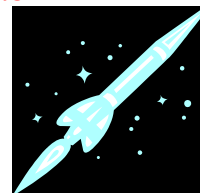




PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Nelson McLeod, Principal



Summer, 2011
Richard Montgomery High School

RM Rocket Pride!

School Updates

Dear Richard Montgomery High School Community:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! The staff and I have been enthusiastically preparing for the arrival of our students on Monday, August 29, 2011. This year will provide our students with many opportunities for academic rigor, success, and school spirit.

- Mark your calendars!! The Richard Montgomery High School Back-To-School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Alan Xie**, a rising senior at Richard Montgomery High School, was sworn in as the 34th student member of the Board of Education on July 7. Back in April, he won the election with more than 72 percent of the votes cast by 65,000 middle and high school students. Xie is serving his second consecutive term as the student member.
- **Aaron Berman** and **Christofer Riveros Hidalgo** were awarded first place in the Writing Contest sponsored by *Centro Español*. Aaron received first place in the English Speakers Category and Christofer first place in the Spanish Speakers Category. They both took home \$250, and other language related materials at the reception at the Spanish Embassy in Washington, DC.
- We are continuing our theme of GOING GREEN at Richard Montgomery High School. We will be posting the August Back-to-School mailing online. Hard copies will be available in the main office and at Julius West Middle School. All families will receive written notification regarding the online August mailing via U.S. Mail. Also, we will be doing a Connect-Ed call regarding the online August mailing. This information was shared and we received parental feedback at the May 2010 PTSA meeting, and two meetings during the 2010-2011 school year.
- I am pleased to inform you that Nicole Sosik, assistant principal, has been selected for the MCPS Secondary Principal Training Program. Ms. Sosik will be a principal intern at Wheaton High School for the 2011-2012 school year. A new assistant principal will start in August, 2011. Also, we extend warm wishes to Jeff Brown, assistant school administrator, regarding his new assignment at Seneca Valley High School next year. With the new FY2012 Operating Budget, the position of Assistant School Administrator at Richard Montgomery High School was eliminated.
- Reminder!! For the safety of our students, parents should not drop-off students in the bus area, staff parking area, or near the main entrance in the mornings. This is very unsafe! All student drop-offs are near the stadium /auditorium entrance.

Thank you for your continued support of Richard Montgomery High School.

—Nelson McLeod, PhD
 Principal

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 8/11: MCPS Summer School Graduation, Walter Johnson HS, 2:00 pm
- 8/13: Fall Sports Season begins, Auditorium, 9:00 am
- 8/22 and 8/23: Senior Pictures Make-up in Auditorium, 8:30 am-3 pm
- 8/23-8/25: Marching Band Camp, 3:00 pm
- 8/24: IB Freshman Orientation, Auditorium, 3:00 pm
- 8/25: New Student/Freshman Orientation, 7:25 am-11:30 am
- 8/29: First day of School
- 9/5: Labor Day Holiday (no school)
- 9/20: PTSA Meeting, Cafeteria, 7:30 pm
- 9/22: Back To School Night, 6:00 pm
- 9/28: Early Release Day, K-12
- 9/29: Rosh Hashanah (no school)

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New Student and Freshman Orientation

New Student Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 25 from 7:25 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Bus transportation will be available and students will follow the normal bus routes and time schedules. This is an important opportunity for our new students to meet their teachers, tour the building, and get a first grasp of academic life at Richard Montgomery High School. Welcome to the class of 2015!

Principal's Coffees

- Monday, September 12, 7:30 a.m.
(Principal's Conference Room)
- Thursday, October 27, 6:00 p.m.
(Media Center)



Homecoming Dates

Spirit Week:

September 26 - 30



Football Game:

September 30, 6:00 p.m.
Richard Montgomery vs Kennedy

Homecoming Dance:

October 1, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.



Schedule Changes

There are two reasons why a student's schedule may require a change:

1. If there is an error in the student's schedule, and/or
2. There is a missing class in the student's schedule.

If one of these cases exists, please do the following:

- Contact the assigned counselor before school starts;
- During the first two days of school, make an appointment with your guidance counselor; or
- After the first two days of school, contact your counselor before school, during lunch or after school.



Open House

Monday, October 10, 2011, is Columbus Day and the traditional day for Open House for all MCPS schools. As a result, we are inviting current parents to visit Richard Montgomery High School for our local Open House.

Open House hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Important Phone Numbers—RMHS



RMHS—Main Office	301-610-8000
Counseling Office:	301-610-8050
Registrar:	301-610-8055
Athletic Director:	301-610-8075
Career Center:	301-610-8064
Business Manager:	301-610-8011
Financial Office:	301-610-8012
Attendance Office:	301-610-8010

RMHS Graduate — Youth Entrepreneur of the Year

Brandon Deyo, Class of 2011, was named the Youth Entrepreneur of the Year for Greater Washington by Ernst & Young and Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area. Brandon, who is 19, was honored for founding The Mars Reel, an online sports entertainment and video production service.

