

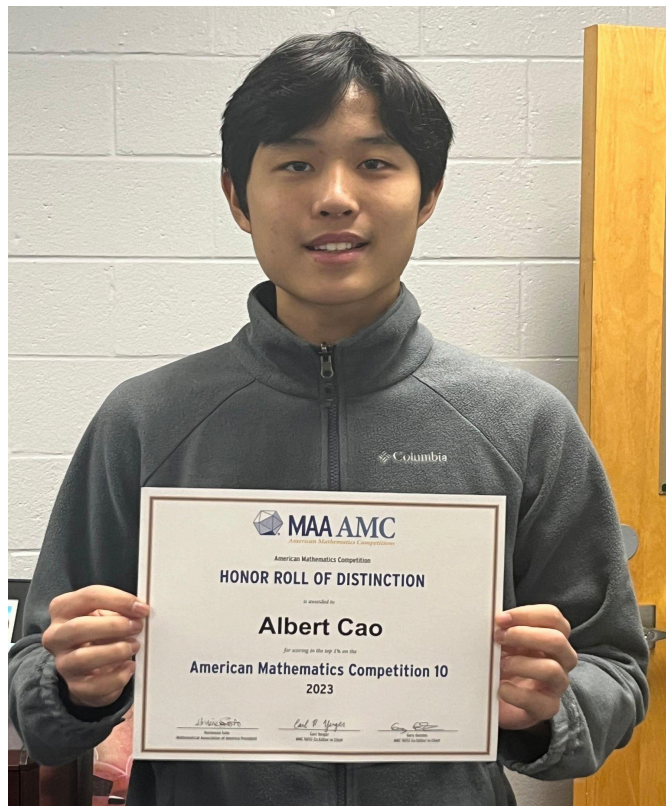
EAGLE NEWS
December 15, 2023

CHS CELEBRATES...

American Mathematics Competition

The results from the American Mathematics Competition* have been released and of those who took the test here at Centennial, we had seven students qualify for the next round of competition.

Moving on in the **AMC 10 division** is **Albert Cao**, who also earned the **Honor Roll of Distinction** for scoring in the top 1%.



Albert Cao

Moving on in the **AMC 12 division** are: **Anurag Sodhi, Ryan Zou, Caleb Shim, Martin Meister, Kevin Zhang, and Jaden Li.**

All seven students qualified to take the American Invitational Mathematics Examination in early February. Congratulations to all the competitors and good luck to those moving to the next round!

*The Mathematical Association of America is the world's largest community of mathematicians, students, and enthusiasts. The mission of the MAA is to advance the understanding of mathematics and its impact on our world. The AMC 10 and AMC 12 are both 25-question, 75-minute, multiple-choice examinations in high school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem-solving skills and develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers.

Outstanding CHS Musicians

The students listed were accepted into 2024 Maryland All-State ensembles, sponsored by the Maryland Music Educators Association. These students completed an audition, and were accepted based on their score, compared with students from across the state.

Congratulations to our music eagles on this accomplishment!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hSnLR07DFo1iem59DyExn8gherxeUe059pRpWfjPXEa/edit?usp=sharing>

2024 National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association State Award of Merit

Congratulations to Jeannie Prevosto, CHS's Athletics and Activities Manager, who was [named](#) the winner of the 2024 National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association State Award of Merit for Maryland. Ms. Prevosto was selected on the basis of her membership in professional associations and her outstanding service in interscholastic athletics at both the local and state levels. Ms. Prevosto will be presented her award at the MSADA State Conference banquet in April.

We are grateful for EVERYTHING that you do for our school community!!

Hack the New Programming Competition – And the Winner Is...

