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## Calendar

Date	Time	Event/Location
October 17	6pm	MTHMU Booster Meeting in the Band Room
October 19	6:30am-6:30pm	PAAS College Tour
October 19	6:30pm	MTHMU Pep Band @ Long Reach HS
October 24	7-8:30pm	Run, Hide, Fight: School Emergency Sessions for Students, Staff and Parents @ Auditorium
October 26	7pm	MTHMU Home vs. Glenelg HS (SENIOR NIGHT)
October 26		Last Day to Donate for Pediatrics at HoCo General
October 26		Last Day for Coat Drive Donation
October 27		MTHMU Marching in Alsatia Mummies Parade @ Hagerstown, MD
October 27	10am-2pm	Drug Take-Back Day @ Wilde Lake Village Center Parking Lot
October 29		MTHMU Orchards Parade (Marching through Mt. Hebron neighborhood)
November 1		"Hereos Around Me" Submissions Due
November 2	6:30pm	MTHMU Pep Band @ Hammond HS
November 4	11am-2pm	IASPA Diwali Cultural Event @ Auditorium
November 5	6:30pm	Next Viking Backers meeting
November 6		Voting Day
November 7	11am	IASPA UMD, College Park Campus Tour
November 8	6:30-8pm	<b>New Date</b> Values: Café Conversations @ Cafeteria

November 9	7pm	MTHMU Appreciation Night
November 13	7-8:30pm	PTSA meeting in the Media Center
November 14	6pm	MTHMU Booster Meeting
November 16	6pm	Basket Bingo @ The Lodge in Catonsville
November 19	11:45am	Baked Potato Bar Luncheon for Staff during Conference week
December 31		PAAS Membership Deadline for PAAS Scholarship
January 17	7:30-9:00am	Values Café Conversations/MHHS Media Center
March 5	7:00-8:30pm	Values Café Conversations/MHHS Media Center

## Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

Caroline Bodziak, President: [mthebronptsa@gmail.com](mailto:mthebronptsa@gmail.com), [www.mthebronptsa.com/](http://www.mthebronptsa.com/)

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Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm in the Media Center

### Technology Tip of the Week

Parents can keep track of the apps on their kids' phones and the amount of time that their kids spend on each app by going to settings and looking at battery usage for each individual app. This works on both iOS and Android!

### Run, Hide, Fight: What Students & Staff are Being Taught to do in a School Emergency

Wed., Oct. 24 7:00-8:30pm in the MHHS Auditorium

The Mt. Hebron HS School Safety Committee & Central Office (Safety and Risk Management) created a program for students, staff and parents on what students should do when faced with a situation where their actions could save their lives. This presentation for parents covers how students should react if faced with an active shooter or other emergency when they are at school. Parents, please join us to with remembering how to Run, Hide, Fight. Register for this free event here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-event-run-hide-fight-student-emergency-preparedness-tickets-50983728705> .

### DATE CHANGE: Values Café Conversations now Nov. 8 6:30-8:00pm

The Oct. 22 Values Café Conversations has been moved to Thursday, November 8 from 6:30-8:00pm in the cafeteria. This facilitated workshop will help parents lend their voice to the development of a set of values for the Mt. Hebron HS community. Vocelli pizza will be served. Future workshops will be held on Jan. 17 and March 5. No RSVP necessary. Join us and be part of the conversation!

### The PTSA is sponsoring...

1. A Toastmasters Youth Leadership Club for students. For more information contact Srinivasu Gorantla at [srinivasu\\_g@hotmail.com](mailto:srinivasu_g@hotmail.com).
2. The Maryland Regional Science Olympiad to be held at MHHS on Feb. 17, 2019. For more information contact MHHS Science Teacher Paul Sabota at [Paul\\_Sabota@hcpss.org](mailto:Paul_Sabota@hcpss.org).

### 2018 Howard County Voters Guide

Learn about the candidates up for election in Howard County's General Election including Board

of Education, County Executive, County Council, State's Attorney, and more.

<http://www.bizmonthly.com/2018-general-election-voters-guide-howard-county/> Voting Day is Tuesday, November 6.

### **Reflections**

Are you a poet, painter, or photographer? Are you a choreographer, composer, or cinematographer?

The PTSA Reflections program is a local, regional, and national competition that for 50 years has been celebrating the best artists in each school providing recognition and scholarships for excellent work. The theme of this year's competition is "Heroes Around Me." This Call for Art started September 17th and submissions are due November 1st. Submissions will be evaluated the first week of November and Best of Show will be celebrated and recognized at the Prism Concert on November 14th.

If you are a Viking artist, dancer, music maker, filmmaker or writer, **see your art or English teacher for an application.** You can also **see the bulletin board in the Music/Theatre hallways for an application and information,** or **download from the PTSA website** <https://www.mthebronptsa.com/reflections> .

