

School News: New tennis and athletic facilities, an anti-drug parade and more

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Richie Frieman addresses the students at Mother Seton School (Courtesy Lynn Taylor)

Mother Seton students learn about perseverance and never giving up

Author, former professional wrestler, weekly columnist and podcaster of “Modern Manners Guy,” Richie Frieman visited Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg Oct. 7 to encourage students to “Never give up on your dreams.”

Frieman, who has written a book on business etiquette and a children’s book about a turtle who dreams of traveling the world, told the students that many dreams, like his dreams of becoming a professional wrestler or publishing books, are not achieved without hard work. Sometimes, he told them, others will criticize or make fun of your dreams, but nonetheless, he told them not to get discouraged.

“Dream big. The sky isn’t the limit—it’s only the start,” Frieman advised.

John Carroll School breaks ground on athletic fields

The students at The John Carroll School in Bel Air are one step closer to having more places to play football, lacrosse, soccer and field hockey, since the school broke ground on two new turf fields in a Oct. 20 ceremony, which included an opening prayer from St. Margaret pastor Monsignor G. Michael Schleupner.

The new fields, which are expected to be finished in the spring and will be part of the campus’ Gerry Gray Stadium and Women’s Varsity Field, were funded by \$1 million in donations as part of school’s \$10 million Lighting the Way Capital Campaign.

St. Joseph’s School to host parade in honor of drug and alcohol prevention

As part of the annual nationwide Red Ribbon Week, which is sponsored by the National Family Partnership (NFP) to raise drug and alcohol awareness, St. Joseph’s School in Fullerton will hold its annual Red Ribbon parade Oct. 31 at 1 p.m.

The parade will feature anti-drug and alcohol floats, costumes and signs as well as

performances by the school's drum corps.

"Although the students are getting an anti-drug education in their classrooms, participation in this parade forces them to dig a little deeper and do a little more research, and this is reflected in their signs, floats, and costumes," said Principal Phyllis Karko, in a press release. "It's a wonderful, spirited event, and a wonderful educational opportunity not only for the audience, but for the participants and well".



Mary Gunning (Courtesy of Cami Colarossi)

St. Jerome's Head Start director recognized for service to community

Notre Dame Preparatory School honored alumna Mary Gunning (Class of 1975), the director of the Head Start program at St. Jerome in Baltimore with its Mother Caroline Friess Service Award Oct. 24.

Aside from her 33 years serving with Catholic Charities, which operates the early education program, Gunning, who is also an associate member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, also serves on the board/council of the National Head Start Association, Maryland Committee for Children, the South Baltimore Learning Center, and the South Baltimore Family Health Center.

Other accolades Gunning has received include being one of the Daily Record's "Top 100 Women" in 2007 and being inducted into the Notre Dame Prep Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

Loyola University Maryland to construct new tennis complex

Come spring 2015, the tennis community of Loyola University Maryland will no longer have to stagger practices and share court space with neighboring Notre Dame University of Maryland. Additionally, they will be able to host tournaments such as the Patriot League championships.

As part of its \$100 million Bright Minds, Bold Hearts campaign, the university recently received a \$3.2 million anonymous gift, which will be used to fully fund the recently started eight-court, lighted tennis facility at the Ridley Athletic Complex, located approximately 1.5 miles from the main campus.

The new facility, which will also include a locker room, parking lot and space for spectators, will be named in honor of men's and women's Head Coach and Loyola Hall of Famer Rick McClure, who has coached tennis at Loyola since 1979.

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