

September



HCRASC NEWS



WE'RE BACK.

The goal of HCRASC's Newsletter is to ensure that the students of HCPS are readily informed for this year's fundraisers, events, and vital information. We hope this publication will help catch you up to HCRASC's past, present, and future events!!

JOIN OUR NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY



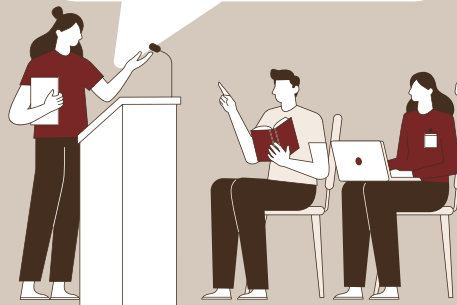
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SAVE THE DATE

10/23/24

@ **ABERDEEN
HIGH SCHOOL**
Subject: Legislative and
Public Comment



WE'LL BE COVERING:

- Student Advocacy Workshops
 - Public Comments
 - Topics that effect you
 - How to read a bill
 - parliamentary procedure
- Keynote Speaker: Delegate Susan McComas
- Tabs for RMDH



REST IN PEACE: WARREN CURTIS GRANT

Our condolences go out to Warren and his family. May he rest in peace, and may his loved ones find strength during this difficult time.

No student should ever have to fear for their safety while pursuing an education, and no life should ever be jeopardized within school due to the tragedy of gun violence. We stand for making school a safe place for fostering learning, and hope.



RMHC FUNDRAISER

BRING SODA TABS TO THE OCTOBER GA!

The Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore is a place that provides comfort for children and their families who are facing illness and staying in Baltimore hospitals. The House gives them a place to stay and food to eat so that the families don't have to worry about another bill. This year, HCRASC will be supporting the RMDHC by collecting and donating soda tabs. When your SGA brings their collected soda tabs to our GAs, it helps the House provide transportation for their families!

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

This month we acknowledge children who have been forced to battle a tragic, deadly illness at such a young age, in order to raise awareness and continue the research and treatment of the disease. **Donate to cancer research today at <https://donate.cancer.org>**



HCRASC COMMITTEES

Applications Open: Sep 9th



COMMUNICATIONS

[APPLICATION LINK](#)

Committee Focus:

- Managing and enhancing HCRASC's presence on platforms like Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and more
- Collaborating with fellow students to create engaging content and develop communication strategies

Key Responsibilities:

- Attend biweekly meetings led by Shreeya and Lily
- Actively participate in discussions and brainstorming sessions
- Assist in creating and scheduling posts for HCRASC's social media accounts
- Assist in Newsletter creation

FINANCE

[APPLICATION LINK](#)

Committee Focus:

- Oversees the financial health and operations of HCRASC
- Develops strategies to secure financial support through fundraising, grants, and sponsorships
- Ensures accurate financial records and compliance with policies

Key Responsibilities:

- Planning and executing fundraising events
- Assist in researching and applying for grants to support HCRASC initiatives
- Work on developing sponsorship packages and maintaining positive relationships with community businesses

STUDENT VOICE

[APPLICATION LINK](#)

Committee Focus:

- Includes one appointed student from each middle and high school in HCPS
- Serves as the communication link between each school's SGA and HCRASC
- Ensures student voices are represented in the general assembly discussions and decision-making

Key Responsibilities:

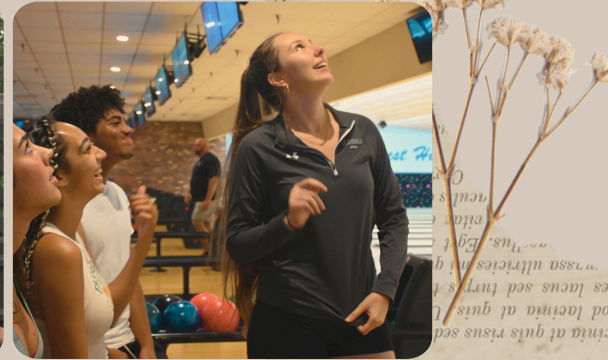
- Represent your school's SGA and act as the voice of your school's general assembly
- Attend monthly virtual meetings via Teams/Zoom to collaborate with other representatives
- Participate in discussions to support student interests

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HCRASC BOOTCAMP

~Summer 24~

MAY 2024



The HCRASC Boot Camp brought together newly elected officers and staff for a day of team building and strategic planning. After enjoying a picnic and bowling, the executive board held an important meeting to discuss the upcoming school year. Key topics included fundraising, new committees, GA meeting dates, and fresh events to engage student councils.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Did you know?

- National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15 to October 15.
- The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson.
- It was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period.
- It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.
- The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua
- In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively
- [For more resources, click here.](#)



OFFICER DUTIES



Position: President
Name: Trae McVicker
Grade: 11
School: Harford Technical High
Role:

- Presides over all Executive Board and General Assembly meetings.
- Represents HCRASC in official capacities, including on the MASC Executive Board.
- Oversees committee appointments and ensures student voices are heard at public meetings



Position: 1st Vice President
Name: Shreeya Shah
Grade: 11
School: Science and Math Academy
Role:

- Assumes the duties of the President in their absence and supports all responsibilities assigned by the President.
- Acts as a liaison between high schools and directs all HCRASC communications.
- Chairs the Communications Committee and manages annual elections.



Position: SMOB
Name: Sasha Pazoki
Grade: 12
School: Science and Math Academy
Role:

- Represents students by advocating for their interests on the Harford County Board of Education.
- Serves as a liaison between HCRASC and the Board
- Elected annually by the General Assembly of HCRASC according to established election procedures



Position: Chief of Staff
Name: Cameron Houck
Grade: 12
School: Harford Technical High
Role:

- Oversee 9 HCRASC staff members
- Serve as the primary liaison between Appointed staff and Officers
- Outreach and support provided to staff



Position: 2nd Vice President
Name: Rylie Semple
Grade: 8
School: Havre De Grace Middle
Role:

- Act as a liaison between middle school student and the HCRASC Body
- Provide a unique middle school perspective to HCRASC executive board meetings.




MASC UPDATES

From our MASC Liaison~Vibha Nanduri

- **Workshop Presenter Certification:** By completing this certification, you'll be eligible to lead workshops at MASC events such as conferences and convention. Registration is open from September 3rd to 18th. The event takes place on September 21st. Be sure to complete the registration form to attend!
- **MASC committee applications** are now open! Joining a committee is a great way to get involved with important issues across Maryland and contribute to MASC's initiatives. The committees include civic engagement, community service, environmental affairs, finance, mental health, or social media. Consider applying by December 1st, at mdstudentcouncils.org.
- **MASC Conferences** this year: the Fall Leadership Conference on November 23, 2024, and the Winter Conference on January 25, 2025. The annual convention will take place in Ocean City and is set for March 11-13, 2025.

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH:



This September, we remember those who have lost their lives to suicide, and acknowledge the millions of people today, who struggle with suicidal thoughts. As students, families, and staff, let's look out for others who may be battling these thoughts. If you, or anyone you know, struggle with suicidal thought patterns, please dial **988: Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**.

- [*For more resources, Click Here!*](#)

HCRASC VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE:

Please look forward to our county wide voter registration drive. HCRASC is working with the League of Women Voter as well as New Voters, to get a HCRASC website to help register new voters. More info coming soon!

