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MISSION

Every member of the Manchester Valley High School community accepts responsibility for establishing an innovative, rigorous, and supportive learning environment that embraces student individuality and fosters a spirit of service. Together, we will ensure opportunities for the success of all students as they become productive members of a diverse and complex society.

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

It is hard to believe that we are already past the mid-year point of our first school year at Manchester Valley. I have been very pleased with how our students have adapted to our school and have found ways to get involved in our various clubs, activities, and sports programs. We simply have outstanding students and it has been a pleasure working with and getting to know them.

For our first order of business, please be aware that we will be holding our evening parent/advisor conference nights for scheduling purposes beginning in February. Parents are encouraged to schedule an appointment to look over course selections and scheduling options with their child's advisor on one of the following dates: February 1 or February 10 (February 11 will be the snow date) from 5:30-8:30. All conferences will be scheduled in fifteen minute increments and held in the school cafeteria.

For your convenience, you may call or email the school to schedule your appointments. The email address designated for conference scheduling is mvhconf@carrollk12.org. Please make sure to include the student's full name, the name of the advisor(s), date and time preferences, and a contact phone number in your email. We will make every attempt to honor your requests. You will receive an email confirming your conference schedule. Also, please note that our second semester Parent-Teacher Conference Night will be held on Wednesday, March 10th.

As the spring weather begins to warm, we tend to experience many more issues related to the student dress code violations. Most of our issues of non-compliance are our girls with shorts or skirts that are too short or with tops that are too revealing. We do not want to negatively impact any student's instructional time or to have to take disciplinary actions regarding dress code violations. We ask that parents help in reviewing the county dress code with your child and promoting his/her compliance.

As you begin to plan summer vacations, I would like to remind all parents that it is the policy of all Carroll County High Schools that we do not give final exams early. The last school day for underclassmen is listed in the school calendar as Wednesday, June 9th, which is subject to change depending on snow days used. Please do not plan for your child to be leaving school before that time. Should an emergency arise which causes students to miss their exams, they will be given an incomplete and will be expected to make up all missed work upon their return, after the school year has concluded.

In closing, we had a very successful first semester of courses for our students and a successful transition into our new school. I look forward to our second semester and all of the activities that are planned for our school. Please plan to join us as often as possible.

Sincerely,

Randy J. Clark

Randy J. Clark
Principal
rjclark@carrollk12.org

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

(ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

2010

February 1	First Parent/Advisor Conference Night – 5:30-8:30 PM (Please call for an appointment)
February 10	Second Parent/Advisor Conference Night – 5:30-8:30 PM (Please call for an appointment)
February 15	Schools/Offices Closed – Presidents' Day
February 16	Schools Closed for Students
March 10	Parent Conferences – 5:30-8:30 PM (Please call for an appointment)
March 15	Two-Hour and Forty-Five Minute Early Dismissal
March 30-April 1	Semester Exams
April 1	Marking Period Ends – Two-Hour Forty-Five Minute Early Dismissal
April 2-5	Schools/Offices Closed – Spring Holiday
April 23-24	Spring Musical
April 26	Schools Closed for Students/Teachers
May 3-7	College Board Advanced Placement Exams
May 10-14	College Board Advanced Placement Exams
May 14	National Honor Society Inductions – 7:00 PM
May 17-21	High School Assessment Exams (No testing on 5/19)
May 20	Band Spring Concert - 7:00 PM
May 22	Prom
May 24	Chorus Spring Concert – 7:00 PM
May 31	Schools/Offices Closed – Memorial Day Holiday
June 7-10 **	Final Exams
June 10 **	Two-Hour Forty-Five Minute Early Dismissal for Students – Professional Time for Teachers



**Subject to change based on weather closings.

Help Manchester Valley High School While You Shop

You can help Manchester Valley get valuable equipment, supplies and cash! This is one of the easiest ways to raise money to benefit students and the school. Just register to donate your points when shopping at the following stores:

Giant – A+ Bonus Bucks

Register at the store, www.giantfood.com/aplus or 1-877-275-2758, school id number is **07704**.

Safeway – eScrip

Register at the store, www.escrip.com or 1-800-400-7878, school id number **500023231**.

Target – Take Charge of Education

Register at the store, www.target.com/tcoe or 1-800-316-6142, school id number **151559**.

Every year you need to re-register for these programs.

