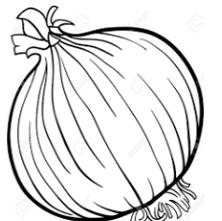


# THE SCALLION



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## Lazy Senior “Astonished” at Credit Denial



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As it is known, many seniors here at Marriotts Ridge use the flexibility of their schedule to make their workload a bit less strenuous for their final year in high school. And while this may be a successful way to pursue a year full of final adolescent memories, some fail to strike the balance between fun and failure.

In an astonishing 135 days, Senior Ron Hill-Dayna has received credit denial letters from a whopping six of his seven teachers this year. This is to be expected; however, as Ron failed to attend school for 126 of the recorded 135 school days so far this year. While many see this as nothing more than a funny misfortune, Hill-Dayna and his family feel that it is no laughing matter, as he was planning on attending the prestigious Pennsylvania Gulf Coast Western Prep Tech, an institute at which he hoped to study his true passion of puppeteering. Now, with his hopes shattered and his prospective future

abruptly put on hold for another whole year, Mr. Hill-Dayna can do nothing but wait for this tragedy of a school year to end and for his year of redemption to begin.

While most family and friends

school were willing to offer up their opinion. One authority figure here at Marriotts Ridge was baffled at the statistics surrounding Mr. Hill-Dayna’s failure to graduate, stating, “I’ve just never seen anything like

stay another year, but the guy’s a living legend. I mean, he parties like you wouldn’t believe. He’s an overall sick dude.” While the overall emotions surrounding the situation at hand are a mixed bag, it is safe to say that this is a situation that should be remembered and avoided by generations to come.

And so, as the class of 2019 begins to finalize their work here at Marriotts Ridge and look forward to their future as college students or members of the workforce, the halls of the building have a certain buzz to them unlike anywhere else. Students both young and old begin to discuss graduation and what it will be like once the senior class is gone for good. But, due to his consistent poor choices and lack of effort in both school and life in general, one lonely and unfortunate member of the senior class will be left out of these joyous times. Instead, Senior Ron Hill-Dayna will be the first in Marriotts Ridge history to remain a senior for the next year and a half, and hopefully attend school enough to graduate in the year of 2020.

### Attendance and Credit Denial

- Students must be in instruction 90% of the school year
- Regardless of the grade you earned in class, credit will be denied until the attendance hours are made up
- You may make up attendance hours through tutorials or Saturday school

*Seniors, listen up! Come to school to not risk denied credit!*

refused to make a statement regarding the situation and Hill-Dayna himself was not in attendance for any day of school during which this article was written, a few anonymous sources around the

it. Not once in my sixty years in the system have I seen a student so dedicated to not going to school.” Another member of the school body, this time a fellow student, stated, “Ron may have to

## Student Gets Creative to Beat Morning Traffic



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If you’re a student at Marriotts Ridge, you understand how day-ruining the morning traffic can truly be and, for most students, there really isn’t a solution. Unless you’re junior, Adam Tilner, who recently flew a helicopter to school to beat the morning traffic.

Students and teachers were all stunned Wednesday morning as the whirl of helicopter blades began filling the school as a Bell helicopter touched down on the turf. Students rushed to the field to see what was going on and most importantly, who was going to exit. The helicopter shuts down, the doors open, and none other than Adam “Richie Rich” Tilner steps out.

Adam, who is known to boast about his father’s status, decided that the morning traffic was too much to bear and he wasn’t going to wait with the common folk any longer. So, he went to his dad and had a helicopter arranged to pick him up and fly to him to school. Students had varying reactions to the event with some calling it, “an obvious cry for attention.”

A close friend of Adam’s, who

chose to remain nameless, said, “Sometimes I worry about Adam’s mental state. I know he likes to flaunt his dad’s money but jeez, this was over the top. He was really looking to get a reaction with this one.” Adam, who normally drives a Porsche 911 to school,

Shadowland, and now school. You name it I’ve flown there. My dad just has it covered like that.” Yes, that is a real quote from Adam and it’s clear that he’s a bit out of touch with reality.

