

# Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message

Entertainment provided by the dance team with their special guests and the pep band at the recent a varsity basketball game.



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**Mark your calendar now:**

**Monday, February 16, 2015**

**Community Read Day 8:00 AM-3:00 PM  
MRHS Chinese Festival 5:00-6:30 PM  
PTSO Meeting and Open House 6:45 PM**

### Important Upcoming Dates:

February 1 through 28: Black History Month  
February 2—IB Class of 2016 Parent Meeting  
February 9—IB Class of 2015 Parent Meeting  
February 9 through 13—Spirit Week  
February 10 through 21—Nanjing Sister School Visit  
February 13—MRHS hosts UCPS Discover China  
February 16—MRHS Chinese Festival, a cluster event  
February 16—Spring PTSO Open House  
February 18—Progress Reports Go Home  
March 3—All Juniors take the ACT

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

**Students who drive to school should allow enough morning time for traffic, parking, and walking to the school building.**

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

***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.***

## Application Process Begins for Class of 2017 International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at MRHS



The application process for the Union County Public Schools International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Marvin Ridge High School began January 22, 2015. This program is open to all rising juniors in UCPS who meet the criteria for acceptance.

Applications can be obtained by accessing the Marvin Ridge High School Website, <http://mrhs.ucps.k12.nc.us/php/ibinfo.php>, and downloading the 2017 IB Diploma Program Application. Applications will also be available through the Marvin Ridge High School Guidance Office. All applications are due by February 20, 2015.

The International Baccalaureate Program is acknowledged around the world for providing a college-level curriculum during the student's junior and senior years of high school. It is an integrated program of disciplinary study which emphasizes concurrency of learning, academic integrity, internationalism, breadth and depth of study, and education of the whole person. Student completing the IB Diploma Program are highly prepared and sought for post-secondary work in universities throughout the world. The International Baccalaureate Program, Geneva, Switzerland, awards the IB Diploma.

Admission is highly competitive and is based on specific criteria stated in the application and student responses to curriculum prompts that will be given on Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 8:45-11:00 AM in the media center of Marvin Ridge High School. This is a mandatory requirement for acceptance of a candidate's application.

Additional information about the International Baccalaureate Program in general can be found at their website: <http://ibo.org/>. Please email Ann Yochem, IB Diploma Coordinator at Marvin Ridge High School, [ann.yochem@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ann.yochem@ucps.k12.nc.us), if you have specific questions about the application process.

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## Marvin Ridge One of Three UCPS Schools to Receive \$20,000 in Study Abroad Scholarships from CIEE

After a grant application process, the Council for International Educational Exchange has selected Marvin Ridge as a recipient of \$20,000 in study abroad scholarships for MRHS students. With Global Navigator Scholarships, students get access to a life-changing experience through summer study abroad sessions up to three weeks. Scholarships make it possible for students to step into another culture and learn a new language, to engage in service projects, or to dive into content studies like digital media in Spain or watershed research in Botswana. Along the way, students grow their global competence and develop 21st Century skills that allow them to succeed in today's global market place. Talk about Passport to the World!

Destinations include – Bonaire, Botswana, China, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Spain, and Tanzania.

Any student graduating in 2016, 2017, or 2018 is eligible to apply. Scholarships will be awarded on both merit and need. For more information, contact school counselor, Jessica Pierce, [jessica.pierce@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jessica.pierce@ucps.k12.nc.us).

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

### Results: Week of Jan 19-24

#### **Wrestling**

Wrestling lost 59-12 to Piedmont  
Wrestling finished with a 5-0 record in the Patriot Duals. Individually the following wrestlers were undefeated: Ryan More, Christian Beach, Princeton Jones, Brandon Kelly, Patrick Healy, and Matt Cook.

#### **Basketball**

Tuesday 1/20  
JV boys defeated Anson 40-37  
Varsity Girls lost to Anson 71-66  
Varsity Boys lost to Anson 64-62

Friday 1/23

JV Girls defeated CATA for their first win!

