

A Note from the Administration

Patrick J. Saunderson, *Principal*

Happy New Year! Do you believe that First Semester is already over? As we walk the halls, visit classes, attend games and concerts, and continue to receive all kinds of great news about our students receiving different awards around the county, we can see that the hard work and efforts of our students, staff, and families have paid off wonderfully – **there is a true sense of community at Marriotts Ridge High!** We are excited about *Jukebox*, *Fame*, spring sports, Spring Spirit Week, National Honor Society inductions, and many other upcoming events.

Before going any further, we want to share some good news with you all. Over the past several weeks, the county has published some data that we want to share with you. Regarding the countywide **Bridge to Excellence Goal 2 Progress Report** that tabulated family survey results in several key areas for 2005-06 ... Marriotts Ridge was the #1 high school in terms of families who “strongly agreed” in all of the areas surveyed: welcoming environment, physical environment, discipline, nurturing learning environment, and diversity and commonality. We

were also ranked #1 in schoolwide attendance among high schools. Thank you for your support!

Continuing with the good news ... in an earlier edition of *The Ridge*, we summarized **2005-06 High School Assessment results** according to the preliminary results. Reviewing the finalized data, we salute our students and staff members on the following accomplishments ... out of the 12 high schools, we were tied for #2 in Algebra, tied for #1 in Biology, #2 in English, and tied for #2 in Government. Continuing this fine work, our students were ranked in the top 4 county high schools in 10 of the assessed areas on the **2006-07 First Quarter County Assessments**. We are so impressed and proud of everyone involved... we hope that you also take great pride in all that is taking place at MRHS.

At the same time, we are always looking for ways to improve our programs and to make our community even stronger. As we increase in size and our students get older, we are becoming aware of some typical high school issues, such as stress, drug and alcohol use, and intolerance, and wanted to offer some thoughts.

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Calendar

Report cards issues	January 31
Schools close early	February 8
School closed	February 9
Parent/Teacher conferences	February 8-9
<i>Jukebox Time Machine</i>	February 8-10
President's Day	
School closed	February 19
Interim progress reports	February 27
<i>The Ridge</i> deadline	March 16
Mustang Madness	March 17
<i>Fame</i>	March 22-24
School closed	March 23
End third quarter	March 30
Schools close early	March 30
Spring break	April 2-9
Prom	May 12
After-Prom Party	May 12-13
Cappies Gala	May 20



PTSA News

Bill Eikenberg, *PTSA President*

It is hard to believe that it's been several weeks since the holidays. Almost a month into 2007, and we have seen our children (and parents) go through the stress of mid-term exams, some for the first time. Since our last newsletter, we have seen our sophomores and juniors take the PSAT, while some of our juniors will be taking (or have taken) their SAT exams in preparation for college.

We are lucky to live in a county with an outstanding public educational program. The Howard County school system provides many vocational and college preparatory opportunities for every student. The PTA and PTSAs of Howard County and the state are continually working hard to improve academic programs, secure funding, and advocate improvements for every child. At Marriotts Ridge High School, your PTSA is focused on providing opportunities for our students by supporting the school, staff and teachers. We accomplish this through our membership, volunteers, and the generosity of the community.

We plan to provide grants to each of our eight academic departments so that they can expand or improve their present programs. To date, we have

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Boosters Update

Sue Tompkins, *Boosters President*

Welcome back from winter break. We hope you enjoyed your time away from school, and that you are well rested, because Boosters is bringing you much to do at *The Ridge* ...

... **Summer Camps** – Late February brings you registration information for Boosters summer camps. Sports camps for grades 3–8, as well as a middle school Poms camp, will be held right here at *The Ridge* this summer. New this year is your option to pay for camps by credit card. Watch for details in February, or check the Boosters website: <http://www.mrhs-boosters.com>.

... **Mustang Madness** – *Saturday, March 17* brings you our second annual dinner dance and silent/live auction held at Martin's West this year where there will be plenty to eat, plenty of room to dance, and if you have the *Luck o' the Mustangs*, you could win plenty of auction items! Of course, we are hoping that you will donate an auction item or two as well. If you can, please contact Wendy Vlahos: Wendy.Marumoto@gmail.com. Watch for ticket information in the near future — including the option to purchase via credit card on the Boosters website.

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From the Counseling Center

Wow – that time of year again!!!

Course Registration

Timeline:

January 2-9	Catalog of Approved High School Courses 2007-2008 passed out to students. Grades 10, 11 received GPA worksheets with grade point averages. Please check for mistakes.
January 9	Incoming Students Parent meeting – 8 th grade to 9 th grade – 7:00 p.m.
January 18	International Parent Scheduling meeting – 7:00 p.m.
January 25	MRHS students will receive a course registration sheet. Students will get teacher recommendations for core courses.
February 1	Course selection sheets collected.

The Guidance Counselors will be meeting with all students on January 2 - 9. Please look for the following from your student:

- The Catalog of Approved High School Courses 2007-2008
- A GPA Worksheet for grades 10 and 11
- Credit Check sheet

This is a good time to start looking at possible courses for next year. The actual course registration will begin on January 25 when students receive their course registration forms.

Please feel free to contact your student's counselor with questions.

PSAT

Student PSAT scores were mailed home by the Central Office on December 28. If you have not received your scores, please contact your student's counselor.

The countywide PSAT Review Nights are being held on the following dates:

Hammond High School	Tuesday, January 9	7:00 pm
Howard High School	Wednesday, January 10	7:00 pm
Marriotts Ridge High School	Wednesday, January 17	7:00 pm

The purpose of the Regional PSAT Information night is to provide an opportunity for parents and students to gain information on test interpretation. Dr. Martha Gagnon will be the presenter.

SAT/ACT

Students, if they haven't done so already, should sign up to take their SAT(s) at www.collegeboard.com

The earlier you sign up, the better it will be to get your testing site.

Naviance

This is a reminder that we met with students in all grades and gave them their own code to access the Naviance program.

What is your child's learning style? How about their personality type? Want to start researching colleges, careers, career schools. Time to pin them down and ask them to pull up the new Naviance Family Connections.

Family Connections connects students and parents to a resource packed program. The counselors met with almost all the students in grades 9-11. During that time students logged onto Family Connections at <http://connection.naviance.com/marriottsridge>. At this point the students created their own password to get into the program. Ask them to log on for you and share their password. This is a good opportunity for some one-on-one bonding. The program will be growing with the students. Most students completed the learning style inventory. Check it out!

Parents can log onto the same site as a guest [<http://connection.naviance.com/marriottsridge>] (password is mustangs)] but this only gets you into a college search portion of the program. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at wswwarz@hcpss.org.

