

ViewPoint – January 29, 2010

Calendar for the Week of February 1st

Parent Teacher Conferences

Spring Picture Day

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Week of February 1st:

Feb. 1

1:00 PM - PickATime Opens to Parents

After School Activity (Soccer)

Feb. 2

After School Activities (Newspaper, SGA)

Feb. 3

Report Cards Issued

After School Activities (Soccer, Chess)

Feb. 4

After School Activities (Falcon Friends)

Feb 5

Honor Roll Assemblies

- 7:45 AM – 6th Grade

- 8:35 AM – 8th Grade

- 9:20 AM – 7th Grade

After School Activity (Soccer)

Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day will be February 9th from 7:45 AM – 10:45 AM. Students may choose to have their picture taken and may also choose an optional pose. More information will be included with report cards on February 3rd.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at Mount View Middle School Wednesday, February 10th, Thursday, February 11th, Friday, February 12th.

Wednesday, February 10th 12:00 PM – 2:45 PM

4:30 PM – 7:15 PM

Thursday, February 11th 12:00 PM – 2:45 PM

4:30 PM – 7:15 PM

Friday, February 12th 8:00 AM – 10:45 PM

11:30 AM – 2:15 PM

We will once again be using on-line internet program, *PickATime*, to schedule parent/teacher conferences. This program is easy to use and can be accessed at your convenience beginning February 1st at 1:00 PM. If you set up an account for November conferences, you can still use that account. Dates and times information will be coming home in Report Card envelopes. For more information and directions, go to MVMS website: www.howard.k12.md.us/mvms or call 410-313-5545.

MSA

The Maryland State Assessment (MSA) is coming! Mark your calendar for **March 9th, 10th, 16, and 17th.** Please do **NOT** schedule appointments or early dismissals on these days. Also, EVERY student should arrive to school on time. We want our children to have a positive testing experience and that starts with their attendance!! The **Math MSA** will be given on **March 9th & 10th.** The **Reading MSA** will be given on **March 16th & 17th.** Providing a healthy snack is great way for Mount View families to support our students during MSA testing. PTA would like to provide a snack for each student for the four testing days. What do we need? Monetary donations (\$5 per family is recommended) and volunteers are needed to help distribute snacks to testing rooms. **Send checks ONLY, payable to MVMS PTA.** Enclose the check in a sealed envelope clearly marked "MSA Snack Donation." Students should give the envelope to their Falcon Time teacher. Volunteers are needed Monday, March 8th, Tuesday, March 9th, Monday, March 15th, and Tuesday, March 16th from 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM. Please respond to Julie Bennett by Monday March 1st if you are interested in volunteering or need more information at 410-442-2911 or juliebennett@verizon.net.

Community News

We may have just welcomed in 2010, but during this year's **MRHS Boosters Mustang Madness Fundraiser**, we'll be celebrating the 1970s! "**That 70's Madness**" is being held on March 6th at Mangia Italian Grill and Sports Bar. (We've rented out the entire restaurant!) Have a "**far out**" time playing **70s Game Shows!** Bid on "**groovy**" **Live Auction** items! Take a spin at the "**dy-no-mite**" **Prize Wheel.** Save the Date, and be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

8th Grade Boys Lacrosse Player Parents: If your son is interested in playing with MRHS boys lacrosse players on a summer club team, please attend a parent meeting on Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 PM in Coach Sageman's room, #344.

MARYLAND SINGS Music/Theater/Dance - (Specializing in Broadway, Patriotic, Country, Pop and Disney): Maryland Sings Auditions, for ages 10 – 17, will be Friday, January 29th, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM at Wilde Lake Middle School - 10481 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia. **Please do not arrive after 7:00.** If you cannot make it to the audition, you may call for an appointment. Come prepared with a complete song to sing a cappella. Dance experience is not required, but you may be asked to spend a few minutes working with a choreographer. A parent must accompany all students to auditions and will be asked to stay for a short interview. Come celebrate our 20th year as we go to Canada this summer! Past Venues include John Hopkins Children's Hospital, Boyd's Bear Country, Fort McHenry, WJZ0-TV Show, Teen Expo, Annapolis Mall, The Maryland State House, The White House, and two European Tours. For more information, go to www.marylandsings.org or call 410-526-7241 or 410-733-7357.

The **College Savings Plans of Maryland** offers two options from the State of Maryland to help save for college costs. The Maryland Prepaid College Trust allows you to lock in tomorrow's tuition at today's prices and offers the security of a Maryland Legislative Guarantee. The Maryland College Investment Plan offers a variety of different investment portfolios managed by T. Rowe Price. Plus, both plans offer State and federal tax benefits! To find out more, plan to attend the **Informational Seminar**, presented by the **College Savings Plans of Maryland** at Mount View Middle School (12101 Woodford Drive, Marriottsville) on February 23rd from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. For more information, visit www.collegesavingsmd.org or call 1-888-4MD-GRAD.

