

# Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



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Congratulations to senior Turner Schwartz for being named this year's Student-Athlete of the Year by the Charlotte Touchdown Club!

This is a huge honor for Turner and recognizes his achievements both on the field and in the classroom. The award is given annually to an area high school senior football player who has excelled in Scholarship, Sports-

manship, Leadership and Citizenship.

Turner will be recognized with a trophy at the Bronko Nagurski Awards Banquet on December 8th. In addition, Marvin Ridge will receive a \$2,000 honorarium, directed to the athletic department, in Turner's name.

**We are proud to have Turner as a Marvin Ridge Maverick!**

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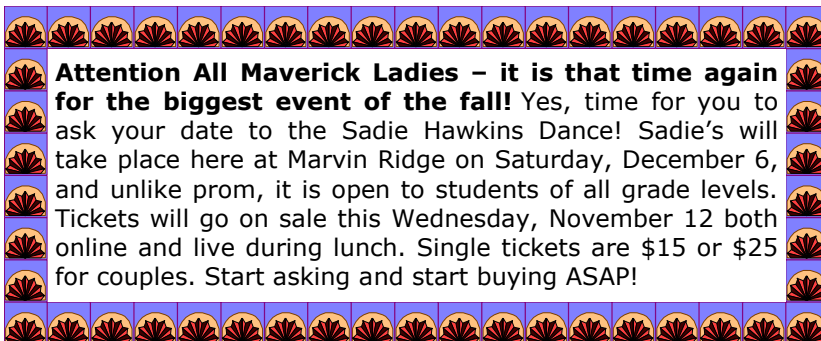
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## Important Upcoming Dates—

- November 17—Mark Erwin Presentations
- November 23—Union County Christmas Parade
- November 26—Optional Teacher Workday
- November 27 & 28—Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 1—Junior Night with Guidance
- December 6—Sadie Hawkins Dance
- December 15—Financial Aid Night for Seniors



**Attention All Maverick Ladies – it is that time again for the biggest event of the fall!** Yes, time for you to ask your date to the Sadie Hawkins Dance! Sadie's will take place here at Marvin Ridge on Saturday, December 6, and unlike prom, it is open to students of all grade levels. Tickets will go on sale this Wednesday, November 12 both online and live during lunch. Single tickets are \$15 or \$25 for couples. Start asking and start buying ASAP!

## Reminder: ChromeBook Expectations

- Students must bring their laptops with them each day, fully charged.
- Parents are not allowed to drop off laptops in the front office for student pick-up.
- Students must maintain safe-use and be responsible for laptop storage.
- Students who misuse technology will have laptops confiscated and will face disciplinary action.

***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.***

## Ambassador Mark Erwin to speak at Student Leadership Seminar and Community-Wide Events



One of our long-established Student Life traditions each year is the opportunity for leadership training. This year, the administration will again host a session for our students, and we are privileged to have the support of our PTSO in this endeavor.

Please mark **Monday, November 17** on your calendar for two very important events:

**Former Ambassador Mark Erwin will speak on our campus in two programs.**

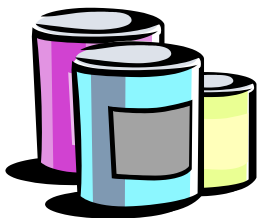
**Student Leadership Seminar:** We will bring our student leaders together at 12:30, then move everyone into the auditorium at 1:00. Mr. Erwin will speak for 45 minutes to an hour and then host a short Q & A. From 2:00-2:45, student leaders will re-convene in the cafeteria to construct their team action plans for the year and a service project as time allows. Student leadership of all clubs, organizations, and teams are required to attend.

**Evening Presentation:** We will host a brief reception at 6:30, and then Mr. Erwin will present to students, parents, and community members beginning at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! This is an awesome opportunity for support of many content areas and age groups of students.

Mr. Erwin is a former ambassador, former member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, President of Erwin Capital, Adjunct Professor, minister, and serves on the boards for numerous organizations. An author, his books include Life's Lessons: Lines of Wisdom from a Faithful Stream, which he co-authored with renowned artist Bob Timberlake, and The Practical Ambassador: A Common Sense Guide for United States Ambassadors, which is now part of the curriculum of the Foreign Service Institute at the State Department. His latest book, An Unlikely Journey is based on his personal story of overcoming early disaster to pursue a life filled with adventure and success. Mr. Erwin will be talking about his unlikely life journey and the power of personal success. His life motto is "Make a difference – Do Good – Have Fun."

**We are very excited and honored to host Ambassador Erwin, and thank you in advance for your support!**

*The Marvin Ridge Beta Club and Wrestling Team are proud to sponsor*



### "Mavs Wrestle Hunger"

*A Food Drive to Benefit Loaves and Fishes*



## November 3-22

- Students who donate will receive free admission to an upcoming wrestling event!
- Club Challenge! Members can donate in honor of their favorite MRHS student organization!
- The club with the greatest participation will receive a free after-school pizza party for members!

Items of primary need right now: pasta (not mac); pasta sauce; canned fruits  
Other canned and dry goods are also needed!