Juniors start your college searches now. Update your profile. Start working on your resume. Did you put in your PSAT scores?

Interview/Resume

One of the graduation requirements is that students must complete a resume and interview. Students will work on their resumes in their English classes in March. The interviews will be completed on March 27.

Junior Symposium

On February 27 the Counseling Center will be holding their Junior Symposium. A schedule of events will be posted on eschool at a later date.

Counseling Center

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday, Voice: 410-313-5446 ♦ Fax: 410-313-5447

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Gifted & Talented Students Corner

If you are interested in signing up for the G/T Independent Research or Intern-Mentor classes for the 2007-08 school year, please go to Mr. Eckert's website at: <http://teacherweb.com/MD/MarriottsRidge/eckert/NewsFlash.stm>

The IR & Intern-Mentor classes are college level classes that allow the advanced high school learner to focus on a research topic of their choice. The Intern-Mentor class also allows you to spend 5 hours a week at a Mentor's site to gain experience in the field. The course description is located on page D4 of the 2007-08 Catalog of Approved Courses. Some of the topics that students have chosen to research are:

- Global Warming
- Hematopoietic Stem Cell Research
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cancer Research
- String Quartet Composition
- Nanotechnology
- Fashion Design
- Podcasts
- Veterinary Science
- Historic Landmarks
- Educational Techniques
- Sports Journalism

Choose a class where you choose the topic and learn research skills that will benefit you in college.

Another Marriotts Ridge First



The MRHS Dance Company performed at the Maryland High School Showcase on Friday, January 5. They were one of two Howard County schools chosen across the state. The dancer's performed a lyrical piece choreographed by Senior Dance Company member Abbey Marvenko. Two dancers, Abbey Marvenko and Katie Smalley were also chosen to be members of the Allstate Dance Ensemble.

Patricia K. Spruill, Dance



Luck O' the Mustangs!

Have you saved the date?

Mustang Madness Live & Silent Auction & Dinner

Saturday, March 17, 2007, 7:30 pm - 12:30 am
Martins West
Tickets \$50

We urgently need volunteers for 30-minute shifts that night! Sign up your spouses and friends for the easy, stress-free job of "runner" by sending an email with your time availability to: MRHSMustangMadness@yahoo.com.

Finally, we need items for both the Live & Silent Auction - see ideas below!

- One week at your time share
- A weekend or a week at your beach home
- Catered dinners (get together w/some friends)
- Gift cards (for just about anything!)
- Services (for just about anything!)
- A weekend or a week at a hotel in a fun city
- A trip to a fun city or country (have a connection with a travel agent?)
- What hobby do you enjoy doing that you can donate?

Watch for the Mustang Madness packet in the mail at the end of this month!

You can download the donation forms from the Boosters website.

Come for a fun night!

Driver's Education

The MRHS Mustang Boosters Club is sponsoring four driver's education sessions:

Tuesday, January 23 - Monday, February 5	2:30 - 5:45 pm
Tuesday, February 20 - Monday, March 6	6:30 - 9:45 pm
Monday, April 16 - Friday, April 27	2:30 - 5:45 pm
Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 10	9:30 am - 12:45 pm

The cost will be **\$295.00**, which should be paid on or before the first day of class. Payment to Greg's Driving School can be made by cash, check, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover).

To register contact Greg's Driving School at 410-442-4028 or 800-456-1255.

The program is the 36 hour **MVA approved course** offered by Greg's Driving School. The course is comprised of 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of in-car training. The classroom portion of the course will be **held at MRHS in Room 115** and will consist of 10 sessions. In-car training will consist of three two-hour sessions and will be scheduled with the instructor.

Parents are encouraged to attend the first class.

The driver's ed student must be 15 years old and does not need a learner's permit. Keep in mind when scheduling driver's ed that the student must be 15 years and 9 months old to obtain a learner's permit.

For additional information students/parents should send e-mail to mrhsdrivesed@verizon.net or contact Carl Miller at 410-309-0135.



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given funds to the history department to provide additional programs, and to the science department to support the school's science fair that has hundreds of participants.

Your PTSA is also sponsoring SAT preparation classes through Dr. Martha Gagnon during the school

year. The responses for the fall classes have been great in both attendance and feedback. We will continue to sponsor these classes in the winter and spring. There are minimum and maximum size requirements for these classes, so we encourage you to sign up early to ensure the classes can be held.

This school year, we will have our FIRST prom event. To provide a safe environment for our children after the prom, your PTSA will sponsor the first MRHS Chemical Free After-Prom Party. We want to make sure this first party is one our students will enjoy and remember. We need to create a tradition for future students to want to attend such a safe party alternative for years to come.

We just completed our annual "Reflections" program that recognizes student achievement in areas such as art, photography, dance, and literature. This year's program theme was "My Favorite Place..." The MRHS winners will now compete at the county and state levels.

The PTSA has assembled and will be distributing the MRHS community directory soon. This has been a great resource when trying to arrange car pools, contact friends, and organize events. It has also been used to verify that an adult will be supervising a party your child wants to attend. If you are presently a member of the MRHS PTSA, you will receive a complimentary copy of this resource with your student's report card in January. If you have not had a chance to send in your membership yet, we hope you will become a member. Simply go the school's website to download an application and return to the school. Your support will be greatly appreciated and we will then get a copy of the directory to you as soon as possible.

If you are not a member, but wish to purchase a copy of the directory, or want additional copies, they are \$5 each. They can be purchased at the school store. We will also make them available during lunch periods for a few days in early February (dates will be announced in e-school newsletters). The PTSA relies on the income from your membership to finance the costs of the directory and the programs discussed above. To this end, we hope that you will understand that we must charge a modest fee to cover production costs for the directories if you are not a member.

We look forward to your continued support and wish you and your family a very Happy New Year!

The Ridge

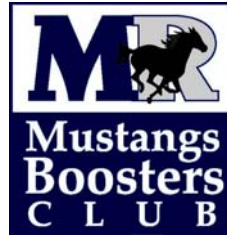
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... **Pizzeria Uno Chicago Grill Fund Rai\$er\$** – every remaining month of the school year brings you another fun night at Uno! The following teams/clubs will earn 15–20% of the total sales for the entire day — good on carry-out and eat in. Download coupons from the Boosters website: <http://www.mrhs-boosters.com>. Come on out to Uno every month to support our students!

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| Future Business Leaders of America | Thursday, January 18 |
| Dance Team | Thursday, February 22 |
| Music Foundation | Wednesday, March 14 |
| Softball/Baseball | Thursday, April 19 |
| Boys/Girls Lacrosse | Thursday, May 24 |

... **Third Annual Golf Classic** – Wednesday, June 27 brings you a 1 p.m. shotgun start at Waverly Woods Golf Course followed by a fabulous dinner catered again this year by Outback Steakhouse. Interested in helping out, contact Ron Marinelli | marin112@comcast.net. Mark your calendars — you don't want to miss this outing!

... **The Big Stampede** – We bring you a special belated note of congratulations to our Field Hockey team and Coach Gado for having the highest percentage of participation in the Mustang Stampede 5K from any team/club/organization at school — their dedication and team spirit earned them \$150 that they can use for any team expense!

... **Boosters Dollars at Work and Play** – We bring you details on how and where Boosters funds have actually been spent so far this year, with many thanks to our generous families and Corporate Sponsors, for making the following expenditures possible:

Band Repair Kit and Sheet Music	\$1,500
Baseball Batting Cage	2,160
Baseball Uniforms	3,044
Cheerleading Competition Fees	250
Color Guard Performance Flooring	899
Ice Hockey - Practice Time	220
Dance Artist in Residency - Contribution	750
History Alive! - Amelia Earhart "Dreams Take Flight" Performance and Workshop	500
Lacrosse Uniforms, Boys	3,589
Lacrosse Uniforms, Girls	3,275
Lacrosse - Goals, Nets, Balls, Scorebooks	1,423
Madrigals Costumes - Donation	2,400
Mascot Costume	2,700
Math Team - Host County Meet	68
Orchestra Cello	3,000
Regional Champs (Track) Banners to hang in Gym	500
Scorer's Table	3,700
Softball Uniforms	3,360
Softball Fencing	1,740
Table Tennis Club - tables/paddles/balls	1,400
TeacherWeb	1,365
Tech Club - MRHS school web site domain registration fees, software, & licenses	950
Tech Club competition fees	125
Track Needs for Shotput and Discus	1,618
Wrestling Singlets	664
Wrestling - Mat Racks and Mat Cleaning System	919
Wrestling Tournaments Fees	1,472
TOTAL RECENT EXPENDITURES	\$43,591

There are still several budgeted items that have not yet been ordered by coaches and/or club sponsors, plus there are a few additional wants that have been added to the wish list. So please continue to support all of Boosters fundraising efforts so that we can continue to support all of our Mustangs' efforts.

Hope to see you at *The Madness!*

Career Technology Education

An Overview

The CTE Department has flourished both in the classroom and extracurricularly over the past few months. Below is an outline of some of the highlights of the program.

Academies

In correlation with the Career Academy Programs offered at the Applications and Research Laboratory (ARL), the CTE department is offering four academies that students can select from for the next school year. They are Pre-Engineering, Business Management, Career Research and Development, and Computer Programming. Students will have the opportunity to participate in an academy by completing the Career Academy Declaration. You child's technology teacher will be communicating with your child this January to discuss their potential participation.



BCMS

In the computer science area, Mr. Hahne and Mrs. Cannella's students have just completed the first round of the American Computer Science League (ACSL) computer programming competition. This international programming competition holds 4 in-house competitions throughout the year, with the finals being held in Houston over Memorial Day weekend. Listed below are those who obtained perfect theory and programming scores. Congratulations to all who participated.

Junior Division

Sana Akhtar
Nirshiee Arumugam
Vidya Gondalia
Sarah Hess
Andrew Naylor
Beth Warsaw

Intermediate Division

Mark Brindisi
Darius Engineer
Alex Lee
Denise Mitchell

Senior Division

Igor Khrustalev
Rohit Ramesh
Josh Tilles
Brendan Wray

Meanwhile Mrs. Cannella's Software Applications I students are currently tracking stocks using spreadsheets. Using the Internet as a resource, the students have chosen 10 stocks which they update weekly. They are tracking their earnings and will continue this for the next couple of months.

In Mr. Fleming's Software Applications I, students have been using MS Word to create business documents such as letters, flyers, resumes, menus, newsletters, forms, and posters. They will be moving into developing PowerPoint presentations and learning to use Excel spreadsheets. In Software Applications II students have been using MS Word and Excel to create business documents and to research careers. In Software Applications III students have been using MS Word to create multi-chaptered documents and have learned to create web pages using html. They have made a home page, a biosketch page, and have made lists, tables, images and links to other pages. Principles of Business students have learned how businesses are organized, entrepreneurship and small business management, leadership skills, Human Resources, culture and diversity, and career management and development. They are finishing up a business plan focused on small business methodology.

Technical Education

In Tech Ed, Mr. Rosnik's Architectural Drawing students are finishing up their houses. They had to design and build a model house based on recommendations from their client (most likely Mom and Dad). In Engineering Design, the students are finishing their Rube Goldberg machines. The students had to use all the simple machines following the problem-solving process and applying critical thinking skills using sequential and analytical methods to complete their tasks. Mechanical Drawing students are using our newest computer simulation...Auto CADD Inventor. They are currently designing a train that will be able to travel around a track. Principles of Engineering students have been forging new frontiers as they apply science, technology, engineering and math to their newly designed, constructed and tested balsa wood bridges. Coming soon will be an automated manufacturing facility. The Rocket Club recently had its first launch. The first

flight was a test run. The next challenge is to design a rocket that will fly 400 feet and return a raw egg safely back to earth.

Career Research & Development

Career Research and Development students are exploring career choices, such as the Myers-Briggs and ASVAB, which reflect the results of various assessments taken during the first quarter. Also explored was how personal values, attitudes and aptitudes affect career choices. Students will be assembling a PowerPoint presentation based on specific career choices and what they have learned about Career Clusters. Several guest speakers have provided the students with insight into their career and the educational background required. More guest speakers will present on additional careers. Students will soon begin work on their Portfolios for the Passport to the Future program.

Child Development

Child Development One students are learning about the various aspects of prenatal development, birth, and the newborn baby. They are beginning to study the physical development in infancy and toddlerhood which includes body growth, brain development, and the influences on early physical growth, learning capacities, motor and perceptual development. Students continue to rotate into the on-site preschool program and are able to learn, through interaction with the preschooler, some of the variations in the social, cognitive and physical growth based on the age of the various preschoolers. This class will work on a project called "A Book in a Box" during the remainder of the quarter. Child Development Two students are working on lesson planning and implementing these lessons with the preschoolers. The students continue to use the textbook to learn about the capabilities of the preschoolers based on their age and how to gear the lessons to the varying age group. Students will continue to learn about the domains of development; cognitive, physical and social, and how these impact a classroom setting.



