

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



Good Evening, Mavericks! This is Jim Zorn, Assistant Principal with your weekly announcements.

The school year is off and running and our staff and students are hard at work both in and out of the classroom. The student focus and dedication on academics has been strong, and this

week our Mavericks ran over the competition with all of our teams winning in their respective sports. Congratulations to all of our coaches and athletes for their efforts and thank you to our band for keeping everyone entertained at the game Friday night. Maverick Spirit is alive and well as demonstrated this week by our football team who shared their jerseys with staff members, and by a great show of support from our fans on Friday night. 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 chromebooks were distributed to all grade levels. If you have not received your chromebook yet, you may pick yours up in the Media Center Monday morning starting at 7:30 or during lunch.

This week the students will host our annual club fair on Monday and Tuesday during lunches. This is an opportunity for the student body to learn about some of our clubs and get involved in student life at Marvin Ridge. There is now a link on the website for all club announcements.

Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Since the parent assist module for Powerschool is not yet available, it's important for parents to be on the lookout for these reports so you can see how your child is performing in his or her classes.

The first Senior breakfast of the year will be held on Friday at 7:30am in the Media Center.

Mission Possible II ends on September 26th. Please consider supporting the school through this fundraiser. Forms are available on the 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**—Club Fair at lunch; USC Night for MRHS Students and others
- **Tuesday**—Club Fair at lunch; IB Parent Meeting for Class of 2015 at 6:30 in the Media Center; Volleyball @Piedmont; Tennis @ Piedmont
- **Wednesday**—Progress Reports; Volleyball vs. Ardrey Kell at HOME
- **Thursday**—Progress Reports; Tennis and Volleyball @ Sun Valley; JV Football @ Rocky River—6 PM start
- **Friday**—Varsity Football vs. Rocky River at HOME 7:30 (Middle School Athlete Recognition)
- **Saturday**—Cross Country @ Wake Med Invitational; Union County Band Preview 4:00 PM at the MRHS Stadium
 - **Scheduled Club Meetings this week:**
 - Monday : International Club 3:00 in room F102
 - Tuesday: German Club 7:20 in room F122; NEHS 7:20 in E125 or 3:05 in E123; Speech and Debate 3:00 in room E201; Stuco Officers in C145 before school
 - Wednesday: Interact 7:30 in the Auditorium; Guitar Club 3:00 in room A121
 - Thursday: Student Council before school in the media center; Speech and Debate 3:00 in room E201
 - Friday; Novice Speech and Debate 3:00 in room E201

Annual MRHS Club Fair on Monday and Tuesday

Marvin Ridge High School has 52 established student-led clubs and 10 in the start-up phase. These clubs belong to various categories: recreational, service oriented, co-curricular, academic, and honor societies. Each club meets regularly on a weekly or monthly basis. Each club has at least one faculty member who serves as the Club Advisor. In addition all clubs have bylaws and elected student leaders. During the club fair, students can find out more information and sign-up if interested. Below is a list of all current clubs offered at Marvin Ridge High School:

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| • Anime Club | • FBLA | • Hacky Sack Club* |
| • Art Club | • Fellowship of Christian Athletes | • HOSA |
| • Asian Culture Club | • FCCLA | • Humane Society* |
| • Aspiring Law Leaders | • First Priority | • Interact Club |
| • Beta Club | • French Club | • International Club |
| • Book Club | • French Honor Society | • International Thespian Society |
| • Chinese Honor Society | • Future Investors for America | • Key Club* |
| • CHECK | • Gay/Straight Alliance | • Mavs 2 Mavs Tutoring |
| • Crushing Cancer/Relay For Life | • German Club | • Maverick Spirit Club |
| • DECA | • German Honor Society | • Model UN |
| • Drama Club | • Guitar Club | • Mu Alpha Theta |
| | | • National Chinese Hon- |

Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Kevin Allran

Last Week's Results:

Tennis defeated Parkwood and Cuthbertson. Volleyball beat Anson, Hough and Cuthbertson 3-0. Soccer defeated Hickory Ridgem Providence Day, and Parkwood. Football defeated Pender High School. Cross Country Girls win twice and Boys win Tuesday and finish fourth at Weddington.

AWESOME JOB to the Orange Crush student section and their beach theme for Friday night's game! Great fun! See the pictures on the MRHS Facebook page.

Go Mavericks!!

