

# Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



Members of Ms. Sumnerville's Food II Classes prepared snacks and thank you cards for teachers this week.



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Good evening Mavericks this is assistant principal Matt Lasher with your weekly announcements.

A big congratulations to Coach Starr and the Men's and Women's track team on hosting and winning the Mid-West Regional Track and Field Championship. Many of our athletes will be competing next Friday at the State Championships at North Carolina A&T State University.

Congratulations to Matt Blizzard for his perfect score of 40/40 on the National Science League Exam. Team Sponsor Mr. Wilson received a letter of commendation for Matt's performance. Team results for all Marvin Ridge Competitors will be available later this week.

Reminder, all IB Class of 2016 Candidates are to attend a CAS project introductory meeting Monday night at 6:30 in the media center.

The Fine Arts Department will host two concerts this week. The Spring Band Concert is Tuesday night at 7:00 and the Spring Chorus Concert is Thursday night at 7:30. While in the building, parents and students are also invited to check out our 3-D Sculpture Art Display, produced by Mr. Roncone's classes. Earlier this year, Mr. Roncone won a grant from the Union County Education Foundation to create the sculptures with his classes. A full article about the display is in this week's attached Maverick Message and will be on our website.

Good luck to all students as they continue AP and IB exams continue this week. District Spring Benchmarks will begin with English II on Thursday; Math I and Biology will test next week.

The Union County Special Olympics will take place this Thursday and Friday at Cuthbertson High School. a group from our Marvin Ridge Interact Club will act as buddies on Thursday.

On Saturday, May 17, the Chinese Honor Society and Asian Culture Club will participate again this year as Inspiration Nation with Weddington and Cuthbertson High Schools in the Dragon Boat Race and Festival at Lake Norman. This is the second year all three schools have joined together to compete; last year's team won a 3rd Place medal. Come out support your Mavericks for a fun event featuring Asian Culture in the Charlotte Area.

On behalf of all MRHS teachers and staff, we would like to thank the PTSO as well as parents and students for your strong show of support during Teacher Appreciation Week. The gifts, notes, treats, and luncheon were very much appreciated by all.

We would also like to wish all of our mothers a big Happy Mother's Day! Have a great week Mavericks!

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## Policy Reminders:

- No outside vendors may be brought into the cafeteria for student lunches.
- Cell phones of students are to be turned off and put away during the school day.
- Any phones that are turned into the main office must be picked up by a parent at the end of the school day.

***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.***

## Important Spring Final Exam Information from Marvin Ridge High School

**Dates:**

**Thursday, June 5 – First Block Exam/Second Block Review Session**

**Friday, June 6 – Second Block Exam/Third Block Review Session**

**Monday, June 9 – Third Block Exam/Fourth Block Review Session**

**Tuesday, June 10 – Fourth Block Exam/Return to Fourth Block after lunch**

**Wednesday, June 11 – Make-up Exams for Absent Students/Normal Schedule for all other students/Last Day of School for Students**

**Thursday, June 12 – Graduation Rehearsal for Seniors and Junior Marshalls**

**Friday, June 13 – Graduation @ Winthrop Coliseum – 10:00 AM**

**Exam Day 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 First Lunch for classes - TBA**

**12:50 – 1:30 Second Lunch for classes - TBA**

**2:50/2:55 Senior Bell/Student Dismissal**

**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. June 11 is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. Please note: Family vacation plans are not excused absences, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

**Testing Window: Rules from NCDPI (North Carolina Department of Public Instruction) require that (state) testing is completed by June 11.** Make-up sessions for EOC, NC Final, and IMS tests will be held on Wednesday, June 11. Make-up sessions for teacher-made exams will be handled on a case by case basis.

**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.

**Exam review:** All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Study guides will also be available on teacher Moodle pages. Please look for these after Memorial Day, but it is never too early for your student to begin organizing and reviewing material.

**Academic Integrity:** Please remind students of our Academic Core Values on posted in previous editions of the Maverick Message and on our website. **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.

Your student's success is always our primary concern. Please contact the school (your child's teachers, grade level counselor, or grade level administrator) if you have any questions or concerns.

## Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Kevin Allran

### Last Week's Results

Men's Lacrosse over Cuthbertson and St. Stephens, Women's Lacrosse over Western Guilford, Tennis over East Rowan, Baseball loses to Cuthbertson, Softball over Anson and loses to Piedmont. Golf wins Regional Championship. Both Track Teams win Midwest Regional Championships!

### This Week's Schedule:

Playoff Week!!

#### **Monday, May 12th**

Golf at State Championships

#### **Tuesday, May 13th**

Golf at State Championships  
Baseball vs South Point @home 1st Round of Playoffs 7pm  
Tennis in 3rd Round of Dual Team Playoffs in Tennis  
Home vs TBD

#### **Wednesday, May 14th**

Softball in 1st Round of Playoffs  
TBD

#### **Thursday, May 15th**

No Events

#### **Friday, May 16th**

State Championship Track at NC A&T

#### **Saturday, May 17th**

State Championship Track at NC A&T  
Baseball and Softball in 2nd Round TBD

*The administration would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Mr. Kevin Allran, who has served admirably and faithfully as our Athletic Director the last two years as well as been a part of the Maverick coaching staff for seven years. He has taken a teaching position at CATA and will leave us as AD effective May 30. Please extend your warm thanks and appreciation to Mr. Allran for all that our Athletic Program has continued to accomplish under his leadership. In his own words:*

*It is like leaving a part of my family behind. We have given*

a lot of blood, sweat, and tears in pursuit of making the Maverick Athletic Program the best that it can be. We have won many state championships and we are currently in the lead for the Wells Fargo Cup for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row. We have 1<sup>st</sup> class facilities and everyone that comes here recognizes the effort and work that has been put in by all of the coaches and teams. The Booster Club and the coaches relationships are at an ALL TIME high and I would encourage you to continue to foster this POSITIVE relationship.

Again words cannot adequately express my gratitude. You have all been a large part of my life for the last 7 years, and I am thankful to have been a small part of yours!

**Gooooo Mavericks!!**

## AP and IB Testing Updates...

**AP and IB Testing continues this week!** All students received schedules and permission forms if a test is located off-campus. Testing must begin on time...be sure to account for drive time when traveling to off-site locations. All students must sign in and out when leaving or returning to campus from testing. Copies of both testing schedules are available on our website announcement scroll.

**Receiving your AP Scores:** Your AP Scores will be available online in July. You **WILL NOT** get scores in the mail. To get your scores, you must sign up for a College Board account at [apscore.org](http://apscore.org). If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kanna. IB Scores will be available this summer, in early July. IB Diplomas will be awarded to Class of 2014 Candidates at a special ceremony in December 2014.

Good luck to all students!

## Guidance and School Counseling Updates

Class of  
2014!

ZingerBug.com

### Scholarship Total:

**BIG NEWS!!** The Class of 2014 has reported over **\$18,879, 807.00** in scholarship money! **YOU HAVE PASSED THE CLASS OF 2013—WOOHOO!!** The absolute final total could increase one more time...stay tuned!!

### Scholarship of the Week: **Piedmont EyeCare Scholarship**

Applications due to Ms. Kanna by **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Piedmont EyeCare Associates is offering a \$500 scholarship to one female and one male in your graduating class. Pick up an application from guidance or download on the guidance website. Applicants are required to write a 350-500 word essay on the following topic: "How did you become interested in pursuing a career in healthcare, and how has your experience in high school activities helped prepare you for a profession in healthcare?"

### Summer ACT Prep Class:

Mr. Bronstad, Ms. Riddle, Ms. McDonald, and Ms. Filter are offering an ACT prep class over the summer to prepare students for the fall 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. 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. The class will run from August 11th - August 14th (Monday - Thursday), 9am-12pm daily, at Marvin Ridge High School. Registration form is available in guidance or attached. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE—JULY 20, 2014.** **QUESTIONS:** email: Linda McDonald @ [englishlam@aol.com](mailto:englishlam@aol.com) or Christine Riddle @ [christineriddle63@gmail.com](mailto:christineriddle63@gmail.com).