Community Outreach

There are two initiatives that our technology department has become involved in developing over the past few months. First, our Technology Opportunities program, available throughout the school year, offers technology sessions that Marriotts Ridge High School and Mt. View Middle School students, including members of the local community, can participate. These sessions are unique in part because they are all taught by Marriotts Ridge High School FBLA students. The sessions cover a range of technology software and web development tools. Information about participation and sign-up can be found at... [http://www.marriottsridge.net/documents/Tech Opportunities_Adults.pdf](http://www.marriottsridge.net/documents/Tech_Opportunities_Adults.pdf), or you can complete the form in this newsletter and return it to Reg Hahne.

Second, is the Mt. View Middle School Outreach Program. This program targets gifted mathematicians and other interested students who might wish to participate in the same ACSL competition as their high school counterparts. Mr. Hahne has been working with 15 GT students (6th – 8th grade) who have shown an interest in computer programming. Results of the first contest with those who achieved perfect theory and programming scores are listed. This is a remarkable achievement given that these students are still in middle school.

Junior Division

Sammy Fishman
Cameron Kessler
Brian Kim
Philip Romano

Grade

7th
8th
8th
7th

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“My Favorite Place” National PTA Reflections Program

Congratulations to the MRHS winners of the
2006-2007 Reflections Program!

The following students will represent MRHS at the Council (county) level:

- Literature:** Molly Malarkey
Caroline Kessler
Jayde Chang
Colleen Quinlan
- Photography:** Laura Patzer (two entries)
Felicia Kulp (two entries)
- Dance Choreography:** Naomi Kromer
Abbey Marvenko
- Film:** Elinor Oziel

*Special thanks to the following individuals for generously volunteering their time to judge the entries: *Heather Shields*, Mount View Middle School English teacher, *Linda Hoskins*, Manor Woods Elementary School Art teacher, and *Miss Emily*, Kinetics Dance Theatre.

For those students who like to plan ahead, the theme for 2007-2008 has been announced:

I Can Make a Difference By...

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Future Business Leaders of America

FBLA meets the first Thursday of the month. Over the past months we have initiated a fundraiser, hosted an excellent guest speaker on the topic of the “interview process,” and members have chosen which competitive event(s) they wish to participate in at the upcoming Regional meet. This meet usually occurs in February and is the entry point to state and national participation.

General Information

For those of you who wish to become more acquainted with the CTE staff you may find additional information at the following sites:

- Pat Brodian - <http://teacherweb.com/MD/MarriottsRidge/MrsBrodian/>
- Lorene Cannella - <http://teacherweb.com/MD/MarriottsRidge/Cannella/>
- Bob Fleming - <http://teacherweb.com/MD/MarriottsRidge/MrFleming/h0.stm>
- Reg Hahne - <http://teacherweb.com/MD/MarriottsRidge/Hahne/NewsFlash.stm>
- Roy Rosnik - <http://teacherweb.com/MD/MarriottsRidge/TechnologyEducation/>



Math Department

The Algebra I/Data Analysis classes are busy preparing students for the High School Assessment in May. As you know, in order to graduate from high school in Maryland, all students in the Class of 2009 or later must pass the High School Assessment after completing the Algebra I/Data Analysis course. We were extremely happy with the results on the first quarter of the HCPSS local exam and are looking forward to a high pass rate in May. A Wednesday evening academic intervention program for students who are in need of additional support in Algebra I/Data Analysis started on January 3. If others are interested in this support program, please contact your child’s math teacher. All Algebra I/Data Analysis students will get practice taking an actual High School Assessment during the morning of April 18.

The MRHS Math Team is having a great year. They currently have 25 students participating who are really excited about math. After four meets, they are in third place in their division, but are looking to move up in the standings.



Mustang Concessions Needs You!

Concession Window Help Needed. No experience necessary. Work in a FUN environment with FRIENDLY people. Boosters is operating inside concessions for all home events. Please look over the schedule below, check your calendar and contact Jennifer Burgy at jcburgy@aol.com with your availability preference.

Wrestling: 4:00 JV / 5:30 Varsity

- January 30 February 1 February 5

Girls’ Basketball: 4:00 JV / 5:30 Varsity Fridays: 5:30 JV / 7:00 Varsity

- February 2 February 6 February 13

Boys’ Basketball: 4:00 JV / 5:30 Varsity Fridays: 5:30 JV / 7:00 Varsity

- January 24 January 26 January 31 February 8 February 15





Please register or renew your Safeway Club Card and/or your Giant Food Bonus Card so Marriotts Ridge can receive credit. You can have more than one school designated with each card. So, if you have children in more than one school, you can designate the different schools.

Please remember, even if you registered last year, you must re-register this year for Marriotts Ridge to receive credit.

Don't throw away those used inkjet cartridges, laser toner cartridges or cell phones. Marriotts Ridge recycles all of these through the escrip program. There is an Escrip Recycle Bin in the front office of the school.

Follow one of the three steps below to register or re-register your Safeway Club Card and/or your Giant Food Bonus Card.

1. Fill out the information below and return to Marriotts Ridge.
2. **OR** Sign Up on the Web www.escrip.com for SafewayGroup-ID #500002175
www.giantfood.com/aplus for Giant FoodGroup-ID #04912
3. **OR** Email the information below to the school coordinator at: SafewayGiant@aol.com

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ SAFEWAY 11-digit Club Card # _____

State _____ Zip _____ GIANT 12-digit Bonus Card # _____



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Juniors and Parents

This is a reminder of the Evening Programs that are still to come from the Counseling Center. As you recall we met in September and covered testing, SAT's, ACT's, and NCAA. We also had our first Grade 11 Planning Meeting for the year. In October we had a Financial Aid Night. We still have the following programs left for this year so please mark your calendars.

February 26 Junior Symposium

We will be running three 40 minute sessions that will include the following presentations: University of Maryland admission counselor, Howard Community College – two year experience, Dr. Martha Gagnon - Testing and SAT Preparation, Maryland State Scholarships, Dr. Herm Davis - Financial Aid, Cathy McSweeney - Student with Disabilities Applying to College, The College Student Athlete, Strategies for Success in Selective College Admissions, Parent Perspectives, and Naviance.

April 24 Grade 11 Evening Program #2

Transcripts/Applications/Recommendations We will discuss the transcript and application process. Letters of recommendation will be covered as well.

Looking ahead, Howard Community College is holding High School Information Nights in the Kittleman Room ELB-100, on the following dates. If HCC is in your plans, early information may help with some discussions.

Thursday, February 8 th	7:00 pm
Thursday, February 15 th	7:00 pm
Tuesday, February 27 th	7:00 pm

College Fair

April 16 College Expos will be hosting a College Fair in Howard County at Ten Oaks Ballroom 6:00 - 8:30 pm around 100 colleges will be present.

