

# School news: Mayor for a day, sailing and more

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*Kevin Ryan, a rising fifth grader at St. Joan of Arc School, was Aberdeen's mayor for the day June 3.*

*(Courtesy St. Joan of Arc School)*

## **St. Joan of Arc School student is Aberdeen mayor for a day**

Kevin Ryan, a rising fifth grader at St. Joan of Arc School, was Aberdeen's mayor for the day June 3.

Kevin, one of three finalists from St. Joan of Arc, won the essay contest, "If I were Mayor, I would ...," according to the Aberdeen school.

Kevin's day as mayor began when Aberdeen police escorted him to City Hall for a tour, according to the school. There he signed a proclamation, declaring June 3 Harford Family House Day in Aberdeen. Harford Family House is the county's largest provider of transitional housing for homeless families.

In his essay, Kevin wrote that he would open a homeless shelter: "Sometimes, when I am on my way to school, I will look into the woods and see the homeless living in tents. When I go to the park, I will see homeless people sitting on the park benches. It is important to me because I don't like to see people living like that. I would want to help them out and get them back on their feet."

Kevin toured the Waste Water Treatment Plant, Department of Public Works and Ripken Stadium, where he threw out the first pitch and received his own jersey, according to the school. He had lunch with Aberdeen's mayor, Michael E. Bennett, and toured the Police administration and City Council chambers.

## **Maryvale students volunteer at Camp St. Vincent**

Twenty-three students from Maryvale Preparatory School in Lutherville are volunteering this summer at Camp St. Vincent, a day camp run by St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore in Patterson Park for youths.

## **St. Elizabeth School student receives scholarship for summer enrichment**

Kahlid Harvell, a senior at St. Elizabeth School in Baltimore, was awarded a \$510 scholarship by the Michael Cardin Scholarship Committee of the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities June 9.

Harvell will use his scholarship to participate in a summer art program at Mitchell Art School in Baltimore.

He was one of 61 Maryland students with disabilities who received scholarships for persevering amid adversity and succeeding because of hard work and support.

### **St. John the Evangelist School, Hydes, awards scholarship in memory of classmate**

St. John the Evangelist School's student council and eighth grade recently awarded the Wil Brady Scholarship to rising sixth-grader Drew Wilson, according to the Hydes school.

Eighth graders created the scholarship in memory of their classmate, Wil Brady, who died in 2008 when he was in third grade.

"Wil's good friends brainstormed the qualities that made him so special, like being a good friend to all, loyalty, faith and of course, fun," Maureen Jones, eighth-grade teacher and student council moderator, said in a statement.

To find the ideal student for this award, the student council asked the fifth grade class to select a classmate with those qualities, according to the school.

The \$1,500 scholarship was donated by the student council and eighth grade families and will be applied to Drew's tuition during her three years of middle school, according to St. John.

"This was just one of the ways this class chose to honor their beloved classmate," Jones said in a statement. "Drew is truly worthy of this scholarship."



*Science got exciting for St. Mary's High School students as they toured the Sorcerer II June 5 in Annapolis.*

*(Courtesy St. Mary's School)*

### **St. Mary's High School students tour sailboat**

St. Mary's High School biology, environmental science and physics students toured the Sorcerer II June 5 in Annapolis, according to St. Mary's.

That boat's captain, Charles Howard, and his crew showed students the water sampling equipment and talked about what life is like on a sailboat for a six-week stretch, according to the Annapolis school.

The 100-foot sailboat has circled the globe, taking water samples to map the genes of microorganisms that inhabit the oceans, according to the school. The yacht was docked at the National Sailing Hall of Fame while on its way to Nantucket, Mass., for the summer.



*Monsignor Steven P. Rohlf, vice president and rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary*

*(left), and Thomas H. Powell, president of Mount St. Mary's University  
(right) present Daughter of Charity Sister Joanne Goecke, principal of Mother Seton  
School (center), with the Mount St. Mary's President's Medal.  
(Photo courtesy Tim Lesser, Mount St. Mary's University)*

### **Mother Seton School principal receives Mount St. Mary's University honor**

Daughter of Charity JoAnne Goecke, principal of Mother Seton School from 2006 to 2014, was recently awarded the President's Medal from Mount St. Mary's University for her dedication and contributions to improve the community, the Emmitsburg school announced. It is one of the Mount's highest honors.

Sister JoAnne was recognized for her years of leadership at Mother Seton and her service to the Mount.

"This award is really for each member of our staff and faculty at Mother Seton School, since there can be no leader without a dedicated, creative, energetic team," Sister JoAnne said in a statement.

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