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Welcome Back Miners!

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Mountain Ridge High School, we are happy to welcome the student body back to campus for the 2023-2024 school year. We are excited to begin a brand new school year and we are looking forward to continuing our tradition of academic, artistic, and athletic excellence here at the Ridge.

Please remember to observe all school rules and to show respect, responsibility, and readiness to succeed every day. We are here to help you succeed. Please feel free to come to any of us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Carter- Principal

Dr. Detrick-Grove- Assistant Principal

Mr. Evans- Assistant Principal

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Dates to Remember

Mon., Oct. 2:	Parent Conference Day
Fri., Oct. 13:	HOMECOMING!
Thur., Oct. 26:	End of 1st MP
Fri., Oct. 27:	No school (staff dev.)

Guidance Office News

All Students:

Please be sure to check your Guidance Office page in Schoology regularly for announcements about career and college visits, and other helpful information.

Tutoring is available for any student who needs extra help in a class. Ask the guidance office for details.

Test Dates

PSAT

(10th & 11th grade only)

Test Date: 10/11/23

Other tests are coming up soon!

Ask your guidance counselor how to register for one of these tests.

Seniors:

Be sure to talk to the counselors about your plans after high school. Whether you are planning on going to college, joining the military, or entering the workforce, MRHS is here to help you plan for your future.

Transcripts and Scholarships

To request transcripts, you must complete a "transcript request form" and return it to Mrs. Blank or Mrs. Ternent. This form is available in the guidance office. Turn in acceptance letters and scholarship letters to guidance as soon as possible.

College Representatives:

September 13: St. Mary's College of Maryland

September 14: Garrett College

Fall Athletic Schedules

Boys Soccer

9/2/23	<i>Southern Tourn.</i>
9/7/23	@ Clear Spring
9/12/23	@ Northern
9/12/23	@ Hampshire (JV)
9/14/23	@ Bedford (JV)
9/19/23	@ Allegany
9/21/23	@ Southern
9/25/23	v. Hampshire (JV)
9/26/23	v. Northern
9/28/23	v. Fort Hill
9/28/23	v. Frankfort (JV)
10/3/23	v. University
10/4/23	@ Frankfort (JV)
10/5/23	@ Bishop Walsh
10/9/23	v. Allegany
10/12/23	@ Williamsport
10/17/23	v. Southern
10/19/23	@ Fort Hill

Cross Country

9/5/23	@ New Germany
9/9/23	@ Frankfort
9/12/23	@ Broadford Lake
9/19/23	@ Keyser
9/26/23	@ ACM
9/30/23	@ Hampshire
10/3/23	@ Broadford Lake
10/6/23	@ Urbana
10/11/23	@ Glendening Park
10/17/23	@ ACM (WestMAC Championship)
10/25/23	@ Northern

Girls Soccer

9/7/23	v. Clear Spring
9/9/23	<i>Shootout</i>
9/12/23	v. Southern
9/12/23	@ Hampshire (JV)
9/14/23	v. Bishop Walsh
9/18/23	@ Bedford (JV)
9/20/23	v. Middletown (JV)
9/20/23	@ Northern
9/23/23	@ Keyser
9/25/23	v. Fort Hill
9/25/23	v. Hampshire (JV)
9/27/23	@ Hollidaysburg (JV)
9/28/23	@ Allegany
9/30/23	v. Bridgeport (JV)
10/2/23	@ Boonsboro (JV)
10/3/23	@ Southern
10/5/23	@ Middletown (JV)
10/9/23	@ Smithsburg (JV)
10/12/23	@ Bedford (JV)
10/12/23	v. Williamsport
10/16/23	v. Smithsburg (JV)
10/16/23	v. Allegany
10/19/23	v. Northern

Ticket prices for all regular season home games are:

Adults:	\$6.00
ACPS students:	\$3.00
Kids 7 & under:	Free

Varsity Football

9/1/23	@ Southern
9/7/23	@ Catoctin
9/15/23	v. Allegany
9/23/23	v. Frederick
9/29/23	@ Frankfort
10/6/23	@ Fort Hill
10/13/23	v. Northern <i>HOMECOMING</i>
10/20/23	v. Williamsport
10/27/22	v. Keyser
11/3/23	TBD

Volleyball

9/5/23	@ Fort Hill
9/7/23	v. Clear Spring
9/9/23	<i>Linganore Tourn</i>
9/12/23	v. Allegany
9/14/23	v. Keyser
9/18/23	@ Salisbury
9/19/23	@ Frankfort
9/28/23	v. Northern
10/3/23	@ Southern
10/5/23	v. Fort Hill
10/9/23	v. Bishop Walsh
10/17/23	@ Northern
10/19/23	@ Keyser
10/23/23	@ Allegany
10/25/23	v. Southern

JV Football

9/2/23	@ Allegany
9/6/23	@ Northern
9/11/23	v. Frankfort
9/20/23	@ Frederick
9/27/23	v. Southern
10/2/23	v. Fort Hill
10/9/23	v. Keyser
10/16/23	@ Williamsport
10/23/23	@ Spring Mills
10/30/23	@ Berlin

GOOD LUCK, MINERS! BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT SEASON!

