

Mountain Ridge High
School

100 Dr. Nancy S.
Grasmick Lane

Frostburg, Maryland

(301) - 689-3377



News Nugget



*Volume 2: Issue 1
November 2018*



ATTENTION SENIORS:

Important:

Don't forget to fill out your FAFSA!

If transcripts need sent with college applications, see Mrs. Blank or Mrs. Lavin.

Turn acceptance letters and scholarship letters into guidance.

College Recruiters: West Liberty University (Nov. 2nd);
Frostburg State and Allegany College of MD (Nov. 13th)

Scholarship Information:

- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship
-Deadline: Nov. 20th
- DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Contest
-Deadline: Dec. 1st
- The Jeffcoat Firm 2018 Annual Scholarship
-Deadline: Dec. 7th
- 2017-2018 NHS Scholarship
-Deadline: Dec. 7th

Junior and Senior Testing Dates:

ACT Registration & Test Dates

December 8th, 2018 Test:

Nov. 2nd (Registration Deadline)

Nov. 19th (Late Registration Deadline)

February 9th, 2019 Test:

Jan. 11th (Registration Deadline)

Jan. 18 (Late Registration Deadline)

April 13th, 2019 Test:

Mar. 8th (Registration Deadline)

Mar. 25th (Late Registration Deadline)

June 8th, 2019 Test:

May 3rd (Registration Deadline)

May 20th (Late Registration Deadline)

July 13th, 2019 Test:

Jun. 14th (Registration Deadline)

Jun. 24th (Late Registration Deadline)

SAT Registration & Test Dates

December 1st, 2018 Test:

Nov. 1st (Registration Deadline)

Nov. 20th (Late Registration Deadline)

March 9th, 2019 Test:

Feb. 8th (Registration Deadline)

Feb. 27th (Late Registration Deadline)

May 4th, 2019 Test:

Apr. 5th (Registration Deadline)

Apr. 24th (Late Registration Deadline)

June 1st, 2019 Test:

May 3rd (Registration Deadline)

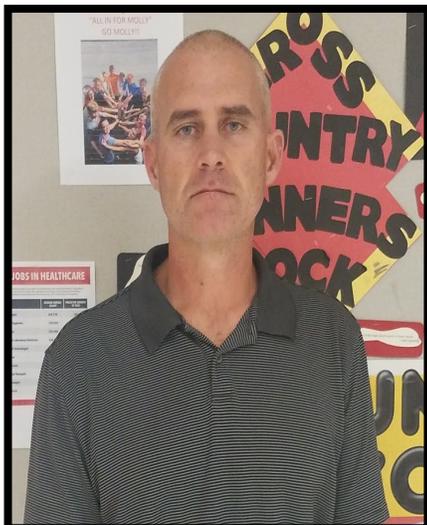
May 22nd (Late Registration Deadline)

Welcome New MRHS Staff!



Mr. Jason Stakem is a new Spanish I and II teacher at Mountain Ridge High School. He graduated from Beall High and Frostburg State University. His degree is surprisingly in geography, but his curiosity in studying Spanish spiked his interest in teaching. "I've always been passionate about speaking it in hopes to make others feel the same," says Mr. Stakem. He decided that he wanted to teach this subject to high school students because he wants them to take their education a little more seriously in comparison to when they were in middle school. Mountain Ridge has impacted his life greatly; he's glad to be here, has less anxiety, and the students are polite, respectful, and ready to learn! Despite the challenge of trying to keep students on task and motivated, the goal for this year is to make them *want to learn Spanish, not just be in the class for credits*. Mr. Stakem is looking forward to June 13th and hopes that his students leave the school year saying that they enjoyed his class, and that they believe learning Spanish is fun! -Kristen Baer