Coming up this week:

During halftime of this week's football game versus Rocky River we will honor all of our middle school athletes. All middle school athletes and coaches will be allowed in free to the game and will be honored at halftime. Please come on out and support the Mavericks.

Fan Behavior Expectations for Our Maverick Fans

Always represent Marvin Ridge High School in a POSITIVE light!
Never call out another players name or number and be critical of their 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.



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- National Art Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- National Science Honor Society
- Photography Club
- Philosophy Club
- Ping Pong Club
- Quidditch Team
- Red Cross Club
- Recycling Club
- Rho Kappa
- Science Olympiad

- Spanish Honor Society
- Speech & Debate
- SRA: (Sas)Squatch Research Association
- Student Council
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Yoga Club
- Young Democrats
- Young Republicans

*Needs an advisor

Coming Soon:

AHA - Athletes Helping Athletes
Business National Honor Society
Bollywood Dance Club
Creative Writing Club
FIDM Fashion Club
Film Club
Global Awareness
Helping Hands Club
Intel
Mavs Against Bullying
SOS
Trouble at Sunrise

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 Wendy's Heisman Award is awarded to one male and one female athlete with a minimum 3.0 GPA. The first 41,000 applicants will receive Wendy's gift cards ranging from \$5 to \$50. Application deadline is October 1st. Visit www.wendysheisman.com to apply!

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. 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), UNC-Asheville (11/8)

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills and writing skills. Marvin Ridge High School recommends that students take the **PSAT/NMSQT** in order to receive feedback about strengths and weaknesses, enter the competition for National Merit Scholarships (11th graders), and help prepare for the SAT. All 11th graders in UCPS will take the test for free on October 16; 9th and 10th graders can register for a fee. Please see [Testing Information](#) on the School Counseling Page for more details.

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

Announcing the Miss MRHS Pageant on September 30th!

Miss MRHS applications are due from participants Friday, September 20th. Come out and support your MRHS senior girls on Monday, September 30th at 6:30pm in the auditorium for the crowning of Miss MRHS!

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.

Seniors receive help with resume writing, college admissions

Applying for college is an overwhelming task and the counseling department works very hard to make the process as easy as possible for all students - Senior Night, Website, College Visits to MRHS, College 411 Night/Junior Night, Scholarship Newsletter, and Financial Aid Night. The feedback that the counseling department received last year from the Class of 2013 was that they could have used more guidance with resume and essay writing. The counseling department had a brainstorming session and made the decision to provide resume and essay writing resources to the Class of 2014 and it was a HUGE success!!

Marvin Ridge High school would like to thank Mrs. Giovanna Braund and Mrs. Jennifer Burns for volunteering their time this week to help our students. Ms. Braund is a former Assistant Director of Admissions at the University of Florida and Ms. Burns is a Vice President in Global Human Resources at Bank of America; both have worked extensively on reading resumes and essays in these positions. It has commonly been asked by our stu-

dents if we could provide a resource for them to have someone read and proof their admissions information.

Mrs. Braund and Mrs. Burns volunteered to come to our guidance office after school. They read and provided suggestions to students on their essays and resumes on Tuesday-Thursday, September 10-12. We hope to offer future sessions...stay tuned!



ChromeBook Rollout—Still Rolling and Printing...

- All grade levels have received their Chromebooks.
- Students who were not able to get theirs on the class day or who have recently turned in their paperwork may pick up a Chromebook in the media center on Monday before school or during lunch.
- Students who have not turned in permission forms or fees may do so again beginning this week in the media center.
- 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 date for this to take place.
- For more information, checkout this link: <https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/chrome-cabinet/home?pli=1>

Important Options for printing from your google drive / Chromebook from home:

- 1) Log in to your ucps student google account via this link at: <http://tinyurl.com/oq8wkcw> sign in with your student ID number and password and print from your home computer.
- 2) Save from your google drive onto a flash drive and print from your home computer or bring your flash drive to the Media Center (.10 per page).
- 3) If you have a wireless printer, you can check to see if your printer is capable of printing through Google Cloud print. Lists of cloud ready printers and easy to follow instructions can be found through this link <http://tinyurl.com/kkfb55c>

Announcing Zero Period! On September 23, Zero Period will officially begin. You must see Ms Lawson to sign up and register for the class. You may opt to receive a Pass / Fail for the class. It is on a FIRST COME...FIRST SERVE basis. There are only 32 slots available. You have all of next week to register! See Coach Bailey if you have questions!

