

Four Area Catholic Schools Receive National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award from U.S. Dept. of Education

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Earlier today, the U.S. Department of Education announced that four Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore are among a select group of schools nationwide to receive the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award. St. John the Evangelist School, Long Green Valley and St. Mary Catholic School, Hagerstown are receiving the distinction for the first time. St. Louis School, Clarksville, and St. John Regional Catholic School, Frederick have each been honored for the second time, bringing the total number of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese to receive this award to 25. The Blue Ribbon designation is the highest academic honor bestowed upon a school by the U.S. government.

“I am extremely proud of our Catholic schools,” said Jim Sellinger, Chancellor of Education. “The honor of achieving Blue Ribbon designation reinforces the academic excellence and quality Catholic education we provide our students and families in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.”

The Blue Ribbon program was established in 1982 by Secretary of Education, Terrell H. Bell. It honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels.

Twenty-five Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore have received the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award, including 14 since 2010. The complete list of Blue Ribbon schools includes:

- Archbishop Keough High School, 1987-1988

- Archbishop Spalding High School, Severn, 1992-1993
- Calvert Hall College High School, Towson, 1984-1985 and 1988-1989
- The John Carroll School 1995-1996
- Loyola Blakefield, Towson, 1986-1987
- Mount St. Joseph High School, Baltimore, 1988-1989
- Mercy High School, Baltimore, 1984-1985
- Notre Dame Preparatory School, Towson, 1984-1985 and 2012-2013
- Immaculate Conception School, Towson, 2014-2015
- Our Lady of Grace School, Parkton, 2014-2015
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ellicott City, 2015-2016
- Resurrection-St. Paul School, Ellicott City, 2009-2010
- The School of the Cathedral of Mary our Queen, 2014-2015
- St. Augustine School, Elkridge, 2012-2013
- **St. John Regional School, Frederick, 2009-2010 and 2016-2017**
- **St. John the Evangelist School, Long Green Valley, 2016-2017**
- St. John the Evangelist School, Severna Park, 2008-2009
- St. Joseph School, Cockeysville, 2013-2014
- St. Joseph School, Fullerton, 2015-2016
- **St. Louis Catholic School, 2010-11 and 2016-2017**
- St. Margaret School, Bel Air, 2013-2014
- St. Mary's, Annapolis, 2013-2014
- **St. Mary Catholic School, Hagerstown 2016-2017**
- St. Rita Catholic School, Dundalk, 1986-87
- Trinity School, Ellicott City, 1989-90 and 1998-99

About Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore:

- More than 25,000 students in 64 Catholic schools
- 25 schools have received the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence designation
- Catholic high school students average 100 points higher on the SAT than the national average
- 99% of students graduate high school; 98% attend college.

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