Congratulations to the following students for their phenomenal performance in the regional Hack the Nest programming competition in Tysons Corner, VA, December 9-10:

Grand Prize Winners (1st Place Overall): **Aryan Sharma, Daud Idrees, Jaden Li, Victor Liu**

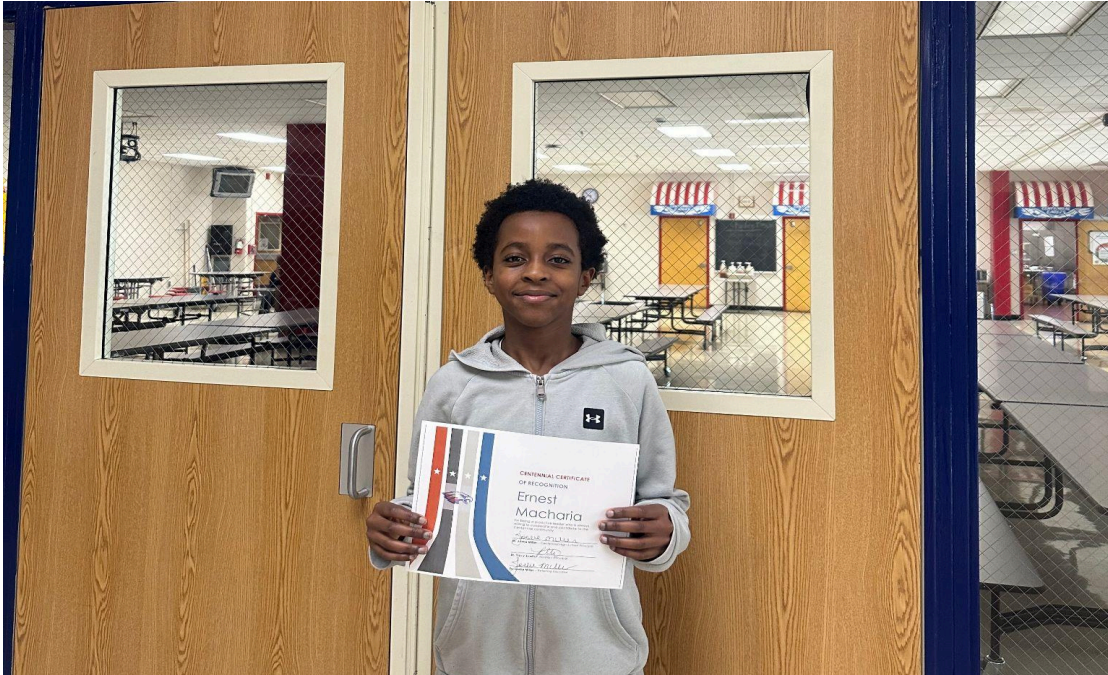
Patient Safety Track 1st Place: **Ashwath Babu, Vinaykarthik Vimalkuma**

Recognizing Positive Student Behavior

Congratulations to the following outstanding students for making a positive impact on the CHS community.



Wesley Hicks



Ernest Macharia



Gordon Mei

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Zishun Liang

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
December 25 - January 1		Winter break Schools and offices closed
January 2		School reopens
January 15		Martin Luther King Jr. Day Schools and offices closed

Date	Time	Event
January 16		Midterm Exams: Period 1 Exam Full Day of School
January 17		Midterm Exams: Periods 2 & 3 Exams School Closes 3 Hours Early
January 18		Midterm Exams: Periods 4A & 5 Exams School Closes 3 Hours Early
January 19		Midterm Exams: Periods 4B & 6 Exams School Closes 3 Hours Early
January 26		Centennial Choral Festival 7 PM, CHS Auditorium
January 30		WorldFest 4 - 8 PM
February 16		Food for the Soul, Words for the Heart 6 - 8 PM, CHS Cafeteria
February 17		Friends of Music BINGO Night
May 20 - May 31		Class of 2024 Graduation Window
June 11		Last scheduled day of school Last inclement weather day weather day June 18

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Athletics and Activities at CHS

Check out the [Week at a Glance](#) for December 18, 2023 - January 6, 2024. We hope that you and the family can plan on taking in a few athletic events before the break, during the break, and after the break.

ATTENTION SENIORS - CAP AND GOWN ORDERS DUE DEC. 20!!!

Jostens has extended the deadline for ordering graduation cap and gowns to **December 20!** Please be sure to order ASAP! Order forms attached [here](#).

PTSA Cookie Call!!

The much-anticipated Cookie Call will take place early next week, for CHS staff. Volunteers are needed who can bake and donate 4 dozen cookies or treats, and drop them off this weekend, through Monday morning. Please see the SignUp Genius for more information: [CHS Staff Appreciation 2023-2024: CHS Holiday Cookie Call 2023 \(signupgenius.com\)](#). Thank you for helping to spread holiday cheer to hardworking staff and drivers!

