



Principal's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for having the privilege of being associated with Braddock Middle School and its community for the last seventeen years. As you may know I have been transferred to Mountain Ridge High school, effective April 3, 2018. I find this to be a very bittersweet situation for me. Braddock Middle School has become a second home for me and my tenure here has been both productive and most enjoyable. Moving on to Mountain Ridge offers a new set of challenges and the oppor-

tunity for me to work with its faculty, staff, student body and community.

Dr. Molly Stewart will be your new interim principal for the remainder of this school year. Dr. Stewart comes to Braddock from Westside Elementary school. Please welcome her, and show her the same wonderful kindness and appreciation that I have always received here at Braddock.

Sincerely,
 Danny R. Carter
 Principal

SHOP

Braddock Middle School will be represented at The Hooley Plunge on Saturday, March 3 at Rocky Gap by 8th grade student Darion Donaldson. If you are interested in sponsoring him, please contact Danielle Deremer at 301-777-7990.

Braddock Middle School will be donating a check to the Maryland State Police-Cumberland Explorers to go towards the Austen Crowe benefit on Friday, March 2, 2018.

Crisis Text Line

Braddock Middle School recently hung Crisis Text Line posters in four high-traffic locations throughout the building.

TREX Recycling Competition

The county TREX recycling competition will be ending on April 13th. When you donate your unwanted plastic materials to Trex, you are helping to keep thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills and you become an environmentally responsible individual. There is still plenty of time to bring in your plastics to help the school win a bench made out of TREX materials. Recycling boxes can be found in front of the office and the third box is found in Ms. Ryan's classroom. The following is a list of plastics that are acceptable for TREX recycling:

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Case overwrap
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Ice bags
- Wood pellet bags
- Ziploc-type bags
- Produce bags
- Bubble wrap
- Salt bags
- Cereal bags



Braddock Math Counts

On Saturday, February 24th, 20 mathletes from the Braddock Middle School's Math Counts team competed in the Hagerstown Regional Chapter Competition. For the 6th straight year and 20th overall, Braddock finished in first place. The team of 4 along with 6 additional individuals qualified for the state finals to be held at John's Hopkins University on March 17th. Coached by Ray Short and Sheila Greise, this will mark the 26th time in 32 years that a team from Braddock has advance to the elite state finals. The team members are; Drake Rose, Sofia Kucher, Cole Fiscus, and Colin Sheeche. Also advancing are

Ian Kiddy, Erica Metheny, Daniel Gregory, Quinn Cohen, Brianna Palasik, and Eli Litman. Eighty students from 8 middle schools in Allegany and Washington County competed in three rounds. Among all competitors, Colin Sheeche took top honors, followed by Drake Rose in second, Ian Kiddy in third, Cole Fiscus in fifth, and Sofia Kucher in sixth. In the live count down round, Drake Rose finished second. The coaches would like to thank Principal Danny Carter for his support and all the parents who have provided us with such great kids.

The 23rd Winter Olympics

The 23rd Winter Olympics were just held in PyeongChang, South Korea. The Olympics were held from February 9th to February 25th. The opening ceremony was centered around a message of peace, and there were performances, songs, and the lighting of the Olympic cauldron. The opening ceremony is a big part of what the Olympics stand for: international peace. But the Olympics have come a long way from the original in Greece. At first, the Olympics were created as a religious festival and sporting event in 776 BCE. During the games, war was stopped in order to guarantee safe passage. Now, the Olympics have nothing to do with religion.

This year, there were 102 events total, and 93 countries participated. The U.S. won 23 medals in the Olympics, 9 of those gold. The U.S. was fourth in overall medal count, after Norway, Germany, and Canada. For the U.S., there were gold medals in snowboarding, alpine skiing, cross country skiing, freestyle skiing, hockey, and curling. There were also silver and bronze medals won in luge, speed skating, figure skating, and bobsleigh. 4 of the 9 gold medals were won in snowboarding, and 2 of those were won by 17 year olds! The next winter Olympics, in 2022, will be held in Beijing, China.

Featured student writer-Sofia Kucher, 8th grade

- Dates and Details
- 3/1-3/2—Boys Bowling
 - 3/3—Sally's Dance Review 7PM \$5
 - 3/9—Advisory
 - 3/11—Daylight Savings
 - 3/12-3/16—MISA Test
 - 3/22—Dance 7-8:30
Cost: \$3 Snacks \$1
 - 3/23—Advisory
 - 3/28—End of 3rd Marking Period
 - 3/29—3hr early dismissal PM workday for teachers
 - 3/30—Good Friday/No School