Mrs. Sherry Kramer is a new Mountain Ridge mathematics teacher. She graduated from Frostburg State University with a Bachelor's degree, and the University of Virginia where she acquired her Master's degree. Mrs. Kramer has taught all ages ranging from preschool to high school and has found each age group unique in their own ways. Not only is working with kids a passion of hers, but it also allows her to challenge others and be challenged herself mathematically. She says that the students here have been so kind and gracious, showing her the ins and outs of Mountain Ridge High School while also keeping her updated on the latest technologies and fads. The most challenging part of teaching so far has been having the copier at the other end of the hall! A phrase Mrs. Kramer has for her classroom is, "Students minus calculators plus knowledge equals fractions." Additionally, she is looking forward to teaching, of course, as it has always brought enjoyment to her. Dull moments simply do not exist, whether it is during "KRAMERTIME" or on her bicycle ride to school. At the end of this year, Mrs. Kramer hopes that her new students will be able to say, "She challenges me and has made me a better math student!" -Kristen Baer



Mr. John McKenney is a new Special Ed teacher at Mountain Ridge. He attended Fort Hill High School and Frostburg State University. He helped with an adaptive P.E. class at FSU, and he enjoyed it so much that it inspired him to start a career in Special Education teaching. Mr. McKenney wanted to work with high school students because he likes the age group. They already have a basic education, so he can build on what they already know. He also likes that they will be adults soon because they more than likely already have a career in mind. He has taught at Beall and coached football at Mountain Ridge since it opened in 2008, so he enjoys working with the kids here because they are very friendly and have accepted him. "I want to try to get everyone to a high level of thinking that they haven't felt before," says Mr. McKenney. He believes the most challenging part of teaching is trying to find something that interests all students every day. Mr. McKenney is looking forward to seeing where the kids are at the end of the year compared to now. When asked about what he hopes students will think of him after this school year, he replied, "I hope they will appreciate everything I tried to instill in them. I hope they will see me as a straight-up guy!" -Abby Wellings



Mrs. Jessica (Yan Yan) Jiang is the new Mandarin Chinese I and II teacher at Mountain Ridge. She attended school in China and the United States, and chose to teach language because she wants to build a bridge between different cultures. “I like high school students because they are very creative. They have their own opinions on the world and can use that to inspire not only themselves, but others,” says Mrs. Jiang. The students have encouraged her because they are diligent, hard-working, creative, and have a curiosity to explore the world. They respect the idea of learning about Chinese opinions on subjects such as politics and daily life. Mrs. Jiang wants her students to pass the novel level on the Appl Test required for her class, learn basic skills to communicate in Chinese, and use the knowledge of the Chinese language for future job opportunities. To her, the most challenging part of teaching is keeping an active classroom while helping her students stay motivated with language—especially Chinese. “At the end of the year, I hope my students will think I am a great teacher. I hope they use the knowledge they learned in their daily lives, and enjoyed every minute of learning a new language!”
 –Abby Wellings

Mrs. Melanie Valentine is the new Transition Coach at Mountain Ridge High School. She attended Frostburg State University for both grad and undergrad studies. She wanted to pursue Transition Coaching because it combined her passions of working with students with disabilities and employment related services. Working with high school students interested her because she wants to empower, encourage, and inspire the workforce of tomorrow. “The students,” she states, “have been friendly and have a sense of humor. They are full of life!” An educational goal Mrs. Valentine has this year is to help those students interested in furthering their education after high school. When asked what the most challenging part of teaching is, she responded, “Lack of time due to having so many other responsibilities.” This year, she is most looking forward to helping students experience continued success once they finish high school, through employment, education, day programs, or the military. Mrs. Valentine hopes that students will see that she tried to provide them community connections for success.
 -Draven Kidwell