Graduation Window: May 20-31, 2024

Howard County Public School System has confirmed the [window for the 2024 high school graduations](#) as Monday, May 20-Friday, May 31, 2024. No graduations will be scheduled for weekend dates or on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. Ceremonies will be held in person at Merriweather Post Pavilion, with the exception of Cedar Lane School, which will hold its graduation ceremony at the school.

Kente Stole for Graduation

Kente stoles for graduation are on sale now! Kente is a traditional African textile that was first woven by the Ashanti people of Ghana and West Africa. Today, it is worn to pay homage to African ancestors and to show pride in the heritage of the Diaspora during ceremonial occasions. The cost of the stole is \$21.00. Click [here](#) for order information.

Course Selection Registration 2024-25

On Tuesday, December 19, 2023, counselors are meeting with each grade level in the auditorium except for seniors. We will go over the Course Registration process for the 2024-2025 school year. Please take attendance and wait for the announcement to direct each grade level to the auditorium.

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

3rd Period 9:45-10:40 - Teachers take attendance, announcement will be made for ALL FRESHMAN students to the auditorium

5th Period 12:50-1:40 - Teachers take attendance, announcement will be made for ALL JUNIOR students to the auditorium

6th Period 1:45-2:35 - Teacher take attendance, announcement will be made for ALL SOPHOMORE students to the auditorium

Dec. 18th - Jan. 16th Open to Students/Parents in HCPSS Connect (Synergy): Elective course requests, including alternates. Parents at this time can also complete a Course Placement Review Form (CPR)

Jan. 2nd - 12th Elective Fair at CHS: Trifolds outside of Student Services

Jan. 23rd - Feb. 8th : Counselors will meet with each student individually through their English class.

Affordable & Convenient SAT & ACT Prep at Howard County High Schools and Online

Both in-person and live, virtual, eight-hour college prep classes are offered at many HoCo high schools and are open to students from all high schools. Take advantage of our affordable [Personalized College List Service](#), too, and put your student and family in charge of the college application process!

GET READY FOR THE NEW DIGITAL SAT on March 9, 2024 and beyond!

COMING UP! [Virtual Prep for the Digital SAT in partnership with CHS: Sun., Jan. 7 from 9 am - 1 pm + T/Th Jan. 9 & 11 from 5 pm - 7 pm](#)

[In-Person Prep for the Digital SAT at Centennial HS: Sat./Sun., April 13 & 14 from 9 am - 1 pm](#)

Each college prep class is only \$149 (through 12/31) or choose a College Prep Combo Package and save up to \$75. Visit www.theanswerclass.com to view all the college admissions support offerings and class schedule, and to register your student.

Make A Donation

It's that time of year! CHS is looking for winter coats, sweatpants, socks, and sweatshirts in all sizes to support our students. Please Drop off any/all items to our front office and please know they are greatly appreciated.

In addition, we have numerous events planned for our Black Student Union and Alpha Achievers. If you would like to make a donation to support them, or any of our students in need, you can do so here: [DONATE 2023-24](#)

Yearbook Ads on Sale Now!

Calling all proud parents! Capture and celebrate your child's shining moments throughout the school year by purchasing a Yearbook Ad. This is a special opportunity for parents to express how proud they are of their child's academic achievements, sports triumphs, or unforgettable memories on a dedicated and personalized space in this year's yearbook.

Create and purchase online by 1/29/2024 to take advantage of this opportunity. Below is the link to get started:

[Purchase and Create Yearbook Ads Here](#)

The prices are as follows: Full Page - \$250 ½ Page - \$150 ¼ Page - \$90

Reference the flyer below for additional details.

[Jostens Yearbook Ads Flyer.pdf](#)

Join the 2023-24 PTSA Board

Our PTSA supports the school in a variety of ways. We need parents and family members to fill vital leadership roles in the PTSA, to continue this excellent work over the next academic year. This is a great opportunity to serve your community and make a difference for CHS students, families, and staff.

Board opportunities include:

- After Prom Chair (or can be a shared chair position) –
- PTACH delegate
- Parent Advocacy Group Liaison

Please reach out to info@chs-pts.org for any questions or a description of the duties.

