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# Marlinghton High School

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## DUKES OF THE MONTH



October



November



December

## Sock Hop

Student Council will be hosting a Sock Hop dance after the boys' varsity basketball home game against Alliance on Friday, December 30. The dance will begin in the cafeteria promptly after the game ends and will last until 11 p.m. The cost is \$2. Tickets will be on sale the week before Christmas Break and at the door. Please come support this Student Council fundraiser for the Winter Sports Dance!

## FFA Brings in the Cheer

Several FFA members showed off their holiday spirit by making real wooden Santa Claus ornaments at the staff Christmas Party on December 13. Also in December the FFA members traveled to four different Alliance nursing homes to carol and bring cheer to the residents.

## Annual National Honor Society Rigatoni Dinner

The dinner will be held on January 27 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Come out and join us for delicious food and fun before the Marlington vs. Carrollton boys' basketball game. Dinner is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under six. Dinner includes rigatoni with meatballs, salad, bread, drink, and dessert. NHS students will be face painting to get everyone in the Duke spirit for a victory over the Warriors! Pre-sale tickets will be sold by all NHS members in January. For questions email [j\\_oyster@marlingtonlocal.org](mailto:j_oyster@marlingtonlocal.org), [c\\_locke@marlingtonlocal.org](mailto:c_locke@marlingtonlocal.org) or call 330-823-1300 after 2:30 p.m.



## Dukes Lead Retreat

On November 30 the Marlington FFA Chapter hosted the inaugural Dukes Lead retreat at the Chapel in Marlboro. The event was to bring together the student leaders of organizations in the high school for a day of team building and leadership development. Assistant Principal Mr. Brett Yeagley and FFA advisor Jessica Helsing chaperoned and assisted in teaching for the day. The key speaker was Ohio FFA president Jessica Shanahan. Student organizations that attended the event included FFA, National Honor Society, Inter-act Club, Student Council, each grade's class officers, Choir Council, and Character Counts. During the day students made plans for their clubs, strengthened their leadership skills and networked amongst themselves. Next year the FFA hopes to include a middle school Dukes Lead event as well.

## Band News



The middle school bands performed their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 1 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The event was a large success thanks to many volunteers from the Marlington Band Boosters as well as members of the Marching Dukes of Marlington Band Council. The basketball season has begun and the pep band had their first performance. Come out to all the varsity boys' basketball home games to support the team and hear the pep band perform! The high school band is preparing for our Band Dance on January 14 at 7:30 p.m., Solo and Ensemble on January 28 at Massillon's Washington High School and the Winter Concert on February 16 in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. Come out and support the Marlington Band Program! Go Dukes!



## Duke Drama

The high school's production of *South Pacific* will be March 23 - 25. Anyone wishing to volunteer behind the scenes can contact Mrs. Painter at 330-821-4270. Check the musical webpage for updates concerning ticket sales and show times.

## Winter Sports Dance

*Alice in Winter Wonderland* is the theme of this year's Winter Sports Dance. The dance will be held on Saturday, January 28 in the Moulin Center from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold during lunch periods starting Monday, January 23. REMINDER: all students must purchase a \$5 activity card before purchasing a dance ticket (one per year). Please speak with your class advisor (see planner). Guest forms may be found in the flyer showcase across from the main office and must be turned in to the main office by Monday, January 23. Guest forms are for students coming from another district - one guest per student. We will not fax late forms to and from guest schools so be aware of deadline.

## Character Counts Thanks YOU!

Character Counts, in conjunction with FFA, collected canned and boxed food items for families in need in the Marlinton district. Over 900 lbs. of food was donated! Enough food was collected to give 22 families each 50 cans/boxes of food and enough money was raised to purchase extra items that may be needed. Some of the food was distributed by the bus drivers and resource officer prior to Thanksgiving and the remainder will be distributed before Christmas.