Mr. Todd Logsdon is a new Technology Education teacher at Mountain Ridge. He graduated from Mountain Ridge and Frostburg State University. When asked why he became a technology teacher, he responded, “Technology is all around us and growing exponentially everyday.” He also enjoys reading and writing about technology. Mr. Logsdon enjoys working in high schools because they are often the center of the community around them, and they provide opportunities for students to demonstrate their unique talents. Students at Mountain Ridge inspire him to work hard everyday. He says, “I want to provide my students with opportunities to succeed in school and real life afterwards. The students and faculty have welcomed me back to my alma mater with enthusiasm.” Mr. Logsdon’s educational goals include teaching students practical skills that they will apply to everyday life. He also hopes that his students believe in themselves as much as he does. To him, the most challenging aspect of teaching is keeping up with the amount of paperwork. He is looking forward to seeing his students grow into successful young adults. When asked what he hoped his students would say about him after the conclusion of the school year, he responded, “Mr. Logsdon saw my potential and never gave up on me.” —Draven Kidwell

Ms. Marissa Turner is Mountain Ridge High School’s new Media Technician. She attended Guildford Technical College in London, United Kingdom. Ms. Turner wanted to work with high school students because she loves being around young people since they are so lively and energetic. The students at Mountain Ridge make her enjoy coming to work. When asked what she is most looking forward to this year, Ms. Turner responded, “Getting my shipment of new books, magazines, and DVDs to share with the students.” At the end of the year, she hopes that Mountain Ridge students will say, “Ms. Turner got me hooked on reading!”
 -Draven Kidwell





Mrs. Molly Taylor is a new EBS teacher at Mountain Ridge High School. She has attended the Western Maryland McDaniel's College and Frostburg State University. Mrs. Taylor wants all of her EBS students to pass their classes and be a part of the school community. She chose her career because she wanted to help struggling students find success in school. On the contrary, she believes the hardest part of her job is students who are not motivated to learn or are discouraged about getting an education. Mrs. Taylor is looking forward to snow days and summer. When asked what she hopes her students will think at the end of the year, she says, "I hope I will make coming to school every day a little bit more tolerable for my students."

-Michelle Lewis

Mrs. Diane Allen, a new instructional assistant for special education, taught at Washington Middle School for five years and Eckhart Alternative School for ten years. She chose to assist with the EBS Program because she wanted to help support the special education students. Mrs. Allen wants to work with high school students because she taught middle school for fifteen years, and she wanted something different, so she switched grade levels. Her academic goal for the year is to help the students get their credits. Mrs. Allen is looking forward to having the students do the best they can.

-Michelle Lewis



Mrs. Andrea Cleveland is one of the new instructional assistants at Mountain Ridge High School. She graduated from Westmar High School and attended Potomac State College. It is her first year working with students, so they keep her on her toes since there is something new to do every day. Her goal for this school year is for all of her students to be successful in at least one of their classes. Though she looks forward to watching students she works with grow academically, she believes the most challenging part of her job will be for each student to reach their goals. She wants her students to think that she was helpful in helping them understand and complete their assignments.

-Michelle Lewis

Dates to Know:

-Nov. 2: Close of First Marking Period

-Nov. 4: Daylight Savings

-Nov. 5: 3 Hour Early Dismissal

-Nov. 6: no school; Election Day

-Nov. 8: NHS Blood Drive

-Nov. 12: Veteran's Day

-Nov. 21: 3 Hour Early Dismissal

-Nov. 22-26: Thanksgiving Break

-Nov. 27: 2 Hour Delay

Quarterly Events

Homecoming Week



Homecoming week was nothing short of lively. The halls were decorated with streamers, ceiling ornaments, locker boards, and posters dedicated to all sports teams. The week started on September 24th, and ended on the 29th. Mountain Ridge students participated in themed days through the week. On Monday, the color war begun with the freshmen wearing blue, sophomores wearing purple, juniors clad in orange, and seniors decked out in pink. The staff also participated by sporting their red. Tuesday was twin day, and Wednesday was character day, where the costumes ranged from superheroes to TV characters, or even simplistic costumes like Thing One and Thing Two. Thursday was USA Day, and everyone showed their country pride in their red, white, and blue. Friday ended the week with spirit day and the pep rally, where students showed up in red, black, gold, and white. Juniors and seniors who participated in the pep rally held in the stadium played team games. They ended the rally with a battle of Ultimate Frisbee. The energy at Friday Night's football game was enough to light up the town, and our miners went home with ecstatic hearts knowing the football team took home the gold with their win against the Frankfort Falcons. The week concluded with the Homecoming Dance on the Saturday the 29th. All in all, the week went out with a bang and left students feeling prideful for their school.