Raise Money for CHS by Cleaning Up Your Closet

We are proud to announce that Centennial High School PTSA collected 434.0 lbs. of clothing and shoes in November! FYI...the top three schools in Howard County for November are: Lake Elkhorn Middle School at 2,487 lbs., Deep Run Elementary at 1,959 lbs., and St. John's Lane at 1,781 lbs.

Our school's Clothing Cash collection bin is located at the curbside of BMMS. It is the far end, two bins when you drive down by Burleigh Manor MS toward CHS. We accept clothing, footwear, textiles, accessories including handbags, backpacks, jewelry and more!! The funds generated from your donated items will directly benefit and support our programs here at Centennial High School. Thank you very much for your support!

CHS GT Research Parent/Student Information Night!

Thursday, January 4, 2023, at 7:00PM via Google Meet. We will discuss the 2024-2025 GT Intern-Mentor and GT Independent Research classes. Additional meeting information is below.

GT Independent Research and for GT Intern/Mentor courses require an application. If planning to apply, students should list the course on their course selection sheet and start the application process early as there are multiple steps involved. Applications for GT Research will be accepted until Friday, January 26th, 2024.

Applications for both courses are available here or on the CHS website:

- [Independent Research Application](#)
- [Intern/Mentor Application](#)

To find out more about the Advanced Research Program, please plan to attend our virtual GT Advanced Research Information Night:

- **CHS Presentation: Thursday, January 4, 2024 @ 7:00 - 8:00 PM: [Please register HERE](#)**
Join code: meet.google.com/qnd-mrki-szi

Until then, if you have any questions about our GT Advanced Research Program, please contact Toni Ireland, the CHS G/T Resource Teacher, at toni_ireland@hcpss.org, or visit our school website at <https://chs.hcpss.org/academics/gt>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

RTA Bus Passes

Thanks to a continued partnership between HCPSS, Howard County Government, and Regional Transportation Agency (RTA), all HCPSS middle and high school students have access to free RTA bus passes through summer 2024. Students have full access to the RTA system and are not limited to transportation to and from schools or to school-related activities.

If your child is interested, they can visit our front office to request a free pass. [Read more.](#)

Fan Expectations and Safety at HCPSS Athletics Events

High school athletic events serve as a wonderful opportunity for students, friends, families, staff and community members to come together in support of their favorite teams. To ensure these games are able to be safely enjoyed by all in attendance, it is imperative that everyone adheres to the rules, expectations and laws in place to ensure safety.

All children who are in 8th grade or younger must be accompanied by an adult at all HCPSS athletics contests or will be turned away from entry. Adult supervision must continue for the entirety of the athletic contest.

Athletic contests are considered extensions of the school day, and behaviors that violate the HCPSS [Student Code of Conduct](#) or [Board of Education policies](#) are subject to the same disciplinary measures as those that occur during the school day. Any students found to engage in inappropriate, illegal or dangerous behavior, including verbal and physical abuse at games, are subject to discipline, including the forfeiture of the game itself. Non-student spectators who violate event rules may be asked to leave the premises and may be banned for the remainder of the season. Additionally, the Howard County Police Department maintains a presence at games and will ensure all applicable laws are adhered to.

Please note that substances such as [tobacco, marijuana, and alcohol are illegal to have on school grounds](#). Furthermore, no spectators are permitted to be under the influence of these substances upon entering school grounds.

HCPSS schools are welcoming environments for our friends around the county and state. All spectators are expected to display good sportsmanship to the athletes, coaches, officials, members of the marching band, cheerleaders and poms, dance teams, opposing fans, and everyone in attendance. Please show respect for all those around you.

Lifetouch School Pictures

Don't forget to order this year's school pictures! Lifetouch invites you to enjoy 10% off your order using **CODE F202310OFF**. This offer expires May 1, 2024. [Redeem Now](#)

Update Your Family File

All families must update their emergency contact information annually. We'd like Centennial to be the first high school to have 100% of the Family File information to be fully updated, so visit [HCPSS Connect](#) today and click submit on the final screen! [Read more](#).

Apply for Financial Aide

The HCPSS participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Students from households that meet federal income guidelines are eligible to receive [free or reduced-price meals](#).

