

Marvin Ridge High School

Maverick Message



Students celebrated Bars and Letters recognition with breakfast Friday morning.



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Good evening Mavericks, this is Matt Lasher Assistant Principal with your weekly announcements.

Congratulations to our Marvin Ridge Concert Band and Winterguard! For the fourth year in a row, the band received straight superior ratings at their MPA performance this week. Their superior streak is the longest running in the South Central District. Our Winter Guard placed 35th among 123 schools at the Winter Guard International World Finals in Dayton, Ohio this past weekend. This is their highest placement yet and outstanding at this level of competition. Great job to both groups!

Attention seniors - Jostens will be here to deliver caps, gowns, and other graduation regalia on Tuesday, April 8 during all lunches. Cap and gown pictures will be taken and all scholarship information is due on Friday, April 25. All other graduation information is available on our website and in the Maverick Message Newsletter. Reminder, there is a senior breakfast this Friday, April 11.

Attention all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade parents and students - are you wondering about college decisions and information? Get the 411 this Thursday night, April 10 at our annual College 411 Night! The evening is brought to you by our guidance department and the Academic Booster Club, and it promises to be the best and biggest ever! College 411 Night is a college fair just for Marvin Ridge Students. We will have representatives from close to 40 colleges and universities here to speak with you and your student. The evening begins at 6:00 with a special presentation by our Guidance Department, followed by a Q and A panel with admissions representatives. At 7:00, we will begin the fair in our gymnasium, which will last until 9:00. Our College 411 is one of the most popular among college and university admissions people...they love to come to Marvin Ridge! Your students are the reason, so be sure to come out on Thursday, April 10 beginning at 6:00.

Progress reports will go home this week. Please be sure that you are contacting your student's teachers if you have questions about student performance, grades, assignments or Parent Portal.

Prom Ticket Sales will **end** this Friday, April 11. Less than half of the available tickets have been sold to date. Please do not wait until the last minute to purchase tickets; go to SMC/Mr. Honeycutt during your lunch to get yours ASAP! No prom tickets will be sold after Spring Break. Outside guest prom forms are due tomorrow.

Spring Sports are still in full swing this week. Please check the online calendar and Maverick Newsletter for dates and start times. Spring Break begins on Monday, April 14 and ends on Friday, April 18. Remember that Monday, April 21 is now a school day. We will not have another Maverick Message or newsletter until April 27.

Please remember, as the warm weather approaches dress code still applies as outlined in the student handbook and that inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. We want to move into spring break with positive momentum. On that note, a big thank you to all parents and student drivers for their efforts to arrive at school earlier. Our morning routine is going much more smoothly with many fewer class disruptions for tardy students, a true showing of One Team on One Mission. Good evening Mavericks and have a great week.

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Policy Reminders:

- **No outside vendors may be brought into the cafeteria for student lunches.**
- **Cell phones of students are to be turned off and put away during the school day.**
- **Any phones that are turned into the main office must be picked up by a parent at the end of the school day.**

The mission of Marvin Ridge High School is to educate all students in a safe, inspiring, and globally aware environment that promotes respect for diversity, lifelong learning, challenging athletics, and extra-curricular experiences that foster successful living.

COLLEGE 411

**Parents and Students of All Grade Levels:
You are invited to College 411 Night on April 10, 2014
At Marvin Ridge High School—**

One of the only special, personal college fair events in our area!
35+ Colleges and Universities will be present—our largest ever!
Sponsored by Academic Booster Club and MRHS Guidance

Program of Events:

6:00 – 6:20 Guidance Presentation
6:20 – 7:00 Q & A with College Admission Representatives
7:00 – 9:00 College Fair

The following will be represented:

Appalachian State	High Point University	UNC Wilmington
Auburn University	Johnson & Wales	University of Notre Dame
Catawba College	Lenoir-Rhyne	University of
Central Piedmont	Naval Academy	South Carolina
Community College	Newberry College	University of Alabama
Clemson University	North Carolina	University of Tennessee
Coastal Carolina	A & T State	University of Virginia
College Foundation North	NCSU College of Natural	Wake Forest University
Carolina	Resources	West Virginia Tech
College of Charleston	Sewanee: The University	Western Carolina
Davidson College	of the South	University
Duke	Southern Piedmont Com-	Wingate
East Carolina University	munity College	Winthrop
Elon University	UNC Asheville	
Furman University	UNC Chapel Hill	
Gardner-Webb	UNC Charlotte	

***Make your plans
now to attend!!***

If you would like to submit a question to our College Admission Representative Q & A session, please email it to college411mrhs@yahoo.com.

Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Kevin Allran

Last Week's Results

Women's Lacrosse over Charlotte Latin, Country Day and Nation Ford, Baseball sweeps 3 from Anson, Softball over Weddington and Lincoln Charter, Men's Lacrosse over Sun Valley and Myers Park, Tennis over Fort Mill, Weddington and Piedmont. Golf wins SCC conference match at Firethorne and Soccer over Ardrey Kell and Anson but loses to Weddington.

This Week's Schedule:

Monday, April 7th

Women's Lacrosse vs Butler 7pm
Golf Match @ Stonebridge

Tuesday, April 8th

Mens' Lacrosse @ Catholic @ Mat-

thews Sports Plex

Tennis @ Cuthbertson 4:00pm

Soccer @ Piedmont @ 6:00pm

Softball @ Piedmont @ 6:00pm

JV and Varsity Baseball @ Piedmont 4:30 and 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 9th

Home Track Meet (Senior Day)

Varsity Softball @ Anson 4:30pm

JV Baseball @ Porter Ridge 4:30

Varsity Baseball vs Piedmont 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 10th

Tennis vs Piedmont 4:00 pm

College 411 Night @ MRHS – 6-9pm

Friday, April 11th

Softball vs Cuthbertson 6:00pm

JV and Varsity Soccer vs Cuthbertson 4:30 and 6pm

JV and Varsity Baseball @ Piedmont 4:30 and 7pm

JV and Varsity Men's Lacrosse @ Cuthbertson 5:30 and 7:00pm

Track at Taco Bell Invitational @ Spring Valley High SC

Saturday, April 12th

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Make sure that you check the scrolling announcements and register for the FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS given on May 5th, 2014. High School Students can register through April 16th and the it will be open to Middle and High School students and once the appointments are filled they will not offer any others. This is too good to pass up for FREE!

Gooooo Mavericks!!

Congratulations to sophomore tennis phenom, George Lovitt, enjoying his second season at #1.

Read the article:

<http://www.unioncountyweekly.com/sports/2014/03/king-george/>

Congratulations to Jamie Ellis and Jessica Curtis on their commitments to play basketball and softball at Guilford College and Greensboro College respectively.

Marching Maverick and Chorus News...

Congratulations to the Marvin Ridge Concert Band for receiving Straight Superior Ratings at the South Central District Music Performance Adjudication in Grade level VI. This is the fourth year the band has received a superior rating in Grade VI which is College/Professional level music. This is the longest running superior streak in our district. Great Job!

A Big Congratulations goes out to the MR Winter Guard for placing 35th at the Winter Guard International World Finals. A total of 123 guards competed for the honor of being in the top 15 finalist guards. The MR guard placed 49th going into Semi-Finals and moved up to 35th with their best performance of the season. This is the highest placement for the guard attending World Championships. Congratulations for an outstanding season for the MR Winter Guard!

We have two students who made the 2014 NC All-State Honors Band: Delaney Dewey and Aaron Hougui. Delaney is first chair in the 9/10 Honor Band and Aaron is first chair bass clarinet for the 11/12 Honor Band. This ranks them as the top players in the state at their instrument. Congratulations to both of you for such a high honor!

On April 1 the MRHS Women's Ensemble received scores of 97, 98, and a perfect 100 at the state choral Music Performance Adjudication festival! They were absolutely awesome!!

