

# Valhalla Voice

# November 4, 2019

The Valhalla Voice is the newsletter of the many Mt. Hebron parent advocacy groups including: the PTSA, which includes the Chinese and Korean committees; Indian & African American groups; the Viking Backers Booster Club; and Marching Unit Boosters Club.

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Date	Time	Event/Location
November 4	6:30-7:30pm	Viking Backers Meeting in the Media Center
November 5, 6	11am-11pm	MTHMU Restaurant Night at Pizzeria Uno
November 5, 7	5:30-9:30pm	SAT Prep in Room 103
November 7	7pm	MTHMU Appreciation Night
November 8	7-8am	Restorative Justice in Education Book Discussion over Coffee
		Sponsored by PTSA in the Media Center
November 10	9:30am	MTHMU Veterans Day Parade in Columbia, Call Time TBD
November 10	6-7:30pm	Winter Sports Information Meeting - Spirit Wear Sale
November 12	6:30pm	SAT/ACT info night for Parents in the Media Center
November 12	7pm	PTSA Meeting in the Media Center
November 14	7pm	MTHMU Booster Meeting in the Guitar Room
November 17		MTHMU Citrus Sale Order Deadline
November 20	7-8:30pm	Suicide Prevention Training by Grassroots in the Cafeteria
November 22	6-10pm	Viking Backers Basket Bingo @ The Lodge in Catonsville
November 26	10am-1pm	Staff Luncheon Provided by PTSA
December 3, 5	5:30-9:30pm	ACT Prep in Room 103
December 6		Tentative MTHMU Citrus Sale Delivery, TBD
January 14, 16	5:30-9:30pm	SAT Prep in Room 103
February 15, 22	9am-1pm	SAT Prep in Room 103

February 28, 2020	7-8am	Restorative Justice in Education Book Discussion over Coffee
		Sponsored by PTSA in the Media Center
April 14, 2020	6:30-7pm	Guest Speaker on Restorative Justice in Education
		implementation at Mt. Hebron PTSA Meeting in Media Center
April 21, 23	5:30-9:30pm	SAT Prep in Room 103

# **Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)**

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Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evening of the month in the Media Center

- Next Meeting 11/12 \* Guest Speaker on SAT/ACT Prep
- Volunteer Opportunities
- SAT/ACT Test Prep Classes 11/5 & 11/7
- Restorative Justice in Education Book Discussion over Coffee 11/8
- Suicide Prevention Training 11/20
- Legislative Tracker Redistricting email deadline 11/21

### **Next PTSA Meeting Tuesday, November 12 in the Media Center**

**6:30-7:00pm** – Guest Speaker – The Answer Class SAT/ACT Test Prep representative **7:00pm** - PTSA meeting. Hear reports from the principal, SGA leaders, and other parent advocacy groups, followed by the PTSA business meeting. Vote to sponsor Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program again this year.

### **Coming Up: Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program for Students**

Last year's Toastmasters club was so successful – over 30 students practiced and presented their public speaking skills through twice monthly meetings and a final competition - that Leidos has once again agreed to support the club. PTSA will vote to sponsor Toastmasters at the Nov. 12 PTSA meeting. Positive thinking has the student club's first meeting set for Fri., Nov. 15 from 2:30-4:00pm at school in Rm 105 – students should just show up (no RSVP required) to learn more.

## **Volunteers Needed**

- 1. **Mental Health Committee** Would you like to join a group of like-minded parents interested in learning more, planning events, and sharing information about mental health to the Mt. Hebron community? Please email <a href="mailto:mthebronptsa@gmail.com">mthebronptsa@gmail.com</a>.
- 2. **Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program -** Parent volunteers needed to model public speaking skills and assist with the club. Please email Srini Gorantla at srinivasuanwesha@gmail.com.
- 3. **Staff Luncheon 11/26** Be on the lookout for a SignUp Genius coming soon! If you have time to help set up or cleanup (any amount of time between 10am-1pm) please email Hospitality Chair Erin Lanthier at <a href="mailto:errinlanthier@yahoo.com">errinlanthier@yahoo.com</a>.

