



Valhalla Voice

December 9, 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.

Date	Time	Event/Location
December 9	7pm	*TONIGHT* MTHMU Booster Meeting in the Guitar Room
December 12, 13	7pm	Winter Band Concert
January 7	11am-9pm	MTHMU Restaurant Fundraiser @ Sizzle Kabob
January 9	7pm	MTHMU Booster Meeting in the Guitar Room
January 10		Deadline for After-Prom 2020 Logo Design Contest
January 14, 2020	7pm	PTSA Meeting in the Media Center
January 14, 16	5:30-9:30pm	SAT Prep in Room 103
February 15, 22	9am-1pm	SAT Prep in Room 103
February 28	7-8am	Restorative Justice in Education Book Discussion over Coffee Sponsored by PTSA in the Media Center
April 14	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 2nd Tuesday evening of the month in the Media Center

- **Next Meeting 1/14/2020 – Social Media & Teens**
- **United Way & PTSA**
- **After-Prom 2020 Logo Design Contest**
- **SAT Test Prep Class 1/14 & 1/16**
- **Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program for Students**
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
- **Legislative Tracker – Redistricting Result of BOE vote 11/19**

Social Media & Teens

Tues., Jan. 14 6:30-7:00pm in the Media Center

A guest speaker before the next PTSA Meeting will help parents understand the realities of today's social media world and positive/negative impacts on teens, and the role of social media in teen mental health.

Speaker: Valerie Harvey, Community Engagement Specialist with the Howard County Government Department of Community Resources and Services Office of the Local Children's Board.

Stick around after the presentation for the monthly PTSA meeting General Assembly where you will hear updates from the principal, student leaders, faculty, and parent advocacy groups. Breakouts for the parent advocacy groups and PTSA follow to conduct business meetings.

United Way & PTSA (#166)

If your workplace runs a United Way of Central Maryland campaign, you can designate "Mount Hebron High School PTSA" as the beneficiary with code #166. Thank you for supporting your PTSA!

After-Prom 2020 Logo Design Contest

All students are invited to submit designs for the logo for After-Prom 2020. The logo will appear on t-shirts, correspondence, and marketing materials. The winning artist will receive a \$20 gift card to Qdoba, plus 2 tickets to After-Prom 2020 (if the winner is a junior or senior). Check out the design specs and contest guidelines posted on the PTSA website: [Logo Design Contest](#). The contest runs through midnight January 10, 2020.

Don't Miss Out - Affordable & Convenient SAT & ACT Prep Classes Near You!

Eight-hour test prep classes open to all high school students are being offered in Howard County high schools throughout the school year (participating schools listed below). Learn everything you need to know about the SAT or ACT in just 8 hours – and without breaking the bank!

Each class includes a full-length practice test and test-taking strategies as well as confidence-building, time management, and guessing techniques.

Each SAT and ACT class is only \$159,* or purchase the SAT/ACT Prep Combo Package for only \$249 (save \$49!). A portion of each student's tuition is donated back to the sponsoring high school or high school organization. ***Register at least one week in advance of the class and receive a \$10 discount.**

SAT Prep at Mt. Hebron HS

T/Th Jan. 14 & 16 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm OR

Sat., Feb. 15 & Sat., Feb. 22 from 9 am – 1 pm OR

T/Th April 21 & 23 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Additional SAT & ACT prep classes are offered at Atholton, Hammond, Howard, Marriotts Ridge, and Reservoir High Schools. **Visit**



<https://theanswerclass.com/schedule/> www.theanswerclass.com to view the full class schedule and to register your student.

Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program for Students

The PTSA is sponsoring a Toastmasters club for students again this year and would like to invite all students to participate. Starting Dec. 13 meetings will be the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month @ 2:30-3:30pm in Room 105. The Toastmasters club provides students guidance in developing communication skills necessary for today's competitive job market, for achieving academic goals in high school, and for maintaining healthy interpersonal relationships. Club members will learn to:

- * Overcome nervousness when speaking before an audience.
- * Organize and present ideas logically and convincingly.
- * Listen carefully to others' ideas.
- * Participate in and lead group discussion or meetings.
- * Offer advice to help others improve their speaking and leadership skills.

For more information on TYLP please email srinivasu_g@hotmail.com.

Volunteers Needed

1. **Sign up to get Emails about Volunteer Opportunities** - <https://forms.gle/fpSc5d99wAYCUk4E6>
2. **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 mthebronptsa@gmail.com.
3. **Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program** - Parent volunteers needed to model public speaking skills and assist with the club. Please email Srin Gorantla at srinivasuanwvesha@gmail.com.