JV Girls win 39-15  
JV Boys lost 44-36  
V Girls lost 58-45  
V Boys lost 58-46

### Results: Week of Jan 26-30

#### **Wrestling**

Defeated Anson 60-14 and Sun Valley 39-28 in Dual matches  
Finished 2nd in the SCC Tournament

#### **Swimming**

Men's and women's swimming both won the SCC Championship

#### **Women's Basketball**

JV lost to Piedmont  
JV lost to Weddington

Varsity lost to Piedmont 59-50  
Varsity lost to Weddington 54-15

#### **Men's Basketball**

JV beat Piedmont 54-44  
JV beat Weddington 32-30

Varsity beat Piedmont 50-39  
Varsity beat Weddington 48-46

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.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

### **National Letter of Intent Signing Day Event—**

Wednesday, February 4 at 2:00 PM in the Marvin Ridge High School Media Center

Hunter Colonna: Football (Gardner Webb University)  
Samantha Kae Davis: Women's Soccer (UNC Wilmington)  
Jessica Easley: Women's Soccer (Appalachian State University)  
Alexis Hartert: Women's Soccer (Campbell University)  
Makenzie Kuchman: Volleyball (NC State University)  
Turner Schwartz: Football (John Hopkins University)  
Josh Snapper: Football (TBD)  
Marion Watson: Football (East Tenn State)



**Follow the Mavs  
on Twitter!**  
**@MavAthletics**

**Over 22K views  
last week!!**



**Our 4th Annual Run for the Ridge will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 8am. The event will feature a certified 5K course and a 1-Mile Fun Run. We will have many vendors and prizes for runners. Last year's event included almost 600 competitors. Even if you are not a runner, you will want to come out and be a part of the excitement. This is the only joint fundraising effort of all the schools in the Marvin Cluster. For more information or to volunteer, please visit the event website at <http://www.marvinrunfortheridge.com/>**

## National School Counseling Week, February 2-6

Marvin Ridge will celebrate National School Counseling Week from February 2-6. We are extremely fortunate to have a professional counseling staff that works tirelessly on behalf of and for the benefit of our students. National School Counseling Week is a great opportunity for the Marvin Ridge community to thank our outstanding guidance staff for their hard work and dedication to helping all students achieve success. Please take a minute this week to thank your counselor!

### Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines—

February 10 – Elon University Watson & Odyssey Scholarship  
 February 12 – Courageous Persuaders Video Scholarship  
 February 13 – Weddington Optimist Club 2015 Essay Contest  
 February 14 – Jerry McGee Endowed Scholarship  
 February 14 – Charlie Adams Endowed Scholarship  
 February 14 – Clary Student Medal Award  
 February 14 – Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship Fund  
 February 15 – Auburn University Scholarships  
 February 15 – The National Co-op Scholarship Program  
 February 15 - AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship  
 February 18 – Create-A-Greeting Card Scholarship  
 February 28 – Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship  
 February 28 - The Bank of America Joe Martin Scholarship Program  
 February 28 – Buick Achievers Scholarship

### **Attention Senior Parents—**

**The Senior Parent Committee needs you! We are in the planning stages of Senior Week and Graduation Events...donations and volunteer time are both needed. Please contact [jmclain09@aol.com](mailto:jmclain09@aol.com) for more information!**

## Fall Work Keys Administration Nets Awards for Seniors

### What is WorkKeys

The WorkKeys system from ACT is used in high schools across North Carolina and throughout the country to help ensure that students have the skills they need to be college and career ready. These credentials are used across all sectors of the economy and document the following skills:

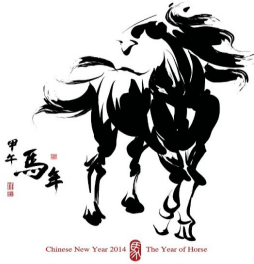
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Applying information and mathematical reasoning to solve problems
- Locating, synthesizing, and analyzing work-related information.

