

THE REPORT CARD

Fall 2011 Hospitality Sunday Schedule

Holy Family

September 18 – 9 am, 11am

St. Mary's

September 25 – 8 am, 10 am

St. Peter's

October 2 – 7:15 AM, 9 am, 11am

St. Katharine Drexel

October 16 – 9 am, 11am

St. John's

October 23 – 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm

St. Joseph's (Carrollton Manor)

October 30 – 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am

St. Timothy's

November 20 – 8 am, 9:45 am, 11:30 am

St. Ignatius

December 4 – 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm

Fall Open Houses

Mother Seton School

September 28th – 10 am and 7 pm
October 18th – 10 am and 7 pm
November 15th – 10 am and 7 pm
301-447-3161

St. John Regional Catholic School

November 9th – 9 to 11 am
and 7 to 9 pm
301-662-6722

St. Thomas More Academy

October 5th – 9 to 10:30 am
November 2nd – 9 to 10:30 am
December 5th – 9 to 10:30 am
301-874-9014

Saint John's Catholic Prep

November 6th – 1 to 3 p.m.
301-662-4210

The Visitation Academy

October 2nd – 1 to 3 pm
November 6th – 1 to 3 pm
(Pre-K3 thru Kindergarten Registration)
December 4th – 1 to 3 pm
301-662-2814

Saint John's Catholic Prep

SJCP Students Selected for NIH Summer Program

On April 5, four students from Saint John's were selected to participate in the Student Internship Program through the National Institutes of Health at Fort Detrick: Sarah Johnson, Elodie Jean-Philippe, Katie Hardey, and Shelby Payne. Summer programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) provide an opportunity to spend a summer working at NIH side-by-side with some of the leading scientists in the world, in an environment devoted exclusively to biomedical research. The NIH Summer Internship Program is highly competitive. In 2010, more than 6,700 applications were submitted, and about 1,200 interns were selected. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis from November through April by scientists in the Institutes and Centers of the NIH. Individual scientists select their own summer interns; there is no centralized selection process. Saint John's congratulates Sarah, Elodie, Katie, and Shelby on this accomplishment!



Saint John's Catholic Prep Class of 2011

SJCP Congratulates the Class of 2011!

Saint John's Catholic Prep is proud of our 50 graduates who have been offered over \$4.3 million in scholarships!

Saint John's Catholic Prep celebrated its graduation ceremonies on Thursday, May 26, and Friday, May 27. The traditional Baccalaureate Mass was held on Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church followed by the Senior Recognition Dinner at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant. Co-salutatorians Kathleen Morrill and Sean Reilly-Wood spoke at the Senior Recognition Dinner. The following awards were presented:

Catholic Daughters Religion Award: Presented to **Afton Eichelman** by Mrs. Loretta Fahy, The Court of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Sons of the American Revolution: Presented to **Aaron Hull** by Reverend Frederick Pyne

Naval Academy Appointment: Presented to **Alexandra Asuncion** by Ms. Patti Thumm

The Dr. Christopher M. Hassett Science Scholarship Fund: Presented to **Kyla Smith** by Ms. Amy McGreevy from the Community Foundation of Frederick

National Honor Society Scholarships: Presented to **Hannah Geerlings, Aaron Hull,** and **Skye Kim** by NHS Moderator Tim Van Schaick

International Award: Presented to **Woon Ok Kim** by Mrs. Lee

Mount Saint Mary's Scholarship, FOCE: Presented to **Larry Ryba** by FOCE Board Member Mrs. Michele Corr

Balfour Service Award: Presented to **Aaron Hull** by Mrs. Sandra Splaine, Community Service Coordinator

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C. Markland Kelly Award: Presented to **Jennifer Foss** and **LaMont Wims** by Chris Cosentino

State Merit Scholastic Awards: Presented to **Kathleen Morrill**, **Skye Kim**, and **Sean Reilly-Wood** by Chris Cosentino

Valedictorian Award/Salutatorian Award: Plaques and ribbons presented to Valedictorian **Skye Kim**, and Salutatorians **Kathleen Morrill** and **Sean Reilly-Wood** by Chris Cosentino

The official Commencement Ceremony took place at St. John Regional Catholic School on Friday, May 27. Valedictorian Skye Kim addressed the congregation.

President Gordon Oliver presented the following special awards:

Micah Distinguished Alumni Award: Presented to **David Grove**, Class of 1980

The Father John McElroy Founder's Award: Presented to **Alexandra Asuncion**, Class of 2011



St. John Regional
Catholic School



St. John Regional Catholic School

SJRCS recently receives STEM school designation from the Baltimore Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has named St. John Regional Catholic School as a STEM school for the 2011-2012 school year. SJRCS was one of seven elementary schools to be recognized a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics school by the Archdiocese. The school was awarded this recognition due to its state of the art science lab, enhanced STEM related curriculum, professional development, and advanced technologies; including Smartboards, a 30 station computer lab, and four workstations in every classroom.

