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News from Marriotts Ridge ... *Instilling Honor and Excellence in all that we do!*

This is just a quick note to check in with everyone and to let you know about a few events this weekend. We hope that everyone is safe, healthy, and enjoying a little bit of down time this week with family and friends. Regarding school, we have been busy trying to reschedule meetings, assemblies, practices, and games. On a personal level, when not shoveling, I have enjoyed spending time with my wife and kids, catching up with friends, helping out at church, and reading two very good books, one a biography of Benjamin Franklin and the other being Ted Kennedy's autobiography (Yes ... I am a history geek/former social studies teacher). I urge all of our students to do some reading and studying each of the next four days to get back into the regular routine as we hit the ground running again next Tuesday.

As things gear back up, some very exciting events are planned for the next few days. First, the MRHS Ice Hockey Team plays for the County Championship tonight at 10:30 PM. The game takes place at the Columbia Ice Rink in Oakland Mills. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. The Ice Hockey Team compiled a 9-1 record during the regular season and beat Atholton to advance to the championship game. While this is not a school system sponsored event and don't want anyone out on the roads if they seem at all unsafe, we wish the team good luck and hope that they are able to get a large fan turnout tonight.

On Monday, February 15, the Varsity Cheerleading Squad travels to Mt. Hebron for the Howard County Championships. Coming off a big win at the Winter Blast Invitational a couple of weeks ago, the team is ready to bring home our first county cheerleading championship. As this is a rescheduled event, we are not sure about times yet, but we will send that info out as soon as possible. Congrats on a great season to Coach O'Brien and the team members ... Best Wishes on Saturday ... you can do it!

On Tuesday the 16th ... Continuing their best season yet, the Boys and Girls Indoor Track Teams participate in the Regional Championships at the Baltimore Armory. The races start at 4 PM. We have enjoyed watching their progress this year and wish them the best!

With all of these days off, it is hard to remember that Presidents' Day is celebrated on Monday. On that day, we honor all presidents who have served our country, especially Presidents Washington and Lincoln who were born in February. On that day, take a minute to reflect on this great country in which we live and to hope for the best for our leaders and our future.

A final note about the calendar ... we have not heard anything about makeup days or Parent/Teacher Conferences yet. We will let you know any new information as soon as we can. Families that are greatly concerned about a student's progress should go ahead and contact teachers by email to discuss the situation. After school conferences can be scheduled when we get back to school ... feel free to email as soon as possible but give us a couple of days next week to get up and running again before trying to schedule meetings. Check www.marriottsridge.net or Today's Topics for other event information as it becomes available.

If we don't see you over the weekend, we wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday ... First Period starts at 7:25 AM for those who have forgotten ... Go Mustangs!

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