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News Nugget

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Attention seniors!

Attention seniors! Don't forget service learning should be turned into Mrs. Goodwin as soon as possible. At least seventy-five hours are required to graduate, but if you turn in an extra 132 hours for a total of 207 hours you will receive the service learning medallion at graduation. Four seniors have already qualified for this medallion so far this year. Last year, a total of 27 seniors qualified for the service learning medallion. Mrs. Goodwin recommends participating in activities like Storybook Holiday, envirothon events, Beautify the 'Burg, and church activities such as dinners or bake sales. Students at any grade level can turn in service learning hours as far back as sixth grade. — Destiny Warnick

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Remember that the FAFSA needs to be completed by March 1, 2018. The application is on-line: www.fafsa.gov.

Student Achievements

Senior Morgan Edwards will be representing the state of Maryland in Washington D.C. after being selected as the #1 delegate in the 56th Annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP).

The event will be taking place from March 3rd through March 10th. He, as well as other students from other states, will spend a week in Washington D.C. experiencing their national government in action. Along with getting to experience the exciting adventure as serving as a delegate for Maryland, Morgan will receive a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to pursue a career in history and political science. — Abbi McKenzie



Dates to Know

- × January 2nd- Auditions for the Spring Musical
- × January 15th- Schools & Offices closed for MLK Jr. Day
- × January 15th-February 2- Super Soup-er Bowl
- × January 17th & February 1st- AP Test Registration (5th Period- fees & permission form)
- × January 19th-3 hour early dismissal
- × January 24th- No school (Staff Development)
- × January 30th- Report cards posted
- × February 17th- Snowball Dance
- × March 29th- PBIS Gold Rush

Senior Section

SAT Dates— March 10, 2018
Register by February 9, 2018

ACT Dates— February 10, 2018
Register by January 12, 2018

Guaranteed Access Grants (GAG):

1. Resident of Maryland
 2. Enroll at a two-year or four- year Maryland college or university
 3. Demonstrate financial need
- Stop in guidance office for more information!

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines

- Ron Brown Scholar Program—January 9, 2018
- Maryland MENSA Scholarship \$300.00-1,000.00—January 15,2018
- Varsity Tutors Scholarship \$1,000.00- January 15,2018
- Healthcare Leaders Scholarship \$1,000.00—January 29,2018
- 2017-2018 NHS Scholarship—January 30,2018
- The Royal Ramps "Taking Steps to Helping Pets" Scholarship \$500.00- January 31,2018
- Maryland Far, Bureau Scholarship \$2,000.00—February 1,2018
- Northdrop Grumman Engineering Scholars Program \$2,000.00- February 4,2018
- The ROTC National Scholarship Program—February 4,2018
- Dr. Kenneth E. Mann Scholarship Award \$1,000.00- February 16,2018
- Kids' Chance Scholarship (ongoing)

Club & Sports Announcements!

PBIS

This year, Mountain Ridge's PBIS program is holding a Gold Rush Thursday, March 29th, 2018. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention Support. Remember our three Ridge Rules: Respect, Responsibility, and Ready to Learn. The aim is to recognize students who are displaying positive behavior and reward them for their behavior. Don't miss this day of fun! —Abbi McKenzie

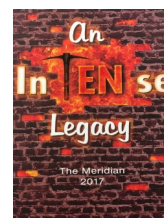


Student Council

Mrs. Bittinger and the Student Council collected supplies for the Animal Shelter. She would also like to include that the Mountain Ridge Student Council will be hosting the Snowball Dance on February 17th. — Savannah Galliher

Yearbook

Dr. Marchbank and the yearbook staff have been working hard to make sure that this year's yearbook is the best it can be. They finished up working on the second deadline, which was due December 15th, for the yearbook publisher. They also are finalizing all sales. — Jenna Green



Mock Trial

Mock Trial 2018 is underway! Students have been actively practicing as a team to learn their roles, write questions, and anticipate responses. The Mock Trial captain is Audrey Jones. They practice every Monday and Wednesday after school. Their first match will be held on January 31, 2018.— Emily Beck

Strength and Conditioning Workouts

Strength and conditioning workouts for football 2018 have begun. These workouts are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00 – 4:30. Mr. Patterson would also like to recognize Aaron Vanmeter, tenth grader, for being the Lifter of the Month for December.— Emily Beck



Project YES

Ms. Miltenberger and the Project YES students created ornaments for a Christmas tree that was on display at the Country Club Mall; the ornaments were auctioned off for Toys for Happiness. The Trucker, radio host for WFRB 105.3, visited Project YES and recorded a commercial for Toys for Happiness. Toys for Happiness provides toys for low-income and needy families, along with flood and any other disaster victims. The event was called "Stuff the Truck." Mrs. Bittinger helped decorate the tree for Toys for Happiness. —Savannah Galliher

