

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message

Annual Campus Clean-up Another Maverick Success!



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**First Day of
School is
Monday,
August 25!**

**Students report
to class at 7:50
am. Tardy Bell
is at 8:00 am.
Please see our
website for a
full bell
schedule.**

**Parents must
utilize the car
rider line at the
main entrance of
the school for
student drop off
and pickup.**



A large contingent of students, parents, and community members came out to beautify our campus on Saturday, August 2. Special thanks to Ms. Christine Robertson and Athletic Boosters for organizing; PTSO and Band Boosters for your support; athletes and club members for your participation! The grounds look awesome and ready to greet students on August 25.

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.

Back to School Orientations

Wednesday 8/13—

Senior Drop In 8:00—11:00 am

Thursday 8/14—

Junior Drop In 8:00—11:00 am

Monday 8/18—

Sophomore Drop In 8:00—11:00 am

Tuesday 8/19—

Freshmen A-L 8:00—10:00 am

Freshmen M-Z 10:30—12:30 am

(Parents and students should attend).



Students can accomplish the following at orientation:

- Pick up class schedule.
- Obtain a parking permit by submitting an application and appropriate documents plus the fee (\$50 premium spots, \$35 all other spots). You can find the application on our website under the Student Tab or the Announcement Scroll. Parking Permits are not issued early, and require a parent signature.
- Pre-Order the 2014-15 Orange Crush T-Shirt.
- Rent a locker \$5 per year.
- Pick up your transportation information.
- Check out calculators if needed.
- Parents can pick-up Parent Portal Login with Photo ID.
- Seniors can order graduation packages from Jostens on 8/13.
- Freshmen can get a tour of the school on 8/20.
- Freshmen parents can hear from key MRHS staff on 8/20.

PTSO Open House

Come out and meet your student's teachers on Monday, September 15 at 6:30.

Please stop by the PTSO table at Orientations and Open House to see how you can volunteer to support your Mavericks.

Summer Office Hours

Weeks of 8/11:

Monday 7:30-5:30

Tuesday 7:30—5:30

Wednesday 7:30—11:30

Thursday 7:30—11:30

Friday closed

Week of 8/19:

Monday 8:00—5:00

Tuesday 8:00—5:00

Wednesday 8:00—5:00

Thursday 8:00—5:00

Friday 8:00—5:00

The weekly Maverick Message will now be delivered to your phone and email on Mondays!

Welcome to New Athletic Director and Assistant Principal



At the July 29, 2014 meeting of the Union County School Board, David Thomson was approved as an assistant principal at Marvin Ridge High School and Tom Jamerson as the athletic director. We extend a warm Maverick welcome to these two new members of our staff and look forward to the significant contributions they will make to the life of our school.

Mr. Thomson joins the Marvin Ridge staff after having served for fifteen years as a Business/Marketing teacher at Sun Valley High School. During his time at Sun Valley, he was a DECA club sponsor each year and swim coach for ten years. Prior to becoming a teacher, he worked for ten years in business and sales. Mr. Thomson is a graduate of the State University of New York at Fredonia where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. In college, he was an ROTC scholarship winner and member of the swim team. He will receive his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Wingate University in December of 2014.

Mr. Thomson states, "I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as Marvin Ridge High School's new assistant principal. Over the years I have

been involved with families from the community through swimming and have always been impressed not only with the academic and athletic prowess of Marvin Ridge High School, but also with the character and work ethic of the students. I look forward to helping the Marvin Ridge community move the bar even higher. Go Mavericks!"

Mr. Jamerson has thirteen years of experience as an athletic director, having served in this role at Charlotte Christian, Wheaton Academy in Illinois, and Regents School in Texas. Prior to his work as an athletic director, Mr. Jamerson worked in the banking industry. He has coached basketball at the collegiate and high school levels, as well as golf and softball. Mr. Jamerson is a graduate of Ohio University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration on Finance. While at Ohio University, he was a four-year letterman on the varsity basketball team. In addition to his work as the athletic director at Marvin Ridge, Mr. Jamerson will teach business courses within our Career and Technical Education Department.

