

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message

Wells-Fargo Cup Championship Celebration— September 5



Thank you to all of our athletes and coaches who participated in our Championship Maverick Walk and Banner/Plaque Presentation!



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PTSO Open House

We will begin at 5:30 with our Bars and Letters Recognition for invited (via a postcard in the mail this week) students and parents.

Come out and meet your student's teachers on Monday, September 15 at 6:30.

Please stop by the PTSO table at Orientations and Open House to see how you can volunteer to support your Mavericks.



2014 Orange Crush Shirts are here!!

Show your Maverick Pride and Order 2014 Your Orange Crush Shirts online! First, go to the [Online School Payment](#) link and then follow-up with your size order through this [Order Form](#). Only shirts paid for online through OSP will be processed. Thank you for your support!

This is the only Orange Crush shirt that includes our Wells Fargo Cup State Championship, so order yours as soon as possible!

Students report to class at 7:50 am. Tardy Bell is at 8:00 am. Please see our website for a full bell schedule.

Parents must utilize the car rider line at the main entrance of the school for student drop off and pickup.

Please help us safeguard student safety. Do not use the back of the school for drop-off or pick-up during the

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.

MRHS Key Policy Review—Dress Code Reminders

Parents: Please continue to help us with appropriate attire for school with your student. Students are doing a fabulous job for the most part, but the following statements continue to be areas of concern.

- **Shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. must extend to a student's fingertips when the student is standing up straight. No holes are allowed above the fingertip length.**
- **Shirts, sweatshirts, blouses, or shorts that are worn with leggings, spandex pants, or yoga pants must extend to a student's fingertips when the student is standing up straight.**

For a copy of our full dress code, please see the MRHS Student Handbook available on our website.

Marvin Ridge High School Site-Based Management Team Opportunity

It is time to plan for additional parent representation on our school's Site-Based Management Team, with service to begin during the 2014-15 school year. The Site-Based Management Team is an elected group of parents and staff who meet monthly to discuss and decide upon various matters of importance within the life of the school including overall improvement efforts, the instructional program, safety, budget and more. The meetings are typically held the fourth Wednesday of each month, from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Terms of service for elected parents are 2 to 3 years. Parents who express interest are to be reviewed and elected via a ballot at the largest gathering of parents within the school, which will be our September 15 PTSO General Meeting. If you are interested in being on the ballot, please email Donna Cook at donna.cook@ucps.k12.nc.us by Friday, September 12. In the email, please provide a brief summary of your educational and professional background, reasons that you wish to serve, and potential contributions you could make to the team.



Picture Day for all 9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Students is this Friday, September 12!

Students will report by home-rooms to the auditorium. Extra picture package information can be found in the front office.

September 11 Observance

As a school, we will commemorate the 13th Anniversary of 9-11 through a special Moment of Silence at the beginning of our day as well as raising awareness in our staff and students when significant moments occurred in the timeline of that day in 2001.

Now called Patriot Day now, September 11 has taken on an identity of honoring service to our country and community. We honor those who serve us and those who continue to perform service acts for others.



Upcoming Important Testing Dates:

Wednesday, October 1: The PLAN (pre-ACT) will be given to all 10th grade students on Wednesday, October 1.

Wednesday, October 15: The PSAT (pre-SAT) will be given to all 11th grade students at no charge and any 10th grade students who have completed Math II and pay the \$20 registration fee.

Congratulations to Maverick Baseball Standout

MRHS senior Max Wotell has been selected to represent the United States as a member of the USA Baseball 18u National Team. The selection took place on August 28th at the end of the USA 18u Team Trials in Houston, TX. Team USA will train in Houston before departing to La Paz, Mexico on Wednesday September 3 to compete in the COPABE 18u Pan American Championship from September 5 through September 14. Cuba, Venezuela, and Mexico will represent strong challenges as Team USA seeks to defend their gold medal from 2013. Max, who has committed to play baseball at the University of Arizona, will finish his four year varsity career next spring with Coach Mennitt and the Maverick Baseball Team.



