

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



Good Evening this is Mr. Conner with your weekly message. On Monday, September 23, Marvin High School was awarded the certificate for Highest Graduation Rate in our cohort or similar size public schools for the State of North Carolina. This is the second year in a row that we have received this distinction. Dr. June Atkinson, State Superintendent of Education for North Carolina, presented the awards and

commented that she believed graduation rates are the best indicators of how schools are preparing students for college entrance and their futures. She said graduation rates encompass all subjects and all content areas and reflect the overall performance of schools and students. This fall we received our composite scores for the ACT Test, SAT Test, and Advanced Placement Tests. Marvin Ridge High Students improved their scores on all three of these tests while increasing the number of students taking the exams. Our IB graduation rate has increased from 88.8% in 2011 to 94.8 % in 2013 and is significantly higher than world average of 78.5 %. I believe that our performances are in line with our mission 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.

I share this information for two reasons. First, I think it important that parents are kept up to date on the progress at Marvin Ridge High School. Second, while recent North Carolina Legislation may not put education at the top of the priority list Union County Public Schools and the Marvin Ridge High School Community have it at the very top of our list. There is nothing more important that our students. We will continue to strive for excellence constantly evaluating our programs and performances to insure your student is prepared for the future endeavors.

Ms. Justice mentioned in the last message that Mission Possible II stopped on Thursday, September 26th. **We have decided to keep it open until Friday, October 4th.** Or one more week. Providing assistance for our Student Life programs, PTSO, Band Boosters, Academic Boosters or Athletics is a complicated issue and one that I need your help with to solve. Funding is tight this year and when groups plan events one of the criteria for approval will be if there is adequate funding to cover the costs. There are four ways to assist our students funding for their events.

Contribute to Mission Possible II before October 4th. Forms and payment options are on the website or you can send your contribution to the main office.

Support an individual group or more than one group's fund raising event. I am sure you will be contacted soon- probably more than once.

Become a member of one or more of our organizations. PTSO, Band Boosters, Athletic Booster, Academic Booster.

Show your support by attending events. Lots of them.

Please read the Maverick Message and check the new calendar on our websites for events and happening at Marvin Ridge High School. Have a great evening!



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page...attached to
email.

- 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!

PowerSchool Parent Portal to be released by the state

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is no longer using NCWISE to manage student information. This means that the Parent Assistant Module (PAM), which allowed parents to access their school's student-information, is no longer available.

This year, the state directed school systems to use PowerSchool. When it is completely functional, parent and student portals will be available, giving parents access to student information.

Forthcoming online access to student schedules, grades, homework and attendance will make it easy for parents to keep track of their child's progress.

More information will be coming soon from the state with regards to the timeline for implementation.

- From Union County Public Schools

Text from Letter to Dr. Mary Ellis from State Dr. June St. Clair Atkinson, State Superintendent of Education—

"...Union County Schools is (also) among the the tope ten school districts in the state with the highest graduation rate. In addition, your graduation rate at Central Academy of Technology and Weddington High School are the top two highest in schools having 200-299 in its cohort sixe and **Marvin Ridge High is among the top two highest in schools having 300-399 in its cohort size.**

I cordially invite your local board of education chair, public information officer, the principal of the school, one other guest and you to attend a luncheon and recognition ceremony on Monday, September 23, 2013, from 12:00 untl 2:30 pm. The luncheon will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, NC....You will be presented with an award and recognized among your peers for this distinction. You will also be recognized as having the highest graduation rate among the large school districts in the state."



We are #1 for schools with a cohort of 300-399!

Marvin Ridge is being recognized for a third year in a row for our Cohort Graduation Rate, second year that we have been #1!. The rate for MRHS Class of 2013 was 99.71 and for Union County Public Schools, we topped 90% for the first time with a rate of 90.8. Congratulations to all!

Mr. Conner was proud to represent our school at the Recognition Ceremony and Luncheon.

Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Kevin Allran

Last Week's Results:

Please see the Go Mavericks website for this week's updates...early deadline for print!

Coming up this week:

Monday 9/30 Soccer @ Piedmont

Tuesday 10/1 Volleyball @ Cuthbertson
Tennis @ Cuthbertson

Wednesday 10/2 Volleyball vs Hickory Ridge, Soccer @ Sun Valley, and the Booster Club Meeting @ 7pm

Thursday 10/3 Volleyball vs Piedmont, Tennis vs Piedmont, and JV football Cookout on the practice field

Friday 10/4 Football vs Victory Christian and it is Crush Cancer Night
Wear Pink and Orange and it is Senior Night for the Band!!

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 team's 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.