## Special Announcements:



**The 2013-2014 Awards Day Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 30th in the high school auditorium. It will begin at 8:15am and end at approximately 11:15am. Students who will be recognized at the event will receive invitations in May.**

**The Marvin Ridge Cluster Academic Excellence Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 7PM in the MRHS Auditorium. Recipients will be notified by mail.**

Are you interested in attending the United States Air Force Academy? If so, there will be an informational session on Tuesday, May 20th at 10:00 in the guidance office presented by Tucker Axhoj, a former MRHS student who currently attends. Please come by the guidance office to sign up! Thank you!

### ATTENTION RISING IB JUNIORS!

A required IB meeting will be held Monday, May 12 at 6:30 pm in the media center for all 2016 IB Candidates (rising juniors). Parents are welcome attend but are not required. This is required for implementation of your candidacy.

### RIISING SENIORS ONLY !!

**It is time to submit your design for your Senior T-Shirt for your Class of 2015.**

If interested, please drop off your design by Friday, May 16th in the Front Office. Please mark to the attention of Class of 2015 Senior Committee.



## **Seniors! It's time to start thinking about graduation! Friday, June 13, 10:00 AM at Winthrop Coliseum**

### **Graduation Date:**

***Friday, June 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM.***

Graduation Ceremony will be held at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC.

We suggest to all guests that they arrive prior to 9:00 AM to avoid traffic. Doors to the graduation will be closed by 10:00 AM, and guests will not be able to enter after that point.

There is seating for guests with special needs.

### **Graduation Tickets:**

Graduation tickets will be on sale beginning April 22-May 9. A graduation ticket form will be distributed and is available on our website. The online payment link has been repaired as well. Both the forms and links are available on our website on the Parents and Community Page. Students can turn in order forms with payment to Ms. Baker in the front office.

### **Graduation Rehearsal:**

Mandatory Graduation practice is at MRHS on Thursday, June 12 at 12:30. All seniors are required to attend. Students will be served lunch first by the PTSO parents and practice will follow. It should be finished by 2:30. Students must follow school dress code and school rules. All seniors are required to stay for the entire practice. Parents and students should reserve this date as there are NO exceptions to attendance at Graduation Rehearsal.

### **Senior Banquet:**

The Senior Banquet will be held Friday, May 30 from 6pm to 10pm at the Adventure Center in Ft. Mill, SC. Delicious food will be served and drawings for great prizes will held! Tickets are on sale now through May 9 in the cafeteria

during all lunches. The cost will be \$10.

### **Scholarships:**

Student must bring written proof of any scholarship offers to Ms. Kanna in guidance by May 6 at 3pm. Any scholarships received after that date can be used at the awards day, but will not be listed in the graduation program. Students should report scholarships even if they do not plan on using them.

### **Picture Requests:**

*Senior Banquet Video –*

Please send all appropriate pictures taken of you, your friends, your vacations, and senior events throughout this school year to: [2014seniorsMRHS@gmail.com](mailto:2014seniorsMRHS@gmail.com) by May 21st, 2014.

*Graduation Day Video –*

Please send baby photos (two and under) to [heather.karpinski@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:heather.karpinski@ucps.k12.nc.us). Electronic pictures only. Please send ASAP. We will respond only if another photo is needed.

### **Senior Week (May 27-30) Events:**

Monday—Memorial Day—No School!

Tuesday—Whitewater Trip

Wednesday—Paint War 4th Block; Year-books/Movie Night

Thursday—Field Day

Friday—Awards Day; Tug of War 4th Block; Senior Banquet

Permission forms and WWC info are available from Ms. Every.

This information and more is available on our website. See [Graduation Information](#).

**Remember, attendance at Graduation Practice on June 12 is required for you to participate in the Graduation Ceremony on June 13!**

## 3-D Art Display Grabs Attention, Generates Emotion and Conversation



One of the biggest topics of conversation this spring at Marvin Ridge has not been the latest playoff results or the Prom...it has been the 3-D Art Display created by Mr. Roncone's classes. The display, strategically placed around the school, is the brainchild of Mr. Roncone, and he received a Union County Education Foundation Grant back in November to make it a reality.