With regard to his new role, Mr. Jamerson states, "I'm thrilled to be the new athletic director at Marvin Ridge High School. I have seen Marvin Ridge teams compete throughout the years, and I was always impressed with how well the teams competed. There has always been a great amount of talent among the athletes and the coaching staff. Marvin Ridge always has a passionate fan base and athletic community. There is a tremendous amount of talent and resources here, and I'm thankful and privileged to be able to serve as the athletic director. I cannot wait to get started

Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Tom Jamerson

Fall Sport Tryouts are underway. ALL paperwork should be submitted to coaches.

The Fall Sports Parent meeting will be held on Monday, 8/18 at 7:00pm. At least one parent must attend this meeting.

****Special Invite: Varsity Football Scrimmage this Friday, August 15 against Parkwood!! Come out for your first look—tickets are \$5.**

Information on Game Schedules can be found on the MRHS website.

Season Home Openers:

Football vs West Montgomery:
Friday, 8/22 (Back to School Night)

Volleyball Invitational @ MRHS:
Friday, 8/22

Tennis vs Piedmont: Thursday,
9/11

Soccer vs. Ashbrook: Wednesday,
8/27

Local Cross Country meets and Golf matches will be listed on the website.

Marvin Ridge Mavericks Athletic Booster Club

First General Meeting: Wednesday, 9/17 at 7:00pm

Visit the gomavericks.org website to join and support our athletic program and to volunteer your time to help the Mavs!

Go Mavericks!!

Schedules Changes

ALL requests must be submitted on the appropriate form on or after your student's grade level orientation day. Unfortunately, email requests cannot be honored at this time. Individual appointments with guidance counselors for schedule changes will not occur so that counselors have the ability to fairly devote time to each student's request. If you have questions you may speak with the guidance representatives available during student orientations.

Reasons for schedule changes:

- Change is needed for graduation requirements and/or college entrance.
- Fewer than 8 classes are currently on schedule.
- Prerequisite has not been taken for currently scheduled course
- Class has previously been taken and credit received.
- Class is listed twice on schedule.
- Elective was not requested on registration form. (*Note: If alternates were not requested on registration form, requests for change may not be granted).

*Please note that all students will receive updated schedules in Homeroom on the first day of the semester. If a student submits a Schedule Change form after the first day of school, he or she should attend classes that are on the current schedule until further notification has been given. **If changes are approved, the new schedule will reflect the changes and will be distributed to the student. If the request cannot be met, contact from a guidance counselor will be made using the information provided.**

**Schedules will NOT be changed based on preferred teachers, periods, lunches, or classmates. Requests will not be accepted by phone or email.

- Schedule changes must be made within the first 5 days of school only.
- Course waivers should be signed with great caution. Be sure to read the waiver and communicate with the teacher if you have questions about the best class placement for your child.

Maverick Counselor and Administrative Assignments for 2014-2015

In Order to Fully Serve Students and Families :

- A - G (all grades) - Ms. Lori Sgan, Counselor and Mr. Dave Thomson, AP
- H - O (all grades) - Ms. Lisa Stipp, Counselor and Mr. Matt Lasher, AP
- P - Z (all grades), IB - Ms. Ann Ennis, Counselor and Ms. Lisa Justice, AP
- Student Support Counselor - Ms. Jessica Pierce

Welcome Back Class of 2015, Class of 2016, & Class of 2017! Welcome to our New Class of 2018!

Did you know that every Class has their own webpage on the MRHS website? These webpages are maintained by the Guidance Department and contain important information about school success, college and career readiness, scholarships, standardized testing and more. Be sure to check these pages often. To access them go to the School Counseling tab on the MRHS homepage.

Be sure to check the School Counseling site for other information on Driver's Education information and Tutoring information as well.

Guidance Counselors Ready to Serve

We are excited to welcome Ann Ennis, Lori Sgan, and Lisa Stipp to the Marvin Ridge staff as our guidance counselors. Jessica Pierce will also serve as a counselor at Marvin Ridge, working to provide specialized support to our student body and overall work of the Guidance department. This team of professionals will work to provide strong support to our students, staff, and families. Great care has been taken to select these outstanding members for our counseling team.