The administration also had some input on the matter, taking a much

never have happened. Mr. Tilner didn’t have the proper permits to fly to school and will be liable for any damages caused to the turf. Most importantly, he didn’t offer a ride to any administrators and if we’re being honest here, that didn’t sit well with us, Adam.”

The administration has given Adam a three day suspension and is requiring that he ride a bicycle to school everyday for the remainder of high school. Suggestions for embarrassing phrases to be written on the bike may be placed inside the box in the front office.

Adam doesn’t seem to be worried about the punishment saying, “My dad’s lawyer will be contacting you. This will never stand. I’ll see you in court.” Administrators reminded Adam that this is simply an in-school suspension and not a legal matter in any way, shape, or form. However, Adam didn’t seem to hear them because he put in his AirPods to block out the noise.

If there’s a lesson to be learned from Adam, it’s that sometimes you should just be grateful that you have a Porsche and just drive yourself to school.



*Helicopters are the new form of transportation at MRHS.*

didn’t feel like the helicopter was really anything special.

He said, “I don’t get why people are freaking out. I fly helicopters everywhere. McDonalds, bowling,

more logical approach. A general message from the administration said, “This irresponsible act by a student at our school put other students at danger and should

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## Swearing Banned in MD Schools



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Visit any high school around the state and your ears will in no doubt be greeted with a barrage of colorful language, to put it lightly. A survey conducted by the nationwide organization Mothers Against Profane Pronouncements (MAPP for short) has shown that swearing among students aged 14 to 18 has increased by 23% in the past five years, a truly tragic statistic. The majority of teens surveyed reported swearing “only if I stubbed my toe or something like that,” but a growing percentage is reporting that they swear, “all the time, and with a diverse selection of language.”

With all of the risky behaviors teens now engage in, one cannot help but wonder if swearing profusely is one of the roots of this issue. Coupled with this, child literacy has decreased in the past decade as young people replace SAT vocab words with extremities. In another survey by MAPP, 37% of teens said that, “I know more cuss words than

actual words,” while 12% said, “I can’t read so I don’t know what the options on this survey say.”

Already, teachers and students suffer the consequences of cursing in the classrooms. 10th grader Micah Thompson reports, “I have

the foulest language you’ve ever heard. When I ask them to stop, they just laugh at me. It’s really damaging for my self-esteem.”

Micah is not alone in his unfortunate introduction to the boundless depths of student profanity. One veteran

students would at least *attempt* to cover up their obscenities, but now they don’t even care! I reprimanded a student for her verbal garbage, and she just shrugged! Shrugged! There’s no respect anymore, not in today’s youth.”

These trends are extremely distressing and so Maryland officials are experimenting with ways to boost literacy and decrease crude language in schools. One potential method of ending this expletive epidemic is strict surveillance. Maryland tech company BigSister is currently negotiating a partnership with the Howard County Public School System to explore the possibility of installing inconspicuous audio distillers that will sound an alarm when anyone curses in the vicinity. Mechanisms such as these have been successful in prisons, and since high schools already have strict schedules detailed by bells and limited outdoor time, another technique used in prisons should fit right in.



*Think twice before swearing in school!*

gone to many different schools for academic competitions, and I’ve found that the level of vulgarity is pretty bad across the board. Students are just blatantly spewing

teacher (Mrs. Grace Kaduna has requested that her real name not be used in fear of retaliation) remarks on her experience with swearing: “Back in the good old days,

## Stress Relief Puppies Coming to MRHS



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To relieve the mustang students of stress, legislation has just past that will allow trained “stress puppies” to be present in all Howard County high schools.

“I will now allow high schools throughout Howard County to bring in animals to help students with their high levels of stress,” says the Governor of Maryland, Thomas Mullholland.

