

# Marvin Ridge High School

## Maverick Message



Good Evening, Mavericks! This is Jim Zorn, Assistant Principal at Marvin Ridge High School with your weekly announcements.

Congratulations to our Men's Tennis and Golf teams who competed in championship matches on Friday and Saturday and both finished second in the state. Our track teams also participated in their state track meet on Friday, and came home with two individual state champions and both girls and boys teams finishing in the finals. Our Maverick boys finished 4th and girls finished 8th.

Congratulations on a great season to our varsity baseball team, who won a great playoff thriller on Tuesday over Southpoint but lost a heartbreaker on Saturday to South Rowan. We still have three

teams alive in the playoff hunt and will host the West Regional Championship for Men's LAX at home on Tuesday. Our Women's LAX and Women's Soccer teams will both be on the road. Good luck to all teams!

We are proud to announce that our multi-grade level competitive team for the National Science League Exam placed third in the nation for biology content. You can read their full story in the Maverick Message newsletter and on our website. Our Dragon Boat Race team competed at the Charlotte Asian Festival this weekend on Lake Norman and finished second in their division. Way to go, Mavericks!

Coming up this week, both Math I and Biology will complete their second round of District Benchmarks. IB testing will conclude on Friday. Over the past two weeks, our AP students have taken over 700 exams. Good job to our students and our counseling department for organizing and supervising this year's AP Exams.

Final progress reports of the year will be sent home this week. We will host the Marvin Ridge Cluster Academic Excellence Program on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00pm. Our school Awards Day for both seniors and underclassmen will take place during Senior Week on May 30. Next weekend, we will celebrate Memorial Day, and school will be closed on Monday, May 26. We will not have a newsletter or voice message next week because of the holiday. Please check this week's newsletter for Senior Week activities and our Final Exam Schedule.

With only 12 school days left before exams, now is an appropriate time for me to remind students to stay focused on academics and to continue making good choices as we prepare for the end of the year. We are one team on one mission! Have a great evening, and Go 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 are on page 4 of this newsletter.](#) 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 as 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

Softball lost to Freedom; Baseball won over Southpoint but lost to South Rowan; Soccer over North Buncombe and Piedmont, W-LAX over N. Guilford and AK; M-LAX over Lake Norman and Cuthbertson. Boys Golf and Tennis second in state; Girls Track finished eighth in the state and Boys fourth; Chris Garrick won individual state championship in high jump. Jonathan Marino won individual state championship in long jump.

### This Week's Schedule:

Playoff Week Two!!

#### **Monday, May 19th**

Golf at State Championships

#### **Tuesday, May 20th**

Men's LAX Western Regionals

@ Home 7PM

Women's LAX @ Charlotte Catholic

Soccer 3rd Round - Away TBD

#### **Wednesday, May 21st**

No events

#### **Thursday, May 22nd**

Possible Soccer TBD

#### **Friday, May 23rd**

Men's and Women's LAX State Championship Weekend in Cary, NC

#### **Saturday, May 24th**

Men's and Women's LAX State Championship Weekend in Cary, NC

#### **Monday, May 26th**

Memorial Day Holiday—No School

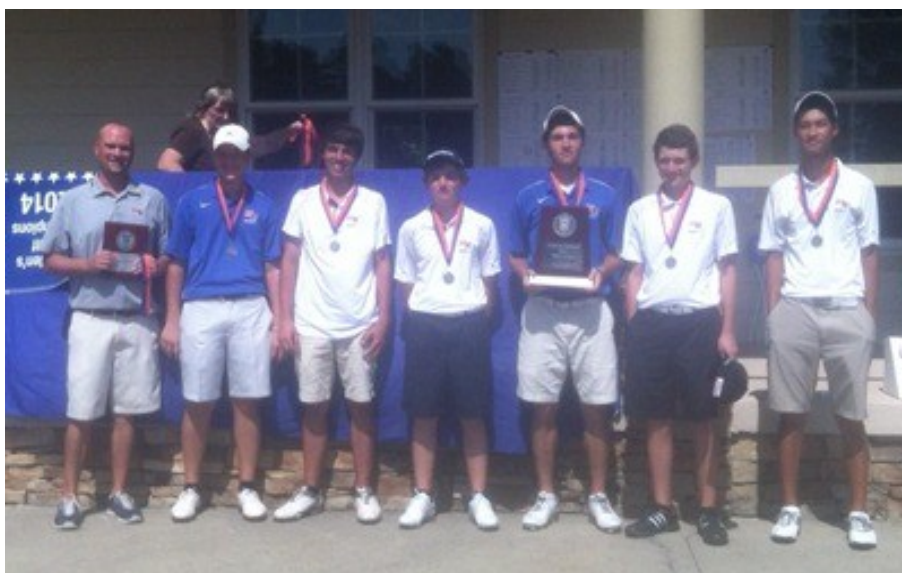
#### **Spring Sports Awards Banquet—Monday, June 2nd at 6:30 PM**

*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 it 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!