- Ann Ennis comes to Marvin Ridge from Weddington High School where she served as a counselor for the last four years. Prior to that, she taught high school English for twenty-five years. Ms. Ennis obtained her Bachelor of English Degree from Appalachian State University and her Master of Education in Counseling Degree from Winthrop University. Ms. Ennis and her husband of twenty-five years have two daughters.
- Lori Sgan has most recently served as the counselor at Rea View Elementary. During her career as an educator, she has also worked as a high school English teacher and an Exceptional Children's teacher. Ms. Sgan has a Bachelor's in English from Mars Hill College, a Master's in Special Education from Clemson University, and a Master's in Counseling from UNC-Charlotte. She is originally from the mountains of North Carolina and has two daughters.
- Lisa Stipp has completed extensive counseling training and internship work at Piedmont High School and Sandy Ridge Elementary. She served as a high school teacher in Florida, where she also served as the advisor for the newspaper and yearbook in addition to coaching girls' tennis. Ms. Stipp has also worked as a middle school language arts teacher in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. She earned her Bachelor's in Journalism at the University of Florida and her Master of School Counseling Degree from Liberty University. She is originally from Jacksonville, Florida and moved to Charlotte approximately four years ago with her husband.
- Jessica Pierce is also going to serve as a counselor at Marvin Ridge, working to provide support to the student body and overall work of the department. Mrs. Pierce joins our Guidance Department having served as a counselor at the Early College of Gaston County for the last three years and having worked with academic advising at the university level as well. She is certified as both a school counselor and as a Licensed Professional Counselor Associate in North Carolina. Mrs. Pierce obtained her Bachelors in Psychology and Masters in Counselor Education from the University of Central Florida.

Senior News and Updates

Senior Portraits are available through Prestige-Lifetouch. Traditional senior poses must be chosen by the date provided by Lifetouch in order to be in the MRHS Yearbook. The current make-up date is Monday, August 18. Students should receive an appointment card via Life Touch. A \$25 sitting fee will apply.

Caps and Gowns should be purchased through Jostens. All seniors should have received the order form from Jostens in the mail this summer. All Seniors will wear the traditional orange graduation regalia. Packages ordered will be delivered to seniors at school in the Spring. **Cords** for honors will be ordered by clubs and organizations during the school year.

College Acceptances and Scholarships should be reported to Guidance. Your counselor is excited to hear your great news. The previous graduating class earned over \$19 million in scholarship dollars. Please turn in copies of your scholarships as we are sure you can surpass that total!!

Recommendation requests should be directed to the staff member and any required forms should be provided to the staff member at the time of the request. Please be sure to give staff members ample time so that they can fulfill your request.



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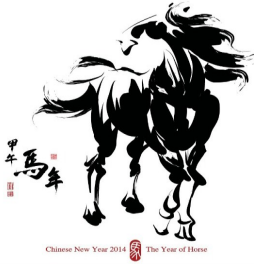
Senior Information Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2 at 6:30. ALL seniors and parents should attend.

Senior Athletes seeking to play college athletics should visit the NCAA website to review eligibility requirements and speak with their counselor and coach to make sure that they meet requirements.

Senior Breakfasts occur each month in the media center. The first breakfast will be in September.

Attention MRHS Class of 2015 Students and Parents: The official senior t-shirt can be ordered now! Opportunities to support senior activities throughout the year are also listed. Please remember that parent support is vital to maintaining traditions such as senior breakfasts, special gifts for seniors at games, and the senior banquet! We would like to add even more, so please consider doing your part today! The order form is available by clicking [here](#).

Reminder: Community Read—Summer Reading 2014



As part of our school's mission, 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. This year we will be using the following five books to explore Chinese culture. Please select one of the following books to read over the summer.

1) *Iron and Silk* by Mark Salzman

2) *Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People* by Helen Zia

3) *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang

4) *Driven Out: The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans* by Jean Pfaelzer

5) *The Hundred Secret Senses: A Novel* by Amy Tan

**Please see our school website for full information and summaries of the above titles.

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.*

- If you'd like to help your child practice effective reading skills in alignment with the Common Core Curriculum, consider asking him or her the following questions. Always follow up their answers to any questions with "What makes you think that?" or "How do you know?" Citing evidence that supports their knowledge or arguments is an important life skill.
- Community Read Day in the Fall, and a follow-up activity in the Spring, give parents opportunities to volunteer as well as promote the global perspective and goals of Marvin Ridge. Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters and on our website.