Parents/guardians must submit a new [application](#) every school year to maintain their student's eligibility.

Student Technology Supports

Students, please remember to bring your chromebook fully charged to school every day. We have a limited number of loaner chromebooks reserved only for students with broken chromebooks. If your chromebook is not working, please bring it to the media center.

Student Meal Payments

New this year, HCPSS will use LINQ Connect, a secure, online portal that allows families to make payments to their child's meal account, monitor their child's account, schedule automatic recurring payments, set up low balance alerts, submit a Free and Reduced Meals program application, and more. [More information](#), including how to set up your account, is available online.

Lockers

Lockers are available to all students throughout the school year. Students may come to the front office before the school day begins, during their lunch shifts, or during Eagle Time to request a locker assignment.

Parking Permits

Permission for students to drive and park vehicles on school system property is a privilege. Parking spaces for students at Centennial High School are limited. Accordingly, in order to be granted this privilege, applications for parking permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis in priority order: 1) Seniors; 2) Students enrolled in Work Study/Intern Mentor Programs; and, 3) Juniors.

Permits will be issued in this order through the end of the third week of school. Beginning September 18th, remaining permits will be issued in the order applications are received. Permits will not be reserved for students who do not yet have a valid Maryland Driver's License. Students ARE NOT required by the school system to attend a 'Safe Driving' presentation this school year.

To apply for your permit:

- Login to HCPSS.me.
- Complete the [application packet](#) and save as a pdf.
- Take a photo of your driver's license.
- Follow this link to [submit the online application](#). The information collected through the online application is required by HCPSS.
- Your submission will be reviewed, and you will be notified via email once it is accepted.

For questions about applying for a parking permit at CHS please contact Kristen Forman at Kristen_forman@hcpss.org.

Attendance

Please follow these procedures to report an absence:

Absence notes and tardy notes for excused absences are to be emailed to CHSabsence@hcpss.org. Students who bring in physical notes may drop them off in the front office before the start of the school day.

[Discretionary absence requests](#) must be completed and attached through email in advance of the absence. The last possible day of school for the 23/24 SY is June 18th. If there are any make-up days added to the end of the year, we need you to be available to take exams on any day from June 7-18. Any requests for Discretionary Absences during that window of time will not be approved. Likewise, Discretionary Absences will not be granted during the week of January 16th, mid-term exam week. For questions about attendance, please reach out to our Attendance Secretary, Diane Howse at diane_howse@hcpss.org.

Support the Groups Who Support Us

The CHS PTSA offers programs, services, and supports to enhance the high school experience for all students, teachers, and parents. Join the PTSA now by logging into the [CHS PTSA website](#).

The CHS Boosters serve all student extracurricular activities, including sports teams, school clubs, and student organizations. Join the Boosters now by logging into the [CHS Boosters website](#).

Friends of Music supports vocal and instrumental music at CHS to guarantee the sustainability of these programs and to provide vital support to our music directors. Help our talented musicians thrive by joining us today through the FOM website: <http://www.centennialmusic.org/>.

It is important to support organizations that do so much for us and our students. We are a community!

Stay Connected

- Centennial High School's website is a great source of information at <https://chs.hcpss.org>.
- On Twitter @hcpss_CHS and Instagram @CentennialHS.
- Read the [Wingspan](#), CHS student newspaper
- CHS PTSA <https://www.chs-ptsa.org/and> CHS Boosters <https://www.centennialboostersonline.com/>.
- CHS Friends of Music <http://www.centennialmusic.org/>
- Register to receive school system updates and alerts at <https://www.hcpss.org/hcpss-news/>, click on Subscribe and select Centennial High School.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Howard County Food Connection Map

Check out the [Food ConnectionMap](#), an interactive tool to help find low-cost, accessible food and nutrition resources in Howard County.

Supporting Homewood Center this Holiday Season and Beyond

The Homewood Center is proud to support students from the System's 13 comprehensive high schools and 20 comprehensive middle schools. Homewood Center provides our shared students with an opportunity to achieve through a range of special services and therapeutic interventions that may not be available to them at their home schools. Our students come from, and return to, their home schools throughout the year and some who stay with us throughout their entire middle and high school careers. Fostering a sense of support and belonging both to our Homewood family and to students' home school communities helps all our students to meet success as they navigate their paths to graduation and beyond.

