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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

March 10, 2023

Happy Friday Vikings!

Are you ready to go under the sea with me? Over 115 students have worked tirelessly to create the imaginative world of *Disney's The Little Mermaid* and bring its memorable characters to life. The show opens a week from today, and this is one you truly won't want to miss!

Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, *Disney's The Little Mermaid* is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner, Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the



Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World."

The original story has been adapted and performed on tv, stage, and screen as well as inspired works of art.

- In Denmark, a statue of the little mermaid was commissioned in 1909 by Carl Jacobsen after viewing a ballet based on the story and was placed in Copenhagen Harbor.
- In 1961, Shirley Temple played the little mermaid on *The Shirley Temple Show*.
- In 1976, there was an adaptation of the story in a Russian film directed by Vladimir Bychkov.
- Disney released the animated version of the story in 1989 with original music by Alan Menken and Howard Ashmen.
- In 2007, “The Little Mermaid” opened on Broadway with additional music by Alan Menken.
- The story continues in May of 2023 with a live action movie directed by Rob Marshall starring Halle Bailey.



### **Bringing the set to life – prepare to be transported under the sea!**

Come be part of our world! These shows will sell out. Get your tickets [here](#) and enjoy the magic! Also, if you have little sea creatures in your life, please join us for the "[Under the Sea Tea](#)" on Saturday, March 18 at 12pm before the show!

Dr. Miller



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

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

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

| Date          | Time      | Event   |
|---------------|-----------|---|
| March 15      |           | 3-hour early dismissal for students                               |
| March 17      | 7pm       | Spring Musical "Little Mermaid"                                   |
| March 18      | 1pm & 7pm | Spring Musical "Little Mermaid"                                   |
| March 19      | 1pm       | Spring Musical "Little Mermaid"                                   |
| March 22 & 23 |           | <a href="#">Tuxedo measuring for Prom during all lunch shifts</a> |
| 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-June 1 |           | Graduation Window   |
| May 18        | 6-10pm    | Senior Night @ Savage Mill  |
| May 19        |           | Schools closed for students                                       |
| May 20        | 7pm       | Jazz Showcase   |
| May 29        |           | Schools closed for Memorial Day                                   |
| June 7        |           | Schools close 3 hours early                                       |
| September 30  |           | Homecoming for the 2023-24 school year!                           |

# CELEBRATIONS!

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

Congratulations to **Senior Sam Jordan** on becoming Mt. Hebron's First State Champion in wrestling! He accomplished winning the title last weekend at the MPSSA wrestling state tournament where he went 4-0, winning 1-0 in the finals to claim the 220-pound title. This wraps up his career going 70-8 overall, County Champion, 2x Regional Champion and 2x state placer, including 2023 state champion. Congratulations again, Sam!



Congratulations to junior **Hazel Faherty** for winning the 2023 After Prom Logo Contest! Hazel will receive 2 After Prom tickets and a \$25 Amazon gift card. Hazel's logo will be featured on all After Prom Communications and T-shirts that will be handed out the evening of after prom.

Thank you to all the Artists who submitted a design. All of your entries were amazing.

Congratulations to **Anitej Ayyamgarri** and **Sathvik Andhavarapu** who have been selected for this year's [Roundball Classic](#), all-star basketball showcase!!!! So proud of these amazing student athletes!






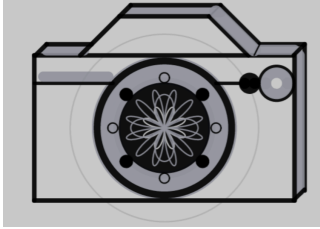

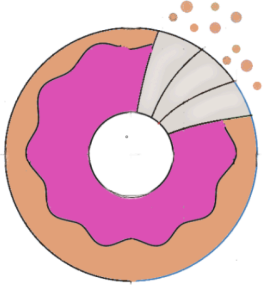
On Friday, February 24, seven Mt. Hebron students, comprising three teams, competed in the all-day DECA State Competition in Hunt Valley. **Greeshma Tarimala and Alice Pan**, co-founders of the Mt. Hebron chapter of DECA, competed in a marketing role-play event; **Tanisha Suri and Julia Choi** competed in a franchise development event; **Leo Bruk, Seth Maisel, and Ruchir Bondada** competed in a "Shark Tank" style event to pitch their innovative product "Serenity Now." Each of these business, entrepreneurial, and marketing teams scored very well with Leo, Seth, and Ruchir bringing home **second place**, which secures the team for a spot at the international competition in Orlando come April! Congratulations, Mt. Hebron for representing Howard County so well, and good luck at the National/International Competition!



In Ms. Borgia's Pre-Calculus GT classes, students were tasked with creating a digital logo using Polar and Rectangular Equations. Submissions were voted on by staff, as well as students in Ms. Borgia's PCGT classes. Congratulations to **Aadarsh Shah**, whose logo for DHL was voted the best logo from all classes! Great job Aadarsh!

