

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



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Important Upcoming Dates—

December 11-13—Much Ado About Nothing Performances
December 14—Waxhaw Christmas Parade
December 15—Financial Aid Night for Seniors
December 16—Band Winter Concert
December 18—IB Class of 2014 Diploma Ceremony
December 22—Winter Break Begins
January 2—Optional Teacher Workday
January 5—Students Return to School
January 12—Semester Exam Begin
January 15—Special Homeroom After Exam Period Ends
January 16—Make-up Exams
January 16—Schedule Changes Begin
January 19—Holiday
January 20—Optional Teacher Workday
January 21—Required Teacher Workday
January 22—Second Semester Begins

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.

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.

Important Final Exam Information from Marvin Ridge High School**Dates:**

Monday, January 12 – First Block Exam/Second Block Review Session
Tuesday, January 13 – Second Block Exam/Third Block Review Session
Wednesday, January 14 – Third Block Exam/Fourth Block Review Session
Thursday, January 15 – Fourth Block Exam/Return to Fourth Block after lunch
Friday, January 16 – Make-up Exams for Absent Students/Normal Schedule

Additional Dates to Know:

January 19 – Holiday
January 20 – Optional Teacher Workday
January 21 – Required Teacher Workday
January 22 – First Day of Second Semester

**Exam Day Schedule:**

7:50 First Bell

8:00 Tardy Bell

8:00 – 12:00 Exam Period

12:00 – 12:05 Students Report to Review Period Classes or to Lunch

12:00 – 12:40 First Lunch: Lunch for classes in (based on the review period class location...Thursday will be based on 4th period class location): **Lower G, Upper G, Upper F and B wing.** Other classes begin review.

12:50 – 1:30 Second Lunch: Lunch for classes (based on the review period class location...Thursday will be based on 4th period class location) in **Lower F, Upper E, Lower E, and A, D, and C wings.** Other classes begin review.

2:50 Senior Bell

2:55 Student Dismissal

Important Final Exam Information from Marvin Ridge High School

Type of Exams:

We have four types – EOC, NC Common Exams, IMS, and Teacher-Made. Your student's teacher can address which type your student will take next month. A list of EOC courses and NC Final Exams will be posted on our website. IMS tests are for all CTE courses. All other exams are teacher-made.

Attendance:

Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions. Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted (see above). January 16 is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

Testing Window:

All exam testing must be completed between January 12 and January 16. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Common Exams, IMS, and Teacher-Made. Students may not test early, and if absent on an exam day, they must make arrangements to be at school on the make-up day in order to meet the approved testing window time-frame.

Score Results:

All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students and help them to recognize the opportunity of a positive outcome and the consequence of a negative one.

Exam review:

All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Study guides will also be available on teacher Moodle pages or websites. Please look for these after winter break, but

it is never too early for your student to begin organizing and reviewing material.

Academic Integrity:

Please remind students of our Academic Core Values on p.7 of the current Maverick Message and that have been posted in previous editions of the Maverick Message. **The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.** Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions, and it is our strong recommendation that they are not brought to school on these days.

Your student's success is always our primary concern. Please contact the school (your child's teachers, alpha-assigned counselor, or alpha-assigned grade level administrator) if you have any questions or concerns.

Special Announcement About Work Keys Testing:

Work Keys is a reportable and required test by NCDPI. Results are a part of our school report card grade, so it is a very important opportunity for our seniors.

Students who qualify, through their CTE course enrollment, must take the test. Students will be notified by Ms. Steere, our Career Development Coordinator, that they will be testing.

We have 67 seniors (this round) who will test on either December 16 or 17 during first and second periods in the media center. Administration will meet briefly with them as a group prior to testing on Friday, December 12.

Please be aware that the test will be given again next semester.

Maverick Athletics....from Athletic Director Tom Jamerson

Results: Week of December 1-7

Varsity Men's Basketball -

vs. Porter Ridge lost 91-43, vs. Providence lost 65-56, vs. Nations Ford won 61-47.

Varsity Women's Basketball

- vs. Porter Ridge lost 60-43, vs. Providence lost 53-36, vs. Nations Ford lost 68-47

JV Men's Basketball - vs.

Providence won 32-29

JV Women's Basketball - vs.

Providence lost 23-20

Wrestling - beat Metrolina Christian 51-24, beat CAA 44-33 beat Indian Land 55-21, beat Chesterfield 68-3

Swimming - boys and girls both defeated Sun Valley and Weddington

Below is a link to the Multiple Activities for Marvin Ridge High School.

When visiting the link below, you can always view the latest version of this information and can also use the buttons in the upper right of this report to print, email, or download the information into many different file formats for use in other programs.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)



Maverick Senior and Guidance News

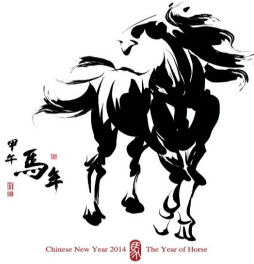
College Acceptances and Scholarships should be reported to Guidance. Your counselor is excited to hear your great news. The previous graduating class earned over \$19 million in scholarship dollars. Please turn in copies of your scholarships as we are sure you can surpass that total!!

