

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



Retiring Head Boys Basketball Coach Gosnell White was honored Monday, Feb. 17, at his final home game by our staff and students as well as former players.



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Good Evening this is Mr. Conner with your weekly message. Winter sports are winding down and I want to compliment our Basketball, Wrestling Cheerleading and Dance Teams for their commitment and performances this season. The Men's Basketball Team has moved into the playoffs and will host Crest High School on Monday at 7 PM. We have moved the Required Springs Sports Parent Meeting to Tuesday, February 25, at 6:00 PM in the auditorium. Spring sports begin this week and there are a multitude of events for you to enjoy this spring. Please check the Maverick Message and our calendar for these events.

Activities this week include:

WorkKeys for select seniors on Monday and then the ACT for all juniors on Tuesday, March 4. Both of these are State Accountability Measures so student performances count.

College Cafe is open Tuesday for any juniors who want to practice their test taking skills.

Progress reports will come home this week. The dates for the grading period have been adjusted for the snow days.

The Blood Drive will be on Wednesday sponsored by HOSA and Red Cross clubs.

The district is repairing some wiring outside the E Wing. The E Wing doors will not be open for entrance in the mornings to ensure the safety of our students. Traffic has gotten more congested in the Marvin Ridge area so plan ahead to avoid being tardy; the bell still rings at 7:50 am. This has been an issue for all of us not just students, so we all have to leave a little earlier each morning.

Congratulations the MRHS ISEFT team, Aniket Palkar and Prakash Mishra for receiving 2nd place in the Technology and Engineer Category - Districts. They will advance to State competition at the end of March. Go Mavericks!

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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.

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.

Call for Action! Your Help Is Needed!!



Together, we can save a life

MRHS Blood Drive Wednesday, February 26, 2014, sponsored by HOSA and Red Cross Club. Red Cross blood supply has been dramatically diminished due to cancelled drives across the state and nation as a result of inclement weather. Special request for sign-ups in the morning. Open to all community members! We will be located in the Auxillary Gym. Please check in to the Front Office, and we will show you how to save a life!

Thank you to all parents and families who have been honoring our staff with **Maverick Prides!!** These mean so much to our teachers and staff!
Please continue...see page 8 for a **Maverick Pride form!**

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 current roster for 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/mrhsdriversed/>. 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:

The Lady Mavericks Varsity Basketball team lost to Weddington on Monday and lost to Piedmont on Wednesday. The Varsity Boys Basketball team lost to Weddington on Monday beat Cuthbertson on Wednesday lost to Weddington on Thursday and beat Sun Valley on Friday for 3rd place in the Southern Carolina Conference.

Coming Up This Week:

Monday, February 24
Varsity Basketball @ home – Playoffs!

Tuesday, February 25
Spring Sports Parent Night @ 6:30
No other events

Wednesday, February 26
JV and Varsity Girls Soccer vs Cox Mill @ 4:30 and 6pm

Thursday, February 27
Varsity Softball vs Olympic @ 5:30
Lacrosse Scrimmage at Latin @

4:15
Varsity Baseball @ South Meck @ 4:30
JV Baseball vs South Meck @ 4:30

Friday, February 28
JV and Varsity Soccer vs Hickory Ridge @ 4:30 and 6pm
JV and Varsity Women's Lacrosse @ Clover SC @ 5:30

Saturday, March 1
Men's Lacrosse vs Laney @ 1pm

Spring Sports Parent Meeting moved to Tuesday so that we can host playoff game Monday night!

PLAYOFF HOME GAME!!

Monday 7 P.M. v. Crest High School

All tickets are \$6—no passes are allowed per NCHSAA regulations.

Come out and support your Mavericks!!



Congratulations to our Marching Mavericks!!

Winterguard won first place at the Concord Invitational at Concord High School on Saturday! This was a special victory as it was the first time the squad championed over some contest favorites!

Successful fundraiser, Annual Mattress Sale, on Saturday as well. Thanks to all those who came out to support Marvin Ridge Bands!