ADA Compliance Statement

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or provision of services, programs or activities. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities, (410) 751-3177. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at (410) 751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing Contest

Students in grades 4-12 are invited to participate in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing Contest. This year's theme is The Beloved Community – Our Shared Responsibility. All forms of written expression – poems, essays, scripts, songs, etc. – are welcome as they relate to the theme. Students should demonstrate an understanding of their commitment to continuing Dr. King's dream by sharing a reflection of something they have done that has made a difference in their communities and in their own lives. Students who are interested in submitting an entry should speak with their school's Education That Is Multicultural (ETM) Teacher Liaison for information on contest rules and deadlines.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing Contest is sponsored by the McDaniel College Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, the Carroll County Public Schools Department of Minority Achievement and Intervention Programs, the Carroll County Chapter of the NAACP, the Carroll County Times, and the MLK Celebration Committee. Contest winners will be recognized at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the Forum at McDaniel College.

Contact: Patricia Levroney, Coordinat

Music Congratulations

The instrumental music department is very proud to announce that we had several students accepted in the Carroll County All-County Band & Orchestra. Students from across Carroll county prepare and audition for placement into these ensembles. Nicole Helie & Courtney Niles have been accepted into all county BAND And Laura Medairy, Brittany Cogle, Christiana Smith, Arelle Jochum, & Mariah Durrant have been accepted into all county ORCHESTRA. Congratulations to Jillian Porter- grade 11- the first MVHS student to be accepted into the Maryland All-State Chorus! Jill will perform with the All-State Women's Chorus on February 28 at the Murphy Center for the Performing Arts at Morgan State University.

If you see these students please congratulate them, we know it means a lot to them!

Students will be selected soon for participation in the 2010 Eisteddfod, to be held at WHS on Friday, March 26.

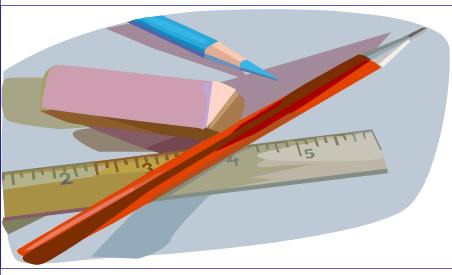
The MVHS Festival Chorus is preparing for participation in the district choral festival to be held on March 9 at NCHS.

The All County Orchestra Concert will be on February 6 at Winters Mill High School at 7:30 PM

The All County Band Concert will be on February 13 at FSK High School at 7:30 PM

School Store Opening Soon

The school store will be opening Tuesday, January 26th and everyday after from 7:00 to 7:35. We will have school supplies and spirit wear for sale. As a convenience to the student body, we encourage all students to support our boosters and get supplies here.



Product	Selling Price
Poster Board	\$ 0.50
Color Pencil Set	\$ 2.50
Index Card	\$ 1.00
Index Card	\$ 1.00
Notebook Single Sub.	\$ 2.75
Mechanical/Auto Pencil	\$ 0.50
Lead Refill	\$ 0.75
Eraser Refill	\$ 1.25
Ballpoint Pen	\$ 0.25
Ballpoint Pen	\$ 0.25
Highlighters	\$ 0.50
Pocket Folders	\$ 0.50
Pocket Folders	\$ 0.50
Pocket Folders	\$ 0.50
Tri Fold Pocket Folder	\$ 1.25

Virtual Book Fair

Check out MVH's first ever VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR! Books and gift items are available for ALL AGES. Go to www.bookwormcentral.com, type in 'Manchester' as your access code and start shopping! Books are organized by age and interest. Place an order and pay with your credit card online. Items will be shipped directly to your address. Sale runs from Jan. 4 - March 1. Support MVH Media Center while encouraging a love of reading!

Nancy Wolfinger, Media clerk, Manchester Valley High School

Congratulations Mr. Smith

Mark Smith, agricultural educator at Manchester Valley High School, is one of 47 individuals nationwide who received the Teachers Turn the Key Award, given November 21st at the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) annual convention in Nashville, Tenn.