Naviance

Juniors should be using Family Connections in Naviance and completing college searches, juniors and sophomores can enter their PSAT scores to help with searches.

Parents can enter as a guest, if your son/daughter doesn't share their password with you. www.connections.naviance.com/marriottsridge

Password = mustangs

Students if you forgot your password to get on please see your counselor.

Juniors this is a good time to **visit some schools**. Spread the visits out don't try and cram them all in during your senior year. Call the college/university admissions offices that you might like to visit and see if they are holding special days for Juniors to visit. Many of them post such dates on their web sites.

Staff Appreciation Fall Conference Dinner

Italian fare was on the menu at the Fall Conference Dinner for the Marriotts Ridge teachers and staff. Fabulous Mustang chefs worked overtime to treat nearly 90 staff members to a homemade meal during the staff's afternoon break. The aroma of delicious entrees including Chicken Marsala, calzone, sausage, meatballs, and lasagna filled the Commons area where tables were decorated with a harvest theme. Salads, garlic bread, and tempting desserts rounded out the menu. Students and parents worked side by side to setup, serve and cleanup afterwards. Thanks to all of the Marriotts Ridge families that contributed to the success of the dinner. It was a group effort filled with the signature Marriotts Ridge camaraderie that we – and the staff – have come to anticipate!

Did you miss out on the first Staff Appreciation conference dinner? Here's your chance to get involved. The next conference dinner is scheduled for February 8 from 3 - 4 pm. We are planning to serve comfort food – homemade soups and stews – to our hardworking teachers and staff. Mollie Shea has sent out an email with all of the specifics. If you aren't on our email list, feel free to contact any of the Staff Appreciation Committee members for information about the events that take place throughout the school year.

Jodi Bargamian, Kim Farrell, Cindy Fedor, and Mollie Shea; Staff Appreciation Committee

Music Foundation on the Move



Students, faculty, and parents are all very proud of the Marriotts Ridge music students. Since the school opened in August 2005, these talented students have:

- performed two winter and one spring concert;
- traveled to Virginia Beach in April of 2006 for an inter-state competition, where they received so many awards they do not fit in the trophy case outside the music department;
- Madrigals looked and sounded spectacular in their new costumes;
- participated in two successful Dance Marathons where students were able to raise money to offset their Spring Trip expenses;
- performed the original musical "Juke Box Time Machine";
- Mustang Marching Band began performing at Varsity Football games, the Waverly Fall Fest, and at the Turf Valley Halloween Parade; and
- many of our students were accepted in the All-State Orchestra, Bands and Chorus. These students included.

Senior Orchestra

Paul Lee
Gloria Pak
Meagan Peaco
Sam Xi

Junior Orchestra

Rebecca Martinson

Senior Band

Eric Stishan
Michael Woodhead

Junior Chorus

John Hain
Stephen Milak (alt.)

Junior Band

Mariah Braxton
Yebo Fu
James Hobeler
Greg Townsend
Wendy Zhang

Senior Chorus

Alison Frost
Antwoine Johnson (alt.)
Stephanie Lee
Julia Townsend
David Todd

The Marriotts Ridge Music Foundation was established to enhance the high school music experience by assisting the music department by coordinating volunteers and providing funding assistance to supplement the school music budget. With the by-laws in place the Foundation is in business.

Currently the Foundation is helping with the Spring Trip details to Orlando, Florida in April where the students will once again participate in an inter-state competition.

As with any volunteer organization, the Foundation is looking for volunteers to assist. In particular we are looking for a music parent with CPA and/or tax filing experience as well as someone with website development experience. Anyone who wishes to volunteer in any capacity, should contact Maureen Romano at 410/465-9385 or by e-mail: mrromano@verizon.net, or through the school music department.

HONOR ROLL OF EXCELLENCE 4.0

First Quarter

Gina Alagna
 Alex Renovetz Alberg
 Dorian Wyatt Alexander
 Russan Araghi
 Michael Thomas Bargamian
 Samah Anjum Beg
 Sofia Anjum Beg
 Gary Edward Beverungen
 Stephen Craig Blucher
 Haleigh Alexa Boswell
 Hilary Elizabeth Brewer
 Mark Gardner Brindisi
 Tyler Bringe
 Sarah Eleanore Brown
 Stephanie Lynn Buckner
 Gabrielle Elizabeth Cannella
 Meghan Lea Case
 Belinda Gene Chen
 Chui-Yi Cheung
 Kristina Marie Cruz
 Leslie Elizabeth Decker
 Christina Maria DiMarco
 Eric William Druschel
 Tyler Moran Dunn
 Samantha Lee Ferraro
 Tyler Flach
 Allison Frost

Yebo Fu
 Kelsey Erin Fuller
 Shuna Gao
 Aneesha Garg
 Vidya J Gondalia
 Marissa Grace Goon
 Nicholas Paul Gradone
 Sarah Marie Hamilton
 James Cunningham Hebler
 Sarah Zhenmei Hess
 Wade Thomas Honey
 Emily J Huang
 Kimberly Grace Jaso
 Ran Anna Jiang
 Shana Thomas Kadavil
 Christine Kang
 Briana Andrea Kenerson
 Emilie Rose Killian
 Hye Young Clara Kim
 YeSeul Kim
 Eric Scott Kircher
 Nathan Koh
 William Nicholas Koutrelakos
 Felicia Briana Kulp
 Nicole Lynn Lacey
 Louis Nathaniel Lachman
 Jennifer M Lah

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 Theresa S Lee
 Susan R Li
 Michelle Liuzzo
 Elizabeth Hunt Locke
 Mondona Shamsi McCann
 Mary Elizabeth McDowell
 Tara Elizabeth McVey
 Jacquelyn Stephanie Meisel
 Andre Michael Morales
 Mary Katherine Morani
 Molly Frances Morse
 Alison Murphy
 Meg Claire Nicholl
 Molly Ann Nicholl
 Corbin Daniel O'Brien
 Joanne Oh
 Sara A Olson
 Michael Dakota Paddy
 Gloria Young Pak
 Laura Meagan Patzer
 Tony Ping
 Cody Austin Punt
 Colleen Elizabeth Quinlan
 Rahul Rajagopalan
 Tracy Anna Richter
 Thomas James Rimlinger

