

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



Good Evening, Mavericks! This is Matt Lasher, Assistant Principal with your weekly announcements.

What an amazing show of Orange Crush “White-Out” Spirit and Maverick Sportsmanship at our hard-fought football game this past Friday night against Ardrey Kell! Your support from the opening kickoff to the final whistle was tremendous. Please continue to check our website for upcoming sporting events and come out to support all of our Wachovia Cup winning athletic programs.

This past week seniors received transcripts and senior ad information on Friday. Please check with your senior about these two important items.

This upcoming week Chromebooks will continue to be distributed to sophomores and freshman. Thank you to Ms. Heather Karpinski and the media center staff for making this process smooth and efficient. Please be aware that no forms or money will be accepted for Chromebooks this upcoming week. We will resume taking forms and money the following week.

PTSO open house will be Monday September 9, beginning at 6:30. This will be an opportunity for parents to walk their students schedule, meet their teachers, and learn about each teacher’s curriculum and expectations. **Please bring a copy of your student’s schedule with you!**

Underclassman picture day will be this Thursday September 13. Flyers will be sent home this upcoming Monday through 1st block class.

The Mission Possible II fundraiser is well underway and is vital to support our student life as well as other various programs this year. You can find more information under the parents and community tab and the scrolling announcements on our website.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of Marvin Ridge High School as we continue on as One Team on One Mission.



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- Students report to class at 7:50 am. Tardy Bell is at 8:00 am.
- Students and parents continue to do an excellent job arriving at school on time this year! Many times, the car rider line has been clear by 7:55...great work everyone!
- Please utilize the car rider line at the main entrance of the school for student drop off and pickup and be aware of your speed when exiting!

On the Calendar this week...

One of the casualties of recent technology issues within UCPS is our calendar function on the MRHS website. The district is seeking a replacement program, but in the meantime, we will try to provide as much information as possible on upcoming events in our weekly Maverick Message:

- **Monday**—Bars and Letters Recognition 5:30 (invitations sent home to respective families); PTSO Open House 6:30; Soccer away @ Hickory Ridge
- **Tuesday**—Cross Country, Tennis v Anson, and Soccer v Prov Day...all HOME events
- **Wednesday**—Volleyball away @ Hough; Tennis away @ Parkwood; Soccer v. Parkwood...HOME
- **Thursday**—Underclass Picture Day during first and second periods; Volleyball and Tennis v. Cuthbertson...both HOME events; Academic Booster Club 6:30
- **Friday**—Varsity Football...HOME event, 7:30
- **Saturday**—Cross Country @ Weddington; MRHS Theatre Workshop; Band Practice
- **Upcoming:** Fall Club Fair moved up to September 16 and 17 during all lunches. Progress reports will go home on September 18.

- **Scheduled Club Meetings this week:**

Monday—National Honor Society, Science Olympiad before school

Tuesday—NEHS Officers, Speech and Debate after school

Wednesday—First Priority before school

Thursday—Speech and Debate Tryouts, GSA after school

Friday—Spanish Honor Society, Chinese Honor Society before school

ChromeBook Rollout—Still Rolling!

- Juniors and Seniors have received their Chromebooks so far. Sophomores and Freshmen will receive them this week at lunch.
- All UCPS students in grades 6-12 will have a Lenovo Chromebook available for issue this school year. Teachers will utilize the new technology in classrooms and through homework this year. Your student's access will be a vital ingredient to academic success.
- Permission Forms were sent home on the first day of school. Please look for the pastel orange paper. All forms are also available on our website. A \$25 technology fee will be assessed, and can be paid by cash, check, or the online payment system. **NO forms or money will be accepted while the first rollout is occurring. We will begin accepting forms and fees again for the second rollout next week.**
- After receiving their ChromeBooks, students



will watch a required video and complete a Moodle module on internet safety and other protocol of the 1 to 1 initiative. We will designate a time during the school day for this to take place.

- Forms on our website: [ChromeBook Information](#)
- For more information, checkout this link: <https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/chrome-cabinet/home?pli=1>

Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Kevin Allran

Last Week's Results

Tennis defeated Parkwood and lost to Charlotte Catholic. Volleyball lost to Charlotte Christian but beat Butler 3-0. Soccer defeated Monroe 6-2 and lost to Ardrey Kell. Football lost to Ardrey Kell.