-Abby Wellings



Football



The football team held their first game at John Marshall on August 31st, 2018. Their first home game was against Hedgesville on September 7th, 2018. The team was on a four game win streak. Victories over Allegany, Hampshire, Frankfort, and University have come from hard work and dedication by the entire team, according to Coach Patterson. He would also like to congratulate the following students on winning the Pick Ax Award: Aaron VanMeter, Trent Merbaugh, Bryson Sivic, Iosefa Pua'auli, Alec Deremer, Luke Vinci, and Tre Smith. The team continued their season, playing against Northern, Spring Mills, Fort Hill, and Keyser. The team finished with a 6-4 record for the 2018 season. Overall, the goal for the team is to qualify for the playoffs and advance. Good luck, boys!
-Abby Wellings

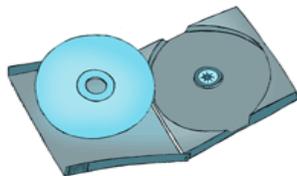
French Club



French club held their first meeting on October 24th after school. Their meeting consisted of a presentation on "Dijon", a city in France that is famous for their mustard production. They also hold a cheese tasting of the most famous French cheeses. The November meeting was a "Trip to Belgium," where members learned about the French fry and its prevalence in Belgian culture, and then made their own. Students to be recognized are Tom Geatz, the club's president, and Michelle Lewis, the club's vice president, both members since their freshman year. -Michelle Lewis

Media Center

Tons of new books, magazines, and DVDs are coming to your library in November! We cannot wait to get our hands on all of these new additions! Here are some of the exciting things coming to our library: manga, new movies, and teen magazines. Make sure to head to the library to check out all the awesome new additions! -Reillee Beeman



Mrs. Mowery's Art Class



This fall, Mrs. Mowery's Art I class created autumn themed acrylic paintings. Students painted realistic sunflowers and pumpkins to reflect the season. When finished, the artwork will be on display outside of the Art room. Mrs. Mowery recommends students to stop by to check out the beautiful paintings! -Draven Kidwell



Envirothon



On October 29th, the Envirothon team attended a training at the Evergreen Heritage Center. Mrs. Byzon states that new members are still welcome. She says, "Envirothon is a team competition in which students test their knowledge of forestry, soil, wildlife, aquatics, and a current environmental issue." -Draven Kidwell

College English

This year, 69 students enrolled in college English. They recently completed their first college essay on the topic civility and the role in school and the bigger world. Three of our students are now working on a research paper about the American Dream and its relevance in 2018. Mrs. McGree would like to give "kudos to those students who are challenging themselves with this college composition class."
- Ireland Poorbaugh

A.P. Chemistry

Mrs. Wiemers AP chemistry class celebrated Mole Day on October 23. The students completed in a Mole Day project that was judged by the sciences teachers. -Ireland Poorbaugh

Band



The Mountain Ridge Marching Band made an outstanding and memorable accomplishment as they won 1st place in the Class 3 Open level Competition against two other schools in the area. This was their first year competing in the elite level of the Southern Garrett Band Competition. Their score started out at 80 but improved consistently with each additional competition until reaching 89.05 at ACCs. The band was not only in first place, but they were awarded for “Best Music” and “Best Percussion”. Additionally, Annie Moon, the 2018 Senior Drum Major, was awarded the Meghan Price Drum Major award and scholarship. The Marching Band competed at the Regional Championship at Linganore High School on October 20th. Working tremendously hard and as a unit has brought them the achievements they made all season. Congratulations MRHS Marching Band and Color guard! Your hard work since the beginning of May, and the hours of practice in and outside of school has payed off!
-Kristen Baer



