



# MAGRUDER HIGH SCHOOL

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## Principal's Perspective By Mr. Lee Evans

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With the 2011 – 2012 school year rapidly approaching an end, there are many wonderful achievements for the school community to reflect upon and celebrate. For the first time in recent years, we have seen gains in the school-wide eligibility rate. The percentage of Magruder's eligible ninth grade students exceeded the percentage of eligible ninth graders throughout all Montgomery County Public Schools. Student performance on the SAT continues to show improvement when compared to the results from the 2010 – 2011 school year. Results of Advanced Placement (AP) Exams indicate that students took 100 more tests than the previous year. More than 70 percent of students who took AP Exams received scores of three or higher—a score worthy of receiving credit towards the course requirements of many colleges and universities. Kudos to senior Eileen Holovac who was part of a research team at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that published articles in peer reviewed journals. In addition, senior Natasha Frazier was awarded the prestigious Posse Foundation Scholarship. Many other students will be receiving scholarships and awards for their academic achievement as well as for their outstanding service to the community. Several of our athletic teams had competitive seasons. This was highlighted by a State 4A boys' varsity basketball championship. A number of wrestlers competed in the State Tournament. Outstanding performances by students in the drama club, choral music groups, the instrumental music program and JROTC resulted in tremendous recognition and awards. Many other clubs and organizations added tremendously to the richness of the 2011 – 2012 school experience. We indeed have much to celebrate.

We will soon be in full stride with preparations for administering the High School Assessments (HSAs) and AP Exams. In addition, we will be completing and distributing a second semester final exam schedule. A major emphasis will be placed on preparations for senior class activities that culminate with the graduation ceremony at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC on May 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. These preparations are complemented by a full schedule of music concerts, the spring musical, spring sports competitions, and other activities. All of these activities will add significantly to a positive school experience for our students. (Continued on Page 2).

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## Principal's Perspective (continued from page 1)

Although the end of the school year brings about many exciting activities, it also brings concern regarding student behavior that can result in very disheartening and tragic consequences. As stated previously, we have much to celebrate; however, there is much left to do if we are going to provide students with a safe and positive environment. Of particular concern is the growing number of students who participate in illegal drug use and underage drinking. The impact from these two social ills alone has caused much grief and despair throughout our nation. Through the efforts of many members of our school community, initiatives are being developed to help eliminate underage drinking and the illegal use of drugs. One such coalition, "The Brave and Bold," has brought together the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD), the Montgomery County Department of Social Services, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, the Magruder High School PTSA, and a host of other community stakeholders in an effort to speak out with one voice against illegal use of drugs and alcohol. This initiative is being coordinated by former Magruder parent Patty Winters. Magruder parent Gary Glick has waged a one-man yellow "Happiness" t-shirt campaign to draw attention to underage drinking. Mr. Glick also wants to remind us to never forget members of the Magruder High School family who tragically lost their lives last year in a tragic accident. Mr. Glick's campaign has expanded to a national level through the use of Facebook. Mr. Glick's efforts have received support from many schools and organizations in the area. It is through the commitment of individuals coming together as a community, in support of a common cause, that will make a difference. It is our desire to create an environment where a school community can thrive on rigorous academic programs that meet the needs of all students. Students learn best in a wholesome climate that teaches them the right thing to do in every circumstance. The support of all stakeholders, on a daily basis, is crucial to the success of these initiatives and the well-being of all children.

I conclude with a quote from Margaret Mead, anthropologist, writer, and speaker, that embraces the work being done and the need to continue this work together for the benefit of all students in the Magruder High School community: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

## News from the Class of 2012      Submitted by: Nancy Hayes

The Senior Class would like to thank Mrs. Hanson and the breakfast committee and all the people involved in putting on the **Senior Breakfast**. We would also like to thank all the people that sent in monetary donations. We appreciate your generous donations of time and money.

The **Senior Prom** is May 19<sup>th</sup> at Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center with the After-Prom Party right after at Bauer Drive Community Center from 1:00am-5:00am. The **Senior Picnic** is after graduation rehearsal, Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>. All this working up to Graduation at the DAR Constitution Hall on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.