HCPSS Boundary Review aka “Redistricting”- Result of BOE Vote 11/19

The Board of Education (BOE) voted on a plan on November 21, 2019 to implement in the 2020-2021 school year. Mt. Hebron will not be receiving any new students, but many who live south of Rt 40 and east of 29 will be moving to Centennial. Here is the impact on Mt. Hebron:

POLYGONS: 308, 1308, 2308

Move that Mt Hebron High School send to Centennial High School and Centennial High School receive those students in grades 9-12 and future students who reside at properties with egress to the south side of US-40 between Rogers Avenue and approximately 100 feet south of Governors Run and all streets with egress to that section of US-40; Wheaton Way, Oak Green Circle, and all streets with egress to those streets; the north side of US-40 between approximately 450 feet north of Normandy Drive and approximately 450 feet south of Governors Run and all streets with egress to that section of US-40.

*Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters.

Motion by Kirsten A Coombs, second by Jennifer Mallo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kirsten A Coombs, Mavis Ellis, Jennifer Mallo, Sabina Taj, Chao Wu

Nay: Christina Delmont-Small

Abstain: Vicky Cutroneo

Howard County State Delegation

There is so much more legislation concerning HCPSS being proposed and considered by the state delegation. A wonderful breakdown is provided in the latest [PTACHC November Newsletter](#).

Staff Dinner Nov. 26 – Thank you!

Thank you to all the wonderful folks who filled up the SignUp Genius for the dinner the PTSA hosted Tuesday, Nov. 26 to keep our staff members nourished for fall conferences. Photos on Facebook!

Join PTSA Online at www.mthebronptsa.com/. 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 [click here](#). Visit the website often for current news, information on programs like scholarships and After-Prom, forms, contact info, and much more.

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!

Parents of African American Students (PAAS)

CJ Ridgely, President: mthebronpaas@gmail.com, www.mthebronpaas.wixsite.com/paas

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

Membership Drive Continues

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

Mt. Hebron Marching Unit Boosters (MTHMU Boosters)

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

Communications

Congratulations to all of our MTHMU members on an amazing 2019 Marching Season!! We hope you enjoyed our Fall events – look for many more performances to come this Winter and Spring!

Please check out our Facebook page at [MTHMU on Facebook](#) 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. Please add this page to your Favorites!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Fruit sale! We hope you are enjoying your citrus! For more information, please contact Chris Peters at MTHMUCitrus@gmail.com

Cavalier Color Guard Candy Bar Sale

We are still selling these delicious World's Finest candy bars! Support a great cause!— 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! Makes a great stocking stuffer!

Restaurant Fundraising: Sizzle Kabob on Rte 40 - Tuesday, 01/07

Please join us at our next Restaurant Fundraiser which is at Sizzle Kabob, at 10039 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City 21042, from 11am-9pm. Please see the flyer below for more specific details, and spread the word to family and friends! (Must state fundraiser at time of purchase.)

[Sizzle Kabob Flyer](#)

****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 **TONIGHT**, December 9th, in the Guitar Room. Hope to see you! (Mark your calendars for the January meeting which is on Thursday, January 9th.)

We always need lots of volunteers! Please sign up here: [Volunteer for MTHMU](#)

Own A Piece of MTHMU Memorabilia

Please contact Mr. Fischer at Joe_Fischer@hcpss.org 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. Perfect idea for Holiday Gifts!

Chinese American Parent and Student Committee (CAPSA)

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Indian American Student Parent Association (IASPA)

Gopi Suri, Chair: gopi_suri@yahoo.com

Korean American Student Parent Committee (KASPO)

Il Minn, Chair: iminn1@gmail.com

Latin America Council Committee (LAC)

Liset Rajaratnam, Chair: lisetraj@yahoo.com

Community News

The Homewood Center ISO Recycled Treasures

The Homewood Center is seeking donations for its Recycled Treasure Sale. During this holiday event, students at the alternative Howard County public school use their grades to “purchase” items for loved ones. The school expects to help over 100 needy students shop for the holidays this year.

For many of the shoppers, who are in middle and high school, it is the only opportunity they have to obtain gifts for family and friends. “Elves” are on hand to help wrap gifts. If you have any recycled treasure to donate you can deliver it to Homewood's front office or email terrijones2001@gmail.com to request a weekday collection time. Terri will be gathering the tax-deductible donations through Dec. 13. If you would like to donate, items do not need to be new but should be in good, clean, working condition. Gifts for boys and men are needed the most. Other items on the “wish list” include sporting goods, video games, ear buds, toys, games and stuffed animals, holiday decorations, lotions and perfumes, and candles. Donations of new winter coats for preteens and teens also are requested. Gift bags, wrapping paper and tape come in handy to support the operation. Thank you!

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

[The Council of Elders](#) and the Howard County Public School System have partnered to sponsor the following 2019-2020 parent workshop series:

- 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

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