

# October



# HCRASC

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## WELCOME!

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

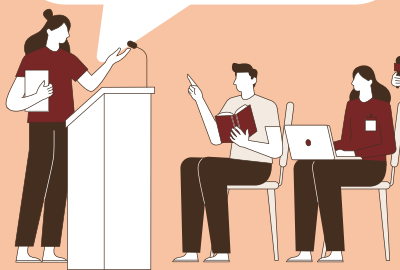


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SAVE THE DATE  
10/23/24

@ **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



# MASC UPDATES

- **SMOB Informational Webinar Registration** If you are a Junior, consider running for our State SMOB. Registration for this informational session on October 10th is coming soon! Ends: October 8, 2024 11:59 pm
- **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](http://mdstudentcouncils.org).
- **MASC Conferences** this year: the Fall Leadership Conference on November 23, 2024 at Havre de Grace High School, 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. *In order to attend WLC and Convention, you must join MASC - [click here to register!](#)*

## FILIPINO AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

### DID YOU KNOW?

- October was chosen to remember the first recorded arrival of Filipinos in the United States on October 18, 1587, when they landed in Morro Bay, California.
- Filipino Americans are the second-largest Asian American group in the United States and the third-largest ethnic group in California.
- The Philippines isn't just a country; it is an archipelago comprising more than 7,600 islands.

## Superintendent Advisory Council

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Sean Bulson, is recruiting representatives for the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC). The purpose of this Council is to engage with the Superintendent and the Student Representative of the Board of Education in a meaningful dialogue of students' views and perspectives. All students meeting the minimum criteria in grades six through twelve are eligible to apply. APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN Monday, October 7, 2024. You can access the application here: <https://forms.office.com/r/4bbMEMJgiP>.

# HCRASC Voter Registration Drive

As young citizens, your voice and your vote matter. Our School is working with New Voters, a national nonpartisan group, to make sure that all eligible students in Harford county are registered to vote.

If you are at least 16 years old, you can register to vote. Use this link to get registered: [www.teen.vote/harford/](http://www.teen.vote/harford/)



## Youth Advocacy Programs

### United States Senate Youth Program

The 63rd annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) Washington Week will take place from March 1-8, 2025, in Washington, D.C. Two student leaders from each state, D.C., and the Department of Defense Education Activity will be selected to participate. Students must hold high-level elected or appointed leadership positions to be eligible. During the program, delegates will meet key government officials, including senators, cabinet members, and possibly the president and a Supreme Court justice. All expenses are covered. The deadline for delegate selection is December 1, 2024. Visit [ussenateyouth.org](http://ussenateyouth.org) for details.

### Senator Nathaniel Exum Youth Day in Annapolis

Saturday, October 12, 8 AM – 2 PM

Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland's Senator Nathaniel Exum Youth Day provides an opportunity for high school students to learn about the legislative process, power of civic engagement and to participate in practical exercises regarding how the Maryland General Assembly operates. Students will experience being a legislator, sponsor legislation, vote on bills, elect Committee Chairs, choose a House Speaker Pro Tem and Speaker. Submit Registration Form by Friday, October 4. Register here.



## ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Italian American Heritage Month, celebrated in October, honors the contributions of Italian immigrants and their descendants to U.S. culture and history.
  - Italian Americans have enriched American cuisine, arts, and politics, with notable figures like Frank Sinatra, Enrico Fermi, and Antonin Scalia.
- The month coincides with Columbus Day, which commemorates the explorer's voyage and highlights Italian American heritage.


## POLISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The month is to commemorate the arrival of the first Polish settlers in Jamestown, VA in October 1608 as well as the death of Casimir Pulaski, the father of American cavalry.
- First celebrated by the Polish American Cultural Center in Philadelphia in 1981 under the leadership of the Center's President, Michael Blichasz.
- Polish American Heritage Month is now recognized nationally by the President and Congress.

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

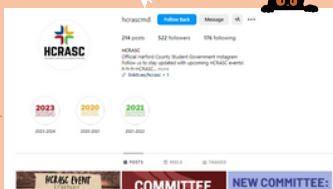
Breast Cancer Awareness Month aims to increase awareness of breast cancer, support those affected, and promote early detection through screenings. The month also highlights the importance of research and funding for improved treatments.

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- Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide, with 1 in 8 U.S. women being diagnosed in their lifetime.
  - Early detection through regular mammograms can reduce the risk of dying from breast cancer by 25-30% for women aged 40 and older.
  - Men can also be diagnosed with breast cancer, though it is much rarer, accounting for less than 1% of cases.

[Donate here to fight breast cancer](#)

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