

# VALHALLA VOICE

#### <u>PTSA</u>

JOIN US! The first PTSA Meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 11 in the Media Center.

The meeting officially begins at 7pm, but if you show up at 6:00pm you can enjoy a Welcome Social with refreshments for parents new to MHHS plus Guidance Counselors will be on hand to help any parent/guardian with Synergy and Canvas on the computers. Come and learn what's going on at school and meet other parents also interested in family engagement.

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 and find out about Homecoming (coming up Oct. 13). Light refreshments provided.

6:00-7:00pm - Guidance Counselors from Student Services will be in the media center to provide parents/guardians hands-on instruction or assistance with Synergy, Canvas and Naviance on the computers. Finish updating your Family File. No RSVP required.

7:00-8:00pm – PTSA meeting. Vote on 2018-2019 budget and Position Statement on School Overcrowding. Hear reports from the principal, SGA leaders, and other parent groups. We promise to keep it as short as possible!

8:00pm – Veronica Valentine, Instructional Team Leader (ITL) of Student Services, will explain Synergy, Canvas and Naviance, how your student uses them and how parents/guardians can use them, services provided by Guidance counselors, plus she will take your questions. For student-specific questions, please call Student Services to set up a private meeting

Contact the MHHS PTSA: www.mthebronptsa.com/

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

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

#### 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

## Mount Hebron Marching Unit Boosters (MTHMU Boosters)

Helen Morse, President: http://mthmarchingunit.wixsite.com/booster

#### Fall Sub Sale

Orders Due by September 11<sup>th</sup>-Hurry and order some delicious subs for a super easy meal at home or on the go! You may order any of the 5 sub varieties in person from any MTHMU student, or simply click here to order online, and receive on Saturday September 22nd:

http://mthmarchingunit.wixsite.com/boosters/online-store/Sub-Sale-c26574495.

The 6<sup>th</sup> option is a "Donation Sub" which will be delivered to Grassroots. Don't forget to order some "Freezer Subs" for easy meals for the rest of the month! The order process is the same as last year. The Fall Sub sale is extremely important to help the unit raise funds for ongoing needs as well as their big Spring Trip. MTHMUtruly appreciates your support!

#### <u>KASPO</u>

https://mhhs.hcpss.org/club/korean-american-student-parent-organization

#### VIKING BACKERS

#### http://www.vikingbackers.org/

Did you know that HCPSS provides only a FRACTION of the funds needed by our athletic teams each year and gives NOTHING to our student clubs? The financial support by the Viking Backers Booster Club is VITAL to the success of our students in many extracurricular activities. For the last few years, we have not been able to fully fund all requests and next year promises to be more of the same –especially since the county has CUT an additional \$5000 from the athletics budget! YOU can help by joining AND getting involved. 410-989-3717 Viking Backers text/mobile.

#### ANNUAL VIKING 5K 2018-2019

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

### Student: Alyssa Corb: SWIM ACROSS AMERICA

Alyssa Corb, sophomore, swimmer, soccer player is asking for your help raising money for cancer research through Swim Across America. Swim Across America is a nationwide organization that raises money for cancer research. All donations to Swim Across America Baltimore go to the Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center in downtown Baltimore, same center to which Hebron for Hope donates. She has registered for her 8th year of Swim Across America Baltimore and will participate in the 3-mile open water swim on September 16th in the Magothy Bay. Over the past 7 years, she raised \$86,000 for cancer research. Her goal is to raise at least \$14,000 this year to raise her 8-year total to over \$100,000. Currently, she raised over \$9,900, 71% of her goal. Cancer has touched her personally as well as our school and community. This organization has made tremendous progress in the search for a cure. Please click this link to find out more about why she swims and, if you are willing, to donate to the swim:

http://www.swimacrossamerica.org/site/TR/OpenWater/Baltimore?px=1127876&pg=personal&fr\_id=4 763

# Tues., Sept. 11 HCPSS PUBLIC HEARING ON HIGH SCHOOL

# OVERCROWDING. Sept. 11, 7:00PM. Board of

#### Education.

HCPSS is seeking public input on <u>several options</u> to relieve high school overcrowding in school year 2019-2020 and beyond Community members may submit written testimony via <u>email</u> or USPS mail (by 4:30PM on Sept. 18). The Board is scheduled to take action on **Sept. 20, 2018.** 

## HC DRUGFREE TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (TAC). Sept. 17, 5:30PM-7:00PM. The Barn (Oakland Mills Village Center).

You are invited to attend the next <u>HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council (TAC)</u> meeting! TAC meets one Monday evening a month and is open to all Howard County high school students. Community service hours are available. Teens must provide a completed registration form signed by a parent/guardian; bring the form to the meeting or email/mail it to the office. For more information and to download the registration form, please visit <u>http://www.hcdrugfree.org</u>. **CONTACT**: <u>admin@hcdrugfree.org</u>, 443-435-0040

# SAT Prep Classes for October & December SAT

#### To view all class dates, class details and REGISTER for the class, go to academiccoaches.com

**<u>Option 1:</u>** Blitz Class! Blitz classes are short in duration, yet very effective. They provide strategies, test taking techniques, and help reduce anxiety by having students develop a game plan.

This class begins **September 18<sup>th</sup>** and is in preparation for the **October 6<sup>th</sup> SAT**. To view all class dates/times associated with this option and REGISTER for the class, go to academic-coaches.com

**Option 2:** Full SAT prep class. A comprehensive 7-week course held after school at MHHS. 24 total hours of instruction are provided--addressing both strategy application and content review for all SAT sections.

This class begins **October 9<sup>th</sup>** and is in preparation for the **December 1st SAT**. To view all class dates/times associated with this option and REGISTER for the class, go to academic-coaches.com

#### LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES?

All middle and high school students interested in serving the community and gaining leadership skills are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC). Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 12th from 7-8:30pm at the Homewood Center Cafeteria. ALL ARE WELCOME! For more information please contact Ms. Cindy Drummond at cindy\_drummond@hcpss.org.

# 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 <a href="http://www.hcpss.org/connect/">www.hcpss.org/connect/</a>

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

# HOST FAMILY NEEDED FOR MT. HEBRON EXCHANGE STUDENT

Razaq is an exchange student from Indonesia. Through no fault of his own, he needs a

host family. Razaq won an extremely competitive scholarship program from the U.S. State Department to come experience ordinary life in the USA and to share his culture. Out of 70,000 Indonesian applicants, he was one of 80 selected. Razaq is an excellent student, kind, and responsible. He is very interested in science, active in school clubs, and tries to be a role model for his younger sister. Host families volunteer to provide room and board and to treat the student as part of their family. He has his own health insurance and spending money. This is an opportunity to learn about another country and culture-as well as make a lifelong friend from Indonesia! AFS Intercultural Programs has an active program in Howard County with support for both students and families. If you would like more information, please contact Christina McGarvey at 410-997-7087.

#### For more Community News and Programs visit

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