## A message from Dawn Trahern, PTSA President

The PTSA is looking for volunteers to serve on the PTSA Board for the 2012/2013 school year. If you would like to serve or would like to nominate someone, please forward this information to Linda Kuserk (Nominating Committee Chair) at [kuserkpta@comcast.net](mailto:kuserkpta@comcast.net).

We would love to work with you!

## Be Aware - Dangers of Energy Drinks! Submitted by: Ed Hsu

**Sip carefully** A new line of relaxation drinks containing neurotransmitters and hormones purports to help consumers sleep and reduce stress.

Scientists are raising awareness of the potential harms of these drinks and are pressuring industry and government to increase the regulation of their sale and use.

[http://todayhealth.today.msnbc.msn.com/\\_news/2012/03/21/10780958-teen-girl-dies-of-caffeine-toxicity-after-downing-2-energy-drinks](http://todayhealth.today.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/03/21/10780958-teen-girl-dies-of-caffeine-toxicity-after-downing-2-energy-drinks)

## College and Career Center Submitted by: Heidi Garland

We are so proud of our seniors and the many different choices they will be making as they finalize their plans after graduation. Students should be sure to continue submitting scholarship applications as many deadlines have not yet passed, including for the Magruder scholarships. Seniors who have received merit scholarships from any college or university, regardless of whether they plan to attend that institution, should be sure to bring their award letters to the Center. Magruder wants to be able to recognize these hard earned accomplishments!

For students looking for interesting summer opportunities, please be sure to stop by the Center to pick up information and to discuss the many programs available for high school students.

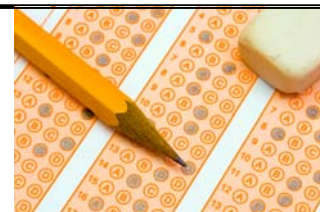
Magruder juniors will be attending the National College Fair at the Montgomery County fairgrounds on Wednesday, April 25. This is a great opportunity for students to have discussions with any of the over 250 college representatives who will be in attendance. Buses will leave from Magruder's front entrance promptly at 9:30 a.m. All students must return their signed permission slips to the Center.

Advanced placement exams will begin on Monday, May 7 and continue through Friday, May 18. Students taking these exams are expected to arrive at Redland Baptist Church by 7:15 a.m. for the morning tests and 11:15 a.m. for the afternoon tests. College Board requires that nothing be allowed in the exam rooms with the exception of pens, pencils and calculators, where appropriate. Cell phones and anything else brought to the testing site will be safely secured outside the testing areas. Good luck to all Magruder students on the AP tests!

## MHS Calendar of Events

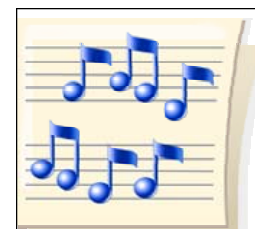
### APRIL, 2012

- 19 Senior Banquet: 7:00 pm-10:00 pm  
 21 Practice Test: AP Spanish Language, Room B223  
 26 Talent Show: 7:00 pm; Auditorium



### MAY, 2012

- 2 Spring Arts Festival: 5:30 pm-8:30 pm  
 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Production: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm, "Stuck"  
 4 Colonel Classic Golf Tournament  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Production: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm, "Stuck"  
 7-11 AP Testing: Redland Baptist Church  
 9 Senior Interims Mailed  
 10 PTSA Executive Board Meeting: 7:30 am-9:30 am, Media Center  
 14-18 AP Testing: Redland Baptist Church  
 15 PTSA Meeting: 7:30 pm, Media Center  
 16 Spring Concert: 7:30 pm, Chorus and Orchestra  
 17 Spring Concert: 7:30 pm, Bands and Jazz Ensemble  
 18 Instrumental Music Banquet: 6:30 pm, Norbeck Country Club  
 19 PROM: 8:00 pm-12:00 am;  
 BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
 20 AFTER PROM PARTY: 1:00am-5:00 am  
 BAUER DRIVE COMMUNITY CENTER  
 21-23 High School Assessments  
 21-23 Senior Exams  
 24 Senior Clearance  
 Awards Night: 6:45 pm-8:45 pm; Department and Academic



# MHS Calendar of Events

## MAY, 2012 (Continued)

- 25 Last Day for Seniors
- Graduation Rehearsal
- Senior Picnic
- 28 NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day
- 29 GRADUATION: 10:00 am; DAR Constitution Hall



**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2012!!!**  
**BEST WISHES TO YOU!!**

## JUNE, 2012

- 7-12 Final Exams
- 12 Last Day of School for Students
- 21 Report Cards Mailed Home

refer to the website for athletic schedules and information.