### THIS WEEK: Restorative Justice in Education (RJE) Book Discussion over Coffee

Mt. Hebron is rolling out Restorative Practices school-wide this year, which is what Dr. Miller spoke about at the 10/10 PTSA meeting. Read the book that explains the philosophy of RJE and discuss with other interested parents and teachers leading Restorative Practice work in the school. PTSA will provide

coffee and light breakfast items. Reserve a ticket on Eventbrite and PTSA will provide parents a complimentary copy of the book shipped directly to them.

Fri., Nov. 8 from 7am-8am in media center. Register on Eventbrite HERE for Nov. 8 Fri., Feb. 28 from 7am-8am in media center. Register on Eventbrite HERE for Feb. 28, 2020 Tues., April 14 – 6:30-7:00pm Guest Speaker on RJE implementation at Mt Hebron @ PTSA Meeting in media center.

## THIS WEEK: SAT/ACT Prep Classes

The SAT and ACT are an important part of many college applications. Give your student their best chance at test-taking success by registering them for The Answer Class's test prep. All classes at Mt. Hebron in Room 103.

Register here: <a href="http://www.theanswerclass.com/">http://www.theanswerclass.com/</a>.

SAT Prep

Tu/Thurs Nov. 5 & 7 from 5:30pm-9:30pm Tu/Thurs Jan. 14 & 16 from 5:30pm-9:30pm Sat., Feb. 15 & Sat., Feb. 22 from 9:00am-1:00pm Tu/Thurs April 21 & 23 from 5:30pm-9:30pm **ACT Prep** 

Tu/Thurs Dec. 3 & 5 from 5:30pm-9:30pm



## NEXT WEEK: SAT/ACT – An Evening for Parents - FREE

Tues., November 12 @ 6:30pm in the Mt. Hebron Media Center (immediately preceding the PTSA meeting). No RSVP necessary.

Join us for a special evening to learn more about the SAT & ACT and how these important tests impact your child's college application. This complimentary session includes:

- Differences between SAT & ACT.
- Tips and strategies on timing, guessing, and scoring.
- Confidence building techniques.
- Question & Answer period.
- Attend for a chance to win a FREE SAT or ACT Prep Class (a \$159 value) from The Answer Class. Winner chosen at the end of the program – must be present to win!

#### IN TWO WEEKS: Save a Life - QPR Suicide Prevention Training

Wed., Nov. 20 – 7:00-8:30pm in the cafeteria. QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to

recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Each year thousands of Americans, like you, are saying "Yes" to saving the life of a friend, colleague, sibling, or neighbor. QPR can be learned in our Gatekeeper course in as little as one hour. Training provided by Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center certified instructor. Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/qpr-suicide-prevention-training-tickets-

74014359943.

### **Drug Takeback Day a Success!**

Thanks to Hebron students Trisha Reddy and Jeff Li for representing the school as volunteers at the Oct. 26 HC DrugFree Drug Takeback Day. Volunteers at the Wilde Lake Village Center site collected 1,262 lbs. of medication for proper disposal - a record! In 4 hours, these drugs were permanently removed from our children, community and water. Thanks Trisha, Jeff, and all who disposed of their medications and sharps last weekend! FYI – Trisha and Jeff are the PTSA's HC DrugFree reps as well as members of HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council.

## Mt Hebron PTSA Legislative Tracker: What you need to know

<u>Public Hearing on Proposed Legislation</u> - Tues., Nov. 19 @ 7pm at the George Howard Bldg, 3430 Court House Drive, EC 21043. The Howard County Delegation will hold a public hearing on proposed local legislation. This is your chance to weigh in before the Delegation heads to Annapolis. There will be several education related pieces of legislation, information and important links can be found at link below. You can also sign up to receive email updates. Deadline 10/25 for bills to be filed. <a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/About-HoCo/State-Delegation">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/About-HoCo/State-Delegation</a>

**County Legislation** 

CR-112- 2019	UPDATE: A RESOLUTION directing the establishment of a Task Force comprised of community stakeholders to examine housing policy and socioeconomic factors that impact student	PASSED	This resolution was significantly watered down in wording but seeks to address the achievement gap through a Task Force to look at factors impacting the achievement versus putting solely at the feet of HCPSS
	achievement in Howard County Public Schools		
CB-42- 2019	AN ACT to alter the school facilities surcharge in accordance with Chapter 744 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019; and generally relating to the school facilities surcharge.	ON HOLD  Written testimony: councilmail@howa rdcountymd.gov.	This bill sets the new Facilities surcharge from \$1.32 to \$6.80 (with some exceptions). Developers came out in force and the whole board voted to seek out more accurate information before bringing to a vote.