Calculator Procedure for 2014-2015 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Marvin Ridge High School Math Department would like to inform you of our department process and procedures regarding student calculators. Instead of class sets of units being available to students in each classroom, each student will need to purchase his/her own graphing calculator or check out a TI-84 Plus calculator for the semester from the MRHS Media Center.

Every student at Marvin Ridge High School must have daily access to a graphing calculator while enrolled in a mathematics course. Since a graphing calculator will be needed in math courses from 9th grade into college, students are strongly encouraged to purchase their own. The Math Department faculty will use a TI-84 Plus model in the classroom for instruction. If a student chooses not to purchase his/her own calculator, then he/she may sign out a calculator to use for the semester, much like a student signs for a textbook or signs an agreement for use of a laptop for the semester.

The calculators will be signed out from the MRHS Media Center. Before the calculator is loaned, the student and parent/guardian will sign an agreement to maintain the calculator in good working order throughout the semester and return it by a specified date at the end of the semester. (A copy of the calculator agreement will be available on our website and during student orientations).

Technology, including the graphing calculator, is a vital part of instruction in the classrooms of the 21st century student. It is vital that each student have the use of a graphing calculator in class every day. The new procedure will remove the daily logistics of managing the classroom set of calculators from each math teacher and allow more time to be spent on instruction. It also will ensure that each student has his or her own calculator, whether one he/she purchased or one he/she checked out, for class each day.

As always, thank you for the support as a parent that you give to MRHS. The Math Department and the Media Center appreciate that support as we begin the new calculator procedure. The loan agreement will be available at class orientations and may be completed at that time or on the first day of math class. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sandra Tran. (sandra.tran@ucps.k12.nc.us)



Please check the school website for the calculator loan agreement form. Forms will be available at grade level orientations.

Maverick FBLA Places Students at National Competition

Earlier this summer, MRHS FBLA traveled the FBLA National Competition in Nashville, Tennessee. Marvin Ridge students competed in a variety of business related events against some of the best students in the country. MRHS placed two students nationally, and all students represented our school admirably. Here are the competitors and their events:

Elizabeth Bueche	Entrepreneurship
Olivia Gartz*	Business Presentation
Leila Terzic*	Business Presentation
Noah Holzberg	Entrepreneurship
Mira Hashe	Entrepreneurship
Erica Palmerson	Public Service Announcement
Remi Bellefleur	Economics
Niharika Bhatnagar	Public Speaking II
Julian Gaines	Business Ethics
Eric Li	Business Ethics
Melissa Fu	Electronic Career Portfolio
Kaylee Coerper	Digital Design and Promotion
Sidhant Uthra	Global Business
Eugene Ahn	Global Business
Chris Garrick	Leadership



Congratulations to Olivia Gartz and Lelia Terzic for placing 7th in their events! To put their accomplishments in perspective, each of the above events had over 1,000 competitors nationally. Only the top 3 individuals/teams from each state were allowed to compete in Nashville. To nationally place in these events is a testament to the hard work and preparation by our students. We are very proud of their efforts in competition and their overall representation of Marvin Ridge during the entire trip.

- Troy Burns and Kelley Gates

PE Uniforms Available ONLINE Only for 2014-2015



Current Orders are being accepted through August 24.

<http://brandrpmteam.com/marvinridge/pe/index.php/apparel.html>



The Marvin Ridge Dance Team participated in their yearly Universal Dance Association Dance Camp at Wake Forest University in July of 2014. They not only took 2nd place in the competitive home routine evaluation, but received the Spirit Award, were invited to compete in the National Dance Team Championships in Florida and senior Andi Olivet was invited to audition for the UDA staff- which is an invite only honor.

Summer Travels Take Students to China, Germany, and Spain



Student trip to Nanjing, China

Student trip to Krefeld, Germany



Student trip to Salamanca, Spain



More global coverage of each group's trip will be provided in future issues of the Maverick Message and on our website.