

School news: Reading room, new softball field and science fairs and videos

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Ben Carson Reading Room opens at Ss. James and John Catholic School

A Ben Carson Reading Room opened at Ss. James and John Catholic School in Baltimore April 23.

Dr. Benjamin Carson and his wife, Candy Carson, co-founded the Carson Scholars Fund in 1994, a nonprofit that works to combat illiteracy. The Ben Carson Reading Project is an initiative of the Carson Scholars Fund.

Growing up, Dr. Carson's mother required him to read books and write book reports for her.

"The Ben Carson Reading Room means the world to us," King Cassell, principal of Ss. James and John, said in a statement. "We now have a comfortable home-like space in our school where students can explore the world, spark their imaginations and visualize the wonders of the world. We will be encouraging our students each time they enter to think big and that there is a big world out there waiting for them to bring a little joy to it."

There are currently 107 Ben Carson Reading Rooms in 14 states and Washington, D.C., with two reading rooms in Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools, including Archbishop Borders School in Highlandtown, according to the Carson Scholars.

Bishop Walsh School dedicates new softball field

Bishop Walsh School dedicated its new softball field, Sister Phyllis McNally Field, in honor of School Sister of Notre Dame Phyllis McNally April 28, according to the Cumberland school.



(Courtesy Bishop Walsh School)

Sister Phyllis, who retired as the school's principal in 2012, promoted female

athletics at Bishop Walsh and helped secure a plot of land for a new field, according to the school. The field dedication included a ribbon cutting, dove release and Sister Phyllis throwing out the first pitch.

St. John Regional Catholic School students placed second in video contest

Brothers Thomas and Curtis Nishimoto, eighth-graders at St. John Regional Catholic School in Frederick, recently received second place in The Kavil Foundation Science in Fiction 2014 Video Contest.

Their video, "Up, Up, and Away : Fact or Fiction?", was one of more than 250 entries from around the globe, according to the school.

Immaculate Conception School hosts STREAM Fair

Immaculate Conception School in Towson hosted a STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) Fair May 1.

More than 500 students displayed and discussed project-based and inquiry driven presentations at the fair, according to the school.



Projects and presentations included "How does an oil spill affect the environment," designing and building affordable prosthetics, designing a solar oven, designing windmills and engineering recycled racecars, according to the school.

Archbishop Lori visits Mercy High School

Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori visited Mercy High School in Baltimore April 1.

Following a prayer service, Archbishop Lori presided at the blessing and rededication of the school's newly restored statue of Our Lady of Mercy.

The statue, circa 1925, was originally at Mount St. Agnes in Mount Washington, according to the school. The statue's restoration was made possible by Tom and Susan Brennan.

Four inducted into Archbishop Spalding High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame

Archbishop Spalding High School in Severn inducted James Davies '86, Michael Flanagan '96 and parents Donna Gunning and Susan Macary into its Fine Arts Hall of Fame May 2.

The recognition is based on leadership, service and character, according to the school.

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