French Club

The French Club is a way for students to experience the French culture through foods, holidays, games, and literature. Mrs. Gray would like to recognize her officers for French club this school year: Chloe Wildman- President, Tom Geatz- Vice President, Michelle Lewis- Photographer, and Dani Korn- Secretary. In December, the French Club will be celebrated Le Noel by doing activities such as secret Santa. In February they will be celebrating Mardi Gras, they will be having a competition based on the show *The Voice* in April, and in May they will be having their annual French Club cheese tasting.—Emily Beck



National Honor Society



This year Mrs. Hoover and the National Honors Society held its induction on November 21, 2017 in the Mountain Ridge High School auditorium. The President, Morgan Edwards; Vice- President, Callie Heft; Treasurer, Kaleb Tawney; and Secretary, Audrey Jones all played a major role in the induction. There were 66 students inducted that night, and 72 seniors who were existing members also participated.—Jamie Brehm

Chorus

The Mountain Ridge Chorus is very busy right now! They just had an alumni concert to celebrate the 10-year anniversary on Sunday, December 17th. They sang songs such as, "Sleigh Ride" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Also, the chorus is celebrating the achievements of students that got into All- State Choir. These students are: Michael Quach (Junior Chorus), Audrey Jones and Jessica Farrell (Treble Choir), and Laurel Plitnik (Senior Mixed Choir).—Emily Beck



Photo by Emily Beck



Bocce Ball

Mr. Knippenburg, Special Education teacher at Mountain Ridge, is also the bocce ball team coach this year. The bocce ball team has been practicing and getting ready for their first match on January 6, 2018. —Abbi McKenzie

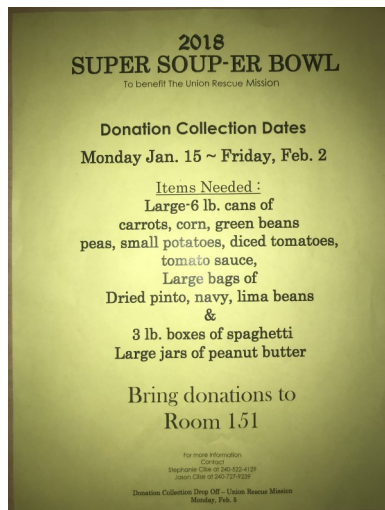
Wrestling

The wrestling team started their season in December with big wins over Northern, St. James, and Francis Scott Key, and they had a close loss to Williamsport. The team placed 2nd in the 13 team Battle at the Boro Tournament at Boonsboro High School. Jesse Fresh lead the team at the Battle of the Boro Tournament on December 16th by pinning the #13 MD state ranked wrestler from Winter's Mill and the #7 ranked wrestler from Clarksburg on his way to a 1st place finish. Camren Ritchey and Ryan Kirby placed 2nd in the tournament. The team finished in 2nd place out of 13 teams participating. Fresh, Ritchey, Teddy Baker, and Marcus Folk are currently ranked in the top 20 in the state. The team has a busy schedule coming up in January with the Hub Cap Tournament at North Hagerstown on the 5th and the 6th and the Panther Invitational Tournament at Paint Branch on January 19th and 20th.—Emily Beck



FCA

FCA had a four-week series on the meaning of Advent. Mr. Duncan said they discussed each of the different color candles that are lit. Abbey Duncan did Hope. Christian Wright handled Joy. Aimee Culler and Carder Race discussed Love. Lastly Allie Clise talked about Peace on December 20th. FCA is open to all students, regardless of faith. Come join them every Wednesday in the library at 7:30 in the morning! - Gina LaManna



S.A.D.D.

Mrs. Martin and the members in S.A.D.D. have a canned food drive every year as an activity for the Union Rescue mission, She will also be collecting used Christmas Cards for the Christmas Card Recycling Project through January 31st. —Gina LaManna

Art 3

Mrs. Mowery's Art 3 class were studying portraiture and created charcoal portraits. Each student worked with different kinds of photographs: self portraits, animal portraits, and sentimental portraits of loved ones. Mrs. Mowery would like to recognize the hard work from Hailey Miller, senior at Mountain Ridge, for creating a self-portrait of Mya Harris. She would also like recognize Jake Renotas for choosing to do a portrait of his great-grandfather. Mrs. Mowery said that each art student should be extremely proud of their final work because the entire class had success with their charcoal portraits. —Chyler Ravenscroft & Morgan Sgaggero



Photo by Mrs. Mowery

Envirothon

**The Envirothon team has been preparing for the Maryland Science Bowl competition on January 13, 2018. The students who Mrs. Byzon would like to recognize for doing well are: Caleb Garner, Dresden Kershaw, Eleanor, Kendra Harpold, Sarah Browning, Sarah Robertson, and Jessica Blank.
– Chyler Ravenscroft & Morgan Sgaggero**



