



St. Mary's Bryantown School

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January 4, 2012

THIS WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS

Happy New Year!

On behalf of Father Conley, Mrs. Caniglia, faculty and staff we wish all of you a wonderful New Year and hope 2012 brings peace and happiness to you and your families. We would also like to thank all of you who showered us with gifts and prayers during this holiday season. A special thank you to the 7th grade parents for the cookie buffet supplied for our faculty room. The cookies were delicious. Thank you to everyone for all you do for our school, our students and us, we are truly appreciative and blessed.

Christmas Sharing

Due to your extreme generosity we collected and delivered over 300 brand new toys to the Hughesville Women's Shelter and Children's Aide Society for children who were in need this Christmas. Both organizations were extremely grateful and happy for our delivery. Another heartfelt thank you which is a bit closer to home goes out to all those individuals and families who donated to the collection for our families in need. We collected over \$2000.00 and helped make Christmas a little brighter for five of our own St. Mary's families. Your extreme generosity and caring spirit is very heartwarming. Thank you!

STEM Competition—Congratulations

We would like to congratulate our 5th and 7th grade STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) teams who competed at North Point High School on December 17, 2011. There were over 80 teams from around the Washington area that competed. We had two teams place fourth in the Teamwork portion of the competition, and one team place fifth in the competition overall. Great job to all of our teams! A special thank you goes to the engineers who worked with our

students over the last semester, Ms. Heather, Mr. Matt and Mr. Wally, and of course thanks to our science teachers, Mrs. Cooksey and Mr. Wilson.

Zoolights Performance

Our Children's Choir and Handbell Choir were both invited to perform at The National Zoo on December 18, 2011 as part of their Zoolights program. Both choirs did a phenomenal job and represented our parish and school very well. Many visitors and the staff of The National Zoo were extremely impressed with the performances of our students. A special thank you goes out to Ms. Lloyd, our St. Mary's music teacher, who did a wonderful job working with all of our students on the Christmas songs. We would like to thank all of our parent chaperones, and parent supporters who assisted with our equipment set-up and take down. If you were unable to be there, you can watch a small part of the performance on the St. Mary's School You Tube page. To access this link go to <http://www.youtube.com/user/StMarysBryantown>.

TAP—2012

It's a new year and a time of resolutions. Why not resolve to begin using the TAP program set up to aid all of our families with tuition reimbursement. The order form is available on-line at our school website, weekly in our Wednesday white envelope packet, and now you can order on-line as well. It's easy, it's free (other than the cost to purchase the gift cards), and it's available to benefit you. Walk-up sales are scheduled for Tuesday, January 10 and Tuesday, January 31 from 9:15 – 10 a.m. in the school hall. Please contact Kimberly Bowling at kagbowling@aol.com with questions. Thank you for your support!

Appetizers with the Principal

Mark your calendars for Appetizers with the

Principal on January 19, 2012 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to have a discussion with the principal about anything. Ask questions, give input and hear what others are saying and feeling about our school. Please RSVP by January 17, 2012.

Archdiocese of Washington “Speak Up” Technology Survey

Please read the enclosed flyer regarding the “Speak Up 2011 Promotion Timeline”. This is an “annual research project conducted by Project Tomorrow, which collects and reports on the views of K-12 students, teachers, administrators, and parents on 21st century education and technology.” The findings of this survey are presented to the U.S. Congress, Department of Education, and other federal agencies and policy research groups and associations. Go to <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2011/> Survey password: speakup_adw. Check the link above periodically throughout the school year for updates on the findings of this survey and the process of developing new technology plans.

Marketing Briefing

The Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring an evening to brief the public about marketing for Catholic Schools. The presentation will be held at St. Columba School in Oxon Hill, MD on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. If you are interested in attending please contact Mrs. Caniglia. See the flyer for additional details.

Summer Programs Registration

Please check out the registration form and flyers for the St. Mary’s Summer Programs for June and July, 2012. There are several exciting and fun programs set-up for your children. Before and Aftercare is available for an additional fee. Registration begins now and space in some programs is limited. Register early to secure your spot.