Check out this link to see the logo move: <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/t2ikagyvdk>

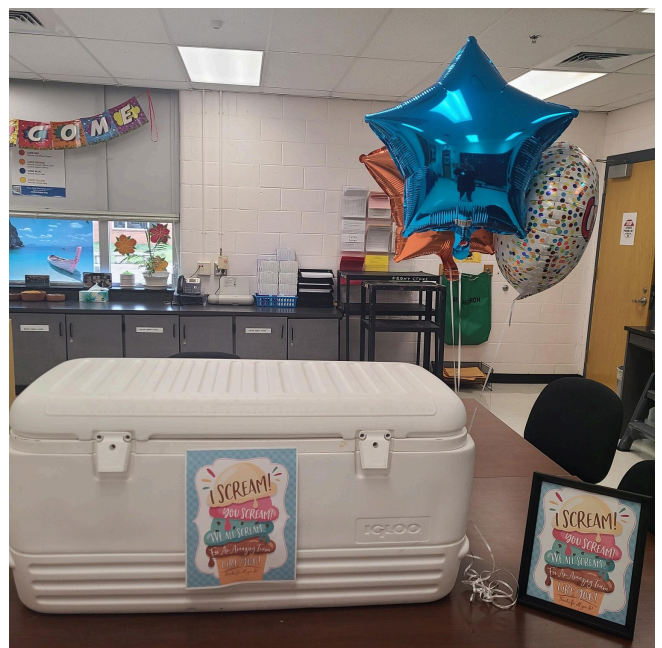
Runner ups include:

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|--|--|---|--|
| <p>Conrad Edwards<br/>(Waste Management)</p>  | <p>Vidhi Patel<br/>(Canon)</p>  | <p>Miles Rivers<br/>(IHOP)</p>  | <p>Erin Lupold<br/>(Fractured Prune)</p>  |
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Thank you to everyone who helped make our Employee Appreciation Week such a special celebration! Between the **Viking Backers, Robin Cohoon & the PTSA Hospitality Committee, Sandi Miller & the**

**PTSA Staff Appreciation Committee, our own SGA, and our incredible community who donated K-cups** our staff was spoiled and felt enormously appreciated all week!! We are so incredibly blessed to have such amazing people taking care of our staff! **THANK YOU!**







A huge congratulations to **seniors Gianna Athavale and Swetha Ganesh** and their incredible team for claiming 2nd Runner Up for their efforts to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Student Visionaries of the Year Campaign!!

Here's the email I received from Gianna: *For the past 7 weeks, I have been leading alongside fellow Hebron senior Swetha Ganesh, a group of hard-working Vikings to raise money for*

*the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Student Visionaries of the Year Campaign and their mission towards a world without blood cancers! We wanted to let you know that **together we raised \$60,000 and were able to be named the second runners-up in the state of Maryland for the most funds collected among 22 other Maryland student teams!***

#### **The students on our team "The Answer 4 Cancer":**

Gianna Athavale (12) —  
LEADER

Josh Kadavil (12)

Swetha Ganesh (12) —  
LEADER

Hannah DiDonato (12)

Giuliana Pangan (12)

Guy Scafidi (12)

Laila Peterson (12)

Ella Schropp (12)

Jason Lee (12)

Sydney Scanlon (12)

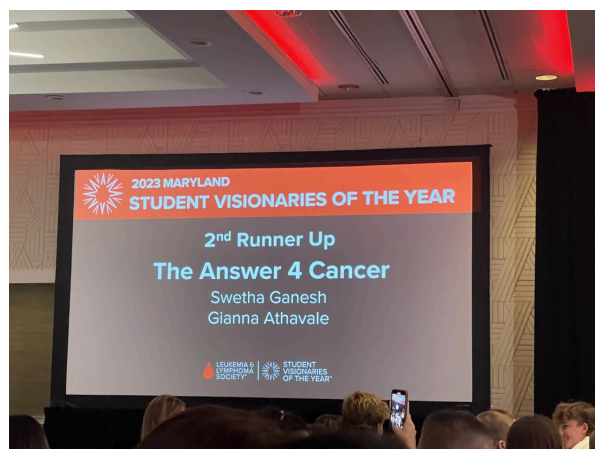
Tanisha Suri (11)

Sanika Devare (12)

Priya Solanki (11)

Carter Carr (12)

Anyas Prasad (11)



Taara Verma (11)

Rachel Kadavil (10)

Shaan Kalyani (9)

**We wanted to thank the Hebron community for all their help with our campaign. Teachers, Students, and Families are the real reason we were able to be so successful!**

Thank you so much! We are so proud to be representing Mt. Hebron in all that we do! And we are so proud of all of you!!

