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News Nugget



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Virtual Learning Continues

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 8th, the Allegany County Board of Education voted to keep ACPS in a fully virtual environment through December and until their next meeting. As such, Mountain Ridge High School will remain fully virtual until at least January 12th, 2021. more information will be forthcoming about instructional schedules when it is received from ACPS.

Christmas Break Begins 12/23

December 23rd will be a half day, with no afternoon responsibilities for students. Classes will resume on January 4th, 2021. We would like to wish all students, faculty, and staff happy holidays and a safe and healthy new year. We are looking forward to a bright and hopeful 2021.

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Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 23:	Christmas Break begins at 12:00
Monday, January 4:	Classes resume (B day)
Monday, February 1:	End of 2nd quarter

Guidance Office News

All Students:

Our guidance counselors, Mrs. Blank and Mrs. Ternent, are available to you every day in the ***Virtual Counseling Office*** in Schoology. Please reach out to them with any concerns or needs you may have. Students with last names with A through L should contact Mrs. Blank, and students with last names M through Z should contact Mrs. Ternent.

SAT & Other Test Dates

All SAT testing is currently on hold. PSAT and other testing ***may*** resume in 2021, but no dates have been confirmed, and the decision to resume testing will be contingent health metrics and other pertinent COVID data.

Seniors:

FAFSA Deadline

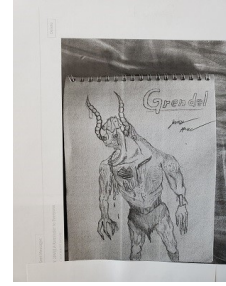
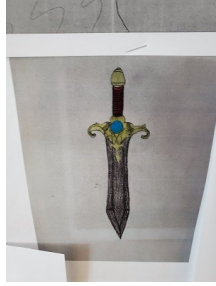
The deadline to submit your FAFSA for the 2021-2022 college academic year will be here soon. Please reach out to Mrs. Blank or Mrs. Ternent if you need help with this.

Transcripts and Scholarships

- To request transcripts, you must complete a "transcript request form" and return it to Mrs. Lavin. This form is available in the guidance office.
- Scholarship deadlines are coming up fast. Some have already passed. Please make sure to check the Senior Guidance page if you have questions.

Academics

Senior English– Mrs. Malec’s English students recently read *Beowulf*. As part of their studies, students were asked to create a visual representation of a character or plot device, some of which are pictured below.



Voice of Democracy Essay Contest– The Oldtown Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9451 has announced the winners of its annual “*Voice of Democracy*” essay contest. The VFW sponsors annual scholarships and awards for high school students through an essay competition. The theme for the 2020-2021 academic year was “Is this the country the Founders envisioned?”. Mountain Ridge swept the local post awards this year. The winners of the awards and scholarships are:



1st Place: Logan Meader



2nd Place: Ava Breighner



3rd Place: Katelynn Winebrenner

Performing Arts

Guy Witt Selected for Maryland All-State Chorus



Mrs. Hale and the Performing Arts department are proud to announce that junior Guy Witt has been selected to the Maryland All-State Chorus. This is the fifth consecutive year that Witt has received this honor, being first selected in the seventh grade during the 2015-16 academic year. Congratulations Guy!

Theater Department Stages Virtual Holiday Performances

The Theater department has been busy preparing for performances of two holiday favorites. Students virtually auditioned for and recorded a radio performance version of the 1946 holiday classic *It's a Wonderful Life*. The performance will be available for livestream by Broadway on Demand on December 22 and 23. All proceeds from the event will be used to benefit the Theater department at MRHS.

The department is also working on a virtual performance of *A Charlie Brown Christmas* that is expected to be ready just in time for Christmas break.

Kudos to Mrs. Hale and all the students who were involved for preparing these wonderful holiday performances, for your dedication to your craft, and for sticking to the old adage “the show must go on”.

Clubs/Organizations

National Honor Society– Members of the National Honor Society recently completed a service project in which they wrote holiday cards to residents of the four senior living facilities in the district (Sterling Care–Frostburg, Frostburg Nursing & Rehab Center, Egle Nursing Home– Lonaconing, and Moran Manor Nursing Home– Westernport). Under the guidance of NHS co advisor Dr. Ravenscroft, the members and officers wrote cards to over 200 nursing home residents, which were delivered during the week of December 14.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes– The FCA will resume its regular meetings on Wednesday mornings sometime beginning in 2021. No date has been set yet, but announcements will be made via the group's Schoology page. Meetings will likely be virtual for the foreseeable future.

NHS Inductions– Earlier this month, the Mountain Ridge High School chapter of the National Honor Society announced the admittance of fifty-eight new members, the most of any high school in Allegany County. Congratulations to the following new members:

Eathan Ashenfelter	Madison Garlitz	Alison Miller	Cameron Shockey
Lyle Baker	Brayden Geraghty	Saylor Miller	Bryce Snyder
Jenna Beeman	Reis Howard	Marissa Moore	Bradyn Speir
Sadie Bennett	Emily Kaschenbach	Lacey Moyers	William Stark
Brett Boone	Rebekah Kenny	Grace O'Baker	Lindsay Strawderman
Ava Breighner	Ayreanna Kilby	Ellawyn Odom	Colleen Sullivan
Elnora Brewer	Ava Lewis	Sara Otto	Peyton Thomas
Drake Clark	Lena Litten	Caydence Pennington	Layla Viera
Hailee Clawson	Haley Llewellyn	Emilia Porter	Nathan Warnick
Justice Combs	Tanner Lohnas	Nathaniel Rase	Nathaniel Washington
Marissa Cook	Collin Lowry	Mason Reed	Rebecca West
Hayden Crowe	Qin Lu	Francis Rizzo	Jacob Wildesen
Brayden Cuthbertson	Mychaela MacDonald	Chloe Robison	Katelynn Winebrenner
Marcella Dodge	Abigail Maddy	Alexis Saeler	Erica Zhang
	Hailey McKenzie	Ashton Shimko	

Congratulations on your accomplishment! We hope to have a formal ceremony later in the year.