Scholar Holler

Clarksburg High School
November 2026

Upcoming Events

November 23rd & 24th- Parent Conferences

November 24th- Guest speaker Mariska Epstein

November 26-27th Thanksgiving Holidays



The 9th grade field trip to the Capitol for the VOTE! classroom experience has been booked for February.

9th graders should have received a SCO request to pay for the trip



Coordinator Clements's Comments

There is something nice about moving into a new marking period. the school year offers many opportnities for a "fresh start". I hope you will carry the lessons you learned in marking period one with you for the rest of the school year.

I think one of the biggest changes for our school year is the modification to the attendance policy that students cannot make up missed work on days that have unexcused absences. It is really important that you come to class every day that you can and if you cannot, you follow the protocol to get your absence excused within three days of being out.

Our guest speaker this month was Destiny Smallwood. Destiny is currently a law student at Howard University. It was great to hear her advice about making the most of your school experiences and working on a network in order to set yourself up for success.

Our next scheduled speaker is coming to speak to mostly to juniors and seniors about applying to college and what happens if you are not satisfied with your first choice of universities.



I am working on getting a physical therapist scheduled to speak in December. Once again, I welcome suggestions for speakers!

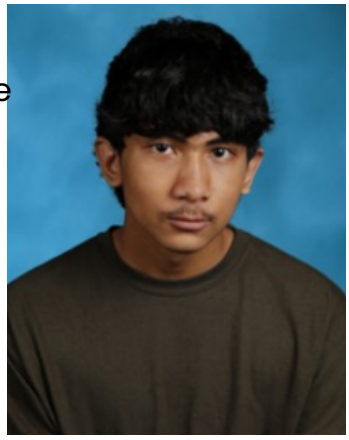
Students of the Month



Simrah Sheikh goes above and beyond in class participation, asks thoughtful questions, and excellent academic performance.

Class of 2027

Nirav Dangol flies a little under the radar but is an absolute superstar when it comes to analysis of ideas in APUSH.



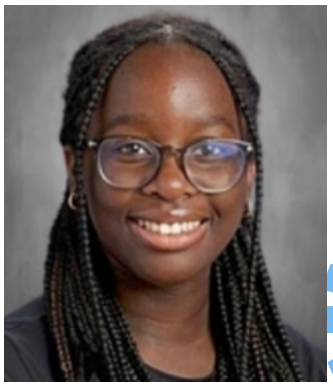
Class of 2029



Wesley Odell got a 100% in AP World for the first marking period. He is a very smart, polite young man!

Class of 2028

Jessica Letsou is always kind, smiling, and on her A game in class. She really set the standard for writing in MP1



Class of 2030

Faculty of the Month

Deanna Graziano is teaching APPS Biology this year. We are excited to have her with us supporting APPS students.
Ms. Graziano attended UMBC where she ran track and played volleyball. She completed 2 master's degrees at UNC Wilimington and UMBC. She got into teaching by joining Teach for America after college.



Before joining us at Clarksburg, she taught for 10 years at Blair. She married her college sweetheart and has two young children.
In addition to teaching biology she also coches girls volleyball.

Not too late to travel!

We still have a few spots left for this year's Spring Break trip to France and Switzerland.



The plan for 2028 Spring Break is Safari in South Africa- stay tuned for more information!



Questions? Suggestions? email rachel_l_clements@mcpsmd.org