<http://www.magruderathletics.org/>

### CONGRATULATIONS!

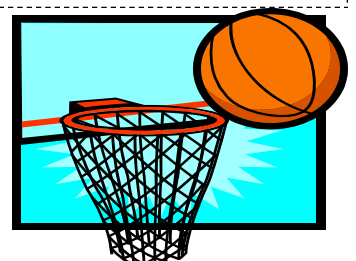
**The Gazette has named MHS DAN HARWOOD as COACH OF THE YEAR!**

### THE 2012 ALL-GAZETTE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM:

**JJ Epps-1st team; Garland Owens-2nd team; & Nick Griffin-honorable mention**



The Washington Post 2011-12 Winter All-Met has named JJ Epps, 4th team; Garland Owens and Nick Griffin-Honorable Mention.



Congratulations!

Every 15 minutes: Submitted for: Justine Flint, MHS Program Coordinator

## Do You Believe Helping Even One Adolescent...

...to make good decisions is worth your time?

The hard part is DONE: the money has been raised, all our contacts in the community are established, and most jobs can be done by phone or computer at your convenience!

Why sign up now? Getting involved BEFORE our event year will give you a jump start in learning about what works and doesn't work in underage substance abuse prevention and how to help adolescents make good choices as a passenger or driver.

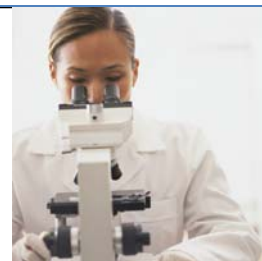
You can also attend the Sherwood HS Every 15 Minutes on April 26 to observe the Grim Reaper in action and the simulated crash, or their assembly on April 27. ***Please step up and make a difference!*** No prevention program reaches all teenagers, but we know that Every 15 Minutes reaches more than most, and aren't our kids worth it!

**Please contact Justine Flint, Program Coordinator for the Magruder High School 2013 Every 15 Minutes program, at [flint.justine@yahoo.com](mailto:flint.justine@yahoo.com) to volunteer.**

**This could be the most rewarding event you've ever done!  
You will be organizing activities that reduce underage drinking and other destructive decisions by having students "live" the consequences.**

## Science Department News Submitted By: Donna Considine

The Science Department would like to recognize senior Eileen Holovac for her outstanding research work at NIH this school year. Eileen has been published in two research articles with a third publication pending. If you would like to read more about her research you can find the articles on PubMed.gov at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=Eileen%20Holovac>. Eileen has participated in a year-long internship with a senior research scientist at NIH. Eileen is off to college in the fall in pursuit of a career in pharmacy.



Congratulations to Eileen on a job well done and we wish her all the best.

## MCPS PARENT ACADEMY WORKSHOPS: A Message from the MCCPTA

:Computer Smart (part 1 of 5) Monday, April 16 6:30-8:30pm

Explore the MCPS website and online resources, set up an Edline account, and learn about Microsoft Office programs in this beginning-level workshop. Facilitated by an MCPS technology teacher.

Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Superintendent's Spring Forum: Special Education Monday, April 16 7:00-8:30pm

Superintendent Joshua Starr's third spring forum on the topic of special education will take place on Monday, April 16 at Seneca Valley High School from 7-8:30 p.m. The spring forums provide an opportunity for the community to hear about the latest trends, find out what is happening in schools, and share thoughts with the superintendent, guest panelists and others.

Seneca Valley HS, 19401 Crystal Rock Drive Germantown 20874

Curriculum 2.0 Wednesday, April 18 7:00-8:30pm

Curriculum 2.0 creates a more exciting learning experience for students in Grades K-2. Curriculum 2.0 blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art, and physical education in a way that spurs creativity and critical thinking skills. Come learn about the new integrated curriculum at this session.