#### **State Legislation**

Blueprint for Maryland's Future- Funding Kirwan

This is a big year in Maryland for Education funding. The **Kirwan Commission** made bold recommendations to fund targeted areas including: Pre-K, Teacher Salaries, Mental Health, Special Education/struggling learners.

Learn more about the Kirwan Commission's plan at the following Community Forums:

<sup>\*</sup>Nov 6 @ 6:00pm Lake Elkhorn Middle

Sign up here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rsvp-for-a-community-forum-tickets-70020247445 Read more about the Kirwan Commission here: https://www.mabe.org/adequacy-funding/

## HCPSS Boundary Review aka "Redistricting"- Written Testimony Due 11/19

All of the HCPSS information on redistricting can be found here: <a href="https://www.mthebronptsa.com/">HCPSS Redistricting</a>. Scroll down the timeline to August 22 where you will find <a href="https://www.mthebronptsa.com/">the Superintendant's Recommended Plan</a>. This explains Dr. Martirano's goals and method for moving over 7,400 Howard County students, <a href="https://www.mthebronptsa.com/">167 of whom are from</a> Mt. Hebron. <a href="https://www.mthebronptsa.com/">Do you have an opinion? Provide Written Testimony</a>: Until 4:30 p.m. on November 19, the Board of Education will <a href="mailto:receive written testimony">receive written testimony</a> via USPS mail or emailing it to <a href="mailto:redistricting@hcpss.org">redistricting@hcpss.org</a>. It is highly recommended that testimony be sent as an attachment. Testimony sent to individual Board members or to the BOE email address will not be accepted. <a href="https://what.is.ptsa.com/">What is PTSA</a>
<a href="mailto:poing">Doing?</a> PTSA members approved a position statement at the 9/10/19 meeting saying that redistricting at the high school level, for Mt. Hebron and the county, should be postponed until after the attendance area for the new High School #13 is confirmed. Read the entire statement on the PTSA website homepage blog dated 9/11/2019 <a href="https://www.mthebronptsa.com/">https://www.mthebronptsa.com/</a>. PTSA provided oral testimony at the Sept. 17 BOE hearing. Email <a href="mailto:mthebronptsa@gmail.com">mthebronptsa@gmail.com</a> with any questions. <a href="mailto:Decision Time:">Decision Time:</a> The Board of Education (BOE) will vote on a plan on November 21, 2019 to implement in the 2020-2021 school year.

**Join PTSA Online** at <a href="www.mthebronptsa.com/">www.mthebronptsa.com/</a>. Click on "Membership" to access the online payment portal or a downloadable form that you can send in with a check. Membership forms also available in Korean and Spanish. 100% of your donations stay at Mt. Hebron.

## Subscribe to the PTSA Website www.mthebronptsa.com/

Create a login then update your settings to get notifications of new postings to the PTSA website blog. For detailed instructions <u>click here</u>. Visit the website often for current news, information on programs like scholarships and After-Prom, forms, contact info, and much more.

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

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

Il Minn, Chair: <a href="mailto:iminn1@gmail.com">iminn1@gmail.com</a>

# **Viking Backers**

Jim Bahel, President: president@vikingbackers.org, http://www.vikingbackers.org/

\*\*\* Become a Viking Backers member! Visit www.vikingbackers.org to join! \*\*\*

Your membership directly supports clubs, student activities, & athletic programs.

Thank you for making a difference!

- Concessions Help Needed -https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C44AFAE2FA2FA7-2019
- Viking Backers General Meeting 11/4, 6:30pm to 7:30pm Media Center
- Greg's Driving School Class 11/4 to 11/15; 2:45pm to 6pm
- Get your Spirit Wear 11/10
- Basket Bingo 11/22
- Street Smarts Driver's Ed Class 12/2 to 12/13; 3pm to 6:15pm
- Greg's Driving School Class 12/9 to 12/20; 2:45pm to 6pm

Thank you to everyone that volunteered and helped to make MTH Marketplace such a success especially our co-chairs Lisa Scarbath and Beth Snyder!