Erin Danielle Rusionis
 Kelly Marie Saunders
 Ryan Alexander Schenning
 Daniel Ryan Schonfeld
 Abby Zan Schwarz
 Kelly Margaret Scruggs
 Kevin Raymond Seker
 Kevin Weikai Shen
 Malena Silva
 Lea Victoria Simmons
 Allison Smalley
 Katelyn Rene Smalley
 Patrick Dunsieith Talcott
 Calvin Tan
 Lynn Tsang
 Alexander Hideo Vlahos
 David Wang
 Elizabeth Anne Warsaw
 Elizabeth Joan Watson
 Shirley Weng
 Sarah Grace Willie
 Caroline Elizabeth Willsey
 Brendan Michael Wray
 Likun Xi
 Wendy J. Zhang

School Calendar

January 19, 2007	End of marking period (43 days). All schools close 3 hrs early
January 22, 2007	Professional Work Day - Schools closed for students
January 31, 2007	Report cards issued
February 7, 2007	Parent/Teacher Conferences. Elementary /Middle schools close 3 hrs. early
February 8, 2007	Parent/Teacher Conferences/H.S. Prof. Development - Schools close 3 hrs. early
February 9, 2007	Parent/Teacher Conferences - Schools closed for students
February 19, 2007	Presidents' Day - Schools & offices closed
February 27, 2007	Interim progress reports
March 23, 2007	Countywide Professional Development Day - Schools closed for students
March 30, 2007	End of marking period (46 days). Schools close 3 hrs. early
April 2 - April 9, 2007	Spring Break - Schools closed
April 6, 2007	Good Friday - Schools and offices closed
April 9, 2007	Easter Monday - Schools and offices closed
April 10, 2007	Schools reopen
April 17, 2007	Report cards issued
May 10, 2007	Interim progress reports
May 18, 2007	Professional Work (Articulation) Day - Schools closed for students
May 28, 2007	Memorial Day - Schools & offices closed
June 12, 13 & 14, 2007	Last Days of School - H.S. Exams. Schools close 3 hrs. early
June 14, 2007	Last day of school



ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

First Quarter

Sana Akhtar
 Asadullah Akhund
 Adam Alabrash
 Johnathan Alban
 Kimberley Allen
 Lindey Frances Allen
 Joshua Dorsey Anderson
 Cara Marie Antico
 Nirshiee Arumugam
 Tejasvi Ayyala Somayajula
 Monica Elena Baena
 Dana Carolyn Barnes
 Timothy Joseph Barranco
 William Beam
 Conor Michael Beavan
 Zachary Stewart Beck
 Benjamin Anthony Becker
 Drew Michael Belsinger
 Lauren Elizabeth Bennett
 Jacob Beschner
 Amy Elizabeth Beverungen
 Abheejit Bhonsale
 David Michael Billet
 Kelly Elizabeth Billet
 Tory Binder
 David Michael Bisacre
 Timothy James Blair
 Kyle Edward Boulier
 Daniel Christopher Brackbill
 John Wiley Bradshaw
 Stephen Brady
 Mariah Claudia Braxton
 Brittany Amanda Brothers
 Benjamin David Brown
 Melanie Bulavinetz
 Kathryn Marie Burgy
 Morgan Burnett
 Rachel Lee Burstein
 Alexandra Leigh Burton
 James Caffes
 Benjamin John Cairns
 Rebecca Lynn Cairns
 Jiangjiang Cao
 Allan Gregory Carey
 Natalie Ann Carlyle
 Austin James Carroll
 Erin Josephine Case
 Ryan Catalano
 Catherine Alexa Chamberlain
 Crystal Chang
 Jayde Malia Granadosin Chang
 Evan Monroe Chapman
 Jennifer Chase
 Jessica Aguiar Chaves
 Minghao Chen
 Alan Cheng
 Laura Landis Chilcoat
 Winston Chiu
 Soo Young Cho
 Stephanie Cho
 Marie Elise Chrest

Albert Issac Chu
 Eunice Chun
 Peter Chun
 Min Sok Chung
 Stephanie Renee Cizek
 Emma Colleen Claffy
 Abbey Clipp
 Alex Harrison Cohen
 Lindsay Hope Cohen
 Kathryn Kelsey Cole
 Derek Lee Coleman
 Hannah Collins
 Molly Conley
 Andrew Richard Conner
 Joseph Conroy
 Cory Samuel Corbliss
 Rachel Ann Corcoran
 Matthew Painter Cornell
 Kayla Alise Cox
 Samantha Jane Crosby
 Erica Nicole Crouch
 John David Cruz
 Chelsey Ann Curtin
 Dylan J Czarnecki
 Jessica Rene D Apice
 Nicholas Davey
 Travis Michael Davidson
 Kelsey Adair Davis
 Rhema Joy Davis
 Josephine de Graft-Johnson
 Zachary Robert DeLong
 Wesley Alan Dethomas
 Monica Uma Devamanoharan
 Lindsey G DiAntonio
 Jason Alexandre Dick
 Colin Lawrence Dinterman
 Jennifer Eryn Dixon
 Maureen Dixson
 Vincent Drago
 Timothy Patrick Dudley
 Aaron Edward Dunn
 Timothy Mitchell Dunn
 Ryan Eddy
 Caitlin Christine Eggleston
 Kevin William Eikenberg
 Darius Farrokh Engineer
 Zachary Gordon Essner
 Caroline Michelle Eves
 Mitchell Fader
 Joshua Brooks Fairchild
 Edward Farley
 Noah David Farrell
 Heidi Marie Faulkner
 Erica Catherine Fedor
 Kyle Westin Feldman
 Thomas John IV Fellona
 Jonathan Price Ferrell
 Courtney Nicole Fiedler
 Brittany Elise Fields
 Angela Erin Fischbach
 Christopher Fischer

Casey Beau Fitzpatrick
 Shane Patrick Foley
 Susan Folsom
 Erin Forrest
 Liza Nicole Freint
 Hayley Bridget Fremuth
 Michael Frey
 Matthew Douglas Friesen
 Jocelyn Nicole Frischkorn
 Rana Leah Gainer
 Michelle Kate Garner
 Claire Elisabeth Gellner
 Alexander George
 Jeffrey Andrew German
 Laura Kathryn Gilbert
 Matthew Giromini
 Mitchell Goldstein
 Janki Gondalia
 Hannah Renae Goodman
 Benjamin James Goodwin
 Nicole Elizabeth Gottuk
 Daniel Robert Grady
 Anna Tillery Grant
 Emily Ann Griffith
 Clara Michelle Grove
 Roman Joel Guenther
 Alexander Seulghi Ha
 Young Hye Hahm
 Christopher Daehee Hahn
 Justin Sangho Hahn
 John Henry III Hain
 Kyle Frederick Hall
 Steven James Haller
 Kelly Maria Harrigan
 George Joseph Harrison
 Matthew James Hartley
 Madison Pratt Hartman
 Jennifer Ann Harvill
 Jordan Mikel Haskins
 Emily Hasselman
 Travis Hasselman
 Brittany Hatten
 Anne Devine Heimsoth
 Samantha Anderson Helme
 Jocelyn Naomi Henline
 Kyle William Henline
 Maura Jeanne Henline
 James Robert Higgins
 Andrew Morgan Holdridge
 Melanie Jeanette Holsten
 Marc John Horn
 Madison Mary Howe
 Joseph Hsu
 Andrew Hughes
 Ellen Josephine Hutton
 Daniel Keesuk Hwang
 Matthew Hynson
 Michael Wolodymyr Hynson
 Aysegul Ilk
 Daniel W Incontrera
 Katharine Marie Jackson

