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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

March 24, 2023

# Women's History Month



Happy Friday Vikings!

*During Women's History Month, we celebrate the countless women who have fought tirelessly and courageously for equality, justice, and opportunity in our Nation. We also reaffirm our commitment to advancing rights and opportunities for women and girls in the United States and around the world. We are mindful that we are building on the legacy of both recognized trailblazers and unsung heroines who have guided the course of American history and continue to shape its future.*

*-Excerpt from President Joseph R. Biden's Proclamation on Women's History Month, 2023*

This year, the Women's History Month Theme is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories," and I'm particularly proud to uplift two women who are helping tell our Hebron stories. Teachers **Jen Green** and **Zoya Riaz** came to me 4 years ago with a proposal called "Hebron Fest." The idea was to showcase all that students and staff have been working on beyond the classroom. These two amazing, dynamic teachers are the force and energy behind what has become a new annual tradition for our beautiful community. With activities, performances, exhibits and so much more, this night brings us together and highlights many achievements and opportunities in celebration of our diversity.



To say that I am proud of Ms. Green and Ms. Riaz is an understatement! By sharing their light, they have illuminated the path for the rest of us. Below are just a few pictures (courtesy of **Ms. Martiyan and our wildly talented photography club**) from this year's event, our biggest and best yet! Thanks to everyone who helped make this such a spectacular, memorable evening! ~Dr. Miller



Click [here](#) for additional photos from our Photography Club





## STAY CONNECTED—STAY INFORMED

Website: <http://mhhs.hcpss.org>

Twitter: [@hcpss\\_mhhs](https://twitter.com/hcpss_mhhs)

Instagram: @mhhssga

Student Online Newspaper: The Mountain: <https://mthmountain.com>

PTSA: [mthebronptsa.com](http://mthebronptsa.com)

Viking Backers: <http://www.vikingbackers.org>

MTHMU Boosters: <https://www.mthebronmusic.org>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
March 29	7pm	Guitar Showcase
March 31		3-hour early dismissal for students/end of 3rd marking period
April 3-10		Schools closed for Spring Break
April 21		Schools closed for students
April 27-28	7pm	Spring Dance Concert
April 29	7-11pm	<a href="#">Prom @ Martin's West</a>
May 10	7pm	Choir Concert
May 11	7pm	Orchestra Concert
May 12	7pm	Band Concert
May 18	6-10pm	Senior Night @ Savage Mill
May 19		Schools closed for students
May 20	7pm	Jazz Showcase
<b>May 24</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b><a href="#">GRADUATION!!!!</a></b>
May 29		Schools closed for Memorial Day
June 7		Schools close 3 hours early
Aug 28, 2023		School starts for student for 2023-24
September 4		Schools and Offices closed for Labor Day
September 15		Schools and Offices closed
September 25		Schools and Offices closed
October 20		Professional work day-School closed for students
October 31		Schools close 3 hours early, end of first marking period



# CELEBRATIONS!

For even more celebrations & good news, follow us on Twitter: [@hepss\\_mhhs](https://twitter.com/hepss_mhhs)



**Congratulations** to freshman **Akshat Chagarlamudi**. Akshat came in third place in the chess competition held at Marriotts Ridge High School on March 11, 2023.



## Science Olympiad

The **Science Olympiad team** had a competition on Saturday 3/11 at the University of Maryland, College Park. The following students placed high enough to receive ribbons in their events.

**Srijan Ray** – 1st place – Botany

**Sophia Chen** – 2nd place – Cell Biology

**Srijan Ray and Josh Mathew** – 3rd place – Cell Biology

**Aadarsh Shah and Lay Shah** – 3rd place – Cybersecurity



*Exploring the World of Science*

## Mt Hebron Photo Club Creates Butterfly Selfie Station

A big thank you for our newest school mural by Mt. Hebron's Photo Club. The Photography Club created a butterfly selfie station for everyone to show how they can be transformed by the arts.

**Alayna Buccioni, Kyra Kranacs and Kay Phillips** designed the beautiful mural. Please come take your photograph outside the Photo Studio Room 124.





**Mt. Hebron Band & Choir Students perform at the Howard County Concert Odyssey  
concert series in Ellicott City.**



**This was an outstanding program in every respect!  
Bravo Mr. Fischer & Mr. Dogas & students!**



## Muslim InterScholastic Tournament

From March 3-5, several young men from MSA participated in DCMIST. DCMIST is the regional competition with schools from the DMV, including several from Howard County. There were over 500 participants from both public and private schools at UMD for 2 weekends.