MVHS News

AP Testing 2010

Students enrolled in AP Courses this year will have the opportunity to attend an information meeting on February 9th during SET, and learn about the AP Testing Process. At this meeting, AP Exam Registration forms will be distributed; these forms need to be returned no later than March 5th. Students may study for and take AP Tests for subjects other than those that are associated with classes we offer at MVHS. All testing dates are listed on the registration form, including:

- AP US History - May 7, 8am
- AP Biology - May 10, 8am
- AP Physics B - May 10, 12 pm
- AP Physics C- Elect - May 10, 2pm
- AP Phys C - Mech - May 10, 12 pm
- AP Chemistry - May 11, 8 am

Students or parents with questions about AP Testing should contact Ms. Owens or Ms. Cashen in the Counseling Office.

Professional Speaker Week

MVHS will be holding its first Speaker Week April 12th-16th. This will be an opportunity for students to hear guest speakers talk about their chosen profession, and to ask questions and make contacts in a field they might consider pursuing. If you or someone you know would be willing to speak to a small group of students, please contact Mrs. Zepp at slzepp@carrollk12.org.

Spring HSA Testing Dates

- May 17: Biology
- May 18: Algebra/Data Analysis
- May 20: Government
- May 21: English (Global Perspectives)

Carroll County Public Schools Out of District Requests For The 2010-2011 School Year

On January 22, 2010, out-of-district applications will be available in school offices. Board policy states that students who attend Carroll County Public Schools shall attend school in their designated attendance area. However, in very specific and limited circumstances, students may be placed in a school outside their attendance area if an approvable circumstance is deemed to exist.

Parents/legal guardians desiring an out-of-district placement for their child should carefully review the list of approvable circumstances listed on the back of the out-of-district application to determine whether the child meets the criteria for approval. (cont.)

The Carroll County Public Schools’ out-of-district policy and regulation will be strictly adhered to in making decisions regarding admission of students to schools outside of their assigned attendance area.

The only Carroll County Public Schools designated as “OPEN” for the 2010-2011 school year are as follows:

ELEMENTARY

Cranberry Station Elementary	Robert Moton Elementary
Ebb Valley Elementary	Runnymede Elementary
Elmer Wolfe Elementary	Sandymount Elementary
Hampstead Elementary	Spring Garden Elementary
Manchester Elementary	Taneytown Elementary
Mt. Airy Elementary	Winfield Elementary
Parr’s Ridge Elementary	

MIDDLE

New Windsor Middle	Oklahoma Road Middle
North Carroll Middle	Shiloh Middle
Northwest Middle	

HIGH

Francis Scott Key High	North Carroll High
Manchester Valley High	

All other Carroll County Public Schools will be designated as “CLOSED” for the 2010-2011 school year. This means that any out-of-district application submitted for placement to a “CLOSED” school for the 2010-2011 school year will be denied unless it meets the limited criteria for admission to a “CLOSED” school.

Parents/legal guardians who plan to submit out-of-district applications for the 2010-2011 school year need to be aware of the following procedures:

It is the parent’s/legal guardian’s responsibility to obtain an out-of-district application from the school office or the Student Services Department. These applications will be available on January 22, 2010, *but not before*. Please be certain that the application obtained is for the 2010-2011 school year. Completed out-of-district applications may not be returned to the school office.

The deadline for out-of-district applications for the 2010-2011 school year is **April 1, 2010**. Completed applications must be **postmarked or personally delivered** by the deadline date to:

Carroll County Public Schools
 Student Services Department
 125 North Court Street
 Westminster, Maryland 21157

Applications postmarked/received after the deadline date of **April 1, 2010** will be returned to the sender without consideration.

QUESTIONS REGARDING OUT-OF-DISTRICT ISSUES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SCHOOL’S PUPIL PERSON WORKER, Mark Bugbee, AT 410-(751-3135).

MANCHESTER VALLEY ATHLETICS



Athletic Director: David B. Dolch, Ed.D

The winter sports teams are in full swing with boys basketball, girls basketball, wrestling, boys and girls indoor track, and winter cheerleading. While competing at the varsity level with all teams is a tall task during this winter season as well, much student-athlete development is taking place. Girls basketball has three wins, Boys basketball has a win, wrestling has had two team victories and several individual victories, and indoor track has had several successful meets with individual meet champions. Most importantly, the teams and player development continues to progress.

The JV and freshman teams for basketball are a vital part of player development within the respective basketball programs. More student-athletes are getting the playing and practice experiences that will aid them in their future potential performance. Our JV wrestlers are few in number because several young athletes wrestle on the varsity. However, their exhibition match experiences will certainly aid in their development. Our girls and boys in indoor track are receiving valuable competitive experiences. Our young cheerleading squad is competing in the winter county competition at Westminster High School. For many it is their first competitive cheerleading experience and for a few returners from the fall competition, it is only their second experience. "Patience is a virtue" that needs to be kept in mind this year as all of our varsity, JV, and freshman teams are often inexperienced and younger as compared to the competition. But, the experience and hard work will payoff in the future and our winter sport teams will make some positive noise in the upcoming regional playoffs beginning in February.