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 Mahroh Jahangiri
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 Antwoine Johnson
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 Jaclyn A Jones
 Stephanie Renee Jones
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 Katelyn Marie Journey
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 Stephen James Kahl
 Alexandra Lynn Kapustin
 Haley Samantha Katsman
 Samantha Robinson Katz
 Ashley Marie Kellner
 Paul A. A. Kelly
 Adam Hanser Kendall
 Marie Nichol Kendall
 Sara Terese Kendall
 Caroline Helene Kessler
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 Igor Dmitry Khrustalev
 Ashlie Lynn Killian
 Paul Killian
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 Joseph Doo Kim
 Justin Sung C Kim
 Katherine Kim
 Keun Kim
 Min Kim
 William Kim
 Yoomee Kim
 Yungee Lorine Kim
 Alyson King
 Alexa Danielle Kinigopoulos
 Carl Issac Kinton
 Taylor Kathryn Klein
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 Elizabeth Stevenson Koehler
 Matthew Koehler
 Ely Vey Kokes
 Kevin Matthew Kratochwill
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 Naomi Kromer
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 Stacie Alexandra Lackler
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Bailey Denine Learn	Chloe Taylor Meade	Samantha Day Rinker	Katie Marie Szymanski
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Brendon Jehahn Lee	Christopher Jay Meisel	Brian Paul Rosscoe	Sarah Kate Taylor
Christopher Jong Lee	Danielle Mary Menker	Alfred Rotimi	Vincent Andrew Testerman
Daniel June-Hyung Lee	Daniel John Mento	Shana Allison Rusonis	Joshua Phillip Tilles
Dustin Sang Lee	Kyle Andrew Mercer	Lowell A Safren	Caroline Susan Titan
Jane Lee	Stephen Franklin Milak	Desean Antonio Samuel	Ryan Tommins
Maria Elena Lee	Christine Nicole Miller	Gabrielle Marie Santangelo	Matthew G Tompkins
Nathaniel S Lee	Courtney Miller	Nima Sarfaraz	Ava Toppo
Paul J Lee	Keith Robert Jr Miller	Brittany Saunders	Gregory Aaron Townsend
Sang Hyuk Lee	Julianna Rose Milot	Michelle Elizabeth Saunders	Julia Michelle Townsend
Sang Hyun Lee	Nicholas Ryan Misener	Christina Marie Schappell	Ethan Patrick Trageser
Sarina Gyuson Lee	Denise Catherine Mitchell	Diane Carol Schramke	Christopher D Trainer
Stephanie Sangmi Lee	Gregory Robert Mitchell	Rebecca Schwartz	Kevin Tran
Stephanie Shinyoung Lee	Kathleen Elizabeth Molinaro	Jesse Schwarz	Nathan Lewis Tresnak
Young Ju Lee	Seung Moon	Brooke Eva Scott	Jennifer Tsang
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Kelsey Nicole Levickas	Nicole Leigh Muffoletto	Yuti Shah	Migdalia Elizabeth Vergez
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Alina Litwack	John Anthony Jr Mynaugh	Shelby Anne Simon	Jonathan Wan
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Blake Longen	Melissa Dorothy Navarro	Michael S. Sinner	Lauren Ashley May Watts
Megan Katherine Lucas	Andrew Warner Naylor	Daniel Slack	Amanda Rae Wedekind
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Sean Donald Martin	Roshani S Pancholi	Jeffrey K Soscia	Nicole Woodcock
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Taylor Scott Marvenko	Kishan Patel	Shawn William Spurlock	Elizabeth Kathleen Wyant
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Aran McMurtray	Caitlin Ratzlaff	Audra Marin Swearingen	

Congratulations to all MRHS students for an outstanding first quarter!!!

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Throughout society, stress has become a larger problem for all of us. There are so many demands and things to get involved in that we can get overwhelmed very easily. We just recently held a Scholars Info Night where some of our brightest, energetic, spirited students talked about overdoing it and the need for finding balance. We, as a staff, are trying to be very aware of any warning signs and ask that you join us in making sure that our students are challenged, but that they also find time to recharge their batteries. We can get easily caught up in all of the great things going on and suddenly realize that we are over our heads and don't know how to correct the situation. Talking with your son or daughter about school activities and maintaining strong and regular communication with teachers and counselors are the two greatest keys to success in finding a successful balance in high school according to a recent national poll of school administrators.

Another issue that we all want to be consistent about is drug and alcohol use. Without telling families how to run themselves, we want to make our position on these issues clear. We will do whatever we can to help our students avoid situations where bad decisions could be made that could have both short and long term negative effects. We wholeheartedly support our upcoming After-Prom Party and commend the parents who are helping to plan and coordinate this activity. From www.talkingwithkids.org, we highlight the following ways that families can address these issues in their homes – listen carefully when kids want to talk about their feelings or concerns, establish a clear family position on drugs and alcohol, be a good example, discuss what makes a good friend and peer pressure, build their self-esteem, and repeat the message consistently.

Finally, we are so proud of how our Marriotts Ridge families have come together as a cohesive school community geared towards academic and extracurricular success. However, we do notice on occasion that some of our students are not as understanding or supportive of those who may belong to a different racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, academic, extracurricular, or other group. As we have so many different types of successful people from varied backgrounds and experiences in our community, we ask that all of our students and families respect the unique characteristics of each group and celebrate the diversity that our community offers. A great website, www.tolerance.org/parents, talks about the following ways to nurture tolerance:

1. Establish a high "comfort level" for open dialogue about social issues.

2. Identify and discuss intolerance when children are exposed to it.
3. Challenge intolerance when it comes from your children.
4. Support your children when they are victims of intolerance.
5. Foster a healthy understanding of group identity.
 - a. Pride in our own groups does not mandate disrespect for others.
 - b. No group is entitled to special privileges.
 - c. Avoid putting others down as a way to elevate the status of our own group.
6. Be honest about differences – we are not all the same. Try to learn about and understand the viewpoints of others.
7. Model consistent behavior in how we treat others.

