

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



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Good Evening, Mavericks! This is Lisa Justice, Assistant Principal of Marvin Ridge High School, with your weekly announcements.

We were happy to share with you the announcement of our new Head Football Coach, Brad Hoover, this week. There will be a meet and greet with Coach Hoover tomorrow night at 6:30 in the school auditorium. Congratulations to our Men's and Women's Swim and Dive Team for winning their conference championship this week as well. They are looking forward to regionals in Huntersville this coming weekend, and the state meet right around the corner. Our Marching Mavericks are still on the move and participated in All-District Clinic this weekend, represented by 14 members who won their spots through a highly-competitive and grueling audition in early January. Congratulations also to our Winter Guard, who finished second out of 62 teams at their first competition of the season at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill. Way to go, Mavs!

Parents and students, just a reminder that report cards will be issued this week. Students who took courses which required a NC Common Exam may have an INC at this time. The district has patiently awaited these scores from NCDPI, but they may not be here in time to print report cards. ...The remaining text of the voice message can be found on the frontpage of our website!

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Important PTSO Information:

PTSO Open House for Spring Semester is Monday, February 3 at 6:30. We will begin with a brief meeting, and then parents will have a chance to meet your student's teachers. You will "walk" your student's schedule, so please bring a copy with you!

Please help us in recognizing Maverick staff members by using the Maverick Pride posted at the end of the newsletter or on the website at

<http://mrhs.ucps.k12.nc.us/documents/MAVERICKPRIDE.pdf>

Our Third Annual Run for the Ridge will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 8am. The event will feature a certified 5K course and a 1-Mile Fun Run. We will have many vendors and prizes for runners. Even if you are not a runner, you will want to come out and be a part of the excitement. This is the only joint fundraising effort of all the schools in the Marvin Cluster.

For more information or to volunteer, please visit the event website at

<http://www.marvinrunfortheridge.com/>

The mission of Marvin Ridge High School is to educate all students in a safe, inspiring, and globally aware environment that promotes respect for diversity, lifelong learning, challenging athletics, and extra-curricular experiences that foster successful living.

Fall Academic Recognition Breakfast, Sponsored by the Acadmeic Booster Club

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for their academic achievements during the fall semester. This recognition is made possible by the generous membership of the Academic Booster Club. Students are selected by teachers based on attributes such as work ethic and success in class. Selected students have received a letter inviting them to a breakfast on January 24th. Congratulations!!!