- **On December 15th at 6:30 p.m., the counseling department will be hosting a Financial Aid Night for seniors and their parents.** Christy Majors, Assistant Vice President for Student Financial Services at Queens University of Charlotte, will be the guest speaker. Her presentation will last about an hour and will cover the following:
 - o Overview of financial aid process
 - o The importance of the FAFSA
 - o The types of aid available
 - o Using the Net Price Calculator and College Navigator
 - o Understanding award letters
 - o Programs specific to North Carolina

Class of 2015!
Sharon Simpson

Ms. Majors has been at Queens University for 7.5 years, first as Treasurer and then as Assistant Vice President of Student Financial Services. She is a Queens alum with a degree in accounting. Ms. Majors is passionate about Financial Literacy and also works as a trainer for CFNC. She lives in South Charlotte with her husband Mark and their three four-legged children: Charlie, Murphy and Spencer.

Community Read and China Festival Plans—



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.

We are very excited to announce the first ever MRHS Chinese Festival, sponsored by our PTSO, World Language Department, and the Administration! We will celebrate our Community Read topic, the visit our Sister School Delegation, and Chinese New Year in one day and evening! Mark your calendar now:

Monday, February 16, 2015

Chinese classes welcome guest, learn Calligraphy from well-known artist

On November 24, the Chinese I and II classes welcomed Mr. Zhang Zhanli, an instructor at Pfeiffer University, to teach them the different styles of Chinese Calligraphy. The four major styles that they mastered include: standard, cursive, seal, and clerical. Each student was given some ink, a calligraphy brush, and a sheet of paper, which made the lesson fully interactive.

The class began with a powerpoint presentation over the origins of characters. Next, each student had the opportunity of writing the character of the horse in the 4 major different styles. The stroke order of writing Chinese characters has several rules including: top to bottom, left to right, horizontal before vertical, inside before bottom enclosing, center verticals before outside "wings," cutting strokes last, left vertical before enclosing, top or upper-left dots first, and lastly, inside or upper-right dots.

Some lucky students even received a copy of the character made by the instructor with his signature, which is similar to an autograph.

"I thought that it was interesting how they have different fonts," student Lisa Walter said.

"I thought it was fun. I learned hold to hold the brush and how to use it. I also learned the history about the calligraphy. I also got to keep one of his artworks." Nicholas Sliv stated.

The class really appreciated the instructor's presence and enjoyed writing calligraphy.

"It was very difficult holding the brush and writing, but you get used to it after writing the same character twice. I am very thankful for this opportunity and I will continue to write with these styles," Dequarius Walker commented.

Despite the short class of 90 minutes, the students thoroughly enjoyed learning various styles of Chinese writing and the history of the characters.



What does it mean to be a Maverick?



As we approach exam time and the end of the semester, please take a moment to reflect upon what it means to be a Maverick and our academic core values. We want to make sure that all of our students make wise choices during this time, and that those choices are based on our common school mission and vision.

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

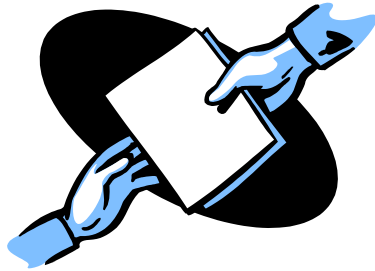
Our Academic Core Values are based on the symbolism of our school colors. They represent what it means to be a Maverick and our honor code in all academic pursuits and discourse.

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.

Mav Spirit of Giving Campaign



During this holiday season, we are challenging all Mavericks to support one of the following activities or submit one of your own! Click here to see what opportunities are available through Beta Club, NHS, Recycling Club, Alexander Youth Network, Humane Society, and our PTSO! We challenge clubs, organizations, teams, students, and parents to support each other with pledges! We are very fortunate to have these opportunities/responsibility to give!

- BETA Club is sponsoring two families from the Forest Hills Cluster. A wrapping party will take place in Ms. May's room, E104, after school on December 16.
- National Honor Society is sponsoring students through their partnership with East Elementary.
- The Recycling Club is sponsoring a jeans drive through Jeans for Teens, a national organization, and DoSomething.org. Bins are located on around school. They are looking for new or slightly worn jeans to donate to homeless teens. Also supported by the Global Awareness Club and French Honor Society!
- Alexander Youth Network is collecting new or slightly used sports equipment for children ages 4-middle school. Items can be brought to Mr. Golden's room, E124. Also supported by the French Honor Society
- The Humane Society is collecting blankets and toys for shelter animals. Items may be new or slightly used, and brought to Ms. Jenkins' room, F225.
- Our PTSO is continuing their partnership with South Providence and is supporting a Winter Wonderland on December 17. This event gives each South Providence student an opportunity to choose gifts to bring home to share with their families. We are collecting any kind of gifts such as candles, bath sets, socks, gloves, gently used toys and clothing. Anything will be gratefully accepted! Items can be labeled and dropped off in the Marvin Ridge office, and we thank you for generously supporting our community.

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More good things happening and that happened this season:

- The Guidance Team and Guidance parent volunteers are sponsoring a family for Christmas
- Student Council is volunteering at the Heart of Waxhaw to help serve food to needy families on December 22nd
- The Red Cross Club made Holiday cards for the Veterans
- FBLA is collecting stocking stuffers for Levine Children's Hospital
- FIFA is collecting stocking stuffers for the Union County Christmas Bureau
- French Honor Society supported Operation Christmas Child by hosting a meeting for members to assemble shoeboxes full of gifts.
- National Honor Society is sponsoring students through their partnership with East Elementary