Possibly in the next month, the students of MRHS, along with many other Howard County high school students, will be able to witness the adorable and fluffy little babies come into the school building. Nearby vet clinics have announced that they’d be more than happy to bring litters of golden retriever, pug, poodle, german shepherd, husky, and shih tzu puppies to visit the school building. The students, after all, clearly need a refreshing and relaxing break.

“I’m excited to meet them and play with them! I’ve been so stressed lately that I don’t have any time to just sit back and relax,” says freshman Taylor Kidd.

As many people already know, dogs have been found to be able to help in relieving stress, anxiety, and even depression. Colleges have already been using this technique to help out their students. In UMCP (University of Maryland College Park), animals

Despite the soft texture of a dog’s fur, there are many people who are allergic and others who are simply just not dog people. To relieve some of these concerns, areas of the building will be designated as “animal free” to

and will most likely be stressed out from all the attention,” says Journalism teacher Mrs. Moulds. Just like humans, dogs feel emotions and can be easily frightened when surprised or placed in unfamiliar environments. Due to this, students

will be asked to be gentle with the little animals and to take turns with each animal. It is recommended to pet the dogs in a slow manner to keep them relaxed and calm.

Even the Department of Ministry has agreed with Governor Mullholland’s idea and seem surprisingly even more enthusiastic about the idea than the man himself.

Chairman Mavis Ellis, “Having dogs come in to provide stress relief for the students is the most fantastic idea I’ve ever heard. Forget everything about health guidelines and cleanliness. Dogs come first and no one can stop it!”

Get ready to relax and have fun, Marriotts Ridge students, for puppies will be visiting us soon!



*Stress relief puppies are the best way to make students happier.*

are placed in the classrooms during tests and exams to soothe the students from pent-up stress.

“If the colleges are doing it, I might as well allow them into the hallways of our schools,” claims Governor Mullholland.

serve as a safe place for those not interested in the animals.

“Even though I can’t wait to see them, I just wish that people will refrain from screaming and crowding the puppies. The small dogs are still relatively young

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### Seniors Stay Till the End of the Year!?!?



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Seniors, get ready for the longest school year yet! The school board has decided that all Seniors must stay in school even after the graduation ceremony until the very last day of school.

The school board claims that because of all the snow days and complaints that Seniors aren't getting a good enough education to let them leave school early. The school board and our principal are not currently taking interviews due to the enormous amount of outrage from students and parents. All they are willing to say is that the decision has been finalized.

The main argument against the school boards verdict is that this year there has been many snow days, however in previous years there has been just as many snow days as the current school year therefore this doesn't warrant such a drastic decision to be made by the school board. The Senior class are not the only enraged student son the school. The other students are just as

angry that the school board can do this and are worried about next year's Seniors. "When the Seniors leave we can finally park closer to the school, but now we can't do that," exclaims a frustrated Junior.

decision to ignore the school board decision and never return to Marriotts ridge after graduation. Many teachers are preparing early finals, as they have in past years, for the Seniors in order to have

One of the main reason for this uproar is Senior week which occurs the week after all the Seniors have graduated. Many Seniors have planned this vacation months before hand and have even rented beach houses for the occasion. "My friends and I have already rented a beach house and planned out our week. It would be a waste not to go when we've already spent our money on it," says a Senior, her friends all agreeing with her statement.

Parents have a similar complaint as some families have planned a vacation for the week after their children graduate. Many parents seeing this as their last vacation spent with their children before they leave for college. "We've been talking about this vacation all year," exclaims a parent.

Students and parents are rallying against the school boards verdict. Since the Seniors have already planned such a public protest the school board may consider vetoing their verdict and letting the Seniors leave early anyway.



*Graduation is hardly the end for seniors this year.*

Parents and students have sent many complaints to the school and on social media. The hashtags 'prison break' and 'schools out' have become very popular as the Senior class has come to a unanimous

them finish the school year. "We [teachers] will be administering finals as usual for the Seniors due to the impending protest after graduation," informs a teacher, who teaches mainly twelfth graders.