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Maddie Lessner (Gr. 8) who won the Catholic Business Association’s iPad raffle. The CBA will be raffling another iPad in the spring to help raise funds for the Catholic School

Scholarship Fund. Watch for future details. If you are interested in joining the CBA, please contact Mrs. Caniglia.

Science and History Fair Reminder

All projects are due on **Monday, January 23, 2012**. The projects will be set up after lunch by the students and teachers.

Important Dates

- Jan. 4 (Wednesday)—Early dismissal—1:30 p.m.
- Jan. 6 (Friday)—First Friday mass—9:30 a.m.
- Jan. 8 (Sunday)—Confirmation workshop—1 – 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 9 (Monday)—Parish Council meeting—7 p.m.
- Jan. 10 (Tuesday)—TAP Walk-up sales—(9:15 – 10 a.m.), Budget meeting—6 p.m. & School Advisory Meeting—7 p.m.
- Jan. 13 (Friday)—Mass—9:30 a.m., 4th grade Hot dog lunch & End of 2nd Quarter

Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 16 (Monday)—School closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 18 (Wednesday)—Marketing presentation at St. Columba—6:30 a.m.
- Jan. 20 (Friday)—Mass—9:30 a.m. & Honor Assembly—10:15 a.m.
- Jan. 23 (Monday)—Science and History Fair set-up & March for Life
- Jan. 24 (Tuesday)—School closed—Teacher and Staff In-service day
- Jan. 25 (Wednesday)—Science and History fair judging
- Jan. 26 (Thursday)—Science and History fair reception—4 – 6 p.m. & Pre-K Registration for current SMB families—begins at 8 a.m.
- Jan. 27 (Friday)—Mass—9:30 a.m. & 8th grade Spaghetti dinner
- Jan. 28 (Saturday)—Catholic Schools Week Kick-off
- Jan. 31 (Tuesday)—CSW—Open House 10 a.m. – Noon & 6 – 8 p.m. Early dismissal—1:30 p.m.



“Did You Know”

“Did You Know”—we are introducing a new section in our newsletter called “Did You Know.” This section has been established to address questions, concerns and comments that were collected as part of our school survey completed this past November. Our hope is to better communicate with our school and parish community about the workings of our school. We plan to address what we have done in the past, things we are currently working on, and things we are planning on for the future. We will begin this week by addressing questions/statements one, two and three of the survey.

Question/Statement one on the survey: How did you first hear about our school?

Many of you answered this question and the information you provided will help us in our marketing program. Answers ranged from hearing about our school from the parish, other families who currently send their children to this school, and those families whose children are alumni of the school, local newspaper, the website and other social media. Some commented that we should go back to using the billboard on Rte. 5 to advertise our school. We would love to go back to using the billboard for advertising. The billboard advertisement was designed with our students on it, and it brought a lot of positive attention to our school. The cost of advertising on the billboard is \$3500.00 for one month of rental. In the past, we have had generous donations to offset the cost of this type of advertising. We would love to be able to do this advertising again in the future if funding allows. This year we have been working on a school video that will be on the Charles County Chamber of Commerce website and linked to our school website. We hope to have this in place, up and running by the end of January.

Question/Statement two of the survey: The school’s mission statement clearly posted, and focused on student success.

Our school’s motto is “Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Jesus, Each Other and Learning.” This statement can be found in several places in our school building and in our literature. Our school’s mission statement can be summarized as to teach the message of Jesus Christ through prayer, word and example. It is posted in the front foyer in the middle display case on the wall, and on the stairway downstairs. Our students use this stairway several times a day, and therefore are passing by it frequently. Additionally, the mission statement is included on the first page of the Student/Parent Handbook which is published yearly, and given to each family at the beginning of the school year. Parents do sign and return a statement indicating that they have read the Handbook each year. At the start of our 2011-2012 school year we began the tradition of reading the mission statement each day at morning prayers. The school’s mission statement focuses on student success in several ways, including success in spiritual, academic and service areas. Please take a few moments to read the mission statement the next time you are in the building or check out the Student/Parent Handbook, or please join us one morning for prayers.

Question/Statement three of the survey: Our school has established goals and a plan for improvement.

Our school has a Five-Year Plan that focuses on several areas: Curriculum and Instruction, Programs, Community, Family & Student Life, Physical Plant, Maintenance & Capital Improvements, and Budget. The first Five-Year Plan was written in 2004. It has been reviewed and revised and was last updated in 2008. The current Five-Year Plan (2008-2013) will be updated by 2013, and will include a name change to the St. Mary’s School Continuous Improvement Plan based on the new Archdiocese of Washington policies. Our Five-Year plan has been shared with the School Advisory Board, the Home and School Association Board, and Faculty and Staff throughout the years. Any member of the St. Mary’s School community can review the plan or receive a copy at any time. Please contact Mrs. Caniglia if you would like a copy of the plan, if you would like to discuss the Five-Year Plan, or if you would like to be a part of the committee for the St. Mary’s School Continuous Improvement Plan.

Let us know how you like the “Did You Know” section of the newsletter by sending your comments to caniglia@bryantown.org or crozier@bryantown.org.

This
is your



Last Chance
To Buy Tickets
You can win up to \$6,000
for just \$25 each

Drawings Dates are:

January 6, 2012

February 3, 2012

March 2, 2012

April 13, 2012

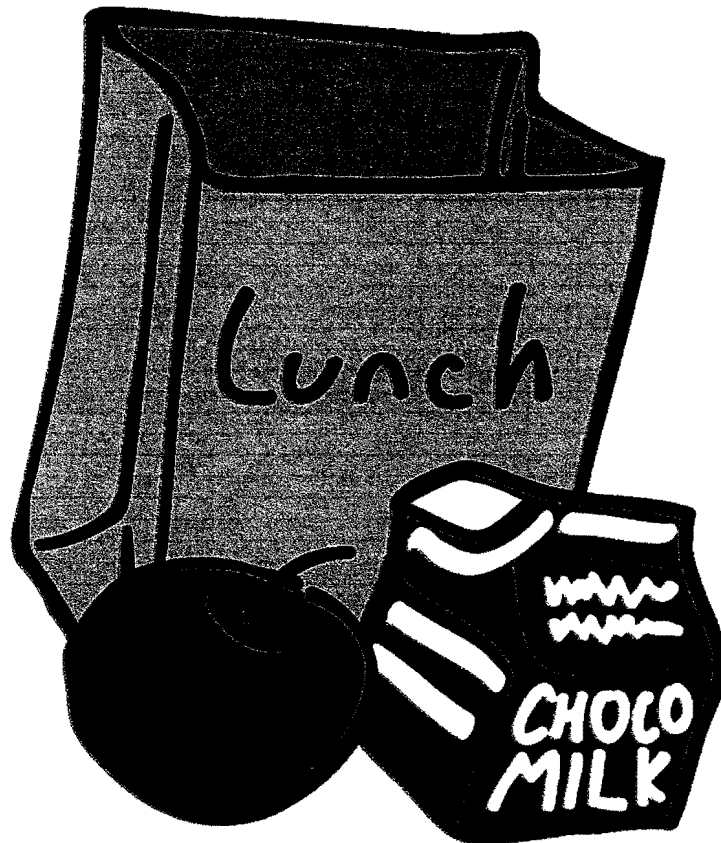
May 4, 2012

June 1, 2012

Call the main office on 301-932-6883 to get your tickets or after Mass.

You're Invited to Appetizers with the Principal

January 19, 2012
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.



Appetizers with the Principal RSVP
Please return by January 17, 2012.

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

TUITION ASSISTANCE ORDER FORM

Date:	Family to be credited:
Name & grade of youngest child (weekly white envelope):	Check #:

