

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



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

Two plus three might sound like simple math, but it adds up to FIVE state championships so far this year for Marvin Ridge Athletics. Huge congratulations to our Boys and Girls Indoor Track teams and our Girls Swimming and Diving team for bringing home three first place finishes this weekend in their respective meets in Winston Salem and Cary. Another great weekend to be a Maverick!

Thank you to all parents who attended our PTSO Open House on Monday, February 3. We would like to update everyone with some of the information shared at the meeting. NC Final Exam grades have been received, recorded in PowerSchool, and new report cards have been printed. Students will receive new report cards in a special homeroom at the end of the school day tomorrow. 9th Grade Students will also receive a letter from UCPS explaining the Credit by Demonstrated Mastery Program being implemented by the NC State Board of Education. The letter is very detailed with information about this process, and a link will be posted on our website if you do not receive it from your student. Applications will be available in guidance this week and must be returned by Friday, February 14.

The IB Application Process continues this week. If you are a parent of a current sophomore who plans to apply, please check our website for more information. There will be a brief overview meeting for interested parents and students on Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 in the media center. Attendance at the meeting is not a requirement for admission.

Just a reminder to all juniors and their parents to mark Tuesday, March 4 on your calendar. All juniors at Marvin Ridge High School will take the ACT, a college admissions test, for free, and your results can be used in your college application process. We will host our second ACT Super Saturday on Saturday, March 1 from 8:30-1:00. This will be a condensed day of review sessions and test prep led by certified teachers with expertise in the components of the ACT. A sign-up sheet will be available in the guidance office beginning Monday, February 10. Seats are limited so be sure to sign-up ASAP!

Student council is sponsoring a special Rivals Spirit Week this week, leading up to our home basketball game against Weddington Friday night. Monday's dress is Country vs. Country Club; Tuesday is War and Peace Day; Wednesday is Jocks vs. Nerds; Thursday will be Ladies v. Gents; Friday will be a White Out, and I think we all know why White is especially important to basketball at MRHS. See the attached newsletter for more detailed information.

In closing, thank you to our parents, students, teachers, and families who have hosted our guests from our sister-school in Nanjing, China. We were able to recognize them during Friday's senior night crushing of Cuthbertson, and they have enjoyed an awesome week of classes, meals, shopping, and trips to uptown Charlotte. They will leave us Wednesday morning with many memories, lasting friendships, and as the newest members of our One Team on One Mission. Have a great night!

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.



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Attention Parents and Student Drivers:

Morning tardies are increasing! Consequences can include afterschool detention and Saturday School. Please be sure that you allow enough travel time to school in your morning routine! We have no control over weather and traffic issues, and often these tardies are not excused for your student. Arrival time is 7:50 and the late bell is at 8:00. Please make the extra effort to arrive on time this week and in the future.

Be aware that Inclement Weather is in the forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday!

Student council is sponsoring a special Rivals Spirit Week this week, leading up to our home basketball game against Weddington Friday night.

Monday: Country vs. Country Club/wear your best cowboy boots and western gear or rock super-preppy

Tuesday: War and Peace Day/find that old hippie-stuff at the Thrift Shop or go soldier/camo

Wednesday: Jocks vs. Nerds/Jerseys and athletic gear or be your best Urkel and Sheldon!

Thursday: Ladies v. Gents/You decide which is best...be tactful!

***Friday will be a White Out!!
Pep Rally on Friday plus the home games v. Weddington***

Important Announcement from Guidance and Administration:

All Flex Day Students will be required to attend a meeting at 11:15am on Monday, February 10th in the Media Center. Teachers will be sent a list of all students attending. We will cover important information regarding procedures and responsibilities. All Flex Day students must attend!

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 you do not want to miss!!



Don't get left out! Sign up & pay online today!!

The roster for February's driver's education is posted outside of the Main Office and outside of the Guidance Office. Please note that the session begins February 24 in Room D107 from 3:05 – 5:45 PM. Please remember to bring blue/black ink pen AND a copy of your Birth Certificate.

Don't get left out! Register and pay today for driver's education online at: <https://sites.google.com/site/mrhedriversed/>. Classes meet from 3:05 to 5:45 PM. Contact Kevin Vickers (MRHS's Driver's Education Lead Teacher) for more information at kevin.vickers@ucps.k12.nc.us

Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Kevin

Last Week's Results:

Congratulations to the Men's and Women's Indoor Track Team and the Women's Swim Team as they wrapped up a weekend of State Championships for Marvin Ridge High School. A Big Shout out goes to the Men's Swim Team as they also had a great weekend finishing 3rd in the State Championships. **What a Great Weekend to be a MAVERICK!** Basketball had a great week defeating Anson Sr High twice and Cuthbertson on Friday. The Women's Basketball team had tough losses to Anson by 2 and 3 points and then battled Cuthbertson on Friday but ultimately came up short.

