

## NEWS RELEASE

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### CSI: Mariemont Comes to Mariemont High School

This year, Mariemont High School student scientists have been challenged by a new dimension of research you could aptly call “CSI: Mariemont”. A new Forensics class was added to the school’s science offerings, and students have eagerly taken on the case.

The class taught by Mariemont HS Chemistry teacher Elizabeth Briggs has grabbed students’ attention and interest as they learn a variety of forensic tests culminating in putting their research skills to the test with simulated cases.

In the Case of Assault and Term Paper Abduction, Forensics students learned how to collect and document evidence. They drew crime scene sketches. Students conducted burn and chemical tests and fingerprint and hair analysis. They evaluated interviews from suspects. It was then time to separate fact from fiction – to formulate their own conclusions based on the evidence.

In addition to hands on lab work, the Mariemont HS Forensics class brings in real-world expertise with speakers from the areas of law enforcement, criminal law and pharmaceuticals. The course extended the investigational research with trips to a fingerprint lab, a crime lab, a court house and a jail.

The Forensics course covers both semesters of the school year, giving one full science credit. It is a college prep level offering and is open to any interested student. So far, all evidence points to Forensics being a solid hit at Mariemont High School.

#### *Photos:*

ForensicsPrintsGirl: Mariemont senior Hannah Swords dusts for prints in her Forensics class.

ForensicsBoys: Mariemont HS seniors Alex Goheen and Jamaar Bryd conduct hair analysis as part of the new Forensics class offering.





ForensicGirls: Hannah Sexsmith and Amanda Webster, Mariemont seniors, collect and document evidence in their forensics investigation.

ForensicsPrintsBoy: Tyler Wood, a Mariemont senior, dusts for prints to nab the criminal in a simulated case in a new Forensics class at the high school.

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