

# Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



Art I students create their own mystical creatures as a part of their study of Chinese New Year, which begins January 30. Their products are currently on display in lower G-hall. See our website for the full story.



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Good Evening Mavericks,

This is finals week so please check the assessment schedule in the Maverick Message. Students need to attend the regularly scheduled testing session and be on time. Students that arrive late to school will not be allowed to take the test until the make-up session. All make-ups will be conducted on Friday, Jan. 17th, unless there is an approved special circumstance.

Students who are taking EOC tests in Math I, Biology, and English II must remember to bring their Chromebooks and chargers to school. These are state tests that students are required to take online, and we do not have extra computers or chargers.

We will not have newsletter or message next week; remember that Jan. 20, is a Holiday and there are teacher workdays on Jan 21 and 22.

Second semester classes begin on Jan 23. Schedule change requests will be accepted beginning tomorrow, Jan 13 and will end on January 29. Reasons for schedule changes are in the newsletter. Remember, we build our master schedule based on courses chosen by students so there are very few spaces available for students to move.

We close the first semester having won conference championships in Men's Soccer, Women's Cross Country, Golf and Volleyball adding State Titles in Men's Soccer, Cheerleading with the Women's Cross Country Team finishing second.

This past week our Swimming team won their meet against Cuthbertson, Forest Hills, Weddington and CATA. Basketball had a tough week losing to Piedmont and Weddington while the Wrestlers split their matches beating South Point and falling to Sun Valley. Remember that Spring Sports registration is open.

As we look forward to a second semester I am pleased announce that we have hired two new Science Teachers for second semester. Ms. Sharon Jenkins and Ms. Paula Strickland will join our staff next week. Actually, Ms. Strickland has been assisting Chemistry and Physical Science students this past week. Our goal is to be fully staffed by the beginning of the semester and to charge into 2014 with an energized and challenging academic program.

Marvin Ridge High School is fortunate to have great parent support through our Booster Clubs and PTSO. I am grateful to have their support and assistance and look forward to our continued partnership in 2014. Go Mavericks! ~Mr. Conner

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- **Morning routine:** The first bell rings at 7:50; students are cleared from the cafeteria as well as the student and bus lots at this time. Students are not allowed to linger in these areas in the interest of their safety. The tardy bell rings at 8:00.
- **Afternoon pick-up is also in the front of the school only!** Parents, you will be asked to move if you are parked in the back of the school.
- **Please, no outside vendors may be brought in for student lunches!**

## Important Final Exam Information

### Dates:

**Jan. 13 – First Block Exam/Second Block Review Session**  
**Jan. 14 – Second Block Exam/Third Block Review Session**  
**Jan. 15 – Third Block Exam/Fourth Block Review Session**  
**Jan. 16 – Fourth Block Exam/Return to Fourth Block after lunch**  
**Jan. 17 – Make-up Exams for Absent Students**

### Schedule:

**7:50** 1st Bell

**8:00** Tardy Bell

**8:00 – 12:00** Exam Period

**12:00 – 12:05** Students Report to Review Period Classes or to Lunch.

**12:00 – 12:40** Lunch for classes (based on the review period class location) in **Lower G, Upper G, Upper F and B wing**. Other classes begin review.

**12:50 – 1:30** Lunch for classes (based on the review period class location) in **Lower F, Upper E, Lower E, and A, D (Bolton, Sellers, Green, Brady), and C (Wade) wings**. Other classes begin review.

**2:55** Dismissal

**Exam Review Periods:** Attendance is required and will count as an absence if student does not attend or has an early dismissal. Early dismissals on any day, including Thursday, will require a parent note. These notes can be turned in to Ms. King-Pearce each morning. However, students may turn-in Thursday early dismissal notes beginning Wednesday.

**Type of Exams:** We have four types – EOC, NC Common Exams, IMS, and Teacher-Made. Your student's teacher can address which type your student will take next month. A list of EOC courses and NC Final Exams will be posted on our website soon. IMS tests are for all CTE courses. All other exams are teacher-made.

**Attendance:** Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions. Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times will be adjusted. **January 17 is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness.**

**Testing Window:** New rules from NCDPI (North Carolina Department of Public Instruction) require that testing must be completed by January 17. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Common Exams, IMS, and Teacher-Made.

**Percentage:** All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students and help them to recognize the opportunity of a positive outcome and the consequence of a negative one.

**Academic Integrity:** Please remind students of our Academic Core Values on p.5 and posted in previous editions of the Maverick Message. **The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam. Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions, and it is our strong recommendation that they are not brought to school on these days.**

## Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Kevin

### This Week's Results:

Wrestling beat South Point but lost to Sun Valley. Swimming beat Cuthbertson, Weddington, Forest Hills and CATA. Basketball lost to Weddington and Piedmont.

Congratulations to all of our Fall Conference Champions: Soccer, Volleyball, Girls XC, Girls Golf. At Friday night's home basketball game, we are honoring the soccer team for their MaxPreps #1 in the nation ranking.