#### **Spirit Wear**

Come get stocked up on warm weather gear - sweatshirts, sweat pants, light weight hoodies, winter hats and blankets.

#### **Other Upcoming Spirit Wear Sales:**

11/10 Winter Sports Information Meeting 6pm - 7:30pm

Monday, November 11 at 6 PM is the winter sports meeting!

Even if your child isn't doing a winter sport, you can come buy Spirit wear or sign up for a Viking Backer membership. We will be there from 6-7:30pm.

Remember - Viking Backers helps fund not only all athletic teams but clubs also!

If you can't make it Monday evening, please go on vikingbackers.org and click on membership!

#### **Spirit Wear Needs YOU!**

We are looking for help selling spirit wear- it's easy and fun and you can check out all the fun, new stuff we are offering this year! Check out the link and sign up if you are available:

Thank you! <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4BABA62AA1F58-upcoming">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4BABA62AA1F58-upcoming</a>

Any questions please email Dana Arthurs at: vikingspiritwear@gmail.com

#### **Concessions - Have Fun while Getting Involved!**

(No experience required - We'll train you!)

Look no further than volunteering at the concessions stand, which raises nearly 35% of the funds provided to not just MTH sports, but clubs and academic activities. We need the support of parent and student volunteers. For parents, it's a great way to meet other Viking families and make new connections across the Viking community. For students, it's a great way to earn

service hours and give back to our great school. Plus, it's a lot of fun – just ask anyone who's done it. Please visit the link <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C44AFAE2FA2FA7-2019">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C44AFAE2FA2FA7-2019</a> and sign up to volunteer!

#### **Basket Bingo**

We are excited to continue the great MTH tradition that is Basket Bingo on Friday, November 22nd from 7-10pm at the Lodge in Catonsville.

Great prizes, raffles and baskets. Specials that include name brand purses and even a Yeti! Delicious food will be sold and the event will be lots of fun! We'd love to see the community come out to support Viking Backers. Tickets are \$30 and sold online at <a href="http://www.vikingbackers.org/basket-bingo-night.html">http://www.vikingbackers.org/basket-bingo-night.html</a>

Much help is needed to make this event a success!

If you have a child who is a member of NHS and would like to earn volunteer hours or if you would like to join our great volunteer crew (and still be able to play the games), please see the Sign-up Genius link below.

Contact Amy Cargiulo with any questions. 410-627-7342 or cargiulo@verizon.net

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b48a9a72b0-viking

#### **Driver's Education:**



Greg's Driving School is the largest driving school in Maryland and has been supporting the Viking Backers and Mount Hebron students since 2006. We provide the 36-hour Driver's Education program directly after school. Any student in Maryland who is 15 years of age or older is eligible to take the classroom portion, and once they are 15 years and 9 months of age they can take the behind-the-wheel part of the program. The program runs for ten (10) days, usually consecutive except for days that school is not in session. Students can sign up for classes at Mount Hebron by visiting <a href="https://www.gregsmd.com/MHHS">www.gregsmd.com/MHHS</a>.

Parents may view our <u>Online Parent Orientation</u> to learn what to expect from the Greg's Driver Education Program and how to assist us in helping your new driver take this important step toward adulthood. As parents are part of the equation in shaping new drivers, your role is important in keeping them safe.

Another useful resource is the free <u>RoadReady</u> app which has been approved by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration. This app helps you record the 60 hours of home driving practice

that is required of your student, an essential step in the student's progress through the Graduated Licensing System. The app is free and can be downloaded at

### www.roadreadyapp.com.

We thank you for considering choosing Greg's!