The **Columbia Association Teen Advisory Committee** will hold their 6th annual **Battle of the Dance** on Friday, February 26th from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at 5851 Robert Oliver Place in Oakland Mills Village Center. There will be two categories, individual and group. Competition is open to all dancers. Dance performances will be limited to 5 minutes. Each individual or team must supply their own music on

CD...no explicit lyrics. Prizes will be offered for best performances in the individual and group categories. Call 410-715-5523 to register by February 20th.

The **Columbia Association Middle School Advisory Committee will hold a *Middle School Skating Social*** on Saturday, February 27th from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM at the Supreme Sports Club Skate Arena in Columbia. Admission is free to all Howard County Middle School Students. Skate rental is \$3 for roller skates and \$4 for in-line skates. Call 410-715-5523 by February 19th to register or for more information.

The **Columbia Festival of the Arts invites K-12 students to enter the 2010 poster design contest.** The student creating the winning design will receive a \$500 Purchase Prize. The artwork will be featured on the cover of 100,000 printed brochures, the season program magazine and the 2010 season poster. Original artwork must be submitted by 5:00 PM, Friday, February 5th. For more information, call the Columbia Festival of the Arts at 410-715-3044 or go to www.columbiafestival.com.

The **Teen Center at the Dancel Family Y in Ellicott City** is a fun, enjoyable, and relaxing place for all. We offer a new Teen Center with a pool table, ping pong table, air hockey, and a big screen TV! We also offer a Teen Leaders program for grades 6-12, Youth and Government program for grades 8-12, and many other exciting opportunities. Participants ages 11 and up are invited to the Teen Center Monday-Friday 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM and Saturday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. For more information, contact Evan Ibbitson at 410-465-4334 or visit www.Ymaryland.org.

Howard Community College Educational Foundation and Hunan Manor Restaurant will hold their **11th anniversary gourmet Chinese buffet to benefit the Silas Craft Collegians Scholarship Endowment.** The dinner buffet will be served continuously from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Monday, March 8th at the Hunan Manor Restaurant in Columbia. Tickets are \$40 per person and the Silas Craft Collegians Endowment receives 100% of the proceeds from the ticket sales to the event. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Development Office at Howard Community College, 410-772-4450 or visit www.howardcc.edu/specialevents.

HoCoPoLitSo, the Howard County Poetry and Literature Society, will host its 32nd Annual Evening of Irish Music and Poetry with award winning short story writer Claire Keegan, on Friday, February 19th at 8:00 PM at the Jim Rouse Theater in Columbia. Tickets are \$30 general admission. Go to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/89385 or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope and check payable to HoCoPoLitSo 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Duncan Hall, 239, Columbia, MD 21044.

Registration for **Western Howard County Youth T-Ball, Baseball and Softball for Spring for boys and girls ages 5-18**, has begun and will continue through March 2010. The T-ball and Baseball age determination date is April 30th. For more information please visit www.whcsports.com and click on the “Registration” tab. You can also contact Jean Shea at 410-313-4626 (TTY410-313-4665) or jshea@howardcountymd.gov.

Howard County Recreation & Parks Winter classes for Students in your area:

Drawing for Teens: Professional artist and instructor Cher Compton will teach your student (ages 11-17) techniques to enhance their drawing skills. Students will be drawing with charcoal and will work from still life subjects. The class meets at Clarksville Middle School once per week for six weeks beginning Wednesday, February 10th. The cost of the program is \$79 + a \$10 material fee that is due to the instructor at the first session.

Learn to Play Piano: HCPSS Music Instructor, Lee Pogue, will be offering introductory piano class at the state of the art Music Technology Studio at River Hill High School. Each student (ages 11-17) works at their own keyboard learning play a variety of musical styles in order to gain confidence and develop

musical skills. Students should have access to a keyboard or a piano to practice outside of class. The class will meet for 8 weeks, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM on Saturdays starting January 30th. The cost of the program is \$99 (includes music book).

For additional information, please contact Holly Harden at 410-313-4625.

To register, call 410-313-7275 or online please follow this direct link: <http://activenet12.active.com/howardcounty/servlet/registrationMain.sdi?source=activityframes.sdi>.

Flyers are available outside the MVMS Front Office.

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i9 Sports: Sign up for Spring 2010 Flag Football, Basketball and Cheer Programs. Register Online: www.i9sports.com or call 443-485-4202.

Columbia Association residents can register for CA Camps beginning on January 19th. Open enrollment begins on February 1st. To view the brochure and download a registration form, visit www.columbiacamps.org or call the Camp Office at 410-715-3165 or send an email to camps@columbiaassociation.com.