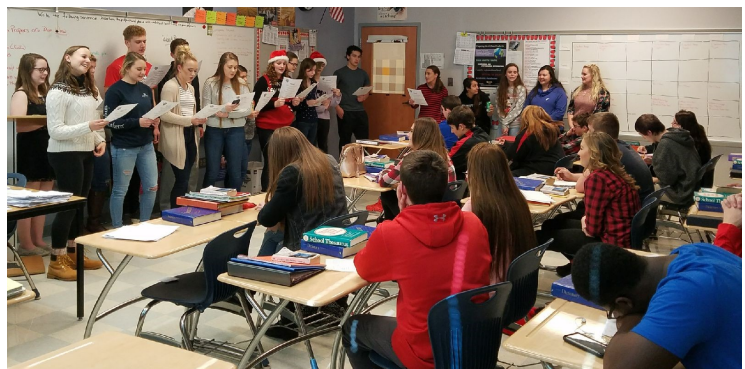
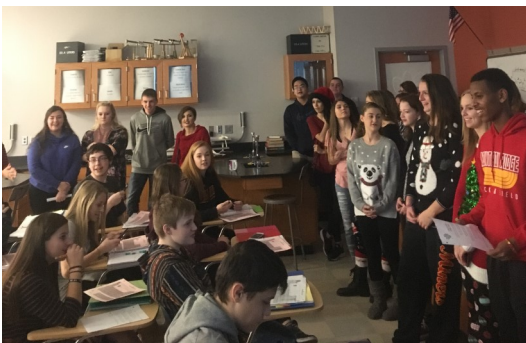
Band & Colorguard

The marching band, group 3-A Champions in the Tournament of Bands, were awarded the following: Best Percussion, Best Auxiliary (colorguard), Best Music, and Best Visual. Kaleb Tawney and Annie Moon, the drum majors, led them to be victorious. Also, Josh Crowe was the winner of Tournament of Bands Scholarship.—Chyler Ravenscroft & Morgan Sgaggero

Photo by Emily Beck

Feliz Noël

Mrs. Malec's Spanish III classes, periods 1, 2, and 7, and Mrs. Grey's French III and IV classes went caroling around the school on December 22nd. The Spanish kids sang songs such as "Casca Bells," "Noche de Paz," and the classic song that everyone knows, "Feliz Navidad." The French students sang "Vive Le Vant," "Nuit Silencieuse," and joined in with the Spanish students with "Feliz Navidad." The students stopped by random classrooms throughout the day to help spread some Christmas cheer before we went on break the next day, December 23rd. —Jenna Green



Academics!

English

Mrs. Malec's English 12 classes have started to read *MacBeth*. During this unit they will research the settings mentioned in the play using Google Earth and create presentations in groups about interesting topics like the curse on the play itself and how people in Shakespeare's time period actually lived.—Jamie Brehm

Ms. Bonsell's 9th grade classes have started their "Coins for the Community" service learning project this month!

Ms. Bonsell would like to recognize two students for the first marking period for earning the highest percentage: 9th Grade Nathan Worgan with 98% and 10th Grade Kassidy Bothwell with an amazing 100%.— Gina LaManna

College English is almost over! When the first semester is complete, students will earn 3 college credits. Next semester, students will be taking college speech.—Emily Beck

Science

In Mrs. Weimer's senior biomedical class students will be completing mock college interviews on Tuesday, January 1th. The top 3 interviews will move on to a county wide competition in March. —Jamie Brehm

In AP chemistry, Wesley Blubaugh currently has the highest grade, but he is closely followed behind by Grace Trenum. – Jamie Brehm

**In Mr. Kozikowski's environmental science class, the students gathered rain samples in October. The samples were shipped to the University of Maryland- Appalachia Laboratory. The purpose of this project is to identify atmospheric and terrestrial sources of nitrate on our school campus. The students have analyzed the nitrate samples and presented them to the scientists from UMCET-AC
– Chyler Ravenscroft & Morgan Sgaggero**

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Sports

As of January 8th the sports records are as follows.

JV Girls' Basketball

6-1

Varsity Girls' Basketball

4-5

Freshman Boys' Basketball

3-1

JV Boys' Basketball

2-2

Varsity Boys' Basketball

1-5

Bowling

Wrestling

4-1

Unified Bocce Ball

No record

Indoor Track

No record

MRHS's Matchmaker

Mountain Ridge High School is holding the 2nd annual Matchmaking event, a new tradition here at Mountain Ridge! If you're looking for your right match, friends, or a significant other, fill out the survey when they are distributed in English classes. The day has yet to be determined. Join the fun to find out who that lucky guy or girl is! - Abbi McKenzie