## **Greg's Driver Education Dates**

# Mount Hebron High School Driver's Education 2019-2020

Cost of the Program: \$360.00

Session	Start Date	End Date	Notes	Time
#1	October 14,2019	October 28, 2019	No class on 10/18/19	2:45 pm – 6:30 pm
#2	November 4,2019	November 15,2019		2:45 pm - 6:30 pm
#3	December 9,, 2019	December 20, 2019		2:45 pm – 6:30 pm
#4	January 6,2020	January 17, 2020		2:45 pm – 6:30 pm
#5	February 10,2020	February 24, 2020	No class on 2/17 – schools closed	2:45 pm – 6:30 pm
#6	April 20, 2020	May 4, 2020	No class on 4/28/2020 Primary Election Day	2:45 pm – 6:30 pm
#7	June 23, 2020	July 7, 2020	Pending room availability	9:00 am -12:15 pm
#8	July 13, 2020	July 24, 2020	Pending room availability	9:00 am -12:15 pm

# STREET SMARTS OF MARYLAND DRIVER'S EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH MT. HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS!

Next Class Runs from 12/2/19 - 12/13/19

Since 2009, Street Smarts of Maryland has been a strong financial partner of the Mt. Hebron High School Boosters. In addition to providing students with a premier driver's education

program, the company has provided over \$33,275.00 back to the Mt. Hebron HS Boosters in support of student activities and programs.

Street Smarts of Maryland is proud to be able to provide such financial support to the local high schools that endorse the driver's education program. Whether the students are in the classroom or behind the wheel of a car, working together we can strive to make the students the best they can be!

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

**HOW DOES THE PARTNERSHIP WORK?** For each student that enrolls in the driver's education program, a donation will be provided back to the school boosters. Not only will each registered student receive a first-rate driver education but each enrollment will be helping to support the Mt. Hebron HS Boosters as well.

**COURSE OPTIONS:** Street Smarts of Maryland offers several course options with the goal of making each student a safer driver in all types of roadway conditions. The curriculum is based upon teaching safe defensive driving techniques to the students. All of the instructors are either retired law enforcement officers, firefighters, teachers or those with previous Driver's Education experience.

**IN THE COMMUNITY:** To learn more about the company and the law enforcement background, click on the following link to watch a short video which accompanied the featured story in the *Baltimore Sun*. The link can be found at http://vimeo.com/92306718

The Street Smarts Driver's Education Program boosts the following:

\* Certified MVA Instructors \* Management has over 200 Years of Combined Law Enforcement Experience \* Thirty (30) hours of Classroom Instruction \* Standard (6 hours), Advanced (8 hours) or Premium (10 Hours) Behind the Wheel Instruction

#### STREET SMARTS OF MARYLAND UPCOMING SESSIONS:

10/21/19 - 11/4/19 (No class on 11/1/19)	3-6:15pm
12/2/19 - 12/13/19	3-6:15pm
1/29/20 – 2/11/20	3-6:15pm
3/9/20 - 3/20/20	3-6:15pm
4/27/20 - 5/11/10	3-6:15pm
5/20/20 – 6/3/20	3-6:15pm

8/3/20 – 8/14/20 (pending room availability) 9am-12:15pm

Evening and Weekend Classes also available at the main office located at Normandy Shopping Center in Ellicott City.

To register for any session on-line, please visit the Street Smarts website at: www.streetsmartsmd.com

Please feel free to email their office at streetsmartsmd@comcast.net or call 443-355-4238 with any questions regarding their program.

# Parents of African American Students (PAAS)

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Juliet Yeates-Trotman, Treasurer; Adrienne Brown, Communications Director

#### **Membership Drive Continues**

\$30/family – Join online www.mthebronpaas.wixsite.com/paas

## **PAAS Glory Days Grill "Dining for Dollars" Fundraiser**

Oct. 20 - Nov. 20

Glory Days Grill is a great place to watch football and basketball (season starts Oct. 22) with your friends. Spread the word!







DINING FOR DOLLARS FUNDRAISER

When you dine at Glory Days Grill on your designated nights, we will donate 10% of the food and beverages purchased

to PAAS. Simply ask your server for the ITEMIZED COPY OF YOUR GUEST CHECK (NOT the charge card receipt) and give to a PAAS Executive Board member or email mthebronpaas®gmail.com to make arrangements. Questions? Email us.

SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.



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

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# **Latin America Council Committee (LAC)**

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

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

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Please check out our Facebook page at <u>MTHMU on Facebook</u> for lots of photos and videos of our performances this season including all of our recent parades! For MTHMU families, we also try to post helpful reminders there!