Soccer

The boy's soccer teams have concluded their regular season matches for this year. The varsity team finished with a record of 10-3-1 and currently have 2 playoff wins. They play on Saturday, November 10 for the State Championship Semi-Finals. Also, the JV team did well this season and ended with a record of 10-0-2. Congratulations to both of the teams! -Adria McMillan



Miss Frostburg's Outstanding Teen



Abbey Duncan is in 11th grade at Mountain Ridge. She was recently crowned as Miss Frostburg Outstanding Teen this October. This was the first pageant in which she had participated and dedicated about an hour a day for two weeks prior to the event in preparation. Her most prominent emotion during preparation, she says, was “nervous excitement”. Abbey says, “I was very excited to participate in my first pageant but nervous about the interview portions.” When asked what her favorite part was, she responded, “My favorite part was getting to know the other participants and making new friends.” She states that pageants help develop confidence, a sense of being, and public speaking skills. She described the whole experience as “motivating”. She recommends others to take part in pageants and plans on doing more in the future. -Draven Kidwell

Yearbook

Our Yearbook staff is hard at work on the 2018-2019 yearbook. The staff has many jobs which include: creating layouts, picking themes, taking photos, interviewing students, selling ads, and writing copy. The editor and co-editor for our yearbook are Emily Beck and Jenna Green.

The yearbook staff wants to remind everyone to order their yearbook before it's too late! Thank you to yearbook staff and keep up the good work! -Reillee Beeman

S.A.D.D.

S.A.D.D recently participated in the Zone Free Fall Festival. The students also helped out with Red Ribbon Week. This years theme was “Life is your journey. Travel Drug Free.” In the cafeteria during Red Ribbon Week, students pledged to be drug free. S.A.D.D stands for Students Against Destructive Decisions. Students in S.A.D.D meet after school to talk about events in which they participate or ways they can help other students in the community. Our new co-presidents for 2018-2019 are Shyann Fowtz and Angela Colmer. -Reillee Beeman



Spanish Club

The Spanish club held their first meeting on Friday, October 12th. A special thanks goes to Madison Cesnick for organizing this event for us. Come join Spanish Club on Thursday, November 15th to listen to our Bolivian foreign exchange student present after school. Please see Mrs. Malec for a permission slip to attend. -Adria McMillan

National Honor Society

The NHS officers president Josh Metz, Vice President Evan Darr, treasurer Grace Trenum, and secretary Annie Moon have been hard at work this month to organize our upcoming events. The National Honors Society will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive in the gym on November 8th from 8:30 to 2:30. Make sure to keep a look out for blue bins on every floor, because the National Honors Society is collecting number 1 plastic bottles. -Ireland Poorbaugh

Student Council

2018-2019 Student Body Council Members: President Grace Trenum, Vice President Katye DeHaven, Secretary Aimee Culler, and Treasurer Andrew Dittmer
Senior Class Officers: President Josh Metz, Vice President Clayton Muir, Secretary Trinity Washington, and Treasurer CJ Marsh
Junior Class Officers: President Paige Miller, Vice President Devin Staggs, Secretary Abbey Duncan, Treasurer Peyton Porter, and Delegates Hana Chitsaz and Madison Llewelyn
Sophomore Class Officers: President Dawson Ternent, Vice President Kage Tawney, Secretary Avery Jacobs, and Treasurer Odessa Matz
Freshman Class Officers: President Emilia Porter, Vice President Joshua Dozert, Secretary Haley Llewellyn, Treasurer Kadon Miller, Delegate Brayden Gereghty
The members will attend their first ACASC meeting on Friday, November 8th. They also did a fantastic job at organizing and hosting this years Homecoming Pep Rally. The members are currently looking for students to run for Student Page. A big thank to all of the members for the hard work you do! -Adria McMillan

Staff:

Abby Wellings
Kristen Baer
Michelle Lewis
Draven Kidwell
Reillee Beeman
Adria McMillan
Ireland Poorbaugh

Photo Credits:

Staff
Josh Mitchell
Chantel Craze
Dillon Kasenbach
G&G Studios
Hannah Kenny
Jenna Green
Chris Maher