

August, 2010

Dear Marriotts Ridge Students and Families:

We hope that you have had a wonderful, relaxing summer. As we prepare for an exciting new school year, we have added several excellent staff members to our outstanding staff, cleaned the building, ordered supplies, and planned new initiatives. Working with our SGA and Class Councils, PTSA, Boosters, and several other groups, we have started to put together what we feel will be another great year at The Ridge. We are excited to see our returning students and families and look forward to meeting the newest Mustangs.

Please take a few minutes to carefully read through the contents of this envelope as it contains a lot of very important and time sensitive information.

- 1) **STUDENT SCHEDULES** are included in this mailing. Please check them to make sure that we have listed the correct courses and levels. Final schedules will be distributed on the first day of school. If you have any questions regarding misplacement, please call our Guidance Office as soon as possible at 410-313-5446.
- 2) **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE SHEETS** All students must have emergency contact information on file at school. Fill out the enclosed sheets as soon as possible – they must be returned by the first week of school. They may be dropped off at the Front Office, Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 2:30 PM, starting August 12th or you can mail them back. PLEASE DO NOT FOLD THESE PAPERS. Thank you for your cooperation
- 3) **School Website and HCPSSNews.com Newsletter** – Please make sure to check out our school website at [www.marriottsridge.net](http://www.marriottsridge.net). Our staff webmaster, Mr. Reg Hahne, and his students continue to do an excellent job of maintaining this important source of information. In addition, make sure to sign up for HCPSSNews.com if you have not done so already. Go to HCPSSNews.com and then follow the directions to sign up for our newsletters. The HCPSSNews.com newsletter is the best way to receive up to date information from the school.
- 4) **Fall Sports Registration** will be held on **Friday, August 13 between 4 and 6 PM** in the school cafeteria. If you can attend, this will be a great opportunity to turn in the necessary forms and talk with the coaches and the Athletics and Activities Manager, Mr. Gene Brown. **Fall Sports begin on August 14** – a separate HCPSSnewsletter was sent out with all of the start times.
- 5) **Marching Band Camp** starts **August 16 at 8 AM** – we can't wait to see them in action.
- 6) **Senior Class Pictures –August 18 - 20 at MRHS.** All Class of 2011 students will receive senior portrait information and an appointment in the mail prior to picture day. Information about the sittings will be included with your appointment. We will require each senior to take one formal pose to ensure that every 12<sup>th</sup> grader is included in the school yearbook. Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch offers a variety of sitting plans to choose from allowing seniors to customize their senior portrait to suit their individual style. Questions and additional information may be obtained by calling Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch at 800-445-1189 or at Answers@Lifetouch.com
- 7) **New Student/Parent Orientation and Luncheon** will be held on **August 26 from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM.** All new students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend this event.
- 8) **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – MONDAY, AUGUST 30 – 7:25 AM to 2:10 PM – Be on time.** Bus schedules will be printed in the *Howard County Times* and will be available online at HCPSS.org
- 9) **Parking Permit Student/Parent Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, August 26 at 7 PM** in the Auditorium. Students who intend to drive to school this year must attend this meeting with a parent. Student drivers will be allowed to park at school for the first few days without permits – we will start enforcing permits on September 14. Student drivers must be very cautious as they drive around school as there will be quite a bit of traffic – staff members will be directing traffic on the first day. Thanks to everyone in advance for their cooperation – we would hate to see someone hurt. No one will be allowed to park on Woodford Drive per Howard County Police policy – tickets will be issued!
- 10) **Back to School Night** will take place on **Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 7 – 9 PM.** Make sure you attend this very special event to meet our staff members and hear about our wonderful PTSA, Boosters, and other programs.
- 11) **Back to School Dance** will take place on **Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 – 11 PM.** Tickets will be sold during lunch shifts from September 1 - 3.
- 12) **Homecoming Events** will take place the week of **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, culminating with our **Homecoming Game and Dance on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars now.

We hope that you will be able to join us at the events listed above. Together we will continue to build an outstanding school community. Go Mustangs!

Pat Saunderson	Rosalie Bowen	Cara Moulds	Clovis Thomas	Gene Brown
Principal	Asst. Principal	Asst. Principal	Asst. Principal	Athletics & Activities Manager