## Interact Corn Hole Tournament

Interact will be holding a corn hole tournament on Friday, February 17 prior to the boys' basketball game in the Moulin Center. Sign up a team of two for \$10. Prizes will be awarded for the top three teams. Email Mrs. Francis at: [1\\_francis@marlingtonlocal.org](mailto:1_francis@marlingtonlocal.org) with questions. Please listen to our morning announcements for more details as this event approaches.

## Seniors, We Need You... \$20,000 in Scholarships

The Marlinton Alumni Association is accepting scholarship applications and will award more than \$20,000 in 15 scholarships to qualified applicants. Scholarships are available to students pursuing a variety of programs including two- and four-year degrees and are offered to students who wish to study horticulture, agriculture, art, music, language and other disciplines. For scholarship criteria and to apply, go to [www.marlingtonalumni.org](http://www.marlingtonalumni.org). Application deadline is February 1, 2012.

### No School

Martin Luther King Jr. – January 16  
Presidents' Day – February 20

## Senior Corner

- A letter concerning graduation will be mailed to all senior parents the beginning of May.
- All school fees and class dues must be paid before graduation.
- Prom will be held on Saturday, May 5 at 6 p.m.
- Academic Recognition Banquet will be held on Monday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m.
- Seniors Awards Assembly will be held on Wednesday, May 23 in the auditorium.
- Baccalaureate (spiritual graduation ceremony) will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. All seniors and their family members are invited and encouraged to come. Students should arrive at 6:30 p.m. with their cap and gown.
- Senior exams will be Tuesday, May 29 and Wednesday, May 30.
- Graduation practice will be held at the Chapel in Marlboro, on Friday, June 1 from 9 - 11:00 a.m. This practice is mandatory for all seniors participating in the graduation ceremonies.
- Graduation will be held Sunday, June 3 at 3 p.m. at the Chapel in Marlboro.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 23 from 2:45 – 6:45 p.m. and Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Please call Mrs. Dickerhoof at (330)-823-1300, ext. 4205, to schedule an appointment for your conferences.

## Report Cards

End of the first semester reports will be sent home with students on Friday, January 27, 2012.

## Race to the Top Update

As a recipient of Race to the Top (RttT) funds, the Marlinton Local School District is dedicated to being transparent, accountable and innovative with the monies we've been given.

### November and December

- We attended the High School-Higher Education Alignment Grant Workshop, which is attempting to connect colleges and universities with Ohio high schools in order to better align content and expectations between the two. While Marlinton will not receive any grant dollars, being part of the discussion will help us better prepare our students for college.
- Both middle school and high school staff have been fully trained on our new data warehouse, Testing Werks.
- The transformational team learned about value-added reports and what they mean at the district, building and teacher levels.
- We have continued to participate in county-level meetings that address changes in our standards.

For questions about Race to the Top, contact the superintendent's office at 330.823.7458.

<b>January Exam Schedule</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18</b>	<b>THURSDAY JANUARY 19</b>	<b>FRIDAY JANUARY 20</b>
<b>Testing Blocks</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>EXAMS</b>	<b>EXAMS</b>	<b>EXAMS</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>7:40 – 9:10</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> period</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> period</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> period</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>9:20-10:50</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> period</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> period</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> period</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>11:00 –12:30</b>	<b>5/6 period</b>	<b>7/8 period</b>	<b>Make Up/ Activity</b>

Exam permission slips will be given to students at a later date. **Slips must be returned by January 13<sup>th</sup> to your first period teacher.**

### SCHEDULING PROCESS

Marlington High School strongly encourages students to carefully choose subjects during the scheduling process in February. Register for the subjects you want and need before the schedule is finalized at the end of the school year. Students are given several weeks to look through the Program of Studies, ask questions and discuss options with parents, teachers and counselors before making their final selections for the coming year.