STEM increases emphasis on science and math and greater use of technology in classrooms to better prepare students for eventual careers in one of these four disciplines. STEM education seeks to create 21st century learning opportunities and skill development for students. As a STEM school, St. John Regional Catholic School will be focusing on these elements for the 2011-2012 school year including continuous professional development for teachers, integrated use of computer technology and technology teaching tools, a successful advanced math track, coupled with data-driven decision-making. This year, we hope to add new technologies including 1:1 computing and a mobile lab. Every grade will introduce at least one new STEM project. Examples include: Weather Bug, Project Mars, and Trout in the Classroom. SJRCS will also have a STEM career fair for the entire student body.

In order to truly offer our students a STEM based education we need our professional community's help. We are asking our local STEM companies and professionals to partner with St. John Regional Catholic School "Great 4 Business Partnership Program", together, we will step into the 21st century confidently setting the bar for our collective futures very high for Frederick County. We are very proud that St. John Regional School has been announced a STEM school. We strive everyday to provide the best education for our students and this honor reaffirms our dedication.

Mother Seton School



Back To School Highlights

Students at Mother Seton School are enjoying improved computer assisted instruction this year thanks to a technology grant of \$33,480 from the Marion I. & Henry J. Knott Foundation. "This fulfills a key goal of our Technology Plan and moves us forward in our desire to integrate technology into all subject areas at all grade levels," said Sister JoAnne Goecke, D.C., Principal. **MSS used the grant to purchase 16 computer workstations for student use in classrooms and four interactive projectors — the next generation of electronic whiteboard technology.** All students are benefiting from the grant. Mother Seton School is so thankful to the Knott Foundation for their generosity and to the MSS Technology Committee for the planning and preparation which led to this grant. Teacher Kay Palkovic is shown with Goecke and a new projector.

Peter Fitzpatrick, MSS Class of 1983, was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors, replacing Judy LaCroce, who shared in a farewell letter that "at a time when the uncertainty of life (is) evident, the path which Mother Seton School follows reassures us that the children here are being instilled with the values necessary to sustain them through a difficult time...MSS has contributed leaders and educators, healers and technicians, builders and artists, religious and authors, and innumerable other occupations to the world."

The 2010-2011 Annual Report showed that MSS students continue to demonstrate servant hearts and excel academically. **Students raised more than \$7,100 for their selected charities and 86% scored higher than the national average on standardized tests.** The Home School Association also is to be commended for donating \$42,060 to help keep tuition low for all of our families and to help purchase a new bus! Thanks to everyone who contributed and participated in H.S.A. fundraisers.



Visitation Academy



New Leadership Model and Communication Skills Strong at the Academy

The Visitation Academy's new Principal-Executive Director Leadership Model has taken root on the Second Street campus with principal, Lynne Kirby and executive director, Carol Guaccero leading the school in partnership.

Mrs. Kirby's focus will be on student academics, faculty and curriculum. Ms. Guaccero will be responsible for Academy finances, admissions, development, marketing communications and facilities management. During her more than ten years at the Academy, Mrs. Kirby has been a beloved teacher, Assistant Principal, and founder of the cherished Apple Dumpling Day in 2006. Ms. Guaccero has been with the Academy for two years as the Admissions Director and has more than 20 years of communications marketing experience — both roles report into the Board of Directors.

"It is an honor for me to serve my school in this new leadership role and continue the Salesian legacy founded by the Visitation Sisters in 1846," said Kirby. "We are welcoming 30 new families to our Visitation family this year and for me that is a testament to the value of an all girls Catholic education," she added.

The academic theme for the 2011-12 year is "Communicating with Confidence." Visitation Academy's long-standing tradition of coaching their students to achieve excellent written and oral communication skills is well-known. The Academy, one of five Salesian schools in the U.S. along with Georgetown Visitation, holds its founder, St. Francis de Sales (the Patron Saint of Writers) as the "communications cornerstone" of the school's focus.

Starting in the fourth grade, Public Speaking is taught as a subject and each discipline within the curriculum has a recognizable focus on the student's ability to clearly present information in an effective manner. Visitation girls have many opportunities to showcase their skills — a sample of awards highlighting their communication skills include:

- 1st Place — 2011 Best Oral Presentation National Engineer's Week Future City Baltimore
- 2011 Maryland State Winner 6th Grade — Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Essay Contest "memoirs of Paul Revere" and Frederick County Winner for 5th and 7th grade
- The Historical Society of Frederick County Student Contest 2010 Awards — Richard Markey Memorial Poster Contest — 2nd and 3rd place winners; two honorable mentions
- Division 1 — 2nd place in Poetry, Essay and Art contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter
- Winner of the Maryland Municipal League District 6 Essay Contest "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."
- Frederick County Science Fair — Visitation Academy students received awards in 7 out of the 8 categories judged (88%)
 - ~ Two 2nd Place Winners — Society of Women Engineers Award
 - ~ Winner of the American Psychological Society Award
 - ~ Two Winners — U.S. Public Health Services Award
 - ~ Two Champions — Observational and Theoretical Design Award

