

# Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message

## MRHS Chinese Festival, a Cluster Event February 23, 2015



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### Important Upcoming Dates:

- March 2—Athletic Booster General Meeting 6:30 PM
- March 2— Spring Sports Mandatory Parent Meeting 7:30 PM
- March 3—All Juniors take the ACT
- March 5, 6, 7—Spring Musical Performances
- March 6—Make Up Day for February 17 Snow Day
- March 9—End of 4th Six Weeks Grading Period
- March 9—Course Registration Class Meetings (during the school day)
- March 9—2015-2016 Course Registration Parent Meeting 6:30 PM
- March 14—Run for the Ridge
- March 16 through 27—UCPS District Benchmarks
- March 23 through April 1—MRHS Course Benchmarks
- April 1—Progress Reports
- April 3—Spring Break Begins

### Policy Reminders:

Students report to class at 7:50 am. The Tardy Bell is at 8:00 am. 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.

Please help us safeguard student safety. Do not use the back of the school for drop-off or pick-up during the school day.

Students are required to bring laptops to school each day. Laptops cannot be left in the front office for student pick-up.

*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.*



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, a Marvin Ridge student made a perfect 36, and many scored a 35, on *this* administration. For more information about the test, 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!

**\*\*\*Special note to juniors and their parents: No cell phones are allowed in the testing room. Please leave cell phones at home or in your car. If a cell phone is found in the testing room, students will face disciplinary action as well as a misadministration of the test.\*\*\***

- ACT FACTS: As of 2007, every four-year college or university in the US now accepts ACT scores as a part of their admissions process. In 2010, the ACT surpassed the SAT as the most popular college admissions test. In 2013, over 1.8 million seniors took the test and submitted their scores to colleges.
- What are the major differences between the ACT and the SAT? The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school. The SAT is more of an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities. The ACT has up to 5 components: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test. The SAT has only 3 components: Critical Reading, Mathematics, and a required Writing Test. The SAT penalizes you for wrong answers, so guessing is discouraged. **The ACT is scored based on the number of correct answers with no penalty for guessing.**

**Attention Parents of current 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders—**

**Course Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is here!**

**Parent Information Meeting  
Monday, March 9**

**5:30 Course Fair Drop In, Cafeteria**

-Find out about all AP and elective courses traditionally available to students at Marvin Ridge

**6:30 Information Meeting, Auditorium**

- Guidance staff will provide an overview of promotion and graduation requirements
- Content area representatives will present recommended course sequences and information about electives
- Targeted Q and A sessions in separate locations will be provided after the overview

\*\*Please be aware that our guidance staff will be meeting individually with each student between March 11 and April 2. Additionally, they will serve 8th grade students at MRMS during this time. Family appointment requests cannot be honored. We ask that you attend the parent session, study information with your student, and formulate questions for his or her meeting with a counselor at the assigned appointment time. We appreciate your support!

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

### **Congratulations Coach Cameron Starr!!**

— Named Charlotte Observer Indoor Track Coach of the Year! Several track athletes also named to the All-Observer Team...way to go Mavericks!

### **Two Important Athletic Meetings - Monday, March 2nd**

Athletic Booster Club General Meeting  
NEW TIME 6:30 PM in the MRHS media center

Open to all Middle School and High School Families  
Come and give us your ideas for capital purchases to benefit athletics at Marvin Ridge as we work to devel-

op a Capital Improvement Plan. Our end goal is to prepare a short term plan (perhaps 1 to 5 years) which identifies capital projects and other major purchases, with a timeline and options for financing the plan.

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Mandatory Parent Meeting  
for High School Spring Sports

7:30 PM in the MRHS auditorium

We will have a brief general session, show the NCHSAA video, cover necessary Athletic Department policies, and then you will be dismissed for your individual team parent meetings. At least one parent for each athlete is required to attend. Attendance will be taken. Please see your team

coach if you have any questions about this meeting.

