

# Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message

## Spirit Week...



## and Homecoming Events...



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

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

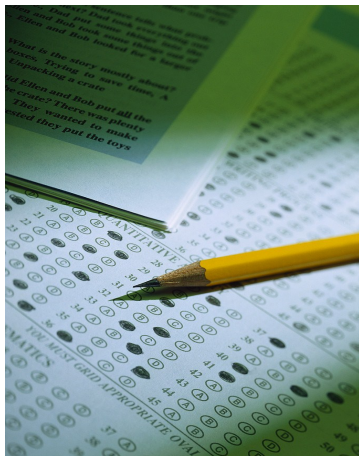
**Please help us safeguard student safety. Do not use the back of the school for drop-off or pick-up during the school day.**

**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.**

## Congratulations MRHS 2014 Homecoming Court!



<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Torey Berry	Emma Rose Abbate	Katie Aten	Meredith Emery
Kelsey Greene	Emma Hennessey	Ursula Hatzinikitas	Leeza Ingram
Caroline Leach	Bridget McCown	Emily Martin	Sarah Morgan
Sophia Spera	Hannah Scott	Clarke Smith	Erica Partridge



### Important Testing Dates and Information:

**Wednesday, October 1:** The PLAN (a pre-ACT assessment) will be given to all **10th grade students** on Wednesday, October 1. All 10th grade students need to bring a calculator and two no. 2 pencils to their testing location. All students will remain in first period on Wednesday from 8:00-11:10.

**Wednesday, October 15:** The PSAT (pre-SAT) will be given to all **11th grade students** at no charge and any 10th grade students who have completed Math II and pay the \$20 registration fee. We will utilize a similar testing process, with students remaining in their second period classes all morning on that day.

### Parent Conference Norms—how to make the most of your meeting:

- It is that time of year, with progress reports out and report cards not far away.
- Talking with your child's teacher is always the first and best avenue for concerns.
- Please utilize our One Team, One Mission process of recognizing norms at each meeting.
- Remember that everyone's time is valuable and all stakeholders have a voice.
- Norms: Be Productive, Be Positive, and Be Problem Solvers!



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

### Last Week's Results:

#### **Golf**

SCC match: 1<sup>st</sup> place

#### **Soccer**

Beat Rocky River 2-1

#### **Volleyball**

Beat Weddington 3-0

Beat Forestview 3-0

Beat Anson 3-0

#### **Tennis**

Defeated Cuthbertson 6-3

#### **Football**

JV defeated Latin 30-28

Varsity lost to Davidson Day 17-20

#### **XC**

Union County Championships:

Girls 1<sup>st</sup>; Boys 2<sup>nd</sup>

### This Week's Schedule:

**Monday—September 29:**

Soccer and Tennis @ Home

**Tuesday—September 30:**

JV Football @ Home

Volleyball @ Home

**Wednesday—October 1:**

Golf - Away; Tennis and Soccer

@ Home

**Thursday—October 2:**

Varsity Football Away @ Victory Christian; Tennis Away @ Sun Valley; Volleyball Away @ Piedmont

**Friday—October 3:**

No Events

**Saturday—October 4:**

Cross Country—Wendy's Invitational @ McAlpine



Volleyball clinic, sponsored by the Lady Mavericks on Saturday, Sept. 27.

## The Miss MRHS Representative will be selected October 6. Applications are due in Guidance by October 3!

Miss MRHS will compete for the \$4,000 Alex Kahle Memorial Scholarship and the title of Union County's Christmas Parade Princess. This is NOT a **beauty** pageant. Applications are open to any senior girl who has a 3.0 GPA or higher and who has good moral character, leadership abilities, and an interest in fellow students and the community. Participants will receive a sub score for their application, GPA, first impression, a two-minute speech, interview, and question and answer. The young lady with the highest overall score will become Miss MRHS.

## Yearbook News!

Senior Parents, surprise your child and let him or her know how much you cherish the memories of watching him or her grow up. From those adorable baby pictures, to adolescent awkwardness, to young men and women about to start a new chapter in life. Purchase a recognition ad to be published in the yearbook. Go to [jostensadservice.com](http://jostensadservice.com) to create your unique ad. The deadline to purchase an ad is January 20th, 2015.

Your Yearbook captures it all—memories of high school adventures and achievements. To purchase your yearbook, go to [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) or call 866-282-1516.

## Maverick Senior News and Updates



**Senior Meetings with Guidance Counselors!** These are taking place through current senior English classes or an elective class if you are not currently enrolled in English. At this meeting, be prepared to discuss:

- Your resume, brag sheet, and written prompts that will help counselors get to know you.
- A College Planning worksheet that includes your current choices and a check of your transcript.

**Our counselors hope to meet with all seniors in their alphabets by September 30.**

**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!!

**Recommendation** requests should be directed to the staff member and any required forms should be provided to the staff member at the time of the request. Please be sure to give staff members ample time so that they can fulfill your request.

**Senior Breakfasts** occur each month in the media center. The next breakfast will be October 17.

**If you missed Senior Night by Guidance on September 2**, please find important information on our website, including an electronic copy of the Senior Planning Guide.

[http://mrhs.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/for\\_seniors.php](http://mrhs.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/for_seniors.php)

### Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines of Note:

October 3 – Wendy's Heisman Award

October 3 – Deadline to express interest in being nominated for UVA – Jefferson Scholars Foundation; Danforth Scholars Program; UNCC – Levine Scholars Program

October 5 – Deadline to apply for the United States Senate Youth Program

October 15 – Deadline to express interest in being nominated for NCSU Centennial Scholars Program

October 15 – Deadline to express interest in being nominated for Davidson Belk Scholarship

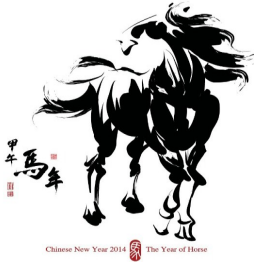
October 15 – UNC-Chapel Hill's Thomas Wolfe – Writing Scholarship

### Latest MRHS Scholarship Newsletter

### SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES AND RESOURCES

[www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
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[www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com](http://www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com)

## Reminder: Community Read—Summer Reading 2014



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 October. A final date will be chosen by our administration and site-base team members.**

- 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.*

- If you'd like to help your child practice effective reading skills in alignment with the Common Core Curriculum, consider asking him or her the following questions. Always follow up their answers to any questions with "What makes you think that?" or "How do you know?" Citing evidence that supports their knowledge or arguments is an important life skill.
- Community Read Day in the Fall, and a follow-up activity in the Spring, give parents opportunities to volunteer as well as promote the global perspective and goals of Marvin Ridge. Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters and on our website.

## *Keeping Our Kids Safe Online—Part I by Casey Zvanut*



For the second year, Union County Public Schools has rolled out over 24,000 Lenovo Chromebooks to students for classroom use. While it is important that students have fair and equitable access to technology, it is also extremely important that students know how to be safe and responsible with their devices. UCPS adheres to certain laws and policies in order to keep students safe online, but our students must also assume personal responsibility in being good digital citizens. Here are some ways parents and teachers can help our young men and women make good decisions in their use of technology:

### **Think Ink**

People talk about their “digital footprint,” but this isn’t an accurate term. Footprints fade over time or are washed away by the tide. Your online persona is more like a tattoo - there’s permanence in the internet, and a soiled online persona, like an ugly tattoo, is difficult and painful to remove. Make kids aware that “the internet is forever,” and help them cultivate a positive online persona. Think carefully about every post, every picture, every video - do you want this “tattoo” or not? My grandfather used to advise us to live in such a way that our name didn’t show up in the papers. I think the advice for kids today would be to keep your online activity above board so you’re not embarrassed by a Google search.

### **No Such Thing as Privacy Online**

We all operate under the comforting delusion that an email to a friend is private or that a text or picture over Snapchat is safely deleted, but we live in a copy, paste, and share world. Look at how easily and quickly videos, tweets, and memes go viral. Our kids need to understand that *anything* sent digitally can be copied or captured and then shared. The bottom line is that if you want an aspect of your private life to stay private, do not put it online in any form and do not send it to anyone, even someone you think you trust.

### **Give Credit Where it’s Due**

There are 347 new blog posts in Wordpress and 571 new websites created *every minute*. That’s a ton of new information, and with so much information so readily available, it becomes increasingly difficult for kids (and adults, honestly) to give accurate credit to their sources. But even though this information is not published in a book, it is still someone’s intellectual property, and your intellectual property is protected by copyright as soon as you write it down. It’s important for kids to know how to find and correctly cite online information and how to license their creations as well to protect themselves from plagiarism. Teachers and parents should encourage kids to cite everything they use, even images, and understand copyright and licensing rules and terms.

Next week’s topics will include **being kind online, separating work and play, knowing their world, and leading by example.**

In order to find more information about online safety and ethics, please visit [commonsensemedia.org](http://commonsensemedia.org). This online community of writers and advocates have compiled wonderful information for parents and educators about online safety, educational strategies, and reviews of apps and software for all ages.

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# *Mavs Crushing for the Cure !*



**October 6 – October 10**

## **Join the Mavericks in Crushing Cancer during the Mavs Crushing for the Cure Week—**

- ◇ Key Club will be raising funds by selling **Pink** bows and bracelets at lunches.
- ◇ Wearing **Pink** to school all week to show your support!
- ◇ Come out to the Powder Puff Game on Wednesday, October 8 @ 6PM!  
Games will include grade level contests and a special finale between a teacher team and the winner of the junior-senior game! A portion of the proceeds will be donated!
- ◇ Thursday is **Pink and Orange** Day! Show your spirit and support by wearing orange and pink to school! (Friday is a teacher workday)
- ◇ Build Our *Celebration of Life* Wall—Complete a paper memory brick to build a Maverick Monument to Celebrate the loved ones who have been touched by cancer. Memory bricks will be available at lunches all week and prior to the varsity football game. There is no charge for this community activity.
- ◇ Friday night's varsity football game will be a **Pink Out!**
- ◇ Second Annual *Mavs and Cavs for the Cure Game* between Marvin Ridge and Cuthbertson. Pre-game festivities will include face-painting, taking a bite out of cancer, selling of pink bracelets, bows, t-shirts, and even lemonade! Half-time will include a special presentation on behalf of the *Focused on a Cure Organization*.