The following is the normal scheduling process:

- January/February
  - o Counselors meet with groups of students to explain the scheduling process, review the Program of Studies and answer students' questions.
- February
  - o Students enter course requests.
- March/April
  - o Counselors review student course requests.
  - o The Master schedule is built.
- May/June
  - o Counselors will contact students with conflicts, errors or incomplete schedules.
- September
  - o Students will receive their schedules during open house.

Please check the guidance website regularly for college scholarships.

### SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

Student course requests influence allocation decisions (i.e., offered classes) for the following year. Therefore, students are not permitted to make schedule changes after May.

Schedule adjustments will only be made during the first three weeks of each semester if:

1. A student's schedule does not meet grade level or graduation requirements.
2. A student's schedule does not reflect requested courses (i.e., computer error).
3. A student did not pass a class that is a prerequisite for another class.
4. A teacher or counselor identifies necessary level changes for a student.

Students who choose to drop a class after three weeks into the semester will receive a failing grade. The grade of "F" will be placed on the transcript at the end of the semester and will be averaged into the student's grade point average. The final semester grade report will list the class and indicate the failing grade.

### "DUKE FOOTBALL COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR"

This calendar contains pictures of the 2011 season. Proceeds from the sale will help fund the 2012 team meals. Buy a calendar and feed a Duke! Pictures will feature Little Dukes, middle school, freshman, JV, varsity football and cheerleaders.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 Duke Football Commemorative Calendars @ \$15.00 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Marlington Local Schools** with *football calendar* in the Memo.

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Athletics

Marlington is now headed full speed ahead in the winter sports season of girls' basketball, gymnastics, swimming, boys' basketball, and wrestling. But, before we bring you up to speed with those, lets recap a few fall sports teams.

Since our last newsletter, the **boys' soccer and football** teams have completed their seasons. The football team defeated Alliance in the Backyard Brawl Battle to wrap up their season at 8-2. Meanwhile the boys' soccer team made another impressive post-season tournament run as they won the District Championship for the third straight year and, for the second straight year, advanced to the Elite 8 finishing as the Regional Runner-Up.



The **swimming and gymnastics** teams are busy working out at the Alliance YMCA in preparation for the OHSAA Sectional Championships. Meanwhile the **girls' basketball** team is off to another fast start as they are 3-1 overall, 2-0 in the NBC and looking to challenge for the NBC Championship. The **boys' basketball** team is currently 0-2 after losing two close ones including an overtime loss. Finally, the **wrestlers** just hosted the 12 Team Marlington Duals and finished in 4th place with a record of 5-3 and will now start their quest for an NBC title.



## 2011 UPCOMING DATES

<b>JAN.</b>	3	Band Booster Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
	4	CiCi Pizza Fundraiser Night	
	9	Athletic Booster Meeting .....	7:30 p.m.
		Academic Challenge at GlenOak .....	3:00 p.m.
	12	Alumni Meeting (Café) .....	7:00 p.m.
	14	HS Band Dance (MMS) .....	7:30 p.m.
		NBC Cheerleading Competition.....	9:00 a.m.
		18, 19, 20 Exams	
	18	Financial Aid Night .....	7:00 p.m.
	19	Board of Education Meeting .....	7:00 p.m.
	20	End of the 2nd 9weeks and Semester	
	26	Aultman Blood Drive .....	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
	27	Rigatoni Dinner (NHS).....	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	28	Solo Ensemble Band and Choir	
<b>FEB.</b>	1	Cici Pizza Fundraiser Night	
	3	Math Club .....	2:30 p.m.
	4	Regional Cheerleading Competition .....	12:00 p.m.
	6	Athletic Booster Meeting .....	7:30 p.m.
		Academic Challenge@ New Phil.....	3:00 p.m.
	7	Band Booster Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
	9	Alumni Meeting (Cafe) .....	7:00 p.m.
11	Ski Club Field Trip		
16	Winter Band Concert (Auditorium).....	7:00 p.m.	
	Board of Education Meeting .....	7:00 p.m.	
17	Corn Hole Tournament .....	5:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.	