I would like to remind everyone that we are the Wells Fargo Cup Champion again this year for the 6th year in a row. No one else has won the cup since our school was created. All coaches and teams are striving for that goal again. In an effort to make sure that our first class teams are supported in a first class manner let me make some suggestions regarding our fan support and behavior:

Always represent Marvin Ridge High School in a POSITIVE light!

Never call out another player's name or number and be critical of his/her play.

Never call out an opposing teams name or number in a



critical manner.

We are all role models and people are watching. Make sure that we are role models for everyone including other team's fans.

As always we want to project a POSITIVE image of Marvin Ridge and poor fan behavior is not a core value that the coaches and or administration support.

Our first home football game vs Pender County HS (this is a change) is our **Back to School Night**, and we will be collecting school supplies that will be given

to East Elementary School in Monroe. Please bring any and all school supplies to the game that night as we will have a large white panel truck to fill.

New Admission Cost to Games for UCPS Employees:

From now on the admission policy with a UCPS badge will be badge-holder plus one. No longer will families be allowed in on the badge. This is a county policy and will be observed throughout the county at school admission events. Please be patient with us as we initiate this change.

2013 PTSO Open House Monday @ 6:30

The evening will begin with a short general meeting and then parents will have a chance to "walk" their student's schedule...please bring a copy with you! Teachers will review course requirements and expectations.

Please stop by the PTSO table at Open House to see how you can volunteer to support your Mavericks. There will be representatives for other organizations present as well as opportunities for parents to donate to Mission Possible II.

Attention: The first meeting of the [MRHS Academic Booster Club](#) is Thursday, September 12th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Guidance Office. All members are welcome to attend. Membership forms will be available.

Guidance and School Counseling Updates

****New: Informational Wednesday****

The counselors want to be more visible to all students this year, therefore, starting Wednesday, September 4th the counselors will be in the lunch room the entire third block period. The hope is that students will have more opportunities to communicate with their counselor without missing instructional time.

The University of South Carolina Admissions Office will be holding an information session for all students interested in applying to and attending USC. It will be held on Monday, September 16th at 6:30pm in the MRHS Auditorium and is open to other Union County High School students to attend as well.

Class of
2014!
ZingerBug.com

Scholarships of the Week: The Lowell-Bryan Scholars Program (Davidson College), the Morehead-Cain Scholarship Program (UNC-Chapel Hill) and the Park Scholarship Program (NC State) are now accepting nominations from high schools for their programs. Please let Ms. Kanna in guidance know if you are interested in being nominated for these scholarship no later than September 13th, 2013. If not selected as an MRHS nominee, students will have the opportunity to self-nominate themselves. Please visit the school counseling scholarship website for the latest scholarship newsletter or visit these colleges' websites for more information.

Student interested in scholarships for ROTC or the Marines! A representative will be meeting with students on September 19th. Sign up in guidance.

College Visits: The following colleges are coming to visit in September and October! Please check in guidance to sign up to attend a short information session during the school day. Williams College (9/11), Mississippi State University (9/16 in café), Saint Leo University – Florida (9/19), Washington University – St. Louis (9/23), UNC-Chapel Hill (9/24), Tulsa University (9/26 in café), Vanderbilt University (9/27), Tulane University (9/27), DePauw University (9/27 in café), University of South Carolina (9/30 in café), University of Alabama (10/4).

Announcing the Miss MRHS Pageant on September 30th! All Senior girls are encouraged to participate. Miss MRHS will compete for the \$4,000 Alex Kahle Memorial Scholarship and the title of Union County's Christmas Parade Princess. They will also compete for the title of Carrousel Scholar and an academic scholarship in the Carrousel Parade over the Thanksgiving Holiday. This is NOT a **beauty** pageant. Application is open to any senior girl, who has a 3.0 GPA or higher and who has good moral character, leadership abilities, and an interest in fellow students and the community. Participants will receive a sub score for their application, GPA, first impression, a two-minute speech, interview, and question and answer. The young lady with the highest overall score will become Miss MRHS.

Alex Kahle was a senior at Porter Ridge High School when she passed away in 2007. She was Porter Ridge's Carrousel Pageant representative, varsity cheerleader, Student Council President, a member of several honors societies, an excellent student and an active volunteer with the Children's Ministry at Elevation Church. The Alex Kahle Memorial Scholarship was created in her memory and is awarded annually to the winner of the Union County Christmas Parade Princess Pageant.