## New Holidays in March



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On April 1st, Governor Larry Hogan announced that beginning in 2020, there would be four new holidays added to the school calendar, as well as 3 professional development days, all falling within the month of March.

This decision came after numerous complaints were submitted to the Maryland State Department of Education by elementary through high school students. The contents of the complaints consisted entirely of grievances related to the lack of days off in March.

One anonymous letter stated, "We have four solid weeks of school in March, without a single day off. This is too long a stretch of time to have to go to school every day. Not breaking up these weeks with days off only causes students to lose focus and motivation, and encourages students to skip school, or arrive late."

This was the overall theme of the complaints and faced with the overwhelming push from students, the Department of Education had no choice but to forward a request to Governor Hogan to add several new holidays to the month of March.

Governor Hogan announced the plan to add new holidays during a press release yesterday. He was quoted as saying, "The needs and concerns of Maryland students are in

teachers expressed displeasure at the additional professional development days they would have to attend, but Governor Hogan assured them that they could handle

Department of Education took this into consideration, however due to the shortage of federal holidays, they decided to utilize National Days instead. National days are not official holidays, but there is at least one for every day of the year. Examples include National Pizza Day, and National Pancake Day.

Each year the Governor will review the March calendar and declare four different National Days as school holidays, giving students much needed days off and long weekends. Next year's holidays have already been announced. On March 13th, schools will be closed in order to celebrate National Open an Umbrella Indoors Day. March 16th will celebrate National Everything You Do is Right Day, March 20th will celebrate National Ravioli Day, and March 23rd will celebrate National Chip and Dip Day.

Due to many instances of multiple National Days days falling on the same day, starting in 2021 students will be able to vote on the days chosen by Governor Hogan that year for which National Days they would like to celebrate for their days off.



*Who doesn't love chips and dips? It's perfect as the theme for a holiday.*

my best interest, and I want to ensure they will have the best possible experience during their years at school. Adding these new holidays and professional development days will make sure of that."

The three professional development days were announced first, and were set to be implemented on March 9th, March 18th, and March 24th. Many

it, and reminded them that they, too, would get the new holidays off.

The holidays were chosen based on which days would ensure they created either three or four day weekends. There were concerns that this would only work for the year of 2020, as the holidays chosen would fall on different days each year. The governor and

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# Catering for School Lunches



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2019 is bringing many big changes to the education and the welfare of the students at Marriotts Ridge, but everyone can agree that the most important change is coming to the lunches served in the cafeteria.

As part of this complete makeover of the Marriotts Ridge kitchens, MRHS has proudly announced their 25th anniversary partnership with three main restaurant chains here in Maryland. As listed, the three are Garden Olive, Shacky Shakey, and Pizza Ledo's. These restaurants are very popular around this area, and have proudly supported Marriotts Ridge events and activities for twenty-five years.

All three restaurants have officially signed contracts to take responsibility of serving lunches in school. Each restaurant will serve freshly made, authentic food from their restaurant, every day to the students of Marriotts Ridge. Daniel Vans, a Freshmen says, "I don't even care that you have to pay two extra dollars for lunch every

day if we get Shacky Shakey!"

The new and improved fine-dining menu is as follows: Pizza Ledo's will be serving their patented cheese and pepperoni pizzas every day, as an easy and constant choice that'll have you plumper than

Double Cheeseburger topped with all-natural applewood smoked bacon, chopped baloney, and Shacky Sauce. Susanne Smith, a Sophomore says that this burger is perfect and "I like it like that." Garden Olive will be serving their



*The type of lunches that will be served in the MRHS cafeteria now.*

Kylie Jenner's lip fillers in no time.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, Shacky Shakey will be serving their famous milkshakes, fries, and burgers. They will also be serving their home recipe, Smokey Shackey Burger, a Single or

house favorites Monday through Friday, along with unlimited breadsticks, soup, and salad.