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**

Student Handbook Review

****Basic Daily Attendance Procedures****

Early Dismissals

If you are aware of a doctor/dentist or any other appointment for your child, please send in a note with your child's first and last name, time to be released, and phone number where you can be reached. **PLEASE be aware that no student will be released without written permission or a parent coming into the office to sign out the student.** If your child is sick and needs to leave early you must either come in to sign them out, send a fax to 704.243.0012 or email to Ms. King-Pierce Melissa.king@ucps.k12.nc.us . If someone other than a parent will be picking up your child, written permission with the person's name must be included in the note or fax. **Any student leaving without permission** and/or not signing out at the front office will be considered truant.

Late Arrivals

Please have your child bring in any doctor/dental/court or sick note when they arrive in school or within 3 days of the appointment to be considered excused. All students must sign in at the front office when they arrive or they will be considered truant. If a student arrives late for any class without a valid note and excuse, they will be sent to SMC (student management center) for the remainder of that block. **All students must sign in if they arrive in-between classes as well.** Please keep in mind that bringing a note in does not excuse your student if it is not a valid reason.

15 minute rule

Students can not miss more than **15 minutes** from any class period in order to be present for that class. This also includes 3rd period which includes lunch periods. The 15 minutes can be any time at the beginning, during or at the end of that period. Therefore if you arrive within the first 15 minutes of the block you will be counted tardy, 16 minutes and after you will be marked absent.

** What if students were at a doctor's visit but forgot the note?? With a parent note, students will be marked unexcused until you bring in the doctor's note. Without a parent note, you must go to SMC.

Students can only leave the building with written parental permission. If they get sick during the day and can drive themselves home, they must still have a written note-it can be faxed (704.243.0012) or emailed (Melissa.king@ucps.k12.nc.us or beth.hamilton@ucps.k12.nc.us).

Attendance Information

Absences are COUNTED BY CLASS. Any student who misses more than 15 minutes at any point in a class will be considered absent from that class.

Any student who is absent more than seven times from a class may not receive credit for that class.

All absences, including parental sign-in or sign-outs, will be recorded as unexcused unless a law-

EXCUSED Tardy/Absence	Unexcused Tardy/Absence
<p>**Student is allowed to go to class ONLY IF they have a note from their parent/guardian, doctor’s office, etc. (see** below)</p>	<p>**If the class period has already started, student must go to SMC. DO NOT let the student leave once they are in the building.</p> <p>**If we are in between class periods, student can go to class.</p>
<p>Sick Doctor (of any kind) Dentist Court Funeral</p>	<p>Arriving late without a note (see** below) Travel/out of town Overslept/Alarm didn’t go off Family problem (of any kind) Stuck behind a bus Stuck behind an accident (unless it was reported to the office by an official) DMV (getting a permit or license) Forgot something</p>

ful excuse note is submitted to the office within three days of the absence.

Students may miss up to 3 days per school year for college visits.

A **SIGNED** note **FROM THE COLLEGE** must be presented within 3 days of the absence in order for the absence to be coded as an excused college visit.

Absences for educational reasons must be approved by administration prior to the absence. Requests should be emailed to Melissa.king@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Parent notes referencing a student’s illness will be considered excused. However, they are not automatically waived, and may count against the student’s allowed 7 absences per class.

An absence may be excused but not be waived. Excused & unexcused absences count in the 7 absences a student is allowed to have before they are in danger of failing the class for attendance, waived absences do not count in that total.

The following absences may be excused and waived only with the listed documentation.

- Doctor/dental appointment with a note from the doctor or dentist within 3 days of the absence.
- Required court date with a note from the court or attorney within 3 days of the absence.
- Death in the family (Union County allows for this to be excused and waived for the death of a parent, grandparent or sibling) with a cop of the obituary or funeral program. In this instance, documentation may be provided within two weeks.

The following reasons will be included in the “unexcused” absence category:

- oversleeping, running late, car trouble, traffic issues, sibling or parent illness or appointment, family trip, etc.

Attendance questions may be directed to Melissa King-Pierce at 704.290.1510 ext. 5583 or Melissa.king@ucps.k12.nc.us.

\$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

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. [Printable Forms will be attached to the Mav Message email and the Website!](#)

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