

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



*Seniors enjoy the
beginning of
Senior Week 2015!*

Important Upcoming Dates:

May 26, 27, 28, 29—Senior Week
May 29—Awards Day Program
June 2—IB Junior Exams Begin
June 3—Special Schedule (see inside)
June 4, 5, 8, 9—Final Exams
June 9—Last Day to Return Student Chromebooks
June 10—Last Day of School
June 11—Graduation Rehearsal 12:30 PM
June 12—Graduation at Winthrop Coliseum 10:00 AM

Summer Office Hours: We will operate on a 4-day work week beginning June 15. The office will be closed on all Fridays through August 14. Specific times for closing will also be listed on the MRHS website.

Student Orientations for 2015-2016: Please mark August 12, 13, 17, 18 on your calendar! We will begin with seniors, the Class of 2016. Stay tuned for more info!

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.

School Motto: PASSPORT TO THE WORLD!



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Chromebook Information

***Please remember that the UCPS technology agreement signed by all students before being issued a Chromebook requires that students must bring charged laptops to school each day.**

***Per MRHS policy, no laptops can be left in the main office for student pickup.**

***The \$25 student technology fee must be paid each year.**

***All EOC and NC Final Exams are now online. Students in these classes will need Chromebooks during final exam week for online testing.**

****Our plan for end of year Chromebook collection is on p. 5.**

ALL CHROMEBOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY JUNE 9, 2015!

Spring Final Exam Information – Please Read!

Dates:

Tuesday, June 2 – IB Junior Exams; Normal Class Schedule

Wednesday, June 3 – IB Junior Exams/CTE 3rd and 4th Block Exams*/Alternate Class Schedule (see below)

Thursday, June 4 – First Block Exam/Second Block Review Session

Friday, June 5 – Second Block Exam/Third Block Review Session

Monday, June 8 – Third Block Exam/Fourth Block Review Session

Tuesday, June 9 – Fourth Block Exam/Return to Fourth Block after lunch

Wednesday, June 10 – Make-up Exams for Absent Students/Last Day of School

**Due to a statewide technical problem, CTE exams for third and fourth blocks will be given on Wednesday, June 3. CTE Exams for first and second blocks will be given on the regular exam day.*

***No students may take exams early. Please see “Attendance” section below.*

Modified Schedule for June 3:

8:00-10:15 – 4th Period

10:20-12:35 – 3rd Period (Junior IB Exams will end at 11:15/IB students will report to 3rd Block)

12:40-1:40 – 2nd Period

12:40-1:05 A Lunch for classes that meet in Lower G, Upper G, Upper F and B wing

1:10-1:40 B Lunch for classes that meet in Lower F, Upper E, Lower E, and A, C, and D wings

1:45-2:55 – 1st Period

*Any student on a flex schedule should report to school at the time his or her classes are scheduled to meet.

Exam Day Schedule for June 4, 5, 8, 9:

7:50 1st 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 A Lunch for review period classes that meet in Lower G, Upper G, Upper F and B wing.
Other classes begin review.

12:50 – 1:30 B Lunch for classes that meet in Lower F, Upper E, Lower E, and A, C, and D wings.
Other classes begin review.

2:50/2:55 Student Dismissal

Types of Exams:

We have four types of exams: EOC, NC Final Exams, IMS (CTE), and Teacher-Made. Your student's teacher can address which type your student will take. A list of EOC and NC Final Exams courses which will test online this semester is included below. IMS Exams are state tests for CTE courses in technology, business, marketing, and family/consumer science. Exams for all other courses 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 will be adjusted. June 10 is an important day for any students who have missed due to illness. Please note: Family vacation plans and college orientations are not considered excused absences; no students may take exams early. We apologize that requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

Testing Window:

All exam testing must be completed between June 4 and June 10. 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. Please look for these after Memorial Day, 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 posted in every classroom and available on our website.