Important: For LOTS more information about the Mt. Hebron Band and Marching Unit, please visit [www.mthebronmusic.org]www.mthebronmusic.org.

Please add this page to your Favorites!

#### **VETERANS DAY PARADE**

The final Fall parade for MTHMU will be the annual Veterans Day Parade which is now held in Columbia. This year's big event is on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Please see this link for all the details: Columbia Veterans Day Parade MTHMU would love to have you cheering us on!

#### CITRUS SALE TO BENEFIT MARCHING UNIT AND BANDS

Please consider purchasing fruit to benefit our music program and to assist students in covering their personal costs for our annual Spring Trip. Fresh, delicious oranges, grapefruit, tangelos, Clementines, pineapple, pears and mixed packages are offered. Fruit purchased as holiday gifts can be delivered to the recipient by UPS. Orders can be placed through band members or online at: MTHMU Fruit Sale Online Ordering

Order deadline is Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Fruit is tentatively scheduled for delivery to Mt. Hebron on Fri., Dec. 6th.

For more information, please contact Chris Peters at MTHMUCitrus@gmail.com.

#### **CAVALIER COLOR GUARD CANDY BAR SALE!**

Did your parents eat all your Halloween candy? Or did you find such a good hiding spot that they've been deprived of your stash? Either way, you know you need more now that the holiday is over! So buy ours and support a great cause!! We are selling World's Finest Chocolate again – just \$1 a bar. Caramel, Milk Chocolate with Almonds, WF Crisp, Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, and new this year - Wafer Bar. Just find one of our awesome Cavaliers and tell him or her that you are hungry!

## RESTAURANT FUNDRAISING: Pizzeria UNO at Long Gate on Tuesday, 11/5 & Wednesday, 11/6

Please join us at our next Restaurant Fundraiser which is at UNOs in the Long Gate Shopping Center, THIS Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer page

below for more specific details, and spread the word to family and friends! (Must present flyer at time of purchase.) Restaurant Night Flyers

\*\*\*\*Thanks so much for your support of all our fundraising efforts!\*\*\*\*

#### **READY TO GET INVOLVED THIS YEAR?**

We are thrilled to welcome so many new families and would love to see you at Booster meetings and MTHMU events. The next Booster meeting is Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Guitar Room. Please join us!

We always need lots of volunteers! Please sign up here: Volunteer for MTHMU

#### **OWN A PIECE OF MTHMU MEMORABILIA!**

Please contact Mr. Fischer at <u>Joe Fischer@hcpss.org</u> if you are interested in owning a retired Marching Unit Shako hat, Lancers uniform or Cavaliers uniform. The cost of owning one of these meaningful and unique collectibles is simply a donation to MTHMU. Think ahead now for Holiday Gifts!

# **Community News**

### HCPSS & The Council of Elders 2019-2020 Community Academy Workshops

All workshops, 9-11:15 a.m. – Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia Additional details regarding specific sessions are forthcoming

<u>The Council of Elders</u> and the Howard County Public School System have partnered to sponsor the following 2019-2020 parent workshop series:

- Saturday November 9 Social, Emotional and Mental Well-Being
- Saturday, January 25 Social Media
- Saturday, March 7 Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships

Please call 410-313-1598 in advance to arrange for the following services:

- Child Care
- Interpreting

# **SENIORS!**

MT. HEBRON IS OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WITH THE FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID). SPACE IS LIMTED SO PLEASE ACT SOON IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE.

While the dates vary for each college the FAFSA must be filed by January 1 to meet the financial aid priority deadline for the University of Maryland, College Park.

We are very fortunate to have Ms. Velma Green, from the Maryland Educational Opportunity, at Mt. Hebron to help navigate through the financial aid process for your student's college education. She is knowledgeable in working on the FAFSA, as well as with many grants/loans. This is a **FREE** service. She will be available by appointment on Mondays beginning Oct. 7th in Student Services office between 9-1:00pm (last appointment). There is limited space so please do not delay.

Please <u>contact Ms. Linda Mathias</u> in Student Services, to schedule an appointment. You are encouraged to bring any pertinent financial statements.

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

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