### The North Carolina Career Readiness Certificate

These certificates are portable, evidence-based credentials that help students demonstrate that they possess the essential skills for success in education and the workplace. They are awarded at four levels—Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum—based on the scores an individual achieves on three WorkKeys tests:

Of the 62 seniors that were tested first semester, we had 21 gold recipients, 31 silver recipients and 7 bronze recipients. Congratulations to Addison Neff who was the first MRHS student to receive a platinum level certificate. All of these seniors will be recognized at Senior Awards Day in May. Another administration of Work Keys will take place this Spring.

## 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.*

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## Academic Booster Club Announces Teacher Mini-Grant Recipients and Recognizes Students

Thank you to the Marvin Ridge High School Academic Booster membership for providing funds, through your membership fees, for the Mini-Grant program. This program has allowed us to enhance educational experiences of Marvin Ridge students by funding the following approved Mini-Grants for the 2014-2015 academic year. Congratulations!

### Teacher Awarded

Kaitlyn Harfmann  
 Sharon Jenkins  
 Winston Sims  
 Joellen Plyler  
 Alice Shrader  
 Meryl Baumgarten  
 Chris Roncone  
 Stacy Corday  
 Dan Bailey  
 Deborah Lutz  
 Steven Wilson  
 Kelsey Groff  
 Patrick Ankenbruck  
 Gloria Richey, Brooke Hammers,  
 Taylor Dickerson, Joellen Plyler

### Project/Program

Chemistry sensor equipment  
 Ecosystem Studies Equipment  
 Careers in Tech Theatre package  
 Marketing Management materials  
 Podcasts in Spanish membership  
 Photo Prints  
 Ceramics Banding Wheels  
 Family and Consumer Science  
 Stability Ball Resistance Training  
 Men's Ensemble Clothing Scholarship  
 National Science League Exam  
 Odyssey of the Mind  
 Quizbowl  
 Flipped Classroom Seminar

Each semester, the Academic Booster Club asks teachers to nominate students from each of their courses who deserve recognition for great contributions to classroom academics. The following students were selected and honored at a breakfast on January 30, 2015.

Spencer Acker	Preston Davis	Alec Greenberg
Breanna Baglione	Delaney Dewey	Miranda Griffin
Allegra Baker	Nicole D'Auria	Roark Habegger
Hannah Baker	Anthony Demarco	Decker Hadley
Arushi Biswas	Sydney Downes	Katrina Hartley
Samantha Bitter	Peter Dwyer	Caroline Hauder
Meagan Brown	Deema Elqadi	Steffan Haugsted
Corrie Burkart	Meredith Emery	Sydney Haynes
Jonas Buser	Angela Feeney	Mackenzie Henderson
Daniel Canale	Daniel Ferguson	Jane Hohman
Bryce Carnohan	Mariella Filippis	Anna Holden
Zac Cendejas	Matt Fisenne	Natalie Huffman
Samantha Chang	Adam Fisher	Benjamin Hund
Emily Cheek	Corey Florczak	Joseph Hussey
Colby Childers	Abena Fredua-	Sarah Jorgenson
Kaylee Coerper	Agyeman	Melina Kanelos
Sydney Collins	Sophia Galofaro	Victoria Kang
Hannah Connelly	Despina Georgoulis	Chase Kanipe
Shaylee Cooney	Mark Glover	Morgan Keller
Ben Cook	Nina Graham	Aalim Khaderi
Lilavita Crick	R.J. Grandstaff	Caitlyn Kiker

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Diamond Knight  
 Madison Kopitsch  
 Jasmine Kromah  
 Elizabeth Krug  
 Paige LaFever  
 Adina Lawrence  
 Renee Lambert  
 Sam Latham  
 Kathryn Lavalle  
 Lea LeBaron  
 Tiana Lee  
 Jordan Lewis  
 Annabel Linford  
 Haley Little  
 Kelsea Little  
 Juliana Lombard  
 Constance Lorchel  
 Emma Lugibihl  
 Richie Mamajek  
 Alessandra Mangione  
 Michael Marinaccio  
 Katherine Martin  
 Jacob Mayer  
 Riley McCrossan  
 Sam Melton  
 Sydney Mitchell  
 Chase Moeller  
 Molly Mueller  
 Alicia Nam

