

Bishop Walsh readies to host basketball tournaments

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High school basketball fans will flock this month to Allegany County, where Bishop Walsh School in Cumberland serves as host to boys' and girls' tournaments.

The Bishop Walsh Girls Invitational will be conducted March 6-8 on its campus. The field includes McDonogh, the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland A Conference champion; St. Frances Academy, which gave McDonogh a strong challenge in the IAAM semifinals; and St. Maria Goretti of Hagerstown, which earned its first championship in the Independent-Parochial School League, which includes teams from Frederick County, Washington County and Pennsylvania.

The 54th annual Alhambra Catholic Invitational will be held at Frostburg State University March 13-15. In addition to the Bishop Walsh boys, the host team, the field includes Mount St. Joseph, the three-time champion of the Baltimore Catholic League; Calvert Hall, which lost to the Gaels in an overtime title game; and De Matha of Hyattsville.

The schedules for both tournaments follow:

Bishop Walsh Girls Invitational Tournament at Bishop Walsh

March 6 Quarterfinals

Bishop Walsh vs. St. John's College High School, Washington, D.C., 3:15 p.m.

St. Vincent Pallotti, Laurel, vs Our Lady of Good Counsel, Olney, 4:45 p.m.

St. Frances Academy vs. Elizabeth Seton, Bladensburg, 6:15 p.m.

St. Maria Goretti vs McDonogh, 8 p.m.

March 7 Semifinals

Consolation bracket, 2:45 and 4:15 p.m.

Championship bracket, 5:45 and 7:30 p.m.

March 8 Finals

Seventh place, 1 p.m.; fifth place, 2:30 p.m.; third place, 4 p.m.; Championship, 6:15 p.m.

Alhambra Catholic Invitational Tournament

At Frostburg State

March 13 Quarterfinals

Bishop Walsh vs. St. John's College High School, Washington, D.C., 4 p.m.

Mount St. Joseph vs. Bishop O'Connell, Arlington, Va., 5:45 p.m.

Calvert Hall vs. DeMatha, Hyattsville, 7:30 p.m.

Benedictine College Prep, Richmond, Va., vs. Paul VI, Fairfax, Va. 9:15 p.m.

March 14 Semifinals

Consolation bracket: loser of game 1 vs. loser of game 3, 4 p.m.; loser of game 2 vs. loser of game 4, 5:45 p.m.

Championship bracket: winner of game 1 vs. winner of game 3, 7:30 p.m.; winner of game 2 vs. winner of game 4

March 15 Finals

Seventh place, 3 p.m.; fifth place, 4:45 p.m.; third place, 6:30 p.m.; championship, 8:15 p.m.

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