SAT/ACT Prep Class offered...

SAT Prep Class will be offered starting September 10 - October 3, Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:00 - 4:00. The class will give insight and strategies for each section on the test. The cost is \$ 175 and checks should be made payable to Linda McDonald. Forms can be picked up in the guidance or from Mrs. Filter F204. Please turn in the check and form to Mrs. Filter. If you have any questions email Mrs. McDonald as englishlam@aol.com or robin.filter@ucps.12.nc.us.

Student Handbook Reminders—Please be aware of and follow the policies...

Cell Phones

(Per Union County Public Schools Policy) Except pursuant to an authorized instructional purpose and as an instructional tool under the guidance and direction of a staff member during a school activity, students will not use cellular phones, CD players, iPods, MP3 players, headphones and DVD players on campus from the first bell of the day through the last dismissal bell. Except as identified above, cell phones must be turned off and out of sight (in book bag, pocket, or purse) at all times. These items may be kept on campus in a locked vehicle without violating school policy. School is not responsible for loss or damage of any kind to the above named items.

First Offense: Confiscate items and return only to parents after the school day ends. If use of cell phone results in violation of other policies, including, but not limited to school based rules, further discipline may be applied.

Second Offense: Parent conference required and may include 1 day of In-School Suspension, After School detention, or Saturday School.

Third Offense: Parent conference required and may include 1 day of In-School Suspension, After School Detention, or Saturday School. The student cannot bring the item to school for the remainder of the school year, except as authorized in writing by the school principal.

**** PHONES WILL ONLY BE RETURNED TO PARENTS AFTER THE SCHOOL DAY ENDS.****

Dress code

If a student's dress or appearance is so unusual, inappropriate, or lacking in cleanliness that it disrupts the learning environment, the student may be required to change the offending dress or appearance. Clothing that attracts undue attention to the body's form or contour is inappropriate for school. Students are responsible, therefore, for exercising good judgment in dress and grooming. Students who violate the Dress Code will report to SMC. The following are guidelines for high school dress, but are not limited to these:

Shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. must extend beyond a student's fingertips when the student is standing up straight. No holes are allowed above the fingertip length.

Shirts must cover the torso and straps must be at least 3 inches or 3 fingers wide.

No mesh tops, see-through, cut-off shirts, halters, skintight clothes, or clothing of any type that exposes the torso, profane words, drug or alcohol advertising, sexual innuendoes, or other unacceptable graphics.

Students must wear shoes.

"Drag and sag" pants violate dress code.

No gang related clothing, paraphernalia or gang related tattoos.

Visible undergarments are prohibited at all times.

No pajamas, including pajama pants, hats, or sunglasses (unless medically needed) are allowed in school.

****The administration reserves the right to set additional dress code rules on an individual basis if the student's clothing is disruptive to the school environment.***

Marvin Ridge High School—One Team on One Mission

What does it mean to be a Maverick?



The MRHS Student Handbook includes new information this year, explaining a set of Academic Core Values created by our site-base team last school year. We ask that you please review these as Maverick family and discuss the significance of these values at home and at school.

CREST, MASCOT AND COLORS

The MRHS Crest symbolizes our ideal for a world-class school. The globe is centrally located to represent our commitment to a global learning approach. Surrounding the globe are representations of each major area of study and athletics.

Our mascot is the Maverick, which symbolizes freedom, spirit, and individuality. Its' legend dates back to the 1800's to a strong white stallion living in freedom in the wild. A Maverick is independent in behavior and thought.

Our Colors are Orange, Royal Blue and White. These colors symbolize the following:

Orange - worthy ambition

Royal Blue - truth and loyalty

White - peace and sincerity

ACADEMIC CORE VALUES

Our Academic Core Values are based on the symbolism of our school colors. They represent what it means to be a Maverick and our honor code in all academic pursuits and discourse.

Worthy Ambition requires Mavericks to set high goals and to work to their greatest potential in all endeavors.

Truth and Loyalty require Mavericks to use honesty in all assignments, tests, projects, and research. This includes avoidance of: plagiarism, collusion, duplication, misconduct, and disclosing or receiving information that gives one an unfair advantage.