Isabella Nazzara  
 Addison Neff  
 Bryan Obika  
 Andi Olivet  
 Jace Ortman  
 Faith Osinloye  
 Jeff Palombella  
 Ritik Parekh  
 Rachel Peed  
 Andrew Pendergast  
 Arin Perkins  
 Abigail Peterson  
 Hannah Peterson  
 Megan Polzin  
 Aly Presson  
 Kendall Ramirez  
 Haley Reichard  
 Nicole Renwick  
 Lauren Richardson  
 Danielle Riendeau  
 Dhorma Rosbrugh  
 Mary Rothenberger  
 Sydney Schwai  
 Kyle Schwartz  
 Turner Schwartz  
 Brianna Scotto  
 Hailey Scotto  
 Delaney Shaw  
 Ian Shrader

Sam Smith  
 Christina Sokol  
 Gene Sosankin  
 Harrison Spiers  
 Shaye Stegall  
 Joseph Sures  
 Zachary Swanson  
 Stephen Swoope  
 Alina Taing  
 Taryn Tennaro  
 Arianya Tummallapalli  
 Iman Usmani  
 Evan Van De Wal  
 Tamara Vasquez  
 Chelsea Vickers  
 Zsofia Voros  
 Lisa Walters  
 Grace Wieder  
 Carson Wohlfarth  
 Nicole Zukowski

*Congratulations to  
 all honorees!!*

## COLLEGE 411

**Marvin Ridge's Own College Fair—April 16, 2015**

Over 40 colleges will be represented, and ready to talk with our students about admissions and enrollment!

More will be added...a list will be posted in next week's Maverick Message. If you are the parent of 9th-11th grade student, plan to attend with your student!

## Congratulations Mavrick Band Members!

The following students made the 2015 All District at the HS level and participated at the event in Hickory this past weekend.

### 9-10 Band

Lisa Walker 1st chair Flute  
Emily Meredith 11th chair Flute  
Daniel Haller 1st chair Oboe  
Megan Zane 2nd chair Clarinet  
Mitchell Erb 7th Chair Trombone

### 11-12 Band

Martina Wood 11th chair Flute  
Aaron Hougui 1st chair Bass Clarinet  
Delaney Dewey 2nd chair Bass Clairnet  
Ryan Perrone 11th chair Trumpet  
Walter Bonar 2nd chair French Horn

## Important Announcements



The ACT will be given for FREE to all juniors at MRHS on Tuesday, March 3. Students can use their results in the college admissions process. Last year, we did have a student make perfect score of 36, and many with a 35, on this administration. For more information about the ACT, please see the links on our Media Center page. On test day, students need to bring pencils and a calculator. Remember, Make Your Score Count!

- Big dates and big plans: The Marvin Ridge High School “Majestic Forest” Junior-Senior Prom will take place at Founder’s Hall on April 18, 2015 from 8PM to Midnight. Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2015 will take place on Friday, June 12 at 10:00 AM in the Coliseum at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC.
- Yearbooks can be purchased online at [jostensyearbook.com](http://jostensyearbook.com). The cost of the book with personalization is \$75.00 if purchased before February 1. The cost of for books ordered between February 1 and April 20 is \$80.00. Personalization is not available for books ordered during this time. Any books purchased during the Yearbook distribution in May will cost 85.00.
- Attention Parents: If you have missed the deadline to purchase a personal ad designed by Jostens for your senior, please pick up a flyer in the main office, and we can create the ad for year on campus. The flyer includes layouts, ad sizes, and prices. Please select your preferences, and return the information and payment to the main office or Ms. Titus. Please email [nancy.titus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:nancy.titus@ucps.k12.nc.us) if you have any questions.
- Share your pictures from events, school functions, or sports on the RePlay It App as soon as possible so that they can be included in the 2015 Yearbook!