On March 12, 2023 at the awards ceremony, we got the results. I am most proud of **Muhammad Irfan** for winning Most Influential Youth - Brothers, for his efforts in raising money for the Somali Well Project and **Burhan Buttar** who was 6<sup>th</sup> overall!



If you see any of the young men that attended, please congratulate them on one of the Best Years Ever for MHHS at MIST!

# M.I.S.T 2023



Guess who made it to the finals in the **FIRST Robotics** Competition Chesapeake Division? Mt Hebron's Ragnarok Robotics! They were finalists in the regional competition despite all the setbacks. They learned to work as a team, strategize to determine the best approach, and put their best effort forward. If you couldn't make it to Alexandria, we hope you had a chance to catch some of the action on the [twitch.tv](https://www.twitch.tv/ragnarokrobotics) channel. Better yet, next week we do it again in Timonium. What a fun and rewarding weekend!





## Pi Day Buy a Day

A huge shout out and thank you to our School Psychologist Ms. Teresa Serkes, our Active Minds Club & our SGA for a successful “Pi day, buy a day” event where students were able to donate in order to pie a staff member. We raised \$498.14 bringing our fundraiser total to just under \$1800. We are still a little shy of our goal of \$2,400 to fund one day for Grassroots Crisis Center. For additional donations please visit the link below.

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/p/DA010-VAR80>





## New News

# Latin Night



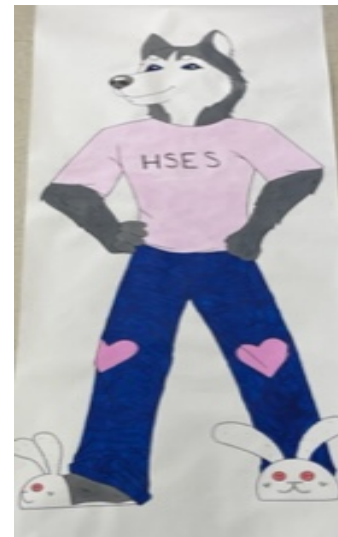
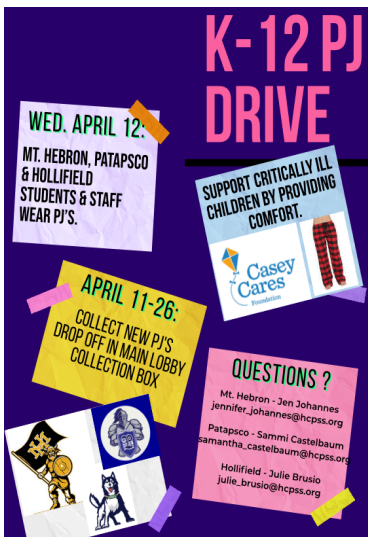
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**5PM - ATRIUM/CAFETERIA**

**Howard High School**

**Food, Games & Crafts, Music and Special Performances, Special  
Guests, Door Prizes and More..**

**The National Art Honor Society** is kicking off our second annual pj drive! This year we are including some of our K-12 community members! Hollifield Station Elementary, Patapsco Middle & Mt. Hebron are collecting new pj's to be donated to Casey Cares Foundation to help critically ill children. Please drop off pjs any time between April 11-26 in the lobby of any of the 3 schools. Join us by wearing pj's on our K-12 Pajama Day on April 12. Let's make a difference in the lives of critically ill children. Contact Jen Johannes with questions: [jennifer\\_johannes@hcpss.org](mailto:jennifer_johannes@hcpss.org)



## Affordable SAT & ACT Prep in Partnership with MHHS PTSA

[The Answer Class - Affordable SAT & ACT Prep](#) helps students gain confidence in their test-taking abilities and teaches tips and strategies on timing, guessing, and scoring. Students get the prep they need and the school benefits too: 20% of tuition collected is donated to MHHS PTSA. 245+ MHHS students have already benefited from the prep and more than \$7,400 has been donated to MHHS PTSA!