Peace and Sincerity require Mavericks to maintain a conducive, safe learning environment for all and to consider alternate viewpoints as well as consequences fully and fairly before making a judgment, statement, or academic decision.

PE Uniforms Available ONLINE Only for 2013-2014

<https://www.bsnteamssports.com/index.php>

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Reminder: Community Read—Summer Reading 2013

As part of our school's mission, each year our community comes together to discuss a global topic in the fall during an event called Community Read Day. The aim of this program is to empower our students with global knowledge and a respect for diversity that will help them be successful citizens in a changing global community. In the past, we have explored books related to Central America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. This year we will be using these five books to explore the culture and history of the Middle East. Please select one of the following books to read over the summer.

- 1) **19 Varieties of Gazelle**, a collection of poems by Naomi Shihab Nye - Grade 6 and Up
- 2) **A Little Piece of Ground**, a fictional young-adult novel by Elizabeth Laird - Grades 6-10
- 3) **A Bottle in the Gaza Sea**, a fictional young-adult novel by Valerie Zenatti - Grades 7-12
- 4) **Tasting the Sky**, a memoir by Ibtisam Barakat - Grades 9-12
- 5) **A Thousand Splendid Suns**, a fictional novel by Khaled Hosseini - Grades 11-12

Book Reviews and Valuable Resources are available at:

<http://mrhs.ucps.k12.nc.us/links/CommunityRead.php>

Students, what should you do?

- 1) Select at least one book from the list to explore.
- 2) As you read, keep an open mind and consider what you are learning from the book. Practice all the great reading strategies you have learned in school like questioning, summarizing, annotating, predicting, inferring, visualizing, connecting, and evaluating.
- 3) Use the website above to learn more.
- 4) Be prepared to participate in the Community Read Day events in the fall including class discussions and writing assignments in all of your classes.

Parents, how can you get involved?

- 1) Using the list of options, help your child choose a book that you think best meets his or her needs intellectually and emotionally.
- 2) Help your child find a copy of the book by purchasing a copy or checking one out from a library.
- 3) Feel free to join the community read by reading one or more of the books on the list. You will even have the opportunity to participate in book club discussions with other parents and staff on Community Read Day.
- 4) Talk with your child about the book. See the suggestions below.
- 5) Encourage your child to pick up other books that interest him or her.

**COMMUNITY READ DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013**

\$100 Marvin Ridge activities PTSO volunteers security cameras Run for the Ridge Athletic Boosters uniforms ground maintenance LIGHTS Academic Boosters student recognition breakfasts College 411 Night mini-grants Band Boosters festivals Competitions Student Life Clubs community service scholarships Drama Chorus Student Council kicker team effort online forms \$100

NOW IS THE TIME!! Let's top Mission Possible I!

During the 2012-2013 school year our Mavericks won or shared 17 Conference Championships, earned regional, state and national honors in DECA, FIFA, FBLA, Theatre, Cheer, Dance, Chorus, Speech and Debate and won the Wachovia Cup for the sixth straight year. It was certainly a great year filled with many lasting memories. Now as we look to the future and the 2013-2014 school year, how do we provide the necessary support to help our groups continue on this path of success? Obviously; we must provide dedicated coaches and sponsors to guide our groups. We must provide quality facilities for practices and games. We must have the financial resources to supply the necessary equipment, supplies and travel expenses for our groups to compete locally, regionally and nationally.

How do we do that you ask? First becoming a PTSO, Band Booster, Academic Booster or Athletic Booster member is a great start. Then we raise funds through fundraisers. We can do a lot or combine our efforts with a team approach through Mission Possible II. We are asking that each family contribute \$100, or more if you like, to this effort. If we truly participate as "One Team on One Mission" in this effort most of the fundraising goals will be met and additional fund raisers will be limited which means our groups can concentrate on their activities and contests and not fundraising. Mission Possible I raised over \$17,000 for our school...we can top that and much more with your generous support!

Your Mission, should you choose to join and support our students at Marvin Ridge High School through Mission Possible II, is to go online and fill out the [online payment form](#) and then the [Google Doc form](#) on the website to designate 50% of your funds to a specific group. Both forms are found under the Parents and Community tab on the website. You do not have to designate a group and you can bring your contribution into the office if you choose.

Important Links: [Online Payment](#) [Fund Designation Form](#)