St. Thomas More Academy



St. Thomas More Academy was established in 2000, the fulfilled dream of a determined group of visionary parents. Steeped in the classical Catholic tradition, St. Thomas More Academy grew quickly, and a new school building opened in 2006. Situated on 40 tranquil acres and surrounded by gently rolling farmland this new campus is equipped to meet the growing needs of 21st century learners, while allowing

the luxury of small class sizes. Within our school, attention is given to 21st century technological advances in our tech and science labs, the use of interactive white boards in teaching and learning, the study of foreign languages beginning in preschool, as well as visual and performing arts. We focus on the educational advancement of every type of learner. This is a child and family centered school in every sense.



Our approach to the classical arts begins with our youngest students and advances through middle school learning. We guide the student to first understand the essential facts and relate to them in an organized way, then to use their knowledge to develop theories and opinions, and finally, to effectively defend their positions through effective writing and speaking. These classical language arts are central to the teaching and learning at STMA. Through deep exposure to the classics in literature and language, our students graduate with a classical arts education that prepares them for success in high school, college and the professions.

At St. Thomas More Academy we are determined to provide a gentle, loving environment where children are cherished and taught to live as Jesus did. Our academic program is second to none, preparing our graduates for success at the private and selective public schools of their choice. We welcome all families, and encourage you to come for a visit. See our teachers in action, observe our special classes and programs and meet our staff.

Our Before and After School Children's Center is on site from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm, including days when school is closed. Serving families and children in Urbana, Frederick, Mt. Airy, Lucketts, Leesburg, and Montgomery County.

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2011 McElroy Recipient Chosen



Michael McGowan

Friends of Catholic Education is pleased to announce that the 2011 McElroy Award recipient is **Michael McGowan**. Mike served for many years on the F.O.C.E. Board of Directors. He remains on the F.O.C.E. Advisory Board and serves as our financial advisor. Following a distinguished career in the U.S. Marine Corp, Mike settled in New Market with his wife Rita and continued a second successful career as a financial planner with Merrill Lynch where he remains today. We know no finer Catholic man than Mike and are so happy to be able to recognize him with this honor. The ceremony will take place October 4, 2011 at Ceresville Mansion. For more information or tickets, please contact us at 301-846-7804.

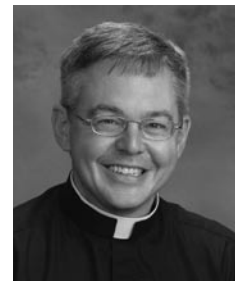
Mount St. Mary's University



Promoting the Renewal of Catholic Campuses — Cardinal Newman Society and the Mount Partner-up

Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD welcomes the Center for the Advancement of Catholic Higher Education, a division of The Cardinal Newman Society, as its new home, under the leadership of Rev. Msgr. Stuart Swetland.

Established in 2008, the Center (www.CatholicHigherEd.org) supports mission-centered teaching, policies and programs at Catholic colleges and universities, according to the Vatican constitution, *Ex corde Ecclesiae*. The Center's recent projects include *Assessing Catholic Identity*, a handbook to help college leaders evaluate their institutions, as well as several studies helping colleges defend against threats to their religious liberty.



Monsignor Swetland

"This is an exciting moment for Catholic colleges," said Cardinal Newman Society president Patrick J. Reilly. "The renewal of Catholic identity is underway, and the Center is at the forefront, researching and analyzing solutions to critical issues in Catholic higher education and identifying and sharing best practices on Catholic campuses."

"We have an extraordinary partner in Mount St. Mary's University, the nation's second-oldest Catholic university. Under the leadership of President Thomas Powell and Vice President for Catholic Identity Msgr. Stuart Swetland, the Mount has demonstrated a firm commitment to a strong Catholic identity. "For more than three years, Dr. Powell and Msgr. Swetland have been an integral part of a working group of faithful college presidents who have helped lay the foundation for the work the Center undertakes to support strong Catholic identity."

"We are honored that the Cardinal Newman Society has chosen the Mount as the new home of the Center for the Advancement of Catholic Higher Education," says University President Thomas Powell. "The Center will provide valuable resources to aid Mount St. Mary's and other colleges and universities to strengthen their Catholic identity."

In his capacity as Center director, Msgr. Swetland will be tackling key issues in Catholic higher education such as formation programs for new faculty, improvements in core curricula, integrating faith and reason in particular disciplines, reinforcing a presumption of sobriety and chastity on college campuses, and facilitating collaboration among college officials. The Center will also continue to be a leader in addressing the growing threats to the religious liberty of Catholic campuses.