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. Please see our Academic Core Values on the last page of this newsletter as a reference.

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

End of Course Tests – Online – Students must have Chromebooks and chargers on exam days for these courses:

Math I, Biology, and English II will take an (online) End of Course Exam for which a passing score is required for graduation.

NC Final Exams – Online – Students must have Chromebooks and chargers on exam days for these courses:

Earth/Environmental Science, Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics

English III

Math II, Math III

Advanced Functions and Modeling, Discrete Mathematics, Pre-Calculus

All other courses not listed here will take a teacher-made final exam. If you have any questions about what type of final your student will take, please contact subject area teachers.



Class of 2015 Dates to Calendar!

Senior Week—May 26 to 29

Senior Banquet—May 28

Awards Day—May 29

Last Day of School—June 10

Graduation Rehearsal—June 11

Graduation—Friday, June 12 @ 10:00 AM—
Winthrop University Coliseum, Rock Hill

Scholarship Information Needed!



Congratulations Seniors! You have reached the **\$21 Million mark and broken the previous record!!** Please keep reporting your offers to guidance. We will continue to update the awards day information! Please submit information to the guidance office ASAP.

It's SENIOR WEEK!

The following date and events comprise this year's senior week. Remember, this is a privilege, not a right. If a student is not performing well in class, teachers have the authority to keep him/her in class.

Tuesday, May 26

Yearbook Distribution during all lunches

Ice Cream Social/Tug-o'-War Tournament (1:30 to 2:50)

Movie Night at the Football Stadium (8:00 until 10:30)

Wednesday, May 27

Trip to the NC Zoo (8:00 to 3:00)

Thursday, May 28

Senior Field Day (11:15 to 2:50)

Senior Banquet (evening event...semi-formal dress)

Friday, May 29

Awards Day (8:00 to 11:15) - Please dress nicely for this event! No shorts or jeans.

Paint Fest (The 2nd half of 4th block - bring a change of clothes!)

Special Notes about Awards Day:

We are asking all seniors to dress nicely for this event. Only parents of students who are receiving awards will be invited to attend. The program has two parts: Part I is reserved for awards and scholarships presented only to seniors; Part II recognizes both seniors and underclassmen. The Class of 2015 attends the entire program.

MRHS Chromebook Collection Plan

Per their UCPS Technology Agreement, all students must return Chromebooks and chargers at the end of the school year.

- In preparation for collection, students should remove any personal items, such as stickers, from their Chromebooks. Only identification tags and bar codes should remain.
- Any fees for damages will be assessed/placed on student PowerSchool accounts after collection.
- Students who do not return Chromebooks will be assessed an estimated fee of \$350 on June 10. Subsequent bills will be sent to parents on June 11.
- Seniors who do not return Chromebooks or pay the lost fee will not be allowed to participate in Graduation.
- If at all possible, we ask that teachers and students help us facilitate an easier collection process by preparing ahead of time. Please post and or print study guides and materials early as well as utilize other strategies for assignments, review, and exam preparation that do not require Chromebooks for content delivery.

May 26-29: Voluntary turn-in for all students in the Media Center before school, after school, and at lunch. Students must have both the Chromebook and the charger for complete check-in.

May 29: Senior Inspections or Collection will take place on staggered schedule during 3rd Period, after Awards Day. Flex students at 11:15; A-G at 11:45; H-O at 12:15; P-Z at 12:45.

- Students who do not have an online exam or do not need the Chromebook to study can return their Chromebook and charger.
- Students who have an online exam or need the Chromebook to study may keep their Chromebook with the understanding that all Chromebooks must be returned by the end of exams on June 9. Multiple opportunities for turn-in will be offered during exam days.

June 1, 2, and 3: Voluntary turn-in for all students in the Media Center before school, after school, and at lunch. Students must have both the Chromebook and the charger for complete check-in.