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/>

Guidance and School Counseling Updates

AP Testing Information

- Students will receive a copy of AP Bulletin for Students and Parents for 2013-14 in school. Please read the entire booklet carefully as it contains important information regarding AP Exams. The bulletin is also available online at: http://professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/2013_14_ap_bulletin.pdf
- Students enrolled in AP classes are expected to take the AP exam in order to receive full AP credit for the course, in accordance with Union County policy. Students in AP courses who opt not to take the exam will have their final grade reduced by one letter grade (e.g. a 96/A will be changed to 89/B).
- Marvin Ridge High School is providing online registration for exams! All AP students must register for their exams by using this online registration site at: www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/342528. Registration is now open and ends March 20th at 11:59PM. A late registration fee of \$10 per exam will be charged for any registration that takes place between March 21st and March 26th at 11:59PM.
- The AP exam fee is \$90. A one-time administrative fee of \$4 will be added to each registration.
- All payments must be made online through Total Registration – you may pay with credit or debit card, or mail your check to Total Registration per the instructions you will receive with your registration confirmation.
- For students taking multiple exams, Union County will again provide supplemental funding. Students will be responsible for paying in full for one exam, and for one-half of a second exam. For students taking two or more exams, Union County will pay for one-half of the second exam, and the full cost of the third and fourth exam. The total fee for one exam will be \$94 (\$90 + \$4 admin fee), for two exams \$139 (\$90 + \$45 + \$4 admin fee).

Class of
2014!
ZingerBug.com

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.



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

Juniors and Seniors: A Jostens representative will be on campus Thursday and Friday during all lunches to measure for ring orders and take care of any senior business!



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. **STUDENTS MUST BRING TWO PENCILS, A CALCULATOR, AND A PHOTO ID ON THE DAY OF TESTING!**

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. Spaces are currently filled, but students may contact Ms. Justice or Ms. Lawson for wait-list information. The workshop will begin at 8:30 A.M. and snacks, lunch will be served!

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

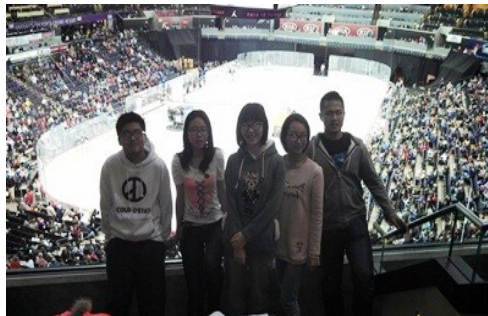
March 1, 2014 - Class of 2016: Mandatory Prompts for Part IV of the IB Application will be given in the MRHS Media Center at 8:30 AM.

June 8, 2014 - Class of 2014: IB Graduation Banquet. Firethorne Country Club. 6:30pm.

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



Sister School Exchange Activities



The journey was a long one for the five students and their teacher, Ms. Yan (Catherine) Zhang, but everything the group has learned and the friendships they have made have been well worth it! Marvin Ridge was honored this month to host our second group exchange students from our sister-school, High School Affiliated to Nanjing Normal University, JianNing Campus in Nanjing, China.

Yihan Jiang (Felicity), Yuchen Sun (Coco), Quan Zhu (Robbin), Chunyan Zhao (Trinity), Yifeng Xiao (Frank) arrived early in the morning of February 1 after two flights totaling over 20 hours and an extended delay at O'Hare Airport in Chicago. Host families greeted students at the airport in Charlotte, and all were officially welcomed later that evening, at a Chinese New Year themed reception at the home of our Chinese teacher, Mrs. Xiaohong Hu-Mueller.

The rest of the first week included attending classes with host students and others, traveling into Charlotte for field trips, spending time with the host families, cooking international fare with Foods II, cheering for the Mavericks at our home basketball games, and, of course, shopping! One special event the guest and host students were able to attend this year was a Charlotte Checkers Hockey Match. Duke Energy donated box seats, and students were treated to the game and lunch.

When the weather forecast showed the impending snow storm arrival, early departure arrangements were made, but Mother Nature had other ideas. Flights were cancelled Tuesday through Friday, so our visiting students have a story to share for a lifetime: they were stranded in the snow during their visit to America! Host families and students made the best of it, though, and the guest students were able to fly out on President's Day Monday and spend an extra night in Chicago.

Host families this year were Jen and Gary King with daughter Dana; Tony and Donna McRee with daughter Rebecca; Alpana and Devesh Patel with son Rahi; David and Ellen Scott with son Ryan; and Norman and Melissa Wilson with son Ryan. Ms. Zhang spent her time at the home of Mrs. Hu-Mueller. A huge thank you to all of these folks for opening their homes to our guests.

Thank you to all Marvin Ridge staff, students, and families for your help and hospitality in making this visit a great success. We are proud that our sister-school partnership continues to grow and build strong bonds between our students, our schools, and even our two countries.



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)