Guidance and School Counseling Updates



Scholarship Total:

The Class of 2014 has reported over **\$7,813,104.00** in scholarship money so far! Continue to send in your scholarship offers to Ms. Kanna to be included in the graduation program and to be recognized at the Award Day Ceremony in May. Deadline is April 25! Send your info whether you accept the scholarship or not!

UNCC Summer School: UNC Charlotte is offering summer courses for visiting students and incoming freshmen! Take a summer course and get a head start on fall! First Summer Session: May 19-June 24, Second Summer Session: July 1-August 7, Ten Week Courses: May 19-August 7. SummerSchool.uncc.edu, 704-687-1283 for more information. *Check with the school you will attend in the fall regarding the option to transfer credit.

Scholarships of the Week:

State Employees' Credit Union People Helping People Scholarship

SECU Foundation and State Employees' Credit Union members are committed to the Credit Union philosophy of "people helping people." Originating in 2004, the *People Helping People* Scholarship Program has provided over \$20 million in educational funding. Each traditional public high school in North Carolina will receive one scholarship valued at \$10,000 (payable @ \$1,250 per semester) to attend one of the 16 constituent campuses of the UNC system. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated leadership, excellence, character, integrity, and community involvement. If you are interested in applying please come to the guidance office and pick an application. **Applications are due to Ms. Kanna by April 11th, 2014.**

The Bill Cook "Always a Maverick" Honorary Scholarship

The Bill Cook "Always a Maverick" Scholarship is for a graduating senior that embodies the characteristics of Mr. Bill Cook, opening principal at MRHS. The senior that is awarded this scholarship must be in good standing and have demonstrated the following characteristics throughout their four years at MRHS: Maverick at Heart, Achiever, Vibrant, Efficient, Resourceful, Involved, Charismatic, Knowledgeable. Please write a one page essay detailing the reasons you believe that you will be "Always a Maverick". Essays should be limited to 500 words or less. The winner of the scholarship will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony. **Essays are due to Ms. Kanna in guidance by April 11th, 2014.**

Congratulations! The following students have been accepted to the 2014 North Carolina Governor's School :

Misbah Ahmed - Natural Science
Walter Bonar - Instrumental Music - French Horn
Melissa Hagstedt - Instrumental Music - Trombone
Natalie Huffman - English
Kayla Thompson - Spanish

Special Announcements:

All Services Academy Day is on Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 am at Charlotte Catholic High School. Cadets from all Academics will be present giving their experiences and a representative from each Academy will be available to talk about the application process!

The 2013-2014 Awards Day Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 30th in the high school auditorium. It will begin at 8:15am and end at approximately 11:15am. Students who will be recognized at the event will receive invitations in May.

Student Arrivals to School and Class - Please note!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND EFFORTS! THIS INITIATIVE IS WORKING AND REDUCING CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS!

We need your help! Student late arrivals to school in the morning are causing an increase in tardies to class. As a result the administration has determined that a new plan of action is warranted to encourage students to be on time. Please, as a family, create a morning routine that will assure that your student will arrive at school and be in the building by 7:50 AM. We provide traffic direction on both Crane Road and in the parking lots to protect student safety and help everyone achieve this goal. Please be sure to account for drive time, traffic, and parking in your new time frame.

Beginning Monday, March 24, students who arrive late to school or class and receive a third tardy, the automatic consequence will be one day of Saturday School. If students go beyond three, the remaining consequences from the student handbook will be issued:

4th Tardy	One (1) Saturday Detention/Parent Contact/ Loss of parking privileges
5th Tardy	One (1) day of ISS/Parent Contact
6th Tardy	Two (2) days of ISS/Parent Contact
7th Tardy	One (1) day of OSS/Parent Contact
8th Tardy	Two (2) days OSS/Parent Contact
9th tardy	Restart Lockout process/Parent Contact/Action Plan initiated with attendance counselor, guidance counselor, SMC coordinator and administration.