Homewood does not have our own PTSA or Boosters and we are asking for your continued support this Holiday Season and beyond. Here are two ways to support Homewood Center:

1. While you are holiday shopping this season, please consider purchasing something for the treasure sale at Homewood Center. During the annual treasure sale, students have an opportunity to earn "Rise Dollars" through academic effort and positive behaviors to shop for treasures at the holidays. Your help makes it possible for students to not only receive but to give as they use their earned "Rise Dollars" to shop for their loved ones.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/QE93P87DQM9E?ref=wl_share
2. Student Leaders!! Homewood Center would like to partner with you and your student clubs to establish food and hygiene supply drives to support our year-round pantry; establish a dress-for success program to help all our students be interview ready; and collaborate on other efforts that provide opportunities for all of our students to demonstrate leadership skills. Please contact Kelly Kesler, Community School Site Coordinator at kelly_kesler@hcpss.org to discuss ideas or to arrange a time to talk with your student leaders.

HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy

The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy Spring Session is approaching!

This year, the BSAP Saturday Math Academy will offer an in-person enrichment program for Howard County Public School System students in all levels of math for grades 3-12 based on course availability. **Registration will take place online Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.- until capacity is reached.** Class space is limited. Families can register by accessing the [HCPSS Connect Website](#)

For more information, please visit:

<https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2023/12/black-student-achievement-program-bsap-saturday-math-academy-spring-2024-program/>

Flyers:

[BSAP SMA Spring 2024 Flyer \(English\)](#)

[BSAP SMA Spring 2024 Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

[BSAP SMA Spring 2024 Flyer \(Chinese\)](#)

[BSAP SMA Spring 2024 Flyer \(Korean\)](#)

Young Author's Contest

The Howard County Literacy Association invites students in grades 9-12 to submit their original poems and/or short stories to the annual writing contest called The Young Authors' Contest. Please see the attached Young Authors' Contest Guidelines ([YAC Guidelines PDF](#)) for information about the rules and guidelines. All entries must have a completed YAC Cover Sheet ([cover sheet](#)) and an original submission, which should be attached to the submission form ([Howard County HS Young Author's Contest- County Submission](#)). Submissions will be accepted until January 10th.

HCPSS High School HC Drug Free

HC DrugFree has several new community upcoming programs and opportunities:

Free Life Skills Classes for HoCo Kids (Grades 6-9)

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, and March 5, 2024 • 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

HC DrugFree is providing another series of *FUN* and interactive skills-based classes designed to promote positive health and personal development. This curriculum was designed for students in grades 6 to 9, but for slightly younger or older students, we will consider each request. This program will use developmentally appropriate, collaborative learning strategies so students will

learn skills that have been shown to help resist high-risk behaviors including substance use (vaping, alcohol and other drugs) and more. The curriculum is designed to strengthen student's social skills, personal self-management skills, substance resistance skills, and more! Learn more and register: <https://tinyurl.com/LifeSkillsSpring24>

Community Service Hours Opportunity for High School Volunteers/Mentors

Volunteer to be part of HC DrugFree's team of college and high school student and adult facilitators for our popular Life Skills class. Be a role model to younger students while learning a variety of practical skills and acquiring valuable experience for future college and employment applications. Learn more and register: <https://tinyurl.com/LifeSkillsSpring24> or <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LS-TeamJanuary2024>

HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council

Next meeting: Monday January 8 • 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Howard County Teens! Are you ready to stand out? HC DrugFree invites all Howard County students in grades 8-12 to join the HC DrugFree Teen Advisory Council (TAC). TAC members are student leaders who earn community service hours while developing life skills to make healthy choices and prepare for life after middle and high school. TAC provides a meaningful way for students to volunteer in the community and MAKE A DIFFERENCE all while building a powerful resume for job and college applications! Now accepting registrations for the this school year. Learn more and register: <https://tinyurl.com/HCDrugFreeTAC> or email admin@hcdrugfree.org

Know What's Happening in Howard County

Sign up for HC DrugFree's free newsletter at <https://hcdrugfree.org/enews-signup/> or follow us on social media to get updates on events as well as information to keep your family safe and informed: [Facebook](#) [X](#) [LinkedIn](#)