Sincerely,
Dave Dolch

Not My Child

January 2010

“Your CHILD and Life Transitions”



Heraclitus, an ancient Greek philosopher, stated “There is nothing permanent except change.” This may very well be true; however, although change is natural, it doesn’t make it any easier – especially for teens. Studies show that adolescents who haven’t experimented with drugs or alcohol are more likely to start during times of transition in order to cope with stress.

Every child faces normal and anticipated life progressions welcoming a new baby into the family, moving to a new grade level, puberty, and graduation. Even these routine changes may cause unexpected anxiety for your child. The current state of the economy has caused many families to make changes in their family’s lifestyle. But traumatic events, such as the loss of a parent by death or divorce, are especially difficult for children particularly when the adults in their lives are also trying to cope.



Stress is the **#1** reason that teens may turn to drugs.

Top 5 Reasons Teens Use Drugs During Transitions

- To combat loneliness, low self-esteem, anxiety, or depression.
- To mentally “check out” of family issues or school trouble.
- To ease discomfort in an unfamiliar situation.
- To look cool or change their image/reputation.
- To fit in with a desired group of friends.

But don’t worry - while change is a part of life, risky behaviors like drug and alcohol use, don’t have to be. Although parents can’t control the changes that impact their ‘tween or teen, you can pay attention to their feelings, concerns, and needs. The most important thing you can do during these transitions is to stay involved in your child’s life. Studies show that only 18% of teens whose parents are significantly involved in their lives engage in high-risk activities. So set aside regular times for one-on-one conversations, encourage open dialogue, and discuss the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Consider using the time spent in the car transporting your child, to stay current with his/her worries and concerns. You will have a captive audience!

For more information on how to recognize transitions, to understand why they are tough, and how you can help, please go to: http://www.timetotalk.org/downloads/transition_guide_1c.pdf. If you have concerns about your child’s stress level or have had a significant life change within your family or would like additional resources, please contact your school counselor.



Eat Wings. Raise Funds.

Help raise money for your favorite non-profit organization.

Wednesday Feb 3, 2010

Everyone is invited to gather at

Buffalo Wild Wings® 404 Englar Road in

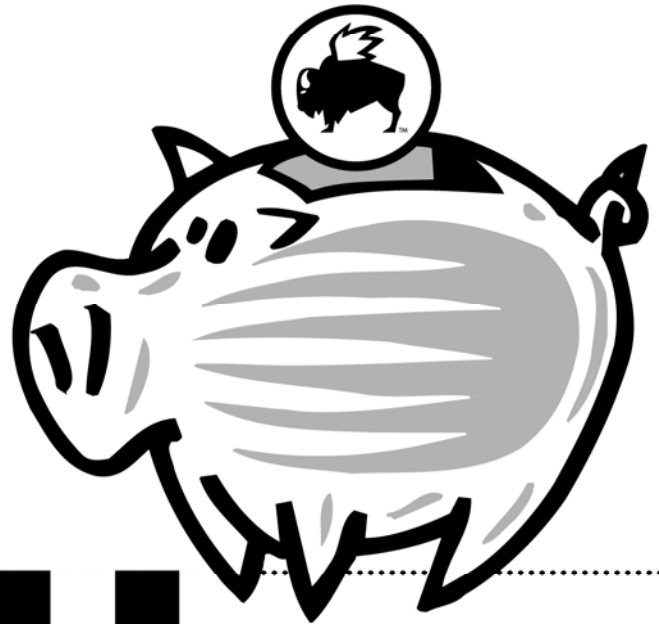
Westminster from 11-10 and eat, eat, eat!

During this time, 15% of all food purchases

accompanied by the certificate below will

be donated to : **Manchester Valley**

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPT.



MANCHESTER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, Feb 3, 2010

Present this certificate to your cashier at the time of your purchase and 15% of all food purchases* will go to support **Manchester Valley High School Athletic Dept.**

Only valid at 404 Englar Rd., Westminster (410) 386-3550.

•Alcohol purchases not included.