Congratulations to our **Girls Indoor Track Team** for a [second-place finish at the MPSSAA 3A State Championship Meet!](#) **Arayana Ladson** finished first place in the 55m. **Arayana Ladson, Sameena Mathew, Ava Pierre, and Hannah Belk** also finished first place in the 4X200m. Way to go Lady Vikings!!



Congratulations to **junior Nithya Chilukuri** whose artwork (under two categories: Painting, Drawing & Illustration) got honorable mention in the [Scholastic Art and Writing competition](#)!! Nithya's art will be displayed at the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts, which serves as the Maryland regional affiliate for this competition. This year, 1,667 teens from Baltimore and the surrounding region submitted 4,200 works of visual and literary art. We are so proud of you, Nithya!!



Congratulations to **Brian M Wu** who has been selected as a winner of the **National Merit Northrop Grumman Scholarship!** Pursuant to an Agreement with National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), this Merit Scholarship® award is sponsored by **Northrop Grumman Corporation**. We are so proud of you, Brian!!



## New News



### **The 2023 Literary Festival is coming up!**

All students, families, friends, neighbors, and friendly neighbors are invited to come check out student artworks and writing pieces, play fun games, eat good food, and overall hang out as a community. The 2023 LitFest is hosted @ Glenelg High School, and will be on **Friday, March 17th, from 5-7pm**. We look forward to seeing Mt. Hebron families there!

### **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!

### **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**.

# Worth Repeating

## 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>

## Art Society Crocheting Newborn Baby Hats

The National Art Honor Society is crocheting newborn baby hats to donate to Howard County General Hospital. Do you crochet or knit? Start making newborn or premie hats and drop them off at the school to be donated on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Jen Johannes [Jennifer\\_johannes@hcpss.org](mailto:Jennifer_johannes@hcpss.org) with questions.





## Tuxedo Rental for Prom at School

Don't wait in line at the menswear store to get your tuxedo for prom! M. Stein Tuxedos will be at Mt. Hebron during **all lunch periods on Wednesday March 22nd and Thursday March 23rd**. Students should get measured even if they are unsure if they will attend prom. Measurements will be kept on file for if/when they choose to order their tuxedo. No commitment required and no payment needed at the time of measurement. Browse [M. Stein's many online catalogs](#) and only pay when you order the tuxedo you want. Students will pick up and return their tuxedos to Mt. Hebron so this could not be easier or more convenient! Please contact [mthtuxedo@gmail.com](mailto:mthtuxedo@gmail.com) for any questions about the upcoming measuring dates.



### **March 22nd and 23rd Prom Tux Fitting Day**

M. Stein & Co will be at  
Mt. Hebron High School

**March 22nd and 23rd  
At lunch**

**In the Cafeteria**

to measure for Prom Tuxes.

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unsure you will attend Prom.

Sizes held on file

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# Class of 2023 Information

## Senior Banners

[Check out our website for more information!](#)

## Senior To Do List

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

## PTSA 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 that 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!!

## Class of 2023 Graduations, May 18-June 1, 2023

HCPSS has confirmed the [window for the 2023 high school graduations](#) as Thursday, May 18 – Thursday, June 1, 2023. Ceremonies will be held in person at Merriweather Post Pavilion, with the exception of Cedar Lane School, which will be held at the school.

**SENIOR BANNERS NOW ON SALE!**  
Congratulate your senior with a custom banner that hangs at school.  
All banners are sent home just in time for graduation celebrations.

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*Class of 2023 Congratulations!*

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# Counselor's Corner

## 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](#)

## 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).

## 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.



**University of Virginia Is Hosting a High School Visitation:** The Society of Women Engineers at the University of Virginia invites you to apply to our High School Visitation program held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The program gives young women and gender minorities in high school a comprehensive look at the engineering field as well as UVA's engineering curriculum. Students will spend the day guided by current UVA Engineering students through pioneering speakers, tours of NSF funded labs, hands-on design activities, and much more.

The spring 2023 session will take place in-person on March 18<sup>th</sup> at UVA's Charlottesville campus with an application deadline of February 17<sup>th</sup>. The application, selection criteria, and FAQ can be found on the SWE @ UVA website:

[www.virginiaswe.org/hsv](http://www.virginiaswe.org/hsv). Thanks to our generous donors and volunteers, HSV is free of charge for all participants. The application is already open. Acceptances will be sent out no later than February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:59pm, with student confirmation and commitment forms due by February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm. Please contact us at [uvaswehsv@gmail.com](mailto:uvaswehsv@gmail.com) with any and all questions you may have or refer to our website.

## Apply to High School Visitation at UVA!

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explore engineering & learn about the University of Virginia at this fun, informative student-run event hosted by the Society of Women Engineers!



Application Due: 2/17

more info @  
[virginiaswe.org/hsv](http://virginiaswe.org/hsv)



## 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](#) at [Bryna\\_Weiss@hcpss.org](mailto:Bryna_Weiss@hcpss.org) or Sarah Schmidt at [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](mailto: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.