Coming Up This Week:

Monday, February 10
Basketball @ Cuthbertson
(make-up game moved from Tuesday due to impending weather forecast)

Tuesday, February 11
No events

Wednesday, February 12
Spring Tryouts Begin—
pending weather determination

Thursday, February 13

No events

Friday, February 14
Basketball @ Home vs. Wed-
dington; Senior Night for In-
door Track and Swimming

Saturday, February 15
Baseball Scrimmage @
MRHS 11 and 1

***Reminder that Spring
Tryouts start February 12
and all athletes trying out
must be registered with
the Booster Club (not pur-
chase membership) and
must have a current phys-
ical and notarized insur-
ance on file. No excep-
tions will be made!***

***Mandatory Spring Sports
Parent Meeting coming***

Gooooo Mavericks!!

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/>



Copies of the MRHS School Report Card and UCPS District Report Card can be found at:

<http://www.ncreportcards.org/src/>

Information on the READY Accountability Model and the Annual Measurable Objectives can be found at:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/rep>



Inclement weather is in the forecast again this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please be sure to keep up with local news announcements and the UCPS website and Facebook pages for information regarding school closings, delays, or early releases. As always, drive safely!

Special Announcement:

February 17, 2014 and March 7, 2014 will be used as make-up days for the two days missed recently due to inclement weather. Make Up Days are listed on the school system's calendar available [here](#) for schools on the Traditional Cal-

Guidance and School Counseling Updates

Special Opportunities:

Furman Scholars: Students selected as Furman Scholars are eligible for at least \$7,500 per year, \$30,000 over four years, in scholarships upon acceptance into Furman University. Furman Scholars are also eligible for a \$200 discount on Furman's week-long, residential Summer Scholars program, which provides talented **rising juniors and seniors** with a glimpse of the Furman experience. Nominees must have a weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher, genuine interest in an education in the liberal arts and sciences, significant involvement in extracurricular activities and community service, demonstrated leadership potential, and ONE of the following test scores: PSAT score of 120 or higher (critical reading and math); SAT score of 1200 or higher (critical reading and math); ACT composite score of 26 or higher. Please see Ms. Kanna by **March 15th** to be nominated for this opportunity.

Buick Achievers Scholarship

If you are college bound and community minded Buick can help you pay for college. Stories of human achievement are everywhere. The Buick Achievers Scholarship started with that in mind. Buick is looking to celebrate motivated, passionate college bound students nationwide. They want to recognize those who have succeeded both inside and outside of the classroom, who may not be able to attend college without financial assistance. Those driven to make a difference today, and lead, tomorrow. You are eligible for this scholarship (1) enrolling for full-time study as first-time freshman at a 4-year college or university, (2) plan to major in one of the following: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Business Administration, Finance, Marketing, or Design, and (3) are interested in a career in the automotive or related business. Visit <http://www.buickachievers.com/> for application and more information. **Deadline February 28th, 2014.** Application will open up January 2014.

Scholarship Total:

The Class of 2014 has reported over **\$ 3,627,384.00** 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.



Class of
2014!
ZingerBug.com

Other scholarships and opportunities are often listed by Ms. Kanna on the TV Scroll...be sure you follow the TV announcements!



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.

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>

ACT Super Saturday, day of test prep and review sessions, will be held at MRHS on Saturday, March 1. Current juniors can sign-up in Guidance this week, beginning Monday. Space is limited, so be sure to stop by ASAP!

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

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 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.

Please contact the Marvin Ridge IB Parent Advisory Board at mrhsibparents@gmail.com with any questions.

More Congratulations...

Kresser named a Parks Finalist! Please help us in congratulating one of our own senior Mavericks, Christina Kresser, for passing through the semi-finalist round for the prestigious Parks Scholarship for NC State University and moving on to be a finalist. Very few students make it through to this round and we are so very proud of her! Congratulations Christina!

Congratulations to Adrienne Bonar, Cara Edwards, Phoenix Frager, and Ugonna Nwauche for being named Finalists in the 2014 Competition for the National Achievement Scholarship. The National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding Black American high school students. These four students received one of the highest scores on the PSAT during their junior year to qualify them for this scholarship opportunity.

Special Announcement:

Important Information for Seniors and Their Parents from Guidance - It is that time of year when your colleges and universities are asking for mid-year reports. At this time the counselors cannot send the mid-year reports because the North Carolina Final Exam scores have not arrived. Once these scores are received they will be entered into the system and GPA and Class Rank will be recalculated. When this process is completed we will notify you so that mid-year reports can be requested and sent. We are very sorry for the delay and inconvenience.



Sister School Exchange Activities

(Look for full coverage of the visit on the website later this week and in next week's Maverick Message)



MAVERICK PRIDE

Maverick Pride is awarded to a staff member whom you would like to recognize for their positive contributions to our school/staff. Each Maverick Pride awarded will be announced during a staff meeting, and their name will be placed 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 contribution, please complete this form and return it to the office.



I would like to recognize:

Positive Contribution:

From : _____
(Optional)