Golf at State Championship Match—State Runners Up!

**GOOOO**  
**Mavericks!!**



## Guidance and School Counseling Updates



### Scholarship Total:

**BIG NEWS!!** The Class of 2014 has reported over **\$18,925,807.00** in scholarship money! YOU HAVE PASSED THE CLASS OF 2013—WOOHOO!! The absolute final total could increase one more time...stay tuned!! Continue to turn in your scholarships awarded for recognition on Awards Day.

### 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!

### Final Exam Updates:

Based on a waiver applied for by UCPS and a district-wide teacher vote, the following is a summary of changes in final exams for the school year 2013-2014.

- EOC Course information has not changed. Students in Math I, Biology, and English II will take an (online) End of Course Exam that is passing is required for graduation. IMS Exams for CTE (Career and Technical Education) courses have also not changed. This includes courses in Business, Computers, Interior Design, Marketing, Biomedical, and Family Science.

These courses will **not** administer a NC Final Exam. Instead, a teacher-made exam would be administered.

- World History
- Civics and Economics
- US History/ American History 1 and II

- English 1
- English IV

These courses will administer a NC Final Exam at the end of the school year.

- Earth/Environmental Science
- Physical Science
- Chemistry
- Physics
- English III
- "Second Math" (Common Core Geometry, Math II, and Geometry aligned to 2003 Standard Course of Study)
- "Third Math" Teachers (Common Core Algebra II, Math III, Common Core Integrated Math III, and Algebra II aligned with 2003 Standard Course of Study).
- "Fourth Math" Teacher (Advanced Functions and Modeling, Discrete Mathematics, and Pre-Calculus)

If you have any questions about what type of final your student will take, please contact subject area teachers.

# 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 ??? Could be cancelled**

**Wednesday—Paint War 4th Block; Yearbooks/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.

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

## Blizzard perfect score, Maverick National Science League Exam Team 3rd in Nation

*Written by Prakash Mishra, Guest Columnist*

The Greek God Prometheus was famed for bringing to man the light of the Gods, fire, and introducing him to the concept of the question. Prometheus is the emblem of science, of inquiry, and the power of the human mind.

In the USA, the Promethean legacy is honored annually in the National Science League (NSL), designed by a range of teachers designed to test the grit of students' science knowledge against the nation. This year, Mr. Steven Wilson's students took the NSL Biology examination, an event in which he has participated for over ten years, with a first-place winning team at Parkwood Middle School.



A group of ten students with representatives from every grade level performed well enough to create a competitive NSL Team, which, compared against national results, received third place. This national placing team was pitted against schools from around the country, from New Jersey to California, and was one of three schools with a national student leader. Matthew Blizzard, freshman, received a perfect score on the examination, a feat replicated by only two others in the entire country. Competitors will receive certification of their positions in the League's competition, prestigious distinctions heralded by colleges as signs of dedication to science and that Promethean legacy.

Students were ecstatic to receive news of their victory. Many were quick to thank Mr. Wilson--Matthew Blizzard himself stated "the resources that Mr. Wilson provided helped me get that perfect score." The class prepared "rigorously" and it certainly "paid off" according to Alexa Coe, a sentiment corroborated Bruce Betancourt. The underclassmen students expressed a strong will to "take it [the test] again next year" (Caitlin Heilferty and Alexa Coe among them).

As for the seniors, both Christina Kresser and Brandon McDonald expressed gratitude for the school for fostering the competitive innovative atmosphere which the test required of them--Brandon went so far as to claim he made the test "his prey." The winning team, in full, was: Matthew Blizzard, Alexa Coe, Brandon McDonald, Lea Holevas, Prakash Mishra, Christina Kresser, Bruce Betancourt, Caitlin Heilferty, John Ranshaw, and Ashley Riley.

While Prometheus was punished for his contribution to humanity, these students stand only to gain. They are all avid adherents to biology whose stellar performances have inspired them to pursue their interest. We congratulate them and Mr. Wilson on their promising performances, and wish them luck as they endeavor to expand on this legacy!

# 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:**

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**Positive Contribution:**

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