*It's November – Share Your Thankfulness!*

## Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Tom Jamerson

### Last Week's Results:

#### Soccer

Men's soccer loses to Fred T. Foard HS 1-0 in NCHSAA 3A 3<sup>rd</sup> round

#### Football

JV Football loses 28-0 to Weddington  
Varsity Football loses 37-10 to Weddington

### Week at a Glance:

#### Wednesday – November 12

Athletic Booster Club Meeting

#### Friday – November 14

NCHSAA Playoffs First Round:  
Varsity Football @ Asheboro– 7:30p

\*\*\*Basketball opens up on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Ardrey Kell HS

Congratulations to our Maverick Dance team for their performance at the Fort Mill Dance Championships! 2nd in Pom, 2nd in Kick, and they received the Overall Showmanship Award!

### NLI Signing

National Letter of Intent Signing Day for student-athletes will be Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the Media Center.

We are honored to have five athletes signing:

Sara Maleski – Diving – UNC-Chapel Hill  
Ashley McGowan – Softball – Tennessee Tech  
Clare Murphy – Women's Lacrosse – Virginia Commonwealth University  
Taylor Sweeney – Women's Lacrosse – University of Tampa  
Max Wotell – Baseball – University of Arizona

We will have a ceremony in the media center followed by a celebration.

**Go Mavericks!!**



Follow the Mavs on Twitter!  
@MavAthletics



## Turkey Dash High School Challenge

**HELP MARVIN RIDGE EARN \$1000 FOR OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

- Use code **TDHSChallenge** and save \$5 on registration for the 4-mile run
- Code expires on 11/16

Marvin Ridge jumped out to an early lead, but Ardrey Kell's big push last week puts them in front.

You can see full results at:

<http://turkeydashcharlotte.com/high-school-challenge/>

**The school that has the most supporters registering for the 4-mile run receives a \$1000 donation to the Athletic Program.**

### Announcing the 2014 Mini Mav Dancer Clinic and Performance with the Marvin Ridge Varsity Dance Team!

A fundraiser for the Isabella Santos Foundation, the clinic will be Saturday, November 22nd from 9-12 at MRHS; the performance is Friday, December 5th at the Girls Varsity Basketball Game Half Time. Open to all K-5th grade students from our cluster schools at a cost of \$35 (includes a t-shirt). Go to [www.gomavericks.org](http://www.gomavericks.org) to sign up between November 5th and November 21st.



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## Maverick Senior and Guidance News

**Class of  
2015!**  
MarvinRidge.com

**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!!

We have 5 more colleges signed up to visit in the Fall: Virginia Commonwealth – Thursday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am, Cabarrus College – Tuesday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, Living Arts College – Wednesday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm, a representative for Military Service Academies (i.e. West Point) – Monday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, Wesleyan College – Tuesday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am.

**Senior Breakfasts** occur each month in the media center. The next breakfast is this week, Friday, November 21.

**Check out the New Updates to the [School Counseling Tab](#) on the MRHS website!**

**Reminder: Schedule Changes for next semester are NOT available until January. Counselors will NOT meet with parents or students about schedule changes at this time. Please follow the process that will be outlined for January.**

### Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines of Note:

November 12 – Intel Science Talent Search  
November 15 – University of South Carolina Top Scholars  
November 15 – Emory Scholars Program  
November 15 – Goizueta Scholars Program –Emory University  
November 15 – Yvar Mikhashoff Trust for New Music Scholarship  
November 15 – Mesothelioma Memorial Scholarship  
November 15 – Erskine College Presidential Scholarship  
November 15 – The Robertson Scholars Program – UNC Chapel Hill & Duke University



All members of the Class of 2015

**November 10-14**

- Through Senior English Classes or by appointment in guidance
- Establish your CFNC account and complete online applications to a variety of private colleges, community colleges, and state universities

**IT'S FREE!!**

## Planning ahead...Preliminary First Semester Exam Schedule

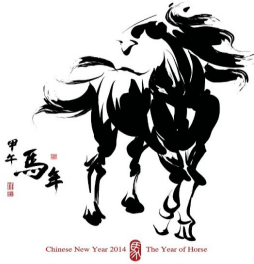
(A more detailed schedule with times and review sessions will be published and available on our website in the coming weeks).

**Monday, January 12—First Block Exam**  
**Tuesday, January 13—Second Block Exam**  
**Wednesday, January 14—Third Block Exam**  
**Thursday, January 15—Fourth Block Exam**  
**Friday, January 16—Make-up Exams**

\*\*Exams include all EOC, IMS, NC Common, and Teacher-Made tests. All exams must be taken by Friday, January 16 and no exams can be given early.

\*\*Please be aware of the UCPS calendar for the week after exams. We have a holiday on Monday, January 19, and two teacher workdays on Tuesday, January 20 and Wednesday, January 21. Second semester will begin for students on Thursday, January 22.