Virtual SAT Prep in Partnership with MHHS is right around the corner: April 1, 3, 5. And In-Person SAT Prep is too: Sat., May 20 from 9 am - 5:30 pm. These classes will prepare students for the May 6, June 3, and Aug. 26 SATs. Register and view our full schedule of in-person and live virtual SAT & ACT classes [here](#). Your student can attend ANY Answer Class and your school will continue to earn the donation!



**“Run for Jude”** fundraiser is coming up! The event is an in person (or virtual option) 5k run that will be held at St. John’s Parish Day School on April 29th, 2023 from 8:30 am - 10:30 am. There is a sign up (in the link below) for Strava, an online platform, that tracks each person run/walk on event day. The money that is donated will be given to two organizations: Johns Hopkins University Pediatric Sarcoma Research and the Jude Jawhar Nursing Scholarship at Towson University. Below is the link for both the registration for the event and to donate

<https://donorbox.org/runforjude5k>










# Intern/Mentor Program

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MT. HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL

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 Dr. Melissa Kiehl, Advanced Research Teacher  
 410-313-2887  
 [mkiehl@hcpss.org](mailto:mkiehl@hcpss.org)

## Dear Mt. Hebron Community:

The Mt. Hebron Intern/Mentor course is seeking volunteers to serve as mentors for the coming school year. Intern/Mentor GT is a course offered at Mt. Hebron where students spend class time engaged in an internship while also exploring a research topic through coursework with Dr. Kiehl.

Students have varied internship interests. There is no "ready-made" list of internships that we offer students. Every year, we start from scratch, researching local professionals who are willing to support a student intern.

There is no formal internship program requirement. The program is unpaid for students, as they earn GT course credit for participation. Most students are volunteers with one professional, rather than applying for a formal internship. Sometimes, students find their mentors through personal contacts and networking; sometimes, past mentors volunteer to work with a student again; and sometimes, we're starting with Google!

The goal is for the relationship to be mutually beneficial; students have a deep hands-on experience in a potential career field or college major while also participating in the work of their mentors. In some spaces, the experience is shadowing/observation. In others, students play a role in the everyday work of the mentor - contributing to projects, completing research or professional tasks, etc.

As we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year, we are seeking professionals who would be willing to work with a student from roughly mid-September until the end of April. Students spend 4-5 hours each week working with the mentor (on-site, virtually, or doing independent work). The schedule is somewhat flexible.

Student interests are varied, and include:

- Psychology (clinical, adolescent, forensic, research)
- Computer Science (cybersecurity, AI, programming/software development)
- Engineering (electrical, bioengineering, biotechnology, biomedical, aerospace)
- Law (any branch; politics)
- Business (accounting, human resources, finance, economics)
- Medicine (any field, hospital or office, physician, PA, NP, or nurse)
- Neuroscience
- Publishing/Literature

If you're interested in learning more, please view any of these helpful links-

- [HCPSS GT Mentor Flyer](#)
- [What can high school student interns do?](#)
- [Mt. Hebron GT Website](#)



# YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

FREE overnight camp for 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders with a 2.0 GPA or higher

James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center  
2200 Scott Wheeler Drive | Marriottsville, MD

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# Worth Repeating

## **Leadership U Application Deadline March 31**

There are 2 information sessions remaining:

- **March 9, 2023, 7:00 - 8:00 PM** (East Columbia Branch of HCPL) [Registration](#)
- **March 21, 2023, 7:00 - 8:00 PM** (Glenwood Branch of HCPL) [Registration](#)

Attendance is not required to apply but we encourage both students and parents to attend and hear directly about the benefits of the program from Leadership U graduates and their parents. Visit our [Leadership U website](#) for more information and to access the online application – due **March 31, 2023**.

## **Marching Unit Raffle**

The Marching Unit is raffling off 2 tickets to Frozen at the Hippodrome on June 11th at 1pm. We are also raffling off 2 Club level seats for the Orioles vs. Red Socks on April 24th at 6:35. [Here is the link](#) to the raffle. Good luck!

## **Prom is April 29th & Tickets are on Sale**

All of the information is [on our website](#).

## **Help Support our Beyond School Hours Program with Food Donations**

We are looking for families and individuals who can help support our Beyond School Hours Program, which offers tutoring and extended time for students after the regular school day. Many of the students who stay after go directly to work when they get home, so this snack or meal would be their dinner. We are looking for sandwiches, pizzas, pasta, light dinners, or heavy snacks; something that would sustain a student through the evening. If you would like to support the program but are unable to deliver food at the designated drop-off times, please consider scheduling a delivery order to be sent to the school.