Congratulations to Coach Brook Hammers

*on her 100th victory as
Maverick Head Volleyball
Coach! Even better, the
match against Ardrey Kell
on September 18 was a 3-0
shut-out! Way to go Coach
Hammers and the Lady
Mavs!*



Guidance and School Counseling Updates

****Informational Wednesday****

Need to talk to your counselor for any reason? Counselors will have lunch in the cafeteria this Wednesday if you have questions or need information!!

Scholarships of the Week: The Levine Scholars Program (UNCC), the Danforth Scholars Program (Washington University - St. Louis), the Jefferson Scholars Program (UVA), the John Montgomery Belk Scholarship (Davidson) and the Centennial Scholars Program - Textiles 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 October 11th, 2013. Please visit the school counseling scholarship website for the latest scholarship newsletter or visit these colleges' websites for more information.

Class of
2014!
ZingerBug.com

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. University of South Carolina (9/30 in café), University of Alabama (10/4), King's College (10/25 in café), Elon (10/28), UNC-Charlotte (10/30), UNC-Asheville (11/8).

The PLAN (the Pre-ACT) will be on Tuesday, October 1st from 8:00 am - 11:15 am and is for ALL 10th grade students! Please remember to bring a pencil and calculator. There WILL NOT be enough calculators for all students. If you have questions, please see Ms. Lawson in Guidance.

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 Scholar 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.

Parent Conference Norms—how to make the most of your meeting:

- **It is that time of year, with progress reports out and report cards not far away.**
- **Talking with your child's teacher is always the first and best avenue for concerns.**
- **Please utilize our One Team, One Mission process of recognizing norms at each meeting.**
- **Remember that everyone's time is valuable and all stakeholders have a voice.**
- **Norms: Be Productive, Be Positive, and Be Problem Solvers!**

Change: the Miss MRHS Pageant will be a private interview process instead of a public event...

we will announce the winner to the school on Tuesday, October 1.

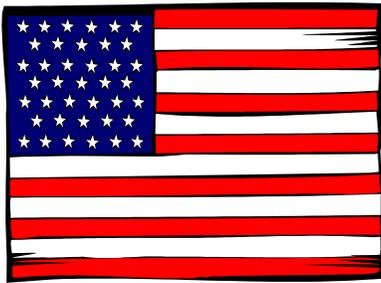
Miss MRHS will compete for the \$4,000 Alex Kahle Memorial Scholarship and the title of Union County's Christmas Parade Princess. They will also compete for the title of Carrousel Scholar and an academic scholarship in the Carrousel Parade over the Thanksgiving Holiday. This is NOT a **beauty** pageant. 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.

Governor's School Information

The Governor's School of North Carolina is the oldest statewide summer residential program for gifted and talented high school students in the nation. The program, which is open to rising seniors only, with exceptions made for rising juniors in selected performing/visual arts areas, is located on two campuses: Governor's School West at Salem College in Winston-Salem and Governor's School East at Meredith College in Raleigh.

The academic environment of the Governor's School thrives upon the intellectual curiosity of students and faculty alike. Students take no tests; teachers assign no grades. The campuses are alive with visiting speakers, performances, exhibitions, fieldtrips, demonstrations, optional seminars, and film series. Social and recreational events complement the academic focus.

The North Carolina Governor's School is partially funded by the North Carolina General Assembly. The General Assembly also requires a \$500 tuition per attending student. The Governor's School applications are located in the guidance office and are due to Ms. Lawson by Friday, October 25th.



Voter Registration Drive: In connection with the Union County Board of Elections, Marvin Ridge High School will host a voter registration drive October 2-4 in our school lobby. A BOE member will be present on October 2 for our kickoff, and the table will be manned by staff and students through Friday. Any community member or student who is at least 18 years old may register to vote.

Technology Updates...

- Chromebooks have been issued to all grade levels. On October 1, students will view the required Chromebook Orientation Video and MoodleSite through first period classes.
- Students are expected to bring Chromebooks to school on a daily basis. All laptops should be fully charged overnight and ready for use. Failure to bring the Chromebook each day could result disciplinary consequences. Parents are not allowed to drop off laptops for students.
- Options for printing from your Google drive / Chromebook:

1) Log in to your ucps student google account via this link at: <http://tinyurl.com/oq8wkcu> 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>

- PowerSchool/Gradebook is fully functioning for all teachers now, but we do continue to have transitional problems and outages. Parents should be receiving progress reports from remaining teachers within the next few days. Thank you for your patience.

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.

Look for Community Read Event Coverage and Photos on Facebook and in the next Mav Message!

\$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](#)