School news: Soccer standouts, good manners and robotics

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Loyola Blakefield's robotics club ranked globally

Loyola Blakefield's robotics club, the RoboDons, has been ranked fourth in Maryland and 92nd in world, according to VEX Robotics, the Towson school announced Jan. 8.

Mount St. Joseph High School alumnus signs with D.C. United

The Catholic Review profiled Jalen Robinson in 2010. Check it out here.

Robinson, a 2012 graduate of Mount St. Joseph High School in Irvington, signed a contract with D.C. United Jan. 6, making him the seventh homegrown player in the soccer organization's history.

"Jalen is one of the most athletic players in all of college soccer who can play center back or right back," Dave Kasper, general manager of D.C. United, said in a statement. "He is very composed on the ball as he looks to play out of the back, and he also excels at one on one defending."

The 19-year-old Catonsville native is a defender.

Watch a short video of this young man.

St. Ursula School's boys basketball team wins championship

During Christmas break, St. Ursula School's fourth grade boys basketball team won the Monsignor Lynch Basketball Tournament at Immaculate Conception School in Towson, the Parkville school recently announced.

St. Ursula beat Immaculate Conception's team, 12-6, to win the championship.

Hydes student has "Goal of the Year"

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, Hydes, third-grader Ben Madore has been nominated by US Youth Soccer for "Goal of the Year" and is one of ten finalists nationwide. This video showcases each finalist's goal.

Visit the website to vote on your favorite goal by Jan. 13.

Archbishop Spalding High School graduate nominated for Grammy awards

Tamar Braxton, a 1995 graduate of Archbishop Spalding High School, has been nominated for three Grammy awards, the Severn school recently announced. The singer-songwriter is the youngest sister to Toni Braxton.

Mother Seton School announces winners of soccer shoot out

Mother Seton School students recently received awards from the Knights of Columbus Brute Council No. 1860 in Emmitsburg for participating in the Knights' annual soccer shoot out, the Emmitsburg school announced. Participants were rated based on their performance in kicking the ball, shooting goals and throwing.

Winners from Mother Seton in the girls division were fifth-grader Hannah Beckett, seventh-grader Annabelle Perry and eighth-graders Kimberlee Ahlers and Nora Stocksdale.

In the boys division, winners were fifth-grader Chase Stull, sixth-grader Jeremy Hochschild and eighth-grader Eric Himes.

Fifth-grader Natalie Bosche and seventh-grader Hunter Brown competed at the district level with another Knights council.

Mother Seton School students recognized for citizenship

Being a good neighbor, cooperating, protecting the environment, following rules and respecting authority were among the virtues that encompassed Mother Seton School's November Christian character trait of citizenship.

The following students at the Emmitsburg school were recognized: pre-kindergartners Torrance Bassler, George Brevard, Lane Koenig and Jacob Marron; kindergartners Gianna Kinnamont, Brady Klingler, Maggie Rabaiotti and Finnian Tayler; first-grader Annabelle James; second-graders Gray Grube and Caleb Staiger; third-grader Brendan Guinan; fourth-graders Hannah Cavey and Jacob Hartness; fifth-graders Hunter Collins and Jack Guinan; sixth-graders Daniel McCarthy and Lea Roberts; seventh-graders Elizabeth Buchheister and Hannah Hartness; and eighth-graders Max Kirby and Nicholas Reaver.

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