***Huge shout out to Jonathan Marino!!!***

Jon's jump of 22' 5.5" currently

ranks 15th in the country in the Long Jump!

### This Week and Upcoming:

**Monday-Thursday**  
NO Events due to Exams

**Friday, January 17**  
Basketball @ home

**Monday, January 20**  
NO events

**Tuesday, January 21**  
Basketball vs Anson  
Wrestling @ Anson

**Wednesday, January 22**  
Swimming @MCAC  
Southern Carolina Conference Championships, Sun Valley Host

**Thursday, January 23**  
Wrestling at home vs Piedmont

**Friday, January 24**  
Basketball @ Piedmont  
JDL Fast Track Invitational

**Spring Sports Registration is now open through January 27.**

***Giving Back...MRHS Basketball Community Service Project***

We had about 30 volunteers, including JV and Varsity players, MS boys players and parents. The volunteers served food, watched kids in the bouncy houses, and helped patrons take their items to their vehicles. It was a very nice event and the volunteers really enjoyed it.

<http://vimeo.com/82644737>

**Gooooo Mavericks!!**

## Reminder: Recovery dates

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30

**Saturday, January 11th 8:30-12:30**

Will be held in the SMC center unless announced otherwise.

NOTICES WERE SENT TO ALL AFFECTED STUDENTS AND PARENTS PRIOR TO THE WINTER BREAK!

Students may make up time before school or after school only during the recovery dates listed above. Students must check in and out with Ms. King-Pierce (or other designated teacher) and pick up a form to be filled out by the teacher for tutoring time spent. Students will need to check in with Ms. King-Pierce at 3:00 and inform her where he/she will be tutored and receive a form that the teacher must fill out. The student will then need to check out with Ms. King-Pierce (or other designated teacher) when done with tutoring. Any student with 6 or more absences **must** attend the review sessions for their classes regardless of absences being waived.

## Reminder: No School, January 20-22!

There will be no Maverick Message for the week as well.

## Guidance and School Counseling Updates

### Scholarships of the Week:

#### Ronald McDonald House Charities U.S. Scholarship Program

A partnership between Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) and its local Chapters opens the door to higher education for graduating high school seniors like you! The RMHC scholarship program seeks to invest in students who are exemplary role models in their communities and have the initiative to fulfill their educational goals. Apply today and move one step closer to a brighter future! Please visit <http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/> for complete program details and eligibility requirements. **Application deadline is January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014.**

#### National Multiple Sclerosis Society Scholarship Program

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society holds a National Scholarship Program each year to help students who've been diagnosed with MS or have a parent with MS achieve their dreams of going to college. **The application deadline is on January 15th 2014.** To qualify applicants must: Be a high school senior with MS or who have a parent with MS, plan to attend an accredited post-secondary school for the first time, plan to enroll in at least six credit hours per semester in coursework leading to a degree, license, or certificate, plan to enroll in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the US or a US Territory, and be a citizen or legal resident of the US or a US Territory. To apply students must go to this website: <https://www.scholarsapply.org/mssociety/>. Make sure that students know to read over this carefully so they include all needed documents, such as, transcripts and a verification of diagnosis. More information about NMSS and the National Scholarship Program can be found here: <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/nct/programs-services/national-scholarship-program/index.aspx>

Class of  
2014!  
ZingerBug.com

#### **Scholarship Total:**

The Class of 2014 has reported over **\$2,740,384.00** in scholarship money so far! Continue to send in your scholarship offers to Ms. Kanna to be included in the graduation program and to be recognized at the Award Day Ceremony in May.



**Other scholarships and opportunities are often listed by Ms. Kanna on the TV Scroll...be sure you follow the TV announcements! It could mean more \$\$\$ for college!**

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#### **Important Announcement:**

Please see page 7 for information regarding **schedule changes** for second semester.

## Special Announcement...Space Still Available!

Mr. Bronstad, Ms. Riddle, Ms. McDonald, and Ms. Filter are once again offering an ACT prep class to prepare students for the spring ACT testing sessions. Overall test strategies will be given as well as strategies and practice for each section of the ACT exam: math, science, reading, and grammar. Students will receive 3 hours of instruction for each section. The class will last 6 weeks and will start on January 23rd and continue until Thursday, February 27th. Dates are listed on the registration form.. **The cost is \$250 and checks should be made payable to Christine Riddle.** Students will be registered for the class upon receipt of payment and registration is on a first come, first served basis. There are a limited number of spots so please register early. Registration forms are available in guidance.



***ALL JUNIORS  
take the ACT on  
March 4.***

## What does it mean to be a Maverick?



### CREST, MASCOT AND COLORS

The MRHS Crest symbolizes our ideal for a world-class school. The globe is centrally located to represent our commitment to a global learning approach. Surrounding the globe are representations of each major area of study and athletics.

Our mascot is the Maverick, which symbolizes freedom, spirit, and individuality. Its' legend dates back to the 1800's to a strong white stallion living in freedom in the wild. A Maverick is independent in behavior and thought.