We hope that we did not come across as "preachy" above, but we want you to know how extremely important we believe these issues to be as we continue to develop our next generation of leaders and build the best school in Howard County. We are so proud of all that has been done and so excited about the future.

Thank you again and again to our PTSA, Mustang Boosters, Music Foundation, Drama Boosters, After-Prom Team, and the many others who do so much!

Congratulations to all of our **Second Quarter Academic Honor Roll** students – keep up the good work – keep rising to the challenge. Go Mustangs!!!!

Pat Saunderson Lisa Veslany James LeMon Cara Moulds



The PTA coat and book drive were both a huge success. We collected many coats and books for families in need in Howard County. Thank you to all who contributed to these efforts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by many.

Carita Carlyle

Technology Initiatives at The Ridge

Interested in learning the basics of ...

Dreamweaver ... Flash ... HTML ... and much more?

Then commit to participate in one, or the series, of the technology sessions.

When: Selected Thursdays, Sessions will run from 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Where: Marriotts Ridge HS Technology Lab, 3rd floor, Room 350

All sessions will be taught by MRHS Technology students under the direction of Marriotts Ridge BCMS faculty.

(it's advisable to take each class in sequence)



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks | January 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced HTML | March 29 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flash | February 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> PHP | April 19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photoshop | March 15 | Make-up dates: May 17 and 24 | |

Come and have fun and learn valuable skills. Questions can be addressed to Reg Hahne @410-313-5568 or rhahne@hcpss.org.

PTSA Membership

Alberg/Renovetz	Don & Sandy	Grady	Dan & Carol	Patzer	Jim & Ginny
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Arumugam	Raja	Greenberg	Les & Eileen	Pearson	Eric & Kathy
Baena	Tony & Rita	Griffith	Franny & John	Punt	Rick & Lisa
Bannon	Jim & Sandy	Guenther	Robert & Jackie	Raja	Faiz & Uzma
Bargamian	Gary & Jodi	Hall	Lisa & Roger	Rappaport	Stan
Beam	William & Kelly	Hamilton	Doug & Diana	Ratzlaff	Susan & Mark
Belsinger	Wayne & Bonnie	Harrigan	Michael & Penny	Rehaut	Lesly
Bennett	Al & Patty	Hebeler	John & Christi	Richter	Jan & Scott
Berdy	Jackie & Andy	Heimsoth	Richard & Mimi	Ritter	Iris
Beschner	Ross & Lisa	Helme	Brian & Rhonda Anderson	Romano	Tracy & Maureen
Billet	Steven & Teresa	Hughes	Brian & Christine	Rusonis	Paul & Elisa
Binder-Taylor	Elanna	Hurt	Harry & Debbie	Schenning	Dave & Lynn
Bisacre	Michael & Paula	Incontrera	Guy & Eileen	Schonfeld	Michael & Karen
Blaha	Geff & Susan	Jacques	Barbara	Schwarz	Mark & Ann
Blair	Deborah	Deborah	James	Scott	Rust & Sonja
Boswell	Victor & Donna	Jefferson	Mary & Alan	Scruggs	Kevin & Cindy
Bovill	Dana	Jolles	Brian & Lisa	Seitz	Brian & Shari
Bowman	Reid & Kim	Jones	Tom & Lauri	Serio	Carol & Tim
Braxton	Claude & Meredith	Kelley	John & Susan	Shafar	Cheryl
Brindisi	Tom & Mary	Kellner	Bill & Karen	Shea	John & Mollie
Bryant	Adrienne	Kessler	Michael & Debbie	Shelton	Rick & Becky
Bulavinetz	Richard & Lydia	Kim	Hyo & Seong	Sherer	Larry & June
Burgy	Bill & Jennifer	Kim	Young Jin & Kyung Hee Choi	Siam	Debra
Carlyle	Chris & Carita	Kim	Myung	Simmons	Willie & Elleda
Carrol	Mark & Patty	Kircher	Kathryn	Singer	Michael & Wendy
Case	Mary	Klein	Mark & Sue	Sinn	Chris
Catalano	Roland & Bonnie	Koh	Shawn & Kisung	Smalley	Matt & Lynn
Chamberlain	Stephanie	Kominski	John & Pat	Smith	Blair & Julie
Chase	Chip & Karen	Kreh	Dean & Karen	Smith	Hermon & Angela
Chen	Pei Ling	Krzys	Tom & Tracy	Smith	Jeff & Jennifr
Chilcoat	Charlie & Barbara	Lacey	Lynn & Chuck	Sokich	John & Donna
Claffy	Paul & Bridgid	Larabee	John & Linda	Soscia	John & Barb
Clancy	Michael & Kathy	Ledbetter	Keith & Amy	Springer	Rick & Jill
Coleman	Cynthia & Ron	Lee	Rosa	Stader	Robert & milynda
Conroy/Sobieski	Joseph & Karen	Leitner	Brenda	Starr	Cynthia & Paul
Cooke	Kathy & Jay	Levickas	Stephen & Bridget	Sterling	Tara & Roger
Corcoran	Kevin & Ann	Li	Guohua & Xiaoying Ma	Stout	Craig & Debi
Crosby	Robert & Robin	Lim	Benjamin & Ann	Swearingen	James & Regina
Cruz	Paul & Susie	Lindsay	Jane & Tim	Taylor	Susan
Damato	Thomas & Leanne	Littlejohn	Rob & Karyn	Tilles	Dave & Jenni
Davey	Terri	Litwack	Sam & Ronit	Tompkins	Sue & Scott
De Graft-Johnson	Joseph	Longley	Frank & Susan	Tommins	Alyson & Chris
De-Berry	Donaldson	Malarkey	Shelby	Trageser	Steve & Jerriann
DeThomas	Lori	Malecki	Walt & Karen	Tresnak	Rosemarie & George
DiAntonio	Rick & Dori	Marshall	Wendy	van Elburg	Diana
Dixon	Roy & Laura	Martin	Pam	Vergez	Norbert & Gail
Drude	Jeff & Beth	Massuda	Michael & Susan	Vigliotti	Debbie
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Essner	Angela	McCormick	Paul	Warsaw	Ellen
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Fields	Kelly	Mercer	Kirk & Helen	Woods	Michael & Ariene
Fischbach	Kevin	Miller	Janet	Wray	Wade & Michele
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Geckle	Will & Sue	Murphy/Zheutlin	Kevin/Lynne		
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George	Stephen and Nancy	O'Brien	Cindy & Kevin		
Giromini	Bob & Barbara	Olson	Ginny		
Goon	Lyman & Donna	Oltjen	Carol		
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