Abbatte, Brianna	Donnegan, Thomas	Krise, Morgan	Schwai, Allison
Abbott, Alexis	Donohue, Nolan	Launders, William	Schwartz, Turner
Abiad, Adam	Dougherty, Zachary	Lavalle, Kathryn	Schwartz, Zach
Aboufoul, Mohamad	Dubose, Isabel	Lombardo, Lex	Scott, Ryan
Acker, Spencer	Emery, Meredith	Long, Jimmy	Shanahan, Calvin
Allcock, Luke	Etheridge, Skylar	Lyssikatos, Elizabeth	Sheikh, Rabia
Anderson, James	Evans, Chris	Mangione, Alessandra	Smith, Clarke
Bailey, Ellen	Fair, Henry	Marino, James	Spear, Emma
Baker, Amanda	Ferguson, Daniel	Martin, Megan	Steele, Emily
Balentine, Megan	Fetter, Zachary	Martinez, Ariana	Stranahan, Abbey
Bange, Kirsten	Fisenne, Matthew	Mastrangelo, Rachael	Sutherland, Katelyn
Beaty, Troy	Frackleton, Mackenzie	Mathews, Abigail	Titus, Carolyn
Berry, T.J.	Frazier, Karlie	McDermott, Daniel	Turner, Sara
Bogert, Melissa	Free, Kristin	McKinster, Colin	Vallat, Christian
Bond, Marielle	Gadai, Greg	Meissner, Leah	Van De Wal, Evan
Bostrom, Erin	Gaines, Meredith	Meredith, Emily	Ventura, Alyssa
Boville, Jaime	Gallegos, Melonie	Miller, Taylor	Vickers, Morgan
Bowker, Emma	Gerosa, Bliss	Morrison, Andy	Whitsett, Blake
Bryant, Cody	Gonzalez, Roxy	Mueller, Molly	Wiggins, Jack
Bueche, Elizabeth	Graziosi, Alexandra	Nam, Alicia	Williams, Tanner
Callinan, Brian	Griffin, Miranda	Naslund, Colton	Williamson, Maelee
Canale, Danny	Griffin, Rocci	O'Hara, Katherine	Wright, Evan
Chen, Jesse	Guerriere, Matthew	Pavlish, Bayleigh	
Ciamarella, Caitlin	Guglielmo, Nicole	Penner, Alex	
Cline, Rachael	Haddon, Andrew	Phillips, Jason	
Cook, Benjamin	Hagge, Blake	Pope, Spencer	
Cooper, Ashley	Hauder, Caroline	Portagallo, Gracie	
Corbi, Sarah	Herring, Victoria	Presson, Aly	
Corsi, Chris	Holevas, Lea	Primm, Olivia	
Courtney, Macy	Horn, Sam	Ragsdale, Landon	
Crapo, Emilee	Howie, Sydney	Raines, Shannon	
Cummings, Kathryn	Huffman, Natalie	Rateb, Catrina	
Cundiff, Madison	Hulse, Ryan	Rothenberg, Courtney	
Cunningham, Caroline	Joergensen, Sarah	Rothemberger, Mary Agnes	
Cusack, Brianna	Kardos, Michael	Rowse, Rachel	
D'Agostino, Drew	Kelley, Kaleigh	Salvatore, Katherine	
de Montesquiou, Darla	Kelly, Meghan	Sawicki, Trent	
Deas, Danny	Kidane, Sam	Sawrey, James	
Dewey, Delaney	King, Dana	Sawyer, Emily	
Dill, Connor	Kitteringham, Lia	Schachner, Jacob	
Dixon, Ryan	Kresser, Christina		

Save the Date....

The ABC Annual College 411 Night

April 10, 2014

The list of colleges planning to attend continues to grow. Last year, we had over 25 colleges represented on a night where you can have questions answered and visit with recruiters. The format of the evening includes a Q and A panel about overall college application questions as well. It is a night

Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Kevin

This Past Week's Results:

Congratulations to the Men's and Women's Swim Team for winning the Conference Championships! Wrestling lost to Piedmont and Men's and Women's Basketball lost to Piedmont.

Coming Up This Week:

Monday, January 27

Meet and greet with Brad Hoover in the auditorium

Tuesday, January 28

Basketball @ Cuthbertson
Winter Track Meet @ Marvin

Ridge

Wednesday, January 29

Basketball vs Anson

Thursday, January 30

Wrestling home vs Cuthbertson and Weddington Senior Night

Friday, January 31

Regional Swim Meet in Huntersville
Basketball @ Sun Valley

Saturday, February 1

Regional Swim Meet in Huntersville
Polar Bear Meet @ Weddington

Conference Wrestling @ Anson

Spring Sports Registration is now open through January 27.

Practices will begin on or after February 12.

All athletes must have a current physical, insurance form, and be registered with the Booster Club to tryout.

Mandatory Spring Sports Parent Meeting on February 18 at 6:30 in the auditorium.



2013 Men's Soccer received their state championship rings and were honored with the MaxPreps #1 in the country ranking at the home basketball game on Friday, January 17.

Gooooo Mavericks!!

Marching Mavericks...