Please consider signing up for one of the following dates:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094EA8A728A20-mealsnacks>

# Class of 2023 Information

## **Class of 2023 Graduation, May 24, 2023, 7 p.m.**

Ceremonies will be held in person at Merriweather Post Pavilion. More information can be found [here](#).

## **Senior To Do List**

[Click here for a handy checklist](#) of everything you need to know in the coming months.

## **Student Obligations**

Please try to bring in your overdue library books before spring break. Drop them off, and pick up a new book to read while we are off.

Seniors will be required to turn in all library books or pay the associated fees to replace them prior to receiving graduation tickets in May. Start hunting for those books!

## Scholarship Award Season Open

The annual Mt Hebron PTSA Scholarship Award Season is open! PTSA will award SEVEN \$1000 scholarships to 7 seniors from the class of 2023. The application can be found on our website:

<https://www.mthebronptsa.com/>

These scholarships are intended to support a student in their future endeavors, which may or may not be higher education.

To be eligible, a student and at least one parent must be current members of the PTSA prior to March 31, 2023!

Application submissions are due by **April 15, 2023, NO LATER THAN 2 PM**, and are to be scanned and emailed to [scholarships@mthebronptsa.com](mailto:scholarships@mthebronptsa.com).

If you have trouble being able to scan and email, please contact Laura Munns, Scholarship Chair, at [scholarships@mthebronptsa.com](mailto:scholarships@mthebronptsa.com).

Only **complete** applications will be considered!

### A complete application submission includes:

1. The application form signed by the applying student and the parent PTSA member.
2. Typed response (no greater than 300 words) to one of the below Essay questions.
3. Extra-Curricular Activities forms.

Every Senior who is a member of the PTSA should apply for one of these scholarships! You have nothing to lose!!

Again go to <https://www.mthebronptsa.com/> and download the application today! Good luck!!

## Counselor's Corner





## 2023 Scholarship Available-Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

### Columbia (MD) Scholarship Foundation (KAPSF)

The Columbia (MD) Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship Foundation (KAPSF) was formed to provide financial support for Howard County area students who have excelled in high school and plan to enroll in college or a vocational institution.

To be eligible the applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior in Howard County with at least a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Be planning to attend a college, university, trade, or vocational school for the Fall of 2023
- To apply, submit the following:
  - A completed and signed application (available in Student Services- See Mrs. Linderman)
  - An official high school transcript

Additionally, by completing this application, you agree that if awarded a scholarship you will communicate regarding your progress throughout the period for which the scholarship is granted, to attend a Foundation event in the future to speak on how this scholarship has helped you, and to the use of your picture and/or statement in Foundation promotional material.

If you have any questions related to completing the application, please contact The Scholarship Committee using the email address below. Submit the completed application via email to KAPSFScholarComm@gmail.com, no later than Sunday April 16, 2023.

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### TEEN SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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OR 410-521-5911

## Rockburn Elementary School Scholarship

The Rockburn PTA is proud to offer a one-time \$500 scholarship to a former RES student who is pursuing a post high school education. To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must:

1. Be a senior attending a public high school in Howard County.
2. Have attended Rockburn Elementary School (RES) for at least 1 year in a grade between kindergarten and 5th.
3. Have a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA as well as demonstrate consistent participation in extracurricular or work-related activities.
4. Complete the application form; making sure that it is signed by the applicant and a parent/guardian (e-signature is accepted). Incomplete applications will not be considered.
5. Submit the Scholarship Recommendation Forms completed by two references.

The Rockburn PTA Scholarship may be used at any college, university, trade, technical, or junior college.

Applications can be picked up in Student Services. Please see Mrs. Linderman

No applications will be accepted after 5pm, Friday, May 12, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Aneka Bledsoe at [rockburnscholarship@rockburnpta.org](mailto:rockburnscholarship@rockburnpta.org).

## Stevenson Summer Writers' Workshop

July 10th - July 14th

9:00am - 4:30pm

Rising 5th - 12th grade

\$416

Students enrolled in the Stevenson Summer Writers' Workshop spend the week studying creative writing with Stevenson University Faculty, writing new works, testing new techniques, and forming new friendships! Each student receives a certificate of completion and may participate in the Friday Showcase, a public reading open to friends and family. Students also have the option to work on the [Workshop's Literary Magazine](#), which is designed and populated with student content.

