard County holds monthly parent support group meetings. NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. NAMI operates at the national, state, and local levels to provide support, education and advocacy. NAMI Howard County has served the residents of our community with free programs since 1979.

Group for Parent and Caregivers of Children and Teens with Mental Health Concerns:

Meets first Monday of each month 7:30-9:00PM, Rm 252

First Presbyterian Church

9325 Presbyterian Circle, Room 252

Columbia, Maryland 21045

Learn more about NAMI: <https://namihowardcounty.org/about-nami-howard-county/>

Become an “Emotional Support Human”

Do you have a friend or family member going through a hard time? Be their Emotional Support Human!

Emotional Support Human

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noun

An individual of the human (homo sapien) species who is committed to helping other people dealing with emotional and mental health challenges. Emotional Support Humans are

characterized by compassion, care, love and a willingness to help the people around them – their friends, loved ones and community. Formal training is not required.

Last week the Horizon Foundation launched a new public outreach campaign designed to help people effectively support those in their lives who may be struggling with mental health challenges. The **“Emotional Support Human Etiquette”** campaign, modeled after the concept of emotional support animals that provide comfort to many, aims to normalize conversations around mental health and offer tips for people to approach those conversations. Visit the link above (or <https://supporthuman.org>) to learn more about becoming an Emotional Support Human and sign the pledge!

Every Considered Hosting an Exchange Student?

Host Families Sought for AFS Exchange Students: Next school year, about eighteen AFS exchange students from around the world will come to Howard County for a life-changing year. Exchange students live in a family such as yours and attend your local high school. Host families volunteer to provide room and board for a student and get to know a great kid and learn more about a different part of our world. Students are available from countries around the world, such as Norway, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, Switzerland, and Germany and many more. You can pick kids who enjoy hobbies such as running, debate competitions, singing, playing soccer and tennis, baking, drawing, or playing violin.

If you would like to hear more about the process of becoming a host family or any other aspect of our program, please contact Christina McGarvey at (410) 997-7087 or AFSBaltimore@gmail.com.

Camp Inclusion Registration Open

Camp Inclusion is a summer day camp in Howard County for any student (12-21) with or without a cognitive, social, or physical disability. At Camp Inclusion, campers participate in group games and sports including soccer, kickball, and handball. Campers also participate in arts & crafts activities such as tie-dye and painting, as well as developmentally appropriate board games, which are adapted for campers as needed. For more information please visit <http://www.campinclusion.org/>

Please visit the **Community News and Programs page** on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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