If you have any questions, see Mr. Barker in Room 136. Show up and show off Vikings! Enter your Reflections today.

### **Next PTSA Meeting Nov. 13 in the Media Center**

**7:00-7:15pm** – Guest Speakers – TBD

**7:15-8:30pm** - PTSA meeting. Hear reports from the principal, SGA leaders, faculty rep, and other parent groups, followed by the PTSA general meeting.

### **Stay Informed**

If you are interested in following school and educational issues in Howard County you may be interested in two local Facebook groups: **HOCO School Interest** and **Mobilize HoCo Schools**. Both are private groups so you have to send a message requesting to join.

### **Hospitality Committee**

Hospitality 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](mailto:mthebronptsa@gmail.com).

### **Coat Drive thru Oct. 26**

Please bring your clean, ready-to-wear winter outerwear to Mt. Hebron and leave in the collection boxes in the foyer. Items needed include coats, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, etc. for adults and children of all ages. Students will sort the items and distribute within Howard County in early November. The Coat Drive is a collaboration between PTSA and HCPSS. Thank you for keeping Howard County warm this winter!

## **Volunteers Needed**

Our biggest needs at this point are related to AFTER-PROM. All of the jobs below are filled with veteran committee members who are graduating out next year or retiring. We need a few people to shadow and learn the ropes this year in order to take over next year. To ask questions and get details, please email [mthebronptsa@gmail.com](mailto:mthebronptsa@gmail.com).

1. **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.
2. **Ticket Sales** – Help manage the sale of After-Prom tickets to students, in person and online.
3. **Social Media** – Help with the promotion of After-Prom through social media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Run contests and develop marketing strategies.
4. **Sponsorship** – Help identify and reach out to potential business, corporate and/or personal sponsors for After-Prom.

**Join Online** at [www.mthebronptsa.com/](http://www.mthebronptsa.com/).

## **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](#).

## **Viking Backers**

Jim Bahel President: [president@vikingbackers.org](mailto:president@vikingbackers.org), <http://www.vikingbackers.org/>

### **A Message from Your President**

On October 7 we held the 26th running of the Viking Backers' 5K race. I want to specifically thank Race Director Mike Bosilovich and his small army of volunteers who put in long hours and a lot of hard work to make this a successful event. We had a great turn out that included students, parents, staff, coaches, and even a principal. Thank you to Mike, Brian Rau, and our amazing parent volunteers for your time and efforts in putting on a great race.

As we work our way through the year there are many Mt. Hebron traditions like the Backers' 5K that we look forward to. Not all of them are put on by the Backers, but all do require the time and talents of our volunteer community to be successful. I would ask that as you see a call for volunteers - whether it be to work a shift at the concession stand or help with an event or just support our student activities please consider signing up and donating your time. Please keep in mind that while many of these activities raise much-needed funds for our student activities there is an even larger purpose - they provide the kind of experience and community connection that make our school great. So please do consider volunteering at an event or activity. Whether it's a Backer event, a PTSA event, or any of the other great groups that are active I think you'll find getting to know our students, our fans, and our faculty will be a fun and rewarding experience.

### **Spirit Wear**

Check VB website for times. Class of 2022 shirts are in- many of you didn't get them. \$15- you can buy them at any of our spirit wear tables set up at an event.

### **Promotional Car Magnet Update**

New Viking Backer car magnets are on order. Due to a defect, some magnets are peeling & not holding up. As soon as our new car magnets arrive, members will be notified about how to obtain a replacement. We apologize for any inconvenience & we thank you for your patience!

Online sales should be in soon. We will keep everyone posted! Any questions for spirit wear please email me at [vikingspiritwear@gmail.com](mailto:vikingspiritwear@gmail.com)

### **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>

### **Basket Bingo Is Coming!**

Join us for a fun night of bingo and amazing prizes. Tickets are available online at <https://squareup.com/market/mhspiritwear/>

**Friday, November 16, 2018 @ The Lodge in Catonsville/2832 Nine Mile Circle/Catonsville**

Doors Open at 6 pm & Bingo is 7 pm - 10 pm

***Come join us for our next meeting Monday, November 5th at 6:30pm!***

## **Parents of African American Students (PAAS)**

CJ Ridgely, Co-president, Cheryl Godsey, Co-president: [mthebronpaas@gmail.com](mailto:mthebronpaas@gmail.com),  
[www.mthebronpaas.wixsite.com/paas](http://www.mthebronpaas.wixsite.com/paas)

### **College Tour Oct. 19 6:30am-6:30pm**

Visiting the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Salisbury University. Leaving from Mt Hebron High School. Cost: \$40/student, \$20/chaperone (limited seating). Click here to register: <http://mthebronpaas.wixsite.com/paas/college-tour> .