*Spring Athletics are just beginning...come out and support your Mavs in Action!*

### **Upcoming Contests**

Golf—March 3, 4 @ Firethorne

Tennis—March 2, 3, and 5 @ MRHS

Boys LAX—March 3 @ SV; March 5 @ MRHS; March 6 and 7 in Chapel Hill

Girls LAX—March 3 @ Country Day; March 4 and 6 @ MRHS

Soccer—March 3 and 5 @ MRHS

Baseball—March 4 and 5 @ MRHS

Softball—March 4 @ AL Brown; March 6 @ JM Robinson

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](#)



Follow the Mavs on  
Twitter!  
@MavAthletics



**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. 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/>**



## Graduation Video

Graduation is around the corner and it is time for us to start collecting the baby pictures for the graduation video. It is a great addition to the graduation ceremony. As parents, relatives, and friends gather for your graduation, this video will be playing on the overhead video display. We begin with a baby picture of you and it transitions into your graduation photo. We also play this at the banquet!

Important . . . If you did not get a senior picture made, you cannot be in the video. It must be a formal picture like those found in the yearbook.

The baby picture has a few stipulations as well. Pictures should be of YOU only at an age prior to pre-school-age 4. The subject of the picture must be clothed - no naked babies please. Anything else that the committee decides is inappropriate will be rejected and you will be asked to send another picture.

### **ONLY ELECTRONIC FORMATS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Please send an electronic version of your picture to  
[deborah.weisberg@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:deborah.weisberg@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Put the students name in the subject box (full name, NOT nicknames!)

**Only attach one** .jpeg or .pdf photo

**Confirmation emails will not be sent. Only a reply if your attachment cannot be opened in the email. You will be notified by your English teacher at a later date if there is a problem.**

**All pictures are DUE no later than Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Please see Ms. Every or Ms. Larr if there are questions or problems.

## Class of 2015: Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines—

- March 13 – Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship Fund
- March 13 - Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship
- March 14 – MRHS Theatre Scholarship
- March 20 – Union County - NC Association of Educational Office Professionals, Inc.
- March 20 – Ann H. Williams Memorial Scholarship
- March 20 – Billy Stegall Memorial Scholarship
- March 20 – Union Power Cooperative Scholarship
- March 20 - Ellen Simmons Howes Prospective Educator Scholarship
- March 21 – UNIDOS Scholarship
- March 23 – Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship
- March 23 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, Inc. Scholarship
- April 1 – Los Bravos Scholarship
- April 1 – MRHS PTSO Scholarship
- April 1 – Union County Antique Tractor and Power Club Scholarship

**Please see Ms. Pierce in Guidance for more information about Scholarship Opportunities.**

**Be sure that you update Ms. Pierce and your Guidance Counselor when you receive a scholarship! In order to be in the Awards Day Program, all scholarships must be reported by May 1, 2015!**

# Marvin Ridge High School Academic Booster Club

*presents*



**COLLEGE  
411  
FAIR**

**Thursday, April 16, 2015  
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM**

## Participating Colleges

- Appalachian State University
- Auburn University
- Belmont Abbey College
- Campbell University
- Central Piedmont Community College
- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- College of Charleston
- Davidson College
- Duke University
- East Carolina University
- Elon University
- Gardner Webb University
- High Point University
- Johnston & Wales University
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Limestone College
- Meredith College
- Mississippi State University
- Newberry College
- NC AT & T State University
- North Carolina State University  
- College of Education
- North Carolina State University  
- College of Natural Resources
- Pfeiffer University
- Presbyterian College
- Queens University
- Sewanee – The University of the South
- South Piedmont Community College
- US Air Force Academy
- US Naval Academy
- University of Alabama
- University of North Carolina - Asheville
- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina - Charlotte
- University of North Carolina - Greensboro
- University of South Carolina
- University of Tennessee
- University of Virginia
- Virginia Tech
- Wake Forest University
- Western Carolina University
- Wingate University
- Winthrop University

***A representative from College Foundation of North Carolina will also be there!***

CFNC is a free service of the State of North Carolina that helps students plan, apply, and pay for college.

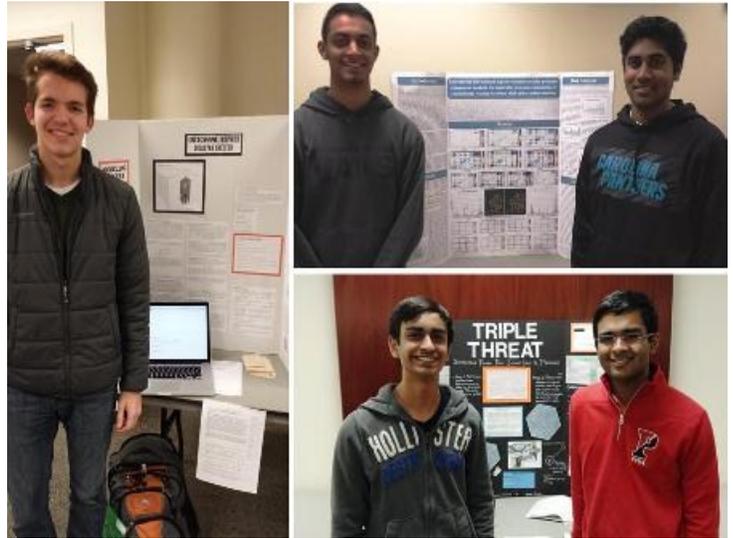
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| 6:00 - 6:10 PM | Guidance Presentation in the Auditorium                              |
| 6:10 - 7:00 PM | Q & A Panel with College Admission Representatives in the Auditorium |
| 7:00 - 8:30 PM | College Fair in the Gymnasium  |

***Don't miss this opportunity to talk directly to college representatives!***

## Maverick Science and Engineering Fair Team experiences continued success

On Friday and Saturday, February 6th and 7th, six Marvin Ridge students competed in the regional Intel Science and Engineering Fair. Taking place on the University of North Carolina at Charlotte campus, the fair was attended by over 200 students of elementary, middle, and high school grades, all competing for the chance to compete again.

The competition asks students to develop a paper about some topic of original research and to present their findings orally next to a trifold poster they create to a set of three main judges and several “special awards” judges. Our students performed very well, earning first and second place awards.



Led by Mr. Steven Wilson and Mr. Luke Abercrombie, they earned some of the most prestigious awards in contest. Ben Sagmoe conducted his research on using rigid origami to create mobile disaster shelters, which brought him second place in the Engineering and Technology category and allows him to advance to the state finals at Meredith College.

Prakash Mishra and Rahi Patel conducted research on the development of a new type of material which would allow solar cells to work in the rain or as solar roadways, earning them both a commendation from the American Chemical Society and the first place in the Engineering and Technology Category, allowing them to advance to states. The icing on the cake, Aniket Palkar, teaming up with a student from Ardrey Kell, will advance to the International Intel Science and Engineering Fair for an all-expenses paid trip to Pittsburgh in May for his work with a protein for vaccinations against potential bioterror attacks. Prakash, Rahi, and Ben will compete for one of ten such bids at the state tournament.

Prakash Mishra, Rahi Patel, and Ben Sagmoe competed yet again on February 20 in the North Carolina Student Academy of Sciences. Both took first place in their respective categories; Prakash and Rahi in Advanced Engineering and Technology, and Ben in Engineering and Technology. They advance to the state fair in March held at NCSSM to earn a trip to the American Junior Academy of the Sciences conference in Washington, DC.



Marvin Ridge students Discover China at district event held on our campus on February 13. To read the full article, visit our website!

How to succeed in business without really trying

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March 5th, 6th and 7th @ 7:30

**Online tickets available now!**  
Go to: [Seatyourself.biz/MRHS](http://Seatyourself.biz/MRHS)

—Marvin Ridge High School Talent Show

Thursday, March 12 2015

7:00 PM

Tickets \$5 at the door!

—Prom Tickets will go on sale later this month...watch the newsletter and website for updates!

**Marvin Ridge** High School

*Class of 2017*



# Class Ring Orders

Dates: **March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Time: During Lunch  
Place: School Lobby

Parent Night:  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
**\$50<sup>00</sup> Deposit Required**

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