## 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.

**\*\* Community Read Day and Activities will take place in February, during Chinese New Year and the student visit from our sister school in Nanjing, China.**

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

### ***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.

## Collaborative Project Highlights Global Celebrations



A convergence of cultures and content areas came together in the Lower F Lobby on October 31 and continues still. Students in Ms. Baumgarten's and Mr. Roncone's Art classes, Ms. Elliott's Spanish classes, and Ms. Haddon's French classes created a collaboration that was timed with the American Holiday of Halloween, the Mexican Dia de Los Muerto or Day of the Dead, and the French La Toussaint or All Saints Day. The display is artistic, reflective, and realistic.

The project was initiated by Ms. Baumgarten and Ms. Elliot, and they began in early October by studying the Mexican holiday and recruiting other teachers and their classes to join them. Both Art classes created skulls and other design elements to decorate. "You can decorate an altar for fun or to honor a relative or loved one that has passed away," says Kenley Shaw.

Many of Ms. Baumgarten's students documented their work and study on individual class websites as well. They learned an appreciation of the cultural differences and about the aesthetic elements of the Holiday. "Mexicans and Americans react differently to death. While many Americans mourn the death most Mexicans use it to celebrate the life that person lived. When Americans do remember the dead it's only once at the funeral and they dress up in black, Mexicans dress in bright colors and costumes to remember their loved ones who have passed," comments Ryan Johnson.

Ms. Haddon's French classes added the touch of tombstones to honor famous French icons, and Ms. Elliott's classes created both honor portraits and the Spanish-patterned color flags that waived over the top of the display.

While Halloween and All Saints Day tend to be a one day experience, Dia de Los Muerto can continue for days. The display will be in F-Hall for at least a few more. Be sure to check it out!



## Hello Friends of Marvin Ridge High and Middle Schools!



The roundabout at the entrance of the Schools creates the “first impression” to the families, staff and visitors to our campus. The PTSO has been working with the High School and the Middle school to improve and develop the roundabout with an exciting new initiative.

“PASSPORT TO THE WORLD” is more than just a motto; it’s a Mission! From the first graduation class in 2008 and continuing today, Marvin Ridge has been providing its students with the tools to pursue careers and endeavors on a global basis. We are proud of this tradition!

Therefore, we have created a plan to develop the roundabout as a statement of this continuing tradition, aspiration and inspiration. We plan to install a metal sculpture of a globe that is held high in the air by students, which will be secured on a concrete platform. The words, “PASSPORT TO THE WORLD” will be proudly displayed. The area around the globe will then be beautifully landscaped.

To make this project a reality, we need your support! Our goal is to raise funds for this project primarily through sponsorships from local businesses. Sponsorships can be in the form of monetary pledges, or donated or discounted services (in-kind). If you are willing to donate or discount any of the following construction services, please let us know.

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| - <b>Concrete Pad</b>      | - <b>Landscaping design</b> |
| - <b>Landscape service</b> | - <b>Landscape supplies</b> |
| - <b>Sod</b>               | - <b>Lighting</b>           |
| - <b>Electrical</b>        | - <b>Signs</b>              |

If you are willing to pledge a donation to the project, please let us know! We have set up a tiered structure to formally recognize sponsors for their generous contributions. We look forward to meeting with companies interested in supporting Marvin Ridge Roundabout Development Project!

### **SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AVAILABLE (note that references to amounts include values of in-kind contributions)**

#### **Platinum Sponsor (\$2,500)**

- Dedicated Company Signage placed on the Roundabout facing the entrance (most visibility) for the school calendar year 2014-2015. This sign will also have your company logo!
- Sponsorship exclusivity within your business type
- Company name inclusion in the press releases to local media partners
- Inclusion in a letter of recognition of sponsors from Ms. Cook and Dr. Jones to all MR families
- Special recognition on the PTSO Website for the 2014-2015 school year

#### **Gold Sponsor (\$1,000)**

- Dedicated Company Signage placed on the Roundabout in a premium spot for the calendar year 2014-2015.
- Company name inclusion in the press releases to local media partners
- Inclusion in a letter of recognition of sponsors from Ms. Cook and Dr. Jones to all MR families
- Special recognition on the PTSO Website for the 2014-2015 school year

#### **Silver Sponsor (\$500)**

- Dedicated Company Signage placed on the Roundabout for the school calendar year 2014-2015
- Company name inclusion in the press releases to local media partners
- Inclusion in a letter of recognition of sponsors from Ms. Cook and Dr. Jones to all MR
- Special recognition on the PTSO Website for the 2014-2015 school year

#### **Bronze Sponsor (\$250)**

- Company name inclusion in the press releases to local media partners
- Inclusion in a letter of recognition of sponsors from Ms. Cook and Dr. Jones to all MR families
- Special recognition on the PTSO Website for the 2014-2015 school year

To secure your sponsor package, complete and return the Sponsorship Commitment Form to:  
Marvin Ridge PTSO

**Sponsor commitments are requested by November 15, 2014.**

**Thank you for your support of this important project!! Please contact Katherine Billingham at [Kathy@kbillingham.com](mailto:Kathy@kbillingham.com) for any questions.**