Somerset ES, 5811 Warwick Pl., Chevy Chase 20815

The Teen Years: Effective Parenting Skills Thursday, April 19 7:00-8:30pm

GUIDE Youth Services will present the tools you need to help develop effective parenting skills during the teenage years. Learn how to strengthen and enhance family communication and explore techniques to develop age-appropriate expectations of behavior and consequences.

Neelsville MS, 11700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown 20876

College Preparation and Scholarship Fair Saturday, April 21 1:00-4:00pm

Attention 6th through 10th grade students and parents! Now is the time to start planning for life after high school. Attend the College Preparation and Scholarship Fair to meet representatives from universities and different careers, tour the Universities at Shady Grove facility, attend informational breakout sessions and learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Advance registration is highly recommended through the

Parent Academy

The Universities at Shady Grove

9630 Gudelsky Dr., Building II

Rockville, MD 20850

Childcare and Spanish interpretation are provided at all workshops.

To register and see other upcoming workshops, please visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/>

**FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE****Grades 9, 10, 11**

Wednesday	June 6	Exam Review Day
Thursday	June 7	Periods 1 and 5
Friday	June 8	Periods 2 and 6
Monday	June 11	Periods 3 and 7
Tuesday	June 12	Periods 4 and 8
Wednesday	June 13	Make up Exam Day Last Day of School

<u>Exam A</u>	7:25 am - 9:35 am
<u>Break</u>	9:35 am - 10:05 am
<u>Exam B</u>	10:10 am - 12:20 pm

If there is an emergency school closing, the exams which were missed will be held the next day. For example, if there is an emergency school closing on June 6, the exams scheduled for June 6 will be held on June 7. If there is a delayed opening, the schedule is as follows: One Hour Delayed Opening                      Two Hour Delayed Opening

8:25 – 10:35	Exam A	9:25 – 11:35	Exam A
10:35 – 11:05	Lunch	11:35 – 11:55	Lunch
11:10 – 1:20	Exam B	12:00 – 2:10	Exam B

Final Exams are scheduled for June 7-13, 2012.

There are two exams per day: 7:25 am-9:35 am; and, 10:10 am-12:20 pm.

There will be a break between the exams from 9:35 am-10:05 am.

**Students who do not have an exam and report to school will be assigned to their normal scheduled class during the time other students are taking exams.**

**Students must return all textbooks in order to take exams.** Students who do not have the textbook on the day of the exam will have to arrange to take a make-up exam on June 13th. Financial obligations will be issued for any textbooks not returned on exam day.

**Busses run their regular routes each day,** arriving by 7:25 am and leaving at the regular dismissal, 2:10 pm.

During exam week, June 7-13, 2011, students attend school **only** if they have an exam(s) scheduled for that day.

Students who do not have a first exam scheduled (7:25 am-9:35 am) have the option of arriving by 10:10 am, but they **must arrange their own transportation.**

Students who do not have a second exam scheduled (10:10 am-12:20 pm) have the option of leaving immediately after the first exam at 9:35 am, but they **must arrange their own transportation.** If a student is absent for a scheduled exam, it is the **responsibility of the student** to contact the teacher in order to make-up any missed exam(s).

**HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE****SENIOR EXAM SCHEDULE****Monday, May 21, 2012 - Friday, May 25, 2012**