The catering also brings changes regarding price as well. As said earlier, the lunch price will go up 15 dollars, but some large

and patented dishes may cause the price to increase fifty to sixty dollars more than the original price.

Another big change that will come with the new changes is a new fine-dining experience, right in the MRHS cafeteria. The experience will include chairs that you can actually sit in, that support every student, and that prevent scoliosis. The tables will be clean every time, and a beautiful blue tablecloth will be placed over the tables in spirit of our school colors. The food will be served to you, and students will be able to pay at their tables without needing to get up. Condiments and more will be right at your table, and the mood of the area will resemble a five-star restaurant. Every student will be able to dine in a sophisticated and comfortable area with no problems.

However, if payment is a difficulty, the school and the restaurants have offered to give small incentives to help students pay for their meal. After a hundred purchases, students may choose a restaurant and get a free gift card from them, which will be worth five meals. Marriotts Ridge is proud to partner up with these restaurants to cater to our students. As a whole, everyone is excited to see what the future brings!

## New Graduation Requirements



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Have you ever done poorly on a midterm? We've all been there. Whether you didn't study or just didn't like the class, it's a common reoccurrence. Well guess what Marriotts Ridge students! The school board is now requiring a C or more on midterms in order to graduate. From now on if you receive a D or less, you will be unable to graduate. This new requirement was issued this past January because the County is not happy with the average of grades for midterms.

"We're very upset and feel as if a change is needed," said board member Sandra Smith. They have stated that they want us as, a county, to excel and be different than other counties. Striving towards the best county in the state has its costs. "I think that the main problem is students are not taking their exam process serious enough," said teacher Francine Briggs. The goal is to motivate students to study

and take these tests seriously, no matter how much you think you know or don't like the class.

Howard County believes that every student has potential to ace their classes and exams, but

motivate us to actually study and the county made a great call," says Junior Freddie Benson. Other students are

very against this. "They do realize that most of the school won't be able to graduate, right?" says



*It's no longer okay to fail your midterms!*

students don't 'apply themselves'. They issued a statement in February regarding the controversy of this decision. "Why is everyone so upset? It's not that hard to study and get good grades," says the board.

Some students think this decision is a good idea. "I think this will

Senior Kaley Kale. Some students don't understand the drastic change. "What? Looks like I'm dropping out" says Junior Samantha Puckett.

What does this mean for our graduating seniors? Well Howard County has got that covered. They issued a statement saying all

Seniors have to abide by this rule as well. Unfortunately, all seniors who received a D or less on any midterm absolutely will not be able to graduate this May. In order to graduate as planned for any grade, every student must retake the midterm at the end of the year, near finals or when they retake the grade. The County is ordering teachers to provide make up tests, a copy of the previous midterm or a completely new test, depending on the instructor. These tests will be graded, and the County has also stated that you only have only one opportunity to retake a midterm, since it is the first year they are enforcing this. "It can only go downhill after one retake," says board member Valerie Frizzle.

Whether you love or hate this decision, it's important to know that graduation depends on it and should be taken seriously. "Yikes," says Junior Carly Shay. Good luck Marriotts Ridge Students, may everyone ace their exams!

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### Liam and Miley are Done!



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Newlyweds Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth have surprisingly come to the end of their short-lived marriage, and it may be for a different reason than you would expect.

On December 23rd, 2018, the popular couple tied the knot in a private wedding. This event sparked an online celebration of everyone who had seen the couple together since their days on the set of *The Last Song*. Cyrus and Hemsworth are both young and fun, but recent trouble in their relationship has sources close to them stating that their marriage will most likely be over soon.

