School News: Lemonade for charity, ice bucket challenge, a new wing and more

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St. Michael student hoping for sweet success with charity lemonade stand

Seven-year-old St. Michael the Archangel, Overlea, student Abigali Marinari and Lily Marinari, 4, will host a lemonade stand at the Parkville Towne Center Sept. 6 to help raise funds for the nonprofit charity, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

Abigail first heard about Alex's Lemonade Stand two years ago from her kindergarten teacher, and last year, the girls raised more than \$600. They hope their presence at the 30th annual Parkville Fair this year, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Harford Road between Taylor Avenue and Dubois Avenue, will help them reach their \$1,000 goal.

Supplies for the stand have all been donated by corporations. Abigail wrote letters to more than 30 corporations seeking donations and thanked Zeigler's Lemonade, Mars Supermarkets, Giant Supermarket, and Oriental Trading for making the stand possible.

To learn more about Alex's Lemonade Stand, click here.

St. Joseph, Cockeysville, unveils new middle school wing

A new mural and two student lounges greeted middle school students at St. Joseph School in Cockeysville Aug. 26 in a school wing now solely dedicated to middle school use. Two mothers of former St. Joseph students applied their talents to the reappropriated space: Baltimore muralist Patricia O'Brien painted St. Joseph and the school's mission over an archway, and interior decorator Jill Lowe designed the lounges in a contemporary style with sleek furniture and accessories.



A new mural over the entrance to the new middle school wing at St. Joseph School in Cockeysville includes St. Joseph and the school's mission: "Growing spiritually, intellectually, morally and socially." The mural was painted by Patricia O'Brien.

(Courtesy of Joe Liberto)

Monsignor Paul Cook, St. Joseph Parish's pastor, cut a blue ribbon and blessed the new wing on the first day of school. In years prior, middle school classrooms were interspersed throughout the school. Consolidating them in a single wing is part of "a

differentiation project for the upper school," said Barbara Smith, St. Joseph's marketing manager, in a statement.

St. Joseph's "middle school experience" also includes a new uniform, varying schedules, intensified language requirements and additional student responsibilities.

St. Mary's, Annapolis, challenges Superintendent Edmondson to the ice bucket challenge

St. Mary's High School faculty and staff took the ice bucket challenge to benefit ALS research Aug. 29, donating funds to the John Paul II Medical Research Institute in Iowa City. The school went wild challenging others, nominating St. Mary's Elementary school and staff, St. Mary's varsity football team, the faculty and staff of Archbishop Spalding in Severn, and the faculty and staff of Mount de Sales School in Catonsville, as well as Dr. Barbara McGraw Edmondson, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

See St. Mary's original challenge.

St. Joan of Arc School to hold annual Freedom Walk Sept. 11

On Sept. 11, St. Joan of Arc School in Aberdeen will hold its annual Freedom Walk, leaving school at 8:30 a.m. and heading to Festival Park for the program, which begins at 9 a.m.

Guest speakers include a staff sergeant from the U.S. Army, who will speak to the students about patriotism, as well as someone from the Aberdeen Police Department. Millad Sajjad, a 2009 graduate of Calvert Hall College High School in Towson, will perform Taps, and three St. Joan of Arc students will share essays about what it means to be a hero.

Students will also be completing community service projects.

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