<b>Monday, 5/21</b>	<b>Tuesday, 5/22</b>	<b>Wednesday, 5/23</b>	<b>Thursday, 5/24</b>	<b>Friday, 5/25</b>
<b>English 10 HSA</b> <b>7:25 - 10:45</b>	<b>Biology HSA</b> <b>7:25 - 10:45</b>	<b>Algebra HSA</b> <b>7:25 - 10:45</b>	<b>Senior Clearance</b> <b>Starts at 7:25 am</b>	<b>Last day for Seniors</b>
<b>LUNCH</b> <b>10:50 - 11:20</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> <b>10:50 - 11:20</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> <b>10:50 - 11:20</b>	<b>REGULAR</b> <b>BELL SCHEDULE</b>	<b>REGULAR</b> <b>BELL SCHEDULE</b>
<b>6 11:25 - 12:15</b> <b>Senior Exam</b>	<b>3 11:25 - 12:15</b> <b>Senior Exam</b>	<b>1 11:25 - 12:15</b> <b>Senior Exam</b>		<b>Graduation Rehearsal</b>
<b>7 12:20 - 1:10</b> <b>Senior Exam</b>	<b>4 12:20 - 1:10</b> <b>Senior Exam</b>	<b>2 12:20 - 1:10</b> <b>Senior Exam</b>		<b>Senior Picnic</b>
<b>8 1:15 - 2:10</b> <b>Senior Exam</b>	<b>5 1:15 - 2:10</b> <b>Senior Exam</b>	<b>3 1:15 - 2:10</b>		

During High School Assessment week, buses run a regular schedule and will arrive by 7:25 am and leave at 2:10 pm. Students without an HSA are permitted to arrive to school for 1<sup>st</sup> period at 11:25 am, but they must arrange for their own transportation.

Edison students should be at school in time to catch their bus to Edison, which will leave promptly at 10:30 am. The Edison Center will be on a regular schedule during High School Assessment week.

Students in the work program are expected to take any HSA he/she is required to take on the designated days. The "work bus" will not be available May 21-23.

Senior Clearance sheets will be given to English teachers on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and distributed to seniors by Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Seniors may begin to clear for athletics, the finance office, and the registrar. Seniors should clear with each teacher (by turning in books, etc.) on the day of the exam.

Final Senior Clearance will take place in the main gym on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at

7:25 am, the start of 1<sup>st</sup> period. During final Senior Clearance, seniors will receive caps and gowns.

Graduation rehearsal will be Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the main gym.

Graduation tickets will be distributed to seniors who have completed the clearance process.

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**Brave and Bold Coalition****Submitted by: Patty Winters**

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A perfect example of our coalition as a team in action took place on March 21 at our second parent event, "Addressing the Hard Questions of Underage Drinking." Guest speakers and parents shared personal triumphs and mistakes in the evolving challenges of raising adolescents in today's culture. The over-riding message was that as parents we make mistakes and do better when we know better; we can support each other by sharing what worked or did not work in our circumstances, and we should keep trying despite any anger, frustration or setbacks because our kids are worth it!

Special thanks to Donald Davis from Montgomery County Addiction Services, Teen Court Moderator Georgine DeBord, Bea Hanson, Meglyn Lansing, Maura Lynch, Esq., Kerri Reid, and Assistant State's Attorney Curtis Zeager for facilitating a frank and informative dialogue on how to be more involved with our teenagers and not be afraid to set limits or interact with their friends' parents.

Mr. Davis also discussed synthetic marijuana (commonly called K2, Spice, and other names; <http://teens.webmd.com/news/20120317/spice-k2-sending-teens-emergency-room>), and I shared tips from the Keeping It Safe Limousine Training on how teens sneak alcohol in platform soles and large high heels (vs. stilts), flasks that look like cell phones, and bras equipped with pouches in the cups and a straw in a strap. Watch the MHS News listserv for more details on synthetic marijuana and a list of limo companies that attended the training. (If you are not already a member of the MHS News parent listserv, click on <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MHSnews/> and sign up to stay informed on everything a Magruder parent needs to know!)

I would like to take this opportunity to pay respect to the Datt, Hoover, and McGuire families as we approach the anniversary of the tragic crash. Talk to your teens about honoring the memory of Spencer, Johnny and Haeley by avoiding any choices that would have a negative impact on their future and well-being. You can help them make good decisions by having a plan that if they find themselves in a situation where someone brings drugs or alcohol, they will call you with a code word, and you will pick them up and discuss the matter when you can both do so respectfully. Tell them you will confirm ahead of time that a responsible parent who complies with adult host laws will be at their friend's home, whether they are going to work on a school project or just "hang." Tell them they cannot go to a concert or Beach Week unless you speak to the parents who will chaperone – or chaperone yourself. And tell them you will put up with their teen tantrum for setting these limits because you love them more than they could ever know.

A pleasant and safe spring to all of you.