Close friend of Cyrus, Michael Jordan, told the Marriotts Ridge staff that Miley “was very unhappy and tired of Liam’s childish, never-ending pranks.” Cyrus informed him that this marriage would not last, and she was hoping for a peaceful break from the handsome Australian. This information has not been released to many popular news sources, but Jordan felt that our staff here at Marriotts Ridge could be trusted with delivering this life-altering

information truthfully. We should be expecting finalized news of the divorce within a few months, to the dismay of many devoted fans. It seems that their fairytale love story will not have the happy

ending that people expected. cute photos of each other. “It’s all a front,” says Liam’s older brother, Chris Hemsworth, “Liam tells me all the time how he poses a happy life for the cameras, but is really



*Another wrecking ball hits this famous couple.*

quite tired of pretending to still love a woman he does not.” So, the want for a divorce is mutual, as both are unhappy in the relationship and everything it entails. This news is heartbreaking for those

who love Liam, and confusing for everyone. All the people aware of their false relationship are now asking, why are the two still pretending to be together? This answer may be even more shocking than the news of their split. Everyone knows the recent wild and attention-seeking actions of Miley Cyrus, but she is now looking to make a serious lifestyle change. Cyrus was recently seen walking into a convent outside of Hollywood, in drab clothes and little makeup. In an interview with the Marriotts Ridge Staff, an anonymous sister of the convent told us that Miley “had requested to stay with us, and she wished to join our convent and become a nun.” This was truly a turn of events. Miley Cyrus: going from married pop-star to nun? Miley’s wish, however, will not be allowed. “We require a certain peaceful nature and past of anyone we consider to join the convent. Ms. Cyrus simply does not display these characteristics for a nun,” states our anonymous source in the convent. Whether this news has been shared with Miley is uncertain, but she will certainly have to find something else for her future. So what shocking decision will she make next?

## Bye Bye Pep Rallies



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Staff Writer

A majority of the students are outraged, but the teachers have a different opinion. Professor Snape believes that they are a waste

because it is a lasting tradition that is looked forward to the most. Sam Puckett, sophomore at Marriotts Ridge High School says, “I don’t

message Shrek and everybody else responsible for making this decision, in efforts to reverse the action. Drake Bell, a junior, said, “I got my little sister, Megan, to hack into Shrek’s computer and get on the inside to make him change his mind.” The actions do not stop there, some have gone to the house of some board members and have performed various pranks on them. Students are continuing to put in the extra effort to get the pep rally back, but will this do the trick?

The most recent word on this matter is that they are still not going to have the pep rally and spirit weeks next year. Shrek said, “even though many are receiving threats that are very childish and lame, we are not going to change our decision because that is exactly what the students in the county want.” This will most likely lead to even more, possibly more dangerous threats against the board members involved. Whether they are helping or not, the students are going to do anything that they can to attempt to get their beloved pep rallies back.



*Pep Rallies will no longer exist at MRHS.*

of time and take students away from their studies, which are very important. Many teachers agree that the spirit days only distract students away from the lessons and have no benefit to their time in school. Students believe that Shrek has no right to pull away this activity

know about you, but this makes me want to pull out my butter-sock on Shrek if you know what I mean.” Many students angrily agree with this statement and are making threats of their own towards the Department of Ministry. Students from all over the county have been non-stop

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### Airpods: A Hit or Miss?



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Airpods are the hottest headphones out right now! But could they be dangerous to keep?

Rumors are going around about Airpods giving off radioactive waves through people's brains. This isn't a rumour to take lightly, with some of the biggest names around the world speaking out about how they've been affected. Former President of the United States of America Barack Obama stated "After using airpods my head has been in pain 24/7, and I can't move around that much anymore, every movement is like a punch to my brain". Barack Obama isn't the only big name celebrity to talk about the negative effect of airpods. Famous singer and actor Ariana Grande said "After only a week of using airpods there has been a constant ringing noise in my ear, and it makes hard to hear anything".

Airpods aren't just giving bad headaches, and ringing noises, they are also destroying people's bodies. "My blood has been boiling to insane temperatures, and my skin is starting to melt on certain spots of my body" said artist Diego Rivera. NBA superstar LeBron James also

had some words about airpods "All I'm gonna say is that I'm definitely sticking with Beats. After hearing about what those earpads or whatever you call them are doing to other NBA players, I'm happy

bystander Joseph Greene stated "I can't thank Apple enough for what they've done for me. These airpods gave me superpower. After using them I've been able to lift insanely heavy things that seemed

become all scaly and slimy, and I can feel a little tail growing in. It's really gross, but I kind of like it."