The All-District Band Clinic took place this weekend on January 24 & 25 with each group performing a concert in the afternoon on the 25th. The following Marching Mavericks were chosen after their auditions in High Point on January 11. The competition was stiff but these folks proved to be the best of the best. Congratulations to all of these great musicians! ~ Jay Whitman

High School Band (9th & 10th grade)

*Dayna Hagstedt
Jackie Verrico
Lisa Walter
*Delaney Dewey
Nick Mitchell
Sam Horn

*Aaron Hougui
Rachel Whitman
*Walter Bonar
Adrienne Bonar
*Melissa Hagstedt
Alyson Graham

Senior High School Band (11th & 12th grade)

Aaron Cressman
*Melissa Fu

*These six students have earned the honor to audition for All-State Band in

This past weekend, Winter Color-guard was at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, their first circuit completion of the Winterguard Season. Your Mavericks finished 2nd overall out of 62 other teams! Additionally, the Percussion Team finished 1st! Congratulations to both groups!!

Guidance and School Counseling Updates

Special Opportunities:

Union Power Cooperative Rural Electric Tour: The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is an annual event coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC). "Tourists" are sponsored by local cooperatives. These students learn about the electric cooperative business model, American history and U.S. government. This year, Union Power sponsored two youth tourists, and in conjunction with the Union County Education Foundation, an additional youth tourist was sponsored. That means THREE high school juniors had an opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. in June! Entries must be postmarked by March 3rd, 2014. Download an application on the guidance "Junior" page or see Ms. Kanna in guidance for a paper copy.

Scholarship of the Week:

Clary Student Medal Award: The Clary Award was created in honor of Wilburn C. Clary, former school administrator and game official, and funded by the Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation. A \$2,000 cash award to further the student athlete's educational endeavors will be presented at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting on May 1st 2014 to one male and one female student athlete from a NCHSAA member high school. **Due February 14th, 2014.** Visit www.nchsaa.org for more information and applications.

Class of
2014!
ZingerBug.com

Scholarship Total:

The Class of 2014 has reported over **\$3,146,384.00** 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!



All Juniors will take the ACT, free of charge, at Marvin Ridge High School on **March 4, 2014**. The ACT is accepted by a large majority of colleges for entrance and scholarship opportunities. Every fall, sophomores, take a practice ACT exam referred to as the PLAN. The ACT is a national college admissions exam that assesses student knowledge in English, Math, Reading, and Science. The four subject-specific tests take approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes. Students also take the additional Writing portion of the ACT, which last 30

minutes. Many parents ask how is the ACT different from the SAT. Since they are both standardized test, they assess student knowledge. However, the ACT aligns more closely with high school curriculum, and even Common Core, so it is more like a test of what students have learned. The SAT is based more on ability and potential to learn. Both tests are rigorous and will show a student's ability to think critically and use higher order analysis skills.

How can your student prepare for the all-important ACT exam? You and your student can visit <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/> to learn more about the test and explore sample questions for the ACT exam. Additionally, there are numerous resources available on our Media Center Webpage at <http://mrhs.ucps.k12.nc.us/links/media.php>

More information about test day schedule and test taking tips will be in future issues of the Maverick Message.

Schedules Changes for January 2014...Deadline January 29

ALL requests must be submitted in writing or via email. 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. Our guidance counselors put in many extra hours during this time, and work diligently on behalf of all students. Thank you for your patience and professionalism when contacting or communicating with staff.

- 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.

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 Saturday, March 1. The application for the Class of 2016 will be available on our Website. There will be a brief overview meeting for prospective students and parents on February 18 at 6:30 in the media center. Attendance is not required to apply; the meeting is for those who still have questions after reviewing website and application materials.

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.

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 18, 2014—Class of 2016 (Current Sophomores): Prospective Parent and Student meeting at 6:30 in the media center

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.

MAVERICK PRIDE

Maverick Pride is awarded tp a staff member whom you would like to recognize for their postive contributions ro our school/staff. Each Maverick Pride awared will be announced during a staff meeting, and their name will be place in a monthly drawing for a designated parking space. If you would like to recognize a colleague, teacher, or child’s teacher for an exceptional contribu-tion, please complete this form and return it to the office.



I would like to recognize:

Positive Contribution:

From : _____
(Optional)