Patty Winters, Brave and Bold Coalition Chair

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**Magruder Music and Drama  
Proudly Present a  
Double Feature**

**May 3rd & 4th**



**A Concert Version of  
"RENT"**

**Directed By:  
Jonny Perl,  
Emily Reggia, & Tatiana Varela**



**"Stuck"**

**Written By: Christopher Mannino  
Directed By: Tyler Hanson**

**AFS Host Families Needed Bob Rushing, AFS Volunteer 301-236-6809**

AFS International Student Exchange has opportunities for about 15 Montgomery County families to host international high school exchange students for the 2012-2013 school year. Won't you consider it?

These are great, carefully screened kids. They come from over 90 different countries, and are eager to learn about America and take part in the activities of the host family and local high school. When you welcome a student from another country into your home, your children and family learn about the world, your AFS student takes home a part of America, and you make a personal contribution to world peace and understanding. Two and single parent households, with or without kids, are eligible. The family provides a place to sleep (not necessarily a private room) and provides meals. Students bring their own spending money and have excellent health insurance.

Now is the time to start making the arrangements. Working with an AFS volunteer, you'll select your student from several who are a good match for the family's interests and lifestyle. All AFS students are above average scholastically and speak English. To learn more, contact AFS volunteer Bob Rushing at 301-236-6809 ([rushingrw@hotmail.com](mailto:rushingrw@hotmail.com)), or visit the AFS website at [www.afsusa.org/](http://www.afsusa.org/)

# AFTER PROM PARTY PLANNING NOW.. Going for the Gold in 2012!! PLEASE COME JOIN US!

The After Prom Party will be held May 20, 2012 from 1:00 am until 5:00 am. Please join us! Many volunteers are needed to make this a safe, fun and memorable evening (early morning!) for our kids. Below is a list of the different planning areas where we need help NOW!

We would love to have you volunteer your help. Please contact Ms. Linda Kuserk, After Prom Committee volunteer co-ordinator at lkuserk@comcast.net.

The After Prom **decorations committee needs help now** with some projects and for decorating on Saturday, May 19, 2012 starting at noon. The decorating committee will have all that you need to help..

Also, we are in need of a photographer to volunteer in the early morning of the After Prom party. The main task will be taking pictures, downloading, and printing out pictures for the keepsake key rings.

Any monetary donations are tax deductible to you! This event cost about \$10,000 to produce and financial help from our Magruder families and community is needed. Please sign up below to help or to make a donation. Thank you!

We are collecting printer cartridges, toner cartridges, and cell phones. There is a collection recycling box in the main office and in the media center. Thank you!

Contacts: Patti Fornatora 301-963-6212 or pfornatora@msn.com  
and Deby Dicello 301-740-9828 or djdpgh@aol.com

I want to Make the 2012 Magruder After Prom a Success.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Call me about helping with:**

**Fundraisers** \_\_\_\_\_ **Decorations** \_\_\_\_\_ **Publicity** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mailings** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amusements** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ticket Sales** \_\_\_\_\_ **Food** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please come join us for a fundraiser at Ledo's Pizza ,  
7213 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood, MD 20855  
(301) 869-7900 on May 2, 2012 all-day.**

**C-you there!**



**Second Annual Colonel Classic**

**Friday, May 4, 2012**

PB Dye Golf Club

9526 Dr. Perry Rd

Iijamsville, MD 21754



Sponsored by:

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Magruder Athletic Boosters

## Our Mission

Proceeds from this tournament help to support Magruder PTSA and Magruder Athletic Booster Club programs. These programs include support to all athletic teams at Magruder, support of academic programs, health and safety programs, teacher support, academic awards and parent symposiums.

**Make checks payable to Magruder  
High School PTSA**

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with any questions

## The Drive to Replace the Magruder Grand Piano Continues !!

Our aging dear friend of a GRAND PIANO, a constant presence in countless concerts and events, has served the Magruder community well since the 1970s -- and oh, the stories it could tell: the concerts, the musicals, the talent shows, the ceremonies, the productions.... It has lived a good life, providing so many with such joy on so many occasions, but, alas, its life expectancy draws near.