Our Colors are Orange, Royal Blue and White. These colors symbolize the following:

***Orange - worthy ambition***

***Royal Blue - truth and loyalty***

***White - peace and sincerity***

### ACADEMIC CORE VALUES

Our Academic Core Values are based on the symbolism of our school colors. They represent what it means to be a Maverick and our honor code in all academic pursuits and discourse.

**Worthy Ambition** requires Mavericks to set high goals and to work to their greatest potential in all endeavors.

**Truth and Loyalty** require Mavericks to use honesty in all assignments, tests, projects, and research. This includes avoidance of: plagiarism, collusion, duplication, misconduct, and disclosing or receiving information that gives one an unfair advantage.

**Peace and Sincerity** require Mavericks to maintain a conducive, safe learning environment for all and to consider alternate viewpoints as well as consequences fully and fairly before making a judgment, statement, or academic decision.



## International Baccalaureate Program



The application process for the Union County Public School's International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Marvin Ridge High School begins February 1, 2014. This program is open to all rising juniors in Union County who meet the criteria for acceptance. The IB Program is acknowledged around the world for providing a college-level curriculum during the student's junior and senior years. It is an integrated program of disciplinary study which emphasizes concurrency of learning, academic integrity, internationalism, breadth and depth of study, and education of the whole person. Students completing the IB Diploma Program are highly prepared and sought for post-secondary work in universities throughout the world. The International Baccalaureate Program in Geneva, Switzerland, awards the IB Diploma. We recently awarded IB Diplomas to our Class of 2013, whose pass rate and diploma percentage was higher than the world average at 94%.

Admission in the program is highly competitive and is based on specific criteria stated in the application and student responses to curriculum prompts that will be given at the school on an upcoming Saturday. The application for the Class of 2016 will be available soon.

Additional information about the International Baccalaureate Program in general can be found at their website: <http://ibo.org/>. Please email Ann Yochem, IB Diploma Coordinator at Marvin Ridge High School if you have specific questions about the application process at [ann.yochem@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ann.yochem@ucps.k12.nc.us).

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### **Important Upcoming Dates**

**January 27, 2014 - Class of 2015 (Current Juniors):** IB Parent Meeting - Ms. Yochem will be discussing the Extended Essay Process, expectations for the summer, college applications, recommendations, end-of year exams

**February 1, 2014 - Class of 2016:** IB Application Process opens to rising Juniors. Applications will be available on the website beginning February 1st. All completed applications must be received by February 28th.

**February 7, 2014 - Class of 2015 (Current Juniors):** Mandatory Extended Essay Lock-In, 6-9pm. Dinner will be provided.

**February 10, 2014 - Class of 2014 (Current Seniors):** IB Parent Meeting - Ms. Yochem will be discussing IB Exams, scoring, and more.

**February 28, 2014 - Class of 2016:** IB Application Process Closes

**March 1, 2014 - Class of 2016:** Mandatory Prompts for Part IV of the IB Application will be given in the MRHS Media Center at 8:30 AM.

**June 8, 2014 - Class of 2014:** IB Graduation Banquet. Firethorne Country Club. 6:30pm. Invitations will be mailed at a later date.

Please contact the Marvin Ridge IB Parent Advisory Board at [mrhsibparents@gmail.com](mailto:mrhsibparents@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Schedules Changes for January 2014

ALL requests must be submitted in writing or via email starting January 13. **Forms or emails received before this time cannot be processed.** Guidance Counselors will be contacting ALL students and parents via the contact information you provide as they get to your schedule in order of priority. Individual appointments with guidance counselors for schedule changes will not occur so that counselors have the ability to fairly devote time to each student's request.

### Priority One Schedule Changes

- There is a hole in your schedule (fewer than 8 classes)
- There is a class listed twice
- There is a class listed which you have already passed
- There is a class listed for which you have not passed the prerequisite

### Priority Two Schedule Changes

- Changes for graduation requirements
- Changes for college entrance requirements

### Priority Three Schedule Changes

- Changes that administration/guidance determine are valid
- Elective Choices not listed as alternates – please remember that all students were asked to list three alternates through your registration card. If you did not list any alternates, your schedule is subjected to NOT be changed.

**Parents and students: PLEASE REMEMBER that we create our master schedule based on the classes students originally chose. This applies to classes offered as well as the number of sections available. Schedule changes for graduating seniors (Class of 2014) will be considered first, then other cohorts in descending order. Remember, Seniors must provide documentation approval from their college of acceptance in order to change courses this Spring.**

**We can only consider Priority Two and Three changes based on available space in the class requested. At this time, there is very limited space for moves. Additionally, requests for specific teachers are not considered. As much as we would like to honor all requests, most will simply not be possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.**

- Schedule changes may only be made within the **first five 5 days** of the semester.
- The last day to submit a schedule change is **Wednesday, January 29.**
- Course waivers should be signed with great caution. Be sure to read the waiver and communicate with the teacher if you have questions about the best class placement for your child.