As an avid high school basketball player, Brandon searched for a company that would film his games to increase his chances of being seen by college coaches. Upon finding none that would, Brandon founded The Mars Reel in February 2010 with partners **Bradley Deyo** and **Greg Goldfarb** to create videos for himself and his friends. He received such a positive response from colleges that other high school athletes began seeking out his services, quickly transforming The Mars Reel from a personal project into a full-fledged business.

Today, The Mars Reel films, edits, and publishes a wide variety of online videos, including game highlights, recruitment videos, mini-documentaries, short films, commercials, and promotional videos. The company publishes its videos for free via YouTube, and generates its profits from both online advertising and commissions from video production projects. In

just over a year of operation, The Mars Reel has attracted over 4,200 subscribers on YouTube and its videos have been viewed more than 925,000 times. Brandon will enroll in Howard University next fall to major in Economics and minor in Entrepreneurship. To learn more about The Mars Reel, visit www.TheMarsReel.com.

“Brandon has demonstrated tremendous entrepreneurial drive by turning his passion for basketball into a profitable and widely-recognized business venture,” said Ed Grenier, President and CEO of Junior Achievement. “We are very pleased to partner with Ernst & Young to recognize Brandon with this award.”

This year was the eighth time the Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Award has been offered in Greater Washington. Brandon was chosen from among numerous teen applicants for the honor, which includes a \$1,000 award from Ernst & Young, as well as recognition at Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Awards and the Washington Business Hall of Fame.

Athletics Update

The fall sports season begins on Saturday, August 13, 2011. All athletes will meet in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m., for an informational meeting on Saturday. Fall sports include football, soccer, field hockey, volleyball, and cross country.

All required forms are to accompany the athletes to the first day of tryouts. Athletes who do not have all of the forms completed will not be permitted to take part in any team activity until the forms are completed. Please go to the Richard Montgomery High School web site (www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/athletics/) for a list of the required forms. Upon making the team, all players are required to pay the MCPS Extracurricular Activity Fee before they can continue to practice with the team. (See page 6 for more information about the MCPS Extracurricular Activity Fee.)

Richard Montgomery HS SGA Officials 2011-2012

SGA OFFICIALS 2011-2012

SGA President: Dira Djaya
SGA Vice-President: Ahmed Elnaiem
SGA Secretary: Rebecca Sinai
SGA Treasurer:: Prisca Alilio
SGA Parliamentarian: Will McNamara

Class of 2012:

President: Hiroshi Furuya
Vice President: David Hamilton
Secretary: Elena DeLaPaz
Treasurer: Somin Kwon

Class of 2013:

President: Alex Bazan
Vice President: Michael Scott
Secretary: Jessica Deng
Treasurer: Danish Akbar

Class of 2014

President: Andrew Zhang
Vice President: Amy Wu
Secretary: Helen Tang
Treasurer: Suzanne Xu



Richard Montgomery High School

★ 2011 ★
Back-to-School
Night ★

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

6:00-6:50 p.m. Information Fair

(Displays in the Cafeteria and Main Street)

7:00-9:00 p.m. General Program

**Additional parking will be available at Sandy Spring Bank and in the rear parking lot of Marlo Furniture



Department Updates

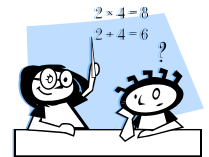
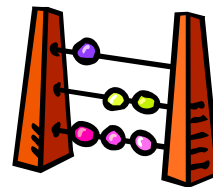
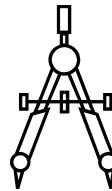
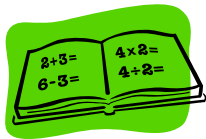
MATH

The math department hopes you are having a relaxing and enjoyable summer and we look forward to an exciting school year.

Summer Assignment: Please check the RMHS website for math classes that have required summer math packets. These packets are due on the first day of school. The math website is:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/departments/math/>

Calculators: Graphing calculators will be used in all Algebra, Statistics, Pre-calculus, and Calculus courses. Calculators may be purchased at many area stores. If you already own a *TI-83 plus*, that will suffice for all RM math courses. The math department will instructionally support the *TI-83 plus* and the *TI-83 plus* is approved for use on *H.S.A.*, *S.A.T.*, *A.P.*, and *I.B. exams*. Students may use other graphing calculators during class, but must understand **that they may not be able to use their calculator during assessments in every math course**. Course syllabi for each course will list any calculator restrictions for that particular course. Students with other calculators must also understand that they may be at a disadvantage during instruction, as the key strokes and programs used in class are geared for working with the *TI-83 plus*.



ENGLISH

Summer Reading: The Montgomery County Public School System encourages students to read over the summer because of the many benefits and joys of reading. Studies show that well-read students have advanced vocabularies, strong critical thinking skills, and greater success on standardized tests.

We hope you will enjoy your reading this summer and that it provides you with an opportunity to see the world from a different perspective or to learn something new about yourself. Completion of the summer reading assignment will also reinforce the comprehension and analysis skills that are central to the English curriculum.

From the school website list constructed by members of the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs in collaboration with Montgomery County Public Libraries, students should consult the Richard Montgomery High School website for their summer reading requirement. The books are available at branches of the Montgomery County Public Library. As you read and once you have finished the entire book, please complete the "Summer Reading Chart Grade 9-12" located on the English Department website. The chart will be collected on September 9, 2011, and will be assessed as homework and included in the 10% homework category of your first marking period grade.

Additional information regarding the English summer reading is on our website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/departments/english/>



College and Career Center Update

The summer is a great time to visit those college websites to review the application process. Seniors should have a clear idea of schools they will be applying to in the fall.

Regarding essays, start drafting responses now while you have some time. In the fall when school starts some students may find it difficult to find the time to write college essays. Also, start completing the applications—the more you can accomplish over the summer the less stress you will feel when deadlines are approaching.

Remember, Richard Montgomery does not send SAT or ACT scores with transcripts. Students are responsible for contacting CollegeBoard or ACT to have scores sent to schools.



Do you need to take one more SAT or ACT? Here are important upcoming deadlines:

- August 12, 2011 – Deadline to register for September 10th ACT exam (Register at www.actstudent.org)
- August 20, 2011 - MOCK SAT/Act testing at Richard Montgomery High School, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- August 26, 2011 – Deadline to register late for September 10 ACT (costs additional \$\$\$)
- August 30, 2011 – Score Report Meeting at Richard Montgomery High School, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- September 9, 2011 – Deadline to register for October 1 SAT exam (Register @ www.collegeboard.com)
- September 11, 2011 – Official ACT exam
- October 1, 2011 – Official SAT exam



“Rocket Pride”



Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular Activity (ECA) fee remittance forms were mailed directly to all students on July 15, 2011. The ECA fee is a one-time fee of \$30 for the 2011-2012 school year. A reduced fee of \$15 is available for students whose family incomes are less than \$35,000. This school year parents can pay the ECA fee online using a credit card. Payments are accepted by going to the MCPS website at: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents/ and navigating to the Parents/Resources section, and then click on Extracurricular Activity (ECA) fee - Pay online. Parents will receive by e-mail a receipt when they pay online.

Blank ECA fee remittance forms are available in the main office if you did not receive a preprinted form in the mail.

School Updates—Part 2

- Middle and high school student volunteers are needed to sort, box and organize donated school supplies for the Drive for Supplies project. This is a pre-approved student service learning activity. Sorting will take place in the cafeteria of Richard Montgomery High School on July 18-19 from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Students may volunteer for all or part of the day. Supplies come from MCPS students and staff, who collect and donate their gently used school supplies as they clean out lockers, desks and closets at the end of the school year. At Richard Montgomery, we donated over 10 boxes of supplies.
- To continue our goal of personalizing the learning environment, two additional student murals adorn the hallways this spring. First, the Class of 2011 Homecoming mural is located near our Attendance Office, and the ESOL mural is located on the second floor.
- Richard Montgomery High School has partnered with the Commonweal Foundation to provide after school tutoring to students. The Commonweal Foundation was founded in 1968 by a Washington, DC area businessman to serve the community in which he had lived and thrived since 1937. They provide tutors (our own Richard Montgomery teachers) who implement intensive academic remediation and instruction in specific content areas. This year a National Board Certified teacher tutored three students in reading, writing and study skills after school twice a week for an hour. Next year another English teacher will be added to the team.
- Two community forums for parents, staff, students and other community members will be held on Wednesday, October 12 and Thursday, October 27, 2011. The forums provide an opportunity to offer input on the school system's strategic plan. Information shared at the forums will be used to help set priorities for the Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget. More details on the forums will be available in late summer.

Richard Montgomery HS — PTSA Officers 2011-2012

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Marking Period & Report Card Information

First Marking Period ends: October 28, 2011
Second Marking Period ends: January 20, 2012
Third Marking Period ends: March 29, 2012
Fourth Marking Period ends: June 12, 2012

Report Card Distribution Dates:

November 10, 2011
February 1, 2012
April 12, 2012
June 21, 2012