Spring is here and bad weather days are hopefully behind us. Remember, students need to arrive at school and be in the building at 7:50 AM.

Saturday School will be held on April 26 from 8-10 AM. Parent contacts for tardy students are being generated through our automated system. Students assigned to Saturday School will be notified by Mr. Honeycutt.

The World Language Department of MRHS will partner with our PTSO and our cluster schools for our 7th Annual International Bazaar on Monday, April 28!

Currently, we are seeking native, heritage speakers for cultural booths. If you are interested in sharing your language and culture with the Marvin Ridge community, please contact Alice Shrader, World Language Department Chair, at alice.shrader@ucps.k12.nc.us

The International Bazaar is an awesome cultural event where this year we will celebrate What It Means to Be a Global Citizen. We need parent volunteers for support roles! Please contact Veronica Bruggen if you can help! vbruggen325@hotmail.com

Seniors! It's time to start thinking about graduation! Friday, June 13, 10:00 AM at Winthrop Coliseum

Picture Requests:

Senior Banquet Video –

Please send all appropriate pictures taken of you, your friends, your vacations, and senior events throughout this school year to:

2014seniorsMRHS@gmail.com by May 21st, 2014.

Graduation Day Video –

Please send baby photos (two and under) to heather.karpinski@ucps.k12.nc.us. Electronic pictures only. Please send ASAP. We will respond only if another photo is needed.

Graduation Date:

Friday, June 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

Graduation Ceremony will be held at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC.

We suggest to all guests that they arrive prior to 9:00 AM to avoid traffic. Doors to the graduation will be closed by 10:00 AM, and guests will not be able to enter after that point.

There is seating for guests with special needs.

Graduation Tickets

Graduation tickets will be on sale beginning April 22-May 9. A graduation ticket form will be distributed and will be available on the website as we approach the sale.

Graduation Rehearsal

Mandatory Graduation practice is at MRHS on Thursday, June 12 at 12:30. All seniors are required to attend. Students will be served lunch first by the PTSO parents and practice will follow. It should be finished by 2:30. Students must follow school dress code and school rules. All seniors are required to stay for the entire practice. Parents and students should reserve this date as there are NO exceptions to attendance at Graduation Rehearsal.

Senior Banquet

The Senior Banquet will be held Friday, May 30 from 6pm to 10pm at the Adventure Center in Ft. Mill, SC. Delicious food will be served and drawings for great prizes will held! Ticket information will be available soon. The cost will be \$10.

Scholarships

Student must bring written proof of any scholarship offers to Ms. Kanna in guidance by April 25th at 3pm. Any scholarships received after that date can be used at the awards day, but will not be listed in the graduation program. Students should report scholarships even if they do not plan on using them.

Caps and Gowns

Students will receive ordered caps and gowns from Jostens on Tuesday, April 8th, 2014. Students will be permitted to put cap and gown in their car, if they drive.

Pictures

Graduation group and individual pictures will be taken on April 25th during 1st – 2nd period. Seniors MUST have your money and order form in order to go in for the individual pictures. Order forms will be distributed with caps and gowns on April 8th during lunches. Any senior who does not have a picture order form should see Mrs. Larr in E103. Guys need to wear a white dress shirt, tie, and dress pants. Ladies need to wear light colors with nothing showing in the V neck and shorts or a skirt - no pants! Those not in requested dress requirements will not be in the group picture.

This information and more is available on our website. See [Graduation Information](#).

Remember, attendance at Graduation Practice on June 12 is required for you to participate in the Graduation Ceremony on June 13!

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! WARNING: PROM TICKET SALE DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 11!!

MRHS Junior-Senior Prom is Saturday, April 26 at Bank of America Stadium from 8pm-12am

Prom ticket sales are here!!!! You can now purchase your prom tickets for \$50 each. This can be done during your lunch in Mr. Honeycutt's room (SMC). Remember that your outside guest **MUST** be approved before you can buy his/her ticket. Forms are available in the main office.

Sales will continue every day until April 11th. Tickets are non refundable and non transferable.

Yearbook Sales...

Yearbooks can be purchased online at jostensyearbook.com. The cost of the book with personalization is



\$75.00 if purchased before February 1, 2014. The cost of for books ordered between February 1 and April 20 is \$80.00. Personalization is not available for books ordered during this time. Any books purchased during the Yearbook distribution in May will cost 85.00. Last year,

any extra books sold out quickly. So, don't wait! Purchase your book now!

April is Autism Awareness Month!

Autism is diagnosed four times more often in boys than girls. Its prevalence is not affected by race, region, or socio-economic status. Since autism was first diagnosed in the U.S. the incidence has climbed to an alarming one in 88 children in the U.S. Currently there is no cure for autism, though with early intervention and treatment, the diverse symptoms related to autism can be greatly improved and in some cases completely overcome.

Walk 4 Water

Donut Sale!

Thursday morning, April 10th

Front of the school Help us raise money to build a well in Africa.



UNION COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE—
MAY 2 AND 3 @ SUN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Donations are now being taken during all lunches! You can honor someone in your life who has been affected by cancer or sign-up to become an MRHS team member!



Don't get left out! Sign up & pay online today!!

Don't get left out! Register and pay today for driver's education online at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/mrhsdriversed/>

Online Rosters are now posted!

The next available class is in June. Times and location @ MRHS TBA. Contact Kevin Vickers (MRHS's Driver's Education Lead Teacher) for more information at kev.in.vickers@ucps.k12.nc.us

AAA “Dinner and A Movie” event provided life lessons and global perspective about Civil Rights Act of 1964



April 4, 1964 marks a significant day in American history, and the AAA of Marvin Ridge High School wanted to do more than just acknowledge it on the morning announcements. Particularly in 2014. April 4, 2014 was the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, and celebrating it became the focus of a first-ever event in the history of Marvin Ridge High School.

All year, the newly formed African American Association planned to sponsor a signature event. Traditionally, programs in other schools are held in February in association with Black History Month. However, these students wanted to do more, and they wanted their event to be different. It was not only different...it was unique and gave students a local and global perspective about this life-changing legislation.

On Friday evening, over 50 MRHS students, parents, and community members came together for “Dinner and A Movie,” an event that celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, brought in prominent guest speakers from Union County, and allowed attendees to enjoy a catered dinner from Leo’s Restaurant of Waxhaw as well as a special viewing of Lorraine Hainsberry’s *A Raisin in the Sun* starring Sidney Poitier.

Guest speaker Chidera Ejim, Esq spoke very personally of the impact of the Civil Rights Act on the life of her family. She immigrated to America from Nigeria as a young child and benefitted from English language instruction provided at her school. Now a successful practicing attorney, she shared that without the CRA, her life in our country would have turned out very differently. The keynote speaker of the evening enlightened the audience about Union County connections to the Civil Rights Movement. Monroe native and Assistant District Attorney of Union County, Ms. Daniell Jones-Chunn, shared significant cases from the county’s history as well as urged all of the young attendees to continue to be aware of the relevance and importance of civil and human rights across our world today.

Members of the AAA who were instrumental in planning the evening include President Erin Simmons, Vice-President Evan Howard, Megan Griffin, Bria Bethea, Nathan McDow, Katelyn McDow, and Monica Kessel. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Union County Homeless Shelter. They all look forward to planning next year’s event!



MAVERICK PRIDE

Maverick Pride is awarded to a staff member whom you would like to recognize for their positive contributions to our school/staff. Each Maverick Pride awarded will be announced during a staff meeting, and their name will be placed in a monthly drawing for a designated parking space. If you would like to recognize a colleague, teacher, or child's teacher for an exceptional contribution, please complete this form and return it to the office.



I would like to recognize:

Positive Contribution:

From : _____

(Optional)