\*\*\*The first 20 PAAS member students to register will receive a \$10 Visa gift card which can be used towards lunch\*\*\*\*

### **Join PAAS**

\$30/Family. Families with seniors need to be paid members of PAAS by Dec. 31, 2018 to be eligible for a PAAS scholarship. Register here: <http://mthebronpaas.wixsite.com/paas/paas-registration>

## **Chinese American Parent and Student Association (CAPSA)**

Grace Wang, Chair: [capasa.mhhs@gmail.com](mailto:capasa.mhhs@gmail.com), [www.capsamhhs.weebly.com](http://www.capsamhhs.weebly.com)

## **Indian American Student Parent Association (IASPA)**

Gopi Suri, Chair: [gopi\\_suri@yahoo.com](mailto:gopi_suri@yahoo.com), Visit Website: [IASPA](http://IASPA)

IASPA is organizing a Diwali cultural event on Nov 4th from 11 am to 2 pm at Mount Hebron Auditorium. Come take part in Diwali celebrations, cultural activity, and enjoy food. More details including signups will be shared by next week. Stay tuned.

IASPA is inviting Mount Hebron students for a UMD, College Park campus tour on November 7th at 11 am. Slots are limited and will be available on a first come first serve basis. Signup information will be shared in a separate email.

## **Korean American Student Parent Organization (KASPO)**

Il Minn, President: [iminn1@gmail.com](mailto:iminn1@gmail.com)

Korean American Students and Parents Organization (KASPO) is recruiting members for 2018-2019. This will be an exciting opportunity to help the entire Mt. Hebron community.

Please join, together it will be better. Contact IL Minn by email ([iminn1@gmail.com](mailto:iminn1@gmail.com)) or phone (814-777-6590) Go Vikings!

## **Mount Hebron Marching Unit Boosters (MTHMU Boosters)**

Please check out our Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/MTHMU/> for some photos and videos of Homecoming 2018!

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We still need your help! There are many volunteer jobs at our various events. Check them out here and sign up today. It's fun and rewarding!

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

The next MTHMU Boosters Meeting will be this Wednesday, October 17th at 6:00 pm in the Band Room.

## **Community News**

**The PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)** values your opinion! PTACHC wants to know about the issues you think are important for this school year.

Please let us know through this short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MSVXY3M>  
Questions? Contact PTACHC at 410-740-5153. [www.ptachc.org](http://www.ptachc.org)

### **Donation Box for Pediatrics at HoCo General**

Mt. Hebron student and Leadership U member, Cotu Doan, is heading up a service project with other students across Howard County collecting donations for the Pediatric Department at Howard County General Hospital. The Pediatric Department is in need of board-games and toiletries, like shampoo, conditioner, body-wash, and deodorant - travel sizes are great too. There is a collection box outside the auditorium and donations will be collected through October 26th. Thank you!

### **Scouts 944 Starting Girls Troop Feb. 2019**

Open House Nov. 7 @ 7:30pm/Parent Meeting Nov. 8 @ 7:30pm at Bethany United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 2875 Bethany Ln, EC 21042

Troop 944 is looking for adventurous girls (age 12-17) who want to learn more about Scouts USA. T944 has been chartered for 50+ years and is adding a linked girl troop to begin in February 2019. Girls will meet and plan their own adventures, activities and all-around fun. For more information please contact Chop Galloway at [scoutmaster944@yahoo.com](mailto:scoutmaster944@yahoo.com).

### **Veteran's Day Fundraiser/Family Fun Nov. 3 1-5pm**

Looking for a way to support veterans for Veteran's Day? On Saturday, November 3rd, The Baltimore Station is holding their annual fall fundraiser - Stars, Stripes and Chow: Chili Edition from 1-5pm. All money raised at the event go directly into the program and the veterans at The Station. The Baltimore Station is an innovative therapeutic residential treatment Program supporting veterans who are transitioning through the cycle of poverty, addiction, and homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Stars, Stripes & Chow (#starsstripeschow) brings families an afternoon of fun as businesses compete in a chili cook-off to raise money for the Veterans and homeless men in The Baltimore Station's program. In addition to unlimited chili samples, guests will enjoy food from Mission BBQ and a beer and wine bar from City Limits, plus a kid's zone, music, and more!

Tickets: \$50 for adults (\$60 after 11/1), \$25 for veterans and 11-16 year old, Free for kids 10-and-under.

Where: City garage | 101 W Dickman St, Baltimore, Maryland 21230; free onsite parking.

Purchase tickets: <https://baltimorestation.org/event/stars-stripes-chow-2018/>

Learn more about The Baltimore Station: <https://baltimorestation.org/>

### **Drug Take-Back Day Oct. 27**

Do you have expired or leftover medicine at home that you don't know what to do with? HC Drug Free's **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.

**For more Community News and Programs** visit

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