Miners, Dig in and Win!

Miners of Mountain Ridge,
All hail to thee!
Be strong and take the lead,
For a victory!
Stay true to your resolve,
Never give in!
And make a good fight

RED! BLACK! GOLD! WHITE!
Miners, dig in and win!

Clubs/Organizations

FCA– The Mountain Ridge Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30 in Mr. K’s room before school. Any interested student is welcome to attend. FCA has a number of great events coming up, including See you at the Pole 7:15 AM on 9/27.

National Honor Society– The NHS will induct *new* members on Tuesday, November 7. The ceremony will be held in the evening in the theater. New members will receive more information about the induction after academic eligibility is determined. NHS members should add the following events to their calendar:

- Fall blood drive: Monday, November 20
- MRHS Wall of Valor: Ongoing

Yearbook– The 2024 *Meridian* is on sale now! The yearbook can be purchased [here](#). If purchased before September 23, the cost is only \$80.00. The yearbook is the best way to remember all of the great things that happen each year at MRHS!

Student Council– Mountain Ridge Student Council is led this year by the following representatives:

President: Annabeth Hughes
Secretary: Mia DeCarlo

Vice President: Kanyisola Sowoolu
Treasurer: Jay Henry

Senior Class

President: Ava Tringler
Vice President: MacKenzie Derham
Secretary: Taylor Farris
Treasurer: Meredith Munday

Junior Class

President: Jazmyn White
Vice President: Alexa Daniel
Secretary: Madison McKenney
Treasurer: Lydia Pusey
Delegates: Nik Barnes, Malia Barnes
Carson Sweitzer, Eowyn Hansrote

Sophomore Class

President: Cameron Breighner
Vice President: AJ Lauder
Secretary: Andrew Renotas
Treasurer: Carolyn Hughes
Delegates: Kendall Wainwright,
Chloe Haggerty,
Clementine Fenton,
Molly Williams

Freshman Class

President: Tess Bond
Vice President: William Shertzer
Secretary: Abby Kennell
Treasurer: Lydia Pusey
Delegates: Ethan Kwok
Destiny Burgess,
Autumn Hester

Performing Arts Dept.

Diamonds: The 2023-2024 Diamonds are excited to begin another exciting season. The eighteen-member squad is led by Senior Captain Anna Delaney & Senior Co-Captain Jessica Snyder. Junior Zoe Zuzak and sophomore Natalie Robertson will serve as Lieutenants this year.

Marching Band:– The Miner Marching Band is back in action this year. This year’s field show is called *Evolution*. The Band is led by the following members:

Drum Majors: Jacque Geary
Horn Sergeant: Annabeth Hughes
Community Leader: Tess Crawford



Academics

Mountain Ridge welcomes the following seven new faculty members:

Mrs. Angelique Aman

Mrs. Aman, who was at Ridge last year, has changed roles and is now a teacher in the Special Education Department.

Mr. Ryan Braley

Mr. Braley comes to Mountain Ridge as a teacher in the Math Department. Before coming to the Ridge, he taught at Westmar.

Mr. Nathaniel Graves

Mr. Graves is a part of the Tech. Ed. Department. He teaches Foundations of Tech and other classes.

Ms. Shawnee Iser

Ms. Iser teaches Agricultural Science. She splits her time between Mountain Ridge and Fort Hill.

Mr. John O'Neal

Mr. O'Neal will be teaching Personal Finance and other business classes. He previously taught at Mt. Savage.

Mr. Joshua Ruppenkamp

Mr. Ruppenkamp joins the Fine Arts Department as a teacher of music and theater.

Mrs. Donna Shaffer

Mrs. Shaffer is an instructional assistant who will work with the SLE program.

HOMECOMING INFORMATION

- ◇ Homecoming T-shirts will be sold in the cafeteria during all lunch shifts September 25 - 29.
- ◇ The Homecoming dance will be held at the Allegany County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 14. Permission forms are available in the office . Tickets will be sold during lunch from September 25 to September 29.
- ◇ Locker decoration day is Sunday, October 8. The school will be open from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Regulations on locker decorations are available from the office.
- ◇ Homecoming celebrations will occur during the week of October 9. Celebration days are:
 - Monday: Jersey day
 - Tuesday: Neon day
 - Wednesday: Color wars day (freshman– blue, sophomores– purple, juniors– orange, seniors– pink)
 - Thursday: USA day
 - Friday: Miner spirit day (wear your school colors and show your Miner pride!)
- ◇ The homecoming pep rally will be held in the afternoon on Friday, October 13 at Miner Stadium (weather permitting). If you don't already know the words to our fight song, learn them now! (Go to the sports page to find the words).
- ◇ Tickets for the football game will be available for presale during homecoming week in the main office. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for ACPS students. Tickets can be purchased during school hours in the office or at the gate the night of the game.