

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



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Mav Spirit of Giving Campaign December 2014

Members of NHS
and Beta
presented gifts
to needy
families.

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Important Upcoming Dates—

- January 12—First Period Exam
- January 13—Second Period Exam
- January 14—Third Period Exam
- January 15—Fourth Period Exam
- 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

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.

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 be taking. 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 p.2). 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.

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.

Important—Online Testing Notice!

Biology	English II and III	Math I, II and III
	Earth Science	Physical Science

Students enrolled in these courses will take an EOC or NC Final online this semester. Students must bring Chromebooks with chargers to school the day prior to this subject area exam! All laptops will be set-up and charged overnight for student testing use only on the following day. Students who do not have a Chromebooks and a charger ready to go the morning of their exam will not be allowed to test until the make-up day. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Tom Jamerson

Results from Winter Break:

Men's and Women's Basketball completed in the Rock Hill Basketball Holiday tournament. Men lost to Rock Hill, but defeated both RiverBluff and Palatka. Women lost to Butler, Covenant Day, and Anson.

Swim and Dive

Won their SCC dual meet on 1-3-15.

Wrestling

Competed in the Holy Angels Wrestling Tournament and finished 29th out of 62 teams. Top performer was Ryan More who finished in 5th place.

Home basketball contests this Friday, January 9th versus Weddington! Come out and support your Mavericks!

JV girls – 4

JV boys – 5:15
V Women – 6:30
V Men – 8

Below is a link to the Multiple Activities for Marvin Ridge High School. You can also find the link on the MRHS Website under the Athletics Tab.

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](#)

Spring Sports Registrations for Marvin Ridge Middle School and High School Sports are Now Open

Middle School - Deadlines for Registration and Paperwork Submission

Friday January 30th at 11:59 pm (with no late fee)

Wednesday February 4th at 11:59 pm (\$200 late fee must be paid before tryouts)

High School - Deadlines for Registration and Paperwork Submission

All Paperwork must be received prior to the first day of tryouts.

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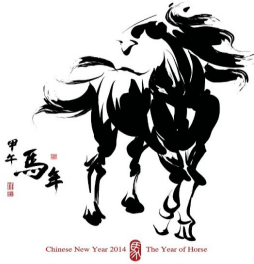
Follow the Mavs on Twitter!



Guidance Updates—Schedule Change Process for Spring 2015 Courses

- All students will report for a brief homeroom period at the end of the 4th period exam session on Thursday, January 15 to receive updated copies of second semester schedules.
- Please be aware that administrative changes to the master schedule or to class sizes have and will continue to occur. As always, we strive to provide the best options available for all students.
- Schedule changes or the drop/add period will open on Friday, January 16. It will close for students on the fifth day of the semester, Wednesday, January 28.
- Schedule change request forms will be available in the guidance office or front office beginning Thursday afternoon, and require a parent signature when returned.
- Only forms will be accepted; no emails or phone calls, please.
- Reasons for requesting a change are listed and explained on the form. We regret that not all requests can be honored.
- Guidance staff will contact students and/or parents if changes cannot be made or if there are other issues or concerns.
- Revised schedules, if applicable, will be available for students on Thursday, January 22. All students will report to homeroom at the beginning of the school day.
- SENIORS REQUESTING CHANGES MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION FROM THEIR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY APPROVING THE CHANGE FROM AN EARLIER SUBMITTED APPLICATION. SENIOR CHANGES CANNOT BE MADE FOR ANY REASON WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION.

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 New Year Celebration, 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

December a highly competitive month for FBLA, DECA



Earlier in December, Marvin Ridge High School also hosted the 2014 DECA District 6B competition. DECA is an international organization that prepares emerging leaders in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high school and colleges around the globe. Marvin Ridge hosted seven other schools from the surrounding areas with nearly 150 students in attendance. Students competed in categories such as Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Quick Serve Restaurant Management, Retail Merchandising, Principles of marketing, and Apparel and Accessories Marketing.



