

# Schools Roundup: Learning how to save lives, give thanks and help the needy

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## **Resurrection-St. Paul students share edible “treasures of their faith” with the homeless**

✖ Students and faculty at Resurrection-St. Paul school donated nearly 1,500 lunches to the homeless at the Weinberg Housing and Resource Center in Baltimore Feb. 10, as part of a yearlong outreach project inspired by the 2014-2015 school theme, “Treasures of Our Faith.”

According to an email from assistant principal Kevin Sokoloff, each grade had been challenged to make at least 100 lunches this month, since the month’s drop-off date, Feb. 10, was also the 100th day of school, and the students “came through with flying colors.”

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## **Maryvale seniors learn about CPR during American Heart Month**

When they were in ninth grade, Maryvale seniors are required to take biology, the study of life. But after Feb. 10, they also know how to save one.



*(Courtesy Maryvale Preparatory)*

The American Heart Association recently visited Maryvale Preparatory in Lutherville to teach the school’s seniors a lesson or two about CPR. The training session the students took in “Hands Only CPR” went toward fulfilling a new graduation requirement for the Class of 2015.

Even though, beginning next school year, all public school students in Maryland will be required to learn CPR in order to graduate under the recently passed Breanna’s

Law, Maryvale is the first independent school in the region, according to a media advisory from Heather Warnack, the school's director of communications and marketing, to institute a similar requirement for this year's graduating class.

### **Mother Seton eighth-graders use their pens to show their appreciation for America's veterans**

Mother Seton School eighth graders Amina Beasley, Eilis McCormick and Alexei Wood were recently recognized for their respective first, second and third-place honors winning submissions to the annual Patriot Pen essay contest, which is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

The three students submitted their essays, based on the 2014 theme, "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans" to their local VFW Post 6658, and with her first-place essay, Beasley will now proceed to the second level of the competition, the district level.

According to the contest website, winning essays are judged based on "clarity of ideas," "theme development" and "knowledge of the theme." The last two levels of the competition take place at the department and national levels, according to a press release from Lynn Taylor, a marketing and communications specialist at Mother Seton.



*Sharon Williams (President, VFW Post 6658 Ladies Auxiliary) (from left), Jane Gjerde (Patriotic Instructor, VFW Post 6658 Ladies Auxiliary), Amina Beasley (1st Place), Eilis McCormick (2nd Place), Alexei Wood (3rd Place), Gwen Topper (Secretary, VFW Post 6658 Ladies Auxiliary), Gloria Bauerline (Chaplain, VFW Post 6658 Ladies Auxiliary), and Patrick Gjerde (USAF, Ret., Trustee, VFW Post 6658). (Courtesy of Lynn Taylor*

### **St. John the Evangelist third graders "deepen" their "social values" by helping Haiti**

Inspired by Pope Francis and what teacher Teresa Zankowitz calls his "goals for education," third-grade students at St. John the Evangelist School in Hydes have spent the past few months "deepening their social values" by raising money for and learning about Haiti, where the school's sister parish, St. Michael de l'Attalaye resides, according to a press release from Pamela Turnbull, the advancement director at St. John the Evangelist School.

The students, Turnbull said in the release, anticipated giving the pastor of St. Michael a suitcase of school supplies they've collected as well as \$600 for a needed propane stove, which was raised through school supply sales and the assistance of donors. The parish's pastor, Father Dessalines, was scheduled to come to the school

Feb. 8.

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