June 4, 5, 8,9: At the conclusion of online exams for selected classes and during review periods, Chromebooks will be collected on the stage in the cafeteria or in the media center.

- We will contact individual teachers when we are ready for their classes to report to the collection site.
- To maintain a testing environment and guide traffic flow, teachers will be asked to escort students to the collection site. **All students must report with their class.**
- We will have a master list of students who have online exams, and those students will check -in at the collection site, and keep their Chromebooks for next day exam set-up during the review period.
- Students who report that they need their Chromebooks to study will participate in damage inspection with the understanding that **all Chromebooks must be returned by the end of exams on June 9.**

A Mighty Song concludes a mighty career for Choral Director Mrs. Lutz

With a passionate, emotional, and even funny combined effort, the Men's and Women's Ensembles said goodbye and good luck to MRHS Choral Director Deborah Lutz at her final spring concert on Thursday, May 14.

Ms. Lutz will retire in June after a 42 year career that has spanned states, continents, and even oceans with her impact.

The final show was aptly titled *Sing a Mighty Song* and did not disappoint. Lighthearted show tunes from the *Pirates of Penzance* and *South Pacific* as well as rock tunes from decades gone by allowed the ensembles to showcase their versatility.

However, it was the *Phantom of the Opera Medley* that brought a standing ovation from the audience. From lighting to solos, the mood and atmosphere was powerful.

Perhaps the most moving performance of the evening came from the Men's Ensemble reprisal of their 2014 Washington Performance of *Tell My Father*. The song is from the point of view of a Civil War soldier who is dying on the battlefield and wants his father to know how bravely he fought and faced the dangers of war. Tears flowed with the perfect harmony of our boys.

After a live tribute to all senior choral students, both ensembles combined again to perform *We Go to Together* from *Grease*. Always an audience-pleaser, the two choirs were able to add moves and energy that were the best send-off for Ms. Lutz and conclusion to their final amazing year together.

Special words from Ms. Lutz, included in the program for the evening:

"To the hundreds of students and parents who have challenged and enriched my life for the past 42 years, how can I put into words the impact you have had on me? I cannot. You have been with me through the most difficult times of my life and have encouraged me with your love and music. I hope you have experienced the joy, the challenge, and the power of the choral arts. Please continue to keep this most awesome gift of music alive for future generations. May God bless you and yours always and in all ways."

"Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened." This proverb is often attributed to Dr. Seuss.



Spring Athletic Success: Men's Tennis and Track Teams Bring Home the Glory!



Completing their perfect 18-0 season, the Marvin Ridge Men's Tennis team captured the NCHSAA Dual Team AAA State title this weekend in Burlington. More like they ripped it from the hands of rival and nemesis Cardinal Gibbons as the victor was determined in a final doubles match on the final point! It was an unbelievable and unwavering display of sportsmanship and determination, according to UCPS Athletic Director, Doug Jones, who attended the match. Congratulations to John Hatala who was recognized as MVP of the match.

Congratulations to all Maverick Track Athletes for your stellar performances at NC A& T on Friday, May 8! The boys won our their 2nd outdoor state championship and the girls earned Marvin Ridge's first girls' outdoor state runner-up trophy! The day also marked the first time that we had both teams earn State Trophies at the outdoor meet on the same day. Our Program now has 6 State Championships (5 in 2 years!), 7 State Runner-Up Performances, and Six 3rd Place Finishes at State Championship Meets!



Congratulations to our Men's Lacrosse (LAX) Team, who competed for the State Championship this past weekend for the second year in a row!

After a great victory last night, our Baseball team continues their quest for a state title Thursday evening at Crest High School in Shelby, NC. If the third game is needed, the Mavericks will face Crest at home this Saturday night at 7:00. Tickets are \$7.



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What does it mean to be a Maverick?

The MRHS Student Handbook includes information explaining a set of Academic Core Values. We ask that you please review these as Maverick family and discuss the significance of these and at values at home school.



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

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