These competitions consisted of a marketing test and a 'role-play' or mock business scenario. Two students from Marvin Ridge placed in the top three of their event at the closing ceremony and numerous others made proficiency. Jordan Braswell, senior, received 2nd overall in Apparel and Accessories Marketing and Adam Fisher, sophomore, came in 1st overall in Sports and Entertainment Marketing. With the help of numerous volunteers from the community, the competition went off without a hitch. A number of students from Marvin Ridge now plan to attend the State competition that will be held in Greensboro, North Carolina this February.

- Mary-Ashley Arthur, DECA Vice President

On Saturday, December 13, Marvin Ridge High School hosted the 2014 FBLA Regional Competition. Over 150 students, faculty, and advisers from the Southwest region participated in this event. Students competed in a multitude of business-related events, including Accounting, Public Speaking, and Job Interview. The events were designed to help students develop business skills in many different academic areas including math calculations, critical thinking, and presenting.

Please congratulate the following MRHS students, who have earned the opportunity to compete at the 2015 FBLA State Competition in Greensboro, NC:

Kathleen Chambers - 4th place, Accounting I
 Karen Gates - 2nd place, Accounting I
 Erin Jordahl - 1st place, Accounting I
 Emily Chin - 2nd place, Business Calculations
 Ruchi Jalavanha - 1st place, Future Business Leader
 Julian Gaines - 2nd place, Job Interview
 Radhika Jagani - 2nd place, Public Speaking II
 Christina Sullivan - 3rd place, Word Processing
 Bruce Betancourt - 3rd place, Business Calculations

- Troy Burns, CTE Teacher and FBLA Adviser

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—December 2014



During this past holiday season, we are challenged all Mavericks to support one of a few selected activities below or submit one of their own! Below we have the results of their combined efforts, demonstrating overwhelming Maverick Spirit! Here are the highlights and summaries as well as some great photos.

-Beta Club members purchased and wrapped **over 185 items for two families of five from the Forest Hills Cluster**. Students in both Ms. May's and Ms. Cross' class plus Interact Club members also contributed to making the holiday wishes of the families come true. The highlight was the entire club meeting on the 16th to wrap all the gifts and enjoy holiday music and refreshments. "Seeing the large group of teenagers working together to fulfill the wishes of others was heartwarming," says Beta Club advisor Ms. May.

-National Honor Society **sponsored 51 of the most in needy children from East Elementary School** and provided them gifts for Christmas, anything from clothes to bikes, skateboards and basketballs to teddy bears. "We have also been providing food to East Elem for them to pass out in their backpack buddy program" adds NHS advisor Ms. Richardson. This program provides care packages on Fridays for the students who don't have enough food to make it through the weekends.

-The Recycling Club sponsored a jeans drive through Jeans for Teens, a national organization, and DoSomething.org. Also supported by the Global Awareness Club and French Honor Society, these organizations were able to donate **over 300 pairs of jeans!** Awesome!

-The Humane Society **collected a cartful of blankets and toys for shelter animals**. President Miranda Wolno and adviser Ms. Jenkins loaded a mini-van with items to take!

We challenged clubs, organizations, teams, students, and parents to support each other with pledges! We are very fortunate to have these opportunities/responsibility to give!

More good things that happened this year:

- The Guidance Team and Guidance parent volunteers are sponsored a family for Christmas
- The Red Cross Club made Holiday cards for the Veterans
- FBLA collected stocking stuffers for Levine Children's Hospital
- FIFA collected 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.
- Student Council and Athletes Take Action attended Waxhaw's Ray of Hope Community Outreach and distributed both food and toys to needy families on December 22.
- Alexander Youth Network collected new or slightly used sports equipment for children ages 4-middle school.
- Our PTSO is continued their partnership with South Providence and supported a Winter Wonderland on December 17. This event gave each South Providence student an opportunity to choose gifts to bring home to share with their families. The response from our PTSO members and community was tremendous, and they were able to support a