We have two programs. Our core program, which is designed for rising 5th - 12th graders, and our Creative Bridge program, which is an individualized, one on one mentorship program for graduated seniors. For any questions, please contact the director: Meagan Nyland at [mnyland@stevenson.edu](mailto:mnyland@stevenson.edu)

Families may register at <https://RegisterSSWW.StevensonEnglish.org>

Flyers for each individual program are attached. There is a discount for sibling enrollment.

[5th-12th Grade Flyer](#)

[Creative Bridge Flyer](#)

[Stevenson Summer Writers' Workshop | Stevenson University](#)

## Howard Community College:

### Kids on Campus Summer Program

Each summer, HCC offers a variety of weekly personal enrichment classes for youth ages 6 to 17. [Click here](#) for an informational flier to learn more about this program.





## Jumpstart Dual Enrollment at Howard Community College

Registration for Winter and Spring semester courses on Howard Community College's campus is now open for all students. As a reminder, all students are eligible to take courses on HCC's campus with no tuition or consolidated fee costs (textbook and course fee costs still apply). For more information or support with the application process, please drop into an upcoming [collaborative hour](#). Alternatively, please have your student ask their counselor to meet with the HCC advisor when they have their monthly high school visit. In addition, the following resources can support your student with the HCC application and registration process:

[How to sign forms in Synergy for JumpStart](#)

[How to apply to HCC](#)

[How to set up MyHCC Credentials](#)

[How to register for HCC-based courses](#)

For additional questions, please contact [jumpstart@hcpss.org](mailto:jumpstart@hcpss.org).

## Reminders

### Beyond School Hours Up & Running

Peer tutoring is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Media Center from 2:40 to 4:00 pm. Tutoring is offered for Math, Science, Spanish, and General Studies. Subject availability may vary depending on tutor availability and cannot be guaranteed on any given day. Students may drop-in, no advance signup is needed.

The activity bus will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The bus leaves the school at approximately 4:15. It is open to all students staying after school for school-based activities. Bus stops are listed below. They may be adjusted if there is demand for other locations.

Bus will stop at the following locations:

- Hollifield Station ES
- High Ridge Rd and Rosemar Dr
- Town and Country Blvd and West Springs Dr
- Wheaton Way and Normandy Woods Dr
- George Howard Building – 3430 Court House Dr
- Worthington ES
- Round Hill & Nottingham

Contact [Bryna\\_Weiss@hcpss.org](mailto:Bryna_Weiss@hcpss.org) or [Sarah\\_Schmidt@hcpss.org](mailto:Sarah_Schmidt@hcpss.org) with any questions.

### Free One-on-One Peer Tutoring

Want to get ahead in your classes, catch up on material, or just need help studying? Sign up for the National Honor Society's peer tutoring program!

You will be matched with a student tutor that can best help you with your courses at Hebron. Sign up [here](#) to request a tutor from NHS. Questions should be directed to [mthnhs@gmail.com](mailto:mthnhs@gmail.com)

### **Free Bus Passes**

HCPSS has again partnered with the Howard County Government and the [Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland](#) to provide free RTA bus access to students. This supports students who use public transportation to get to jobs and other services and destinations throughout the county. The passes are not intended to take the place of school buses for transport to school. Please contact Allison McCoy (allison\_mccoy@hcpss.org) for more information if you are interested.

### **Support Your PTSA**

Mt Hebron's PTSA supports critical academic needs, is an active voice on decisions that impact your child's health, safety, and quality of education, and builds a stronger, more inclusive school community. We invite you to [join](#) because increasing our membership, even by one, makes many things possible.

### **Are You A Proud Viking? Become A Viking Backer!**

We invite you to join the Viking Backers Booster Club for Mt. Hebron High School. The Viking Backers is an all-volunteer, parent organization which supports ALL student extracurricular activities including academics, arts & athletics. Visit [www.vikingbackers.org](http://www.vikingbackers.org) to join online.

### **HCPSS Community News & Programs**

Click [here](#) to access the HCPSS Community News and Programs page.

Stay Informed about What's Happening in Howard County: Sign up for **HC DrugFree's newsletter** at <https://hcdrugfree.org/enews-signup/> to get updates on events as well as information to keep your family safe and informed.