According to Mr. Roncone:

"The project was an excellent opportunity to engage students on issues which had personally relevant meaning to them based upon their choices. Our students care deeply about many issues which they face and this project empowered them and served as a vehicle to address their concerns in a creative, socially responsible manner.

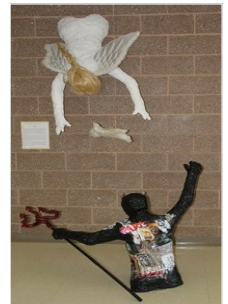
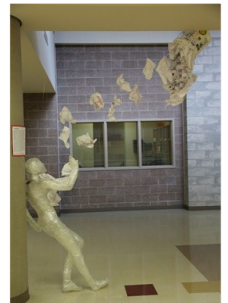
There are three vastly different approaches to creating works of art; **Formalism** – which stresses the visual qualities of an artwork. The focus is on the effective arrangements of lines, colors, shapes and other elements of art, **Imitationalism** – which focuses on realistic representation of the subject matter, and **Emotionalism** – which stresses the expressive qualities in an artwork.

The primary purpose of an emotionalist artwork is to vividly communicate moods, feelings and ideas to the viewer. These artworks are often shocking or grotesque and may call your attention to a troubling social issue. They may be either realistic looking or abstract. Whatever the method, the main point of the artwork is to get the viewer's attention in a dramatic way and to impact the viewer's emotions. A good emotionalist artwork will succeed in getting the artist's message across. In my opinion, the students involved in this project, tasked with creating an emotionalists approach to art, succeeded extremely well in their vastly different works of art. I would like to thank all of the staff members and students for their words of support and appreciation and also let them know that their sentiments were passed on to my students."

One group of students gave this artist statement...which picture below does it belong to?

### ***Breaking Free From The Pressures and Stresses of School***

*Our sculpture depicts a bright girl coming out of a stressed out, depressed, and very schoolwork-overwhelmed version of herself. She is fed up with the pressures of school that have buried her and her time in countless hours of work and social stress. The bottom person is wearing a terribly dull school uniform. She is tinted (which) makes her appear sad and broken. Surrounding her, and pulling her down, are binders, textbooks, and a backpack. They are holding her down, weakening her, and preventing her from doing what she wants to do. The girl who is climbing out of her is covered in bright, fun, and happy colors. She is wearing clothes that would break dress-code/uniform in a school. Her hair is down and flowing. She has flowers around her neck and sunglasses on her face. She is breaking free from school related people and things that are controlling her life and telling her what to do. She is climbing a ladder that is held up by balloons that say words that describe what she wants to be and what she wants to feel... ~ Juliana Z., Katie K., Sydney C., Katherine S.*



Other artist statements will be included on our website. Please come and view the display in its entirety and see what all the talk is about.

# 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 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 contribution, please complete this form and return it to the office.



**I would like to recognize:**

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**Positive Contribution:**

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From : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional)





Come Cheer on



"INSPIRATION NATION"



CHS, MRHS & WHS Dragon Boat Race Team

at the

# Dragon Boat Festival Asia Festival

Saturday, May 17, 2014



Ramsey Creek Park, 18441 Nantz Rd, Cornelius, NC (I-77, Exit 28)

## 8:45 AM - 5 PM

**8:45 a.m. Dragon Boat Race 1<sup>st</sup> Round; 10 a.m. Miss Asia Carolinas Program;**

**11 a.m. Opening Ceremony; 11:30 a.m. Talent Show;**

**3:00 p.m. Dragon Boat Final Race, 4:30 p.m. Dragon Boat Medal Ceremony**

The annual Charlotte Asian Festival celebrates Asian cultures, diversity, ethnicity, roots and history.

The annual Charlotte Dragon Boat Festival Race is an exciting team competition.

Dragon boat racing originated over 2,300 years ago on the life-sustaining rivers of southern China.

**Enjoy an authentic and festive celebration of the many Asian cultures  
that have embraced the Carolinas as their home.**

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