

## **MRHS Academic Options Session**

On Monday, November 14, at 6:30pm in the Marvin Ridge High School auditorium we will host an Academic Options information session for students and families.

The session will be valuable for students and parents of students in grades 9, 10 and 11, as they seek to learn more about academic opportunities and make the most of the high school years.

Current 8th grade students and families are also invited as this will provide an opportunity for an introduction to specialized elements of high school coursework and curriculum options prior to registration for high school in the late winter to early spring of 2017.

This session will feature information about the following high school opportunities:

**Career and Technical Education (CTE) Offerings:** Our CTE Department provides courses and experiences that can help students get an early start on future employment opportunities, earn business and industry certifications while in high school, participate in internships, and more. CTE courses and opportunities are beneficial for all students, including those who plan pursue higher education before entering the workforce.

**Career and College Promise Program (CCP):** The Career and College Promise Program allows high school juniors and seniors who qualify to enroll in community college courses at South Piedmont Community College while still attending their home high school. These courses can be used for dual credit in order to meet high school graduation requirements, accumulate toward an associate's degree and can be used to meet general education requirements in the college or university setting.

**Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:** Advanced Placement courses are rigorous college-level courses that follow curricula determined by The College Board. Many colleges and universities offer college credit to students who score at certain levels on the AP examinations. Most AP courses are taught year-long with honors credit awarded the first semester and AP credit awarded the second semester. AP courses are designed to build skills that will be needed throughout college years. For more information, please visit the following website: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap>

**International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program:** The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit educational foundation offering programs of international education in over 4,000 schools world-wide. Marvin Ridge is the only high school in UCPS authorized to offer the IB Diploma Program, which is for juniors and seniors. Students apply to the program at the mid-point of their sophomore year. The Diploma Program involves rigorous studies in six subject groups and the completion of other core components including Theory of Knowledge coursework, an extended essay, and creativity, activity, service (CAS) requirements. Like AP classes, many colleges and universities offer college credit to students who score at certain levels on IB exams. Additional information is available from the following website: <http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>

The information above provides a brief overview of each topic that will be covered at the Academic Options session. Panelists, teachers, and other relevant presenters will be part of the evening.

We look forward to sharing valuable information about these opportunities as our students prepare for an exciting future ahead!