Despite all the complaints, Apple still has no idea what is going on or how to respond. When interviewing the head of Apple, Tim Cook, he said, "I don't know how this started, but I can assure you that this will be fixed as soon as possible, and to the people who have already been affected, all the money that Apple has is going to be used towards helping you get back to normal." It seems as if Apple is determined to resolve this problem.

All in all, Apple's new airpods are not as great as everyone thought they would be. They've been causing a lot of different problems for people throughout the world. They have been giving people bad headaches, to the point where they can't even think correctly. That's not where it stops, people have been mutating into completely different animals, and even gaining superpowers. Although all of this is the fault of Apple, they still have no idea how this happened or how they are going to fix it. People now wonder what the "great" airpods are going to cause next.



*Airpods are mutating humans into strange creatures.*

I have nothing to do with them."

Seems as if these airpods are baaaaaad news, but some people are actually thanking Apple for these radioactive headphones. Random

impossible to move before I used the airpods. I'VE EVEN BEEN ABLE TO FLY!!" There have even been reports of mutations to the human body. "My skin has

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# Athletes Being Forced to Run in Hallways



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Schools have preached no running in the halls, but that is about to change. In high schools across the county athletes are now required to jog from one class to the next.

This new policy has gotten mixed reviews from across the county as some enjoy it and some despise it. But overall parents and students are generally questioning why this new policy was put into place. Paul Bum, a Howard County executive had this to say about why they implemented the new policy. "We believe that this new policy will keep our athletes in the best shape possible and help them excel in their respective sport."

The county did not agree with his statement. The parents of children are asking questions such as "Why is this being forced?" or "Don't we run enough at our practices? Can we not get a break?" Being forced to run from class to class is something that will take some time getting used to. Will this push more athletes away from sports? That is what Senior track and field participant Joe Buss thinks.

"Implementing this policy will steer people away from sports. These days people need and deserve a break and this does the opposite." Strong words from a student who does not agree with this new rule.

Parents of Howard County students decided to chime in. Bill Maxwell said, "I am just

parents share the same opinion, but some are choosing to side with the county on this one. George Hope said, "This new policy is fantastic for our children, it will make sure they stay healthy and when they get home they will not have to worry about exercising anymore. They should also get more sleep and be

the start of the next school year, 2019/2020. Athletes are on their respective teams for a reason and should want to workout as often as possible. "I am sorry but I run up to about 3 miles a day at practice and I enjoy working out, but at school is my one break to take it easy on myself and focus on my grades." Said Xander Sanchez, a Junior Cross Country runner, he wants to focus on his education more because that will send him to the college he desires.

Paul Bum again commented on the policy by saying, "as a county we have seen a drought in high level athletes coming out of this county. With this new policy we hope to start breeding high level athletes to pursue the professional side of their sport and maybe one day make it to the Olympic games." Howard County is right in the heart of the DMV(D.C., Maryland, and Virginia). This area is widely known for producing high level athletes and Howard County wants to chime in on the recent success. They believe this new policy will breed Olympic athletes left and right. Time will tell if Howard County becomes the newest hotspot for talented athletes.



*It's time to take your exercise to the school hallways.*

confused on why this policy was considered. This will not help our kids build strength and that is what they should be focused on." Most

more awake throughout the day."

The county is split on this new ruling and does not know what to expect. It will be implemented at



*New group photo for the MRHS newspaper staff.*

April 1, 2019

## THE SCALLION

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## EXCLUSIVE: A Peek into the Teachers' Lounge



*The teachers at MRHS are enjoying a beautiful lounge which caters Chickfila while students can hardly make it through the day. Is it fair?*