**The cold hard facts:** the price of a 7-foot Grand Piano suitable for our auditorium is \$32,877.00.

Please consider a donation towards its replacement and join one of our clubs:

Benchmark Club: \$ 5000 pays for the piano bench

The Key Signature Club: \$1000 for a pedal

Ebony and Ivory Club: \$250 for a piano key

Treble Clef Club: \$100 purchases a piano string

Quarter Note Club: \$25 For a musical note

Your kind donation is greatly appreciated.

It is a gift that keeps on giving: one that our community will enjoy now and for generations to come.

Cash and checks made payable to "Magruder High School" with "GRAND PIANO" written in the memo line gladly accepted. All donations are tax deductible. Mail Checks to Magruder High School, c/o Grand Piano Fundraiser, 5939 Muncaster Mill Rd., Rockville, MD 20855

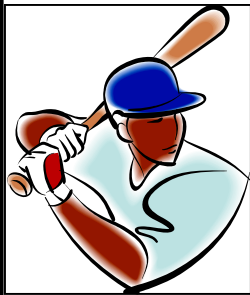
or

Deliver to Mr. Schmidt c/o Magruder Music Department



# Magruder Athletic Booster Club

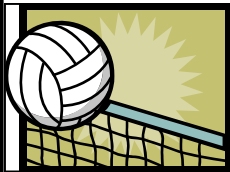
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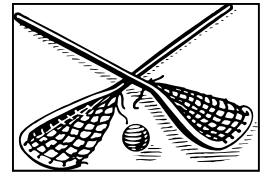
A busy spring sports season is under way at Magruder. Softball, baseball, lacrosse, tennis, track and field and volleyball are all in full swing so get out and support our teams.

Thanks to all who volunteered indoors at the concession stand this winter during a very busy season which saw record crowds come to watch the boys 4A state champion basketball team.

This winter we supplied funds for purchase of new football helmets and a new timing system for the swim team as well as paid for the certification of two additional coaches. As we have done in past years, the boosters club made a sizable donation to help fund the After Prom event.

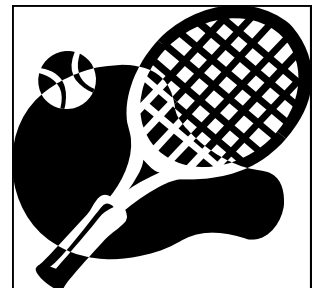
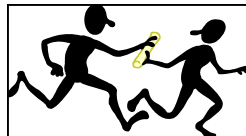


Looking ahead, don't forget the Colonel Classic Golf tournament on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at the P B Dye Golf Club in Ijamsville, MD with proceeds going to support both the Magruder PTA and athletic boosters club. Please consider playing in the event or if you have a business or service to promote, consider being a sponsor (you can do both if you like!) Complete details are on the Magruder website.



Finally, the boosters club sponsors a scholarship every year for graduating senior varsity athletes. The deadline for the scholarship is early May and all the details are available on the Boosters section of the Magruder website.

As always, continue to support Magruder athletics by attending one of the events, joining the Booster Club, volunteering at the concession stand or simply wearing your Magruder Spirit Wear. You can find more information concerning the Booster Club by clicking on the "Booster" tab on the Magruder web site. Thank you. Go Colonels!!



## Say Thank You to the Staff

Thanks to all the parents that have supported the PTSA Staff Appreciation events throughout the year. This June, the PTSA will be supporting the End of Year Luncheon for the staff. If you would like to write a personal thank you note to be shared with the staff and make a monetary contribution toward the luncheon, please put it in the PTSA mailbox in the main office. Please make checks payable to Magruder PTSA with staff appreciation in the memo. Write your message and mail it to: Magruder High School PTSA; 5939 Muncaster Mill Road; Rockville, MD 20855



## Please support the Magruder PTSA!

PTSA Meetings are open to everyone. They are usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Media Center. See the calendar of events inside for the next meeting date.

***The Courier*** is the quarterly newsletter of the Magruder PTSA. We publish important dates, events and articles by Mr. Evans, academic departments, clubs, athletics, etc. Issues of the Courier are posted on the MHS PTSA website. Paper copies are mailed only by request (see below.)

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