Maverick Athletics....from Athletic Director Tom Jamerson

Last Week's Results:

Men's Soccer lost to Ardrey Kell but defeated Charlotte Catholic; Volleyball defeated Butler and Lancaster (SC); Cross Country was not in action; Women's Tennis, Football, and Women's Golf all lost to Ardrey Kell.

This Week's Schedule:

Monday—September 8;

Soccer Away at Porter Ridge

Golf at Sun Valley

Tuesday—September 9:

Soccer @ Home 4:30, 6 PM

Cross Country @ Home; Tennis @ CHS

Wednesday—September 10

No Events

Thursday—September 11

Tennis @ home and Volleyball @ CHS; JV Football is cancelled

Friday—September 12:

Varsity Football @ Home vs. Carolina Pride: Cluster Night!

Go Mavericks!!

Marvin Ridge Mavericks

Athletic Booster Club

First General Meeting: Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00pm

Visit the gomavericks.org website to join and support our athletic program and to volunteer your time to help the Mavs!

*******All Marvin Cluster School Families*******

Please join us for

Community-Wide Maverick Pride Game Night!

Friday, September 12, 2014 at 7:30

Marvin Ridge HS Football vs the Carolina Pride!

Wear your orange! Come cheer on the Mavericks!

Tailgate from 5:00-7:00 pm in the stadium parking lot!

Enjoy delicious **fan-favorite foods** from on-site vendors!

Fun activities and games for elementary students!

Recognition of each Marvin area cluster schools during the game!

Come out for a great family night and show your Maverick pride!

Maverick Counselor and Administrative Assignments for 2014-2015

In Order to Fully Serve Students and Families :

- A - G (all grades) - Ms. Lori Sgan, Counselor and Mr. Dave Thomson, AP
- H - O (all grades) - Ms. Lisa Stipp, Counselor and Mr. Matt Lasher, AP
- P - Z (all grades), IB - Ms. Ann Ennis, Counselor and Ms. Lisa Justice, AP
- Student Support Counselor - Ms. Jessica Pierce

Senior News and Updates



Senior Meetings with Guidance Counselors! These are taking place through current senior English classes or an elective class if you are not currently enrolled in English. At this meeting, be prepared to discuss:

- Your resume, brag sheet, and written prompts that will help counselors get to know you.
- A College Planning worksheet that includes your current choices and a check of your transcript.

Our counselors hope to meet with all seniors in their alphabets by September 30.

College Acceptances and Scholarships should be reported to Guidance. Your counselor is excited to hear your great news. The previous graduating class earned over \$19 million in scholarship dollars. Please turn in copies of your scholarships as we are sure you can surpass that total!!

Recommendation requests should be directed to the staff member and any required forms should be provided to the staff member at the time of the request. Please be sure to give staff members ample time so that they can fulfill your request.

Senior Breakfasts occur each month in the media center. The first breakfast will be September 19.

Attention MRHS Class of 2015 Students and Parents: The official senior t-shirt can be ordered now! Opportunities to support senior activities throughout the year are also listed. ***Please remember that parent support is vital to maintaining traditions such as senior breakfasts, special gifts for seniors at games, and the senior banquet! We would like to add even more, so please consider doing your part today!*** The order form is available by clicking [here](#). At this time, we are collecting t-shirt orders in order to submit another batch for printing. The deadline is September 10!

If you missed Senior Night by Guidance on September 2, please find important information on our website, including an electronic copy of the Senior Planning Guide.

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines of Note:

September 12—School Nomination for NC State Parks Scholarship and UNC-Chapel Hill Morehead-Cain Scholarship

September 19—Lowell Bryan Scholars Program at Davidson College

Reminder: Community Read—Summer Reading 2014



As part of our school's mission, our community comes together to discuss a global topic in the fall during an event called Community Read Day. The aim of this program is to empower our students with global knowledge and a respect for diversity that will help them be successful citizens in a changing global community. This year we will be using the following five books to explore Chinese culture. Please select one of the following books to read over the summer.

**** Community Read Day and Activities will take place in October. A final date will be chosen by our administration and site-base team members.**

- 1) *Iron and Silk* by Mark Salzman
- 2) *Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People* by Helen Zia
- 3) *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang
- 4) *Driven Out: The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans* by Jean Pfaelzer
- 5) *The Hundred Secret Senses: A Novel* by Amy Tan

Students, what should you do?

- 1) *Select at least one book from the list to explore.*
- 2) *As you read, keep an open mind and consider what you are learning from the book. Practice all the great reading strategies you have learned in school like questioning, summarizing, annotating, predicting, inferring, visualizing, connecting, and evaluating.*
- 3) *Use the website above to learn more.*
- 4) *Be prepared to participate in the Community Read Day events in the fall including class discussions and writing assignments in all of your classes.*

Parents, how can you get involved?

- 1) *Using the list of options, help your child choose a book that you think best meets his or her needs intellectually and emotionally.*
- 2) *Help your child find a copy of the book by purchasing a copy or checking one out from a library.*
- 3) *Feel free to join the community read by reading one or more of the books on the list. You will even have the opportunity to participate in book club discussions with other parents and staff on Community Read Day.*
- 4) *Talk with your child about the book. See the suggestions below.*
- 5) *Encourage your child to pick up other books that interest him or her.*

- If you'd like to help your child practice effective reading skills in alignment with the Common Core Curriculum, consider asking him or her the following questions. Always follow up their answers to any questions with "What makes you think that?" or "How do you know?" Citing evidence that supports their knowledge or arguments is an important life skill.
- Community Read Day in the Fall, and a follow-up activity in the Spring, give parents opportunities to volunteer as well as promote the global perspective and goals of Marvin Ridge. Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters and on our website.

What does it mean to be a Maverick?

The MRHS Student Handbook includes information explaining a set of Academic Core Values. We ask that you please review these as a Maverick family and discuss the significance of these values at home and at school.



CREST, MASCOT AND COLORS

The MRHS Crest symbolizes our ideal for a world-class school. The globe is centrally located to represent our commitment to a global learning approach. Surrounding the globe are representations of each major area of study and athletics.

Our mascot is the Maverick, which symbolizes freedom, spirit, and individuality. Its' legend dates back to the 1800's to a strong white stallion living in freedom in the wild. A Maverick is independent in behavior and thought.

Our Colors are Orange, Royal Blue and White. These colors symbolize the following:

Orange - *worthy ambition*

Royal Blue - *truth and loyalty*

White - *peace and sincerity*

ACADEMIC CORE VALUES

Our Academic Core Values are based on the symbolism of our school colors. They represent what it means to be a Maverick and our honor code in all academic pursuits and discourse.

Worthy Ambition requires Mavericks to set high goals and to work to their greatest potential in all endeavors.

Truth and Loyalty require Mavericks to use honesty in all assignments, tests, projects, and research. This includes avoidance of: plagiarism, collusion, duplication, misconduct, and disclosing or receiving information that gives one an unfair advantage.

Peace and Sincerity require Mavericks to maintain a conducive, safe learning environment for all and to consider alternate viewpoints as well as consequences fully and fairly before making a judgment, statement, or academic decision.

Chromebook Distribution—Began Thursday, September 4



- For students who have returned permission forms, we will process Chromebooks through our 3rd Period Classes beginning Thursday, September 4. We have made great progress and have units in the hands of all but about 150 students as of today.
- An online orientation done on campus is required upon the first login of the year, and then students may take their Chromebooks home. <https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/ucps-secondary-startup-page/middle-school>
- Students are expected to bring their laptops to school daily and to abide by all UCPS and MRHS policies regarding care and internet use.
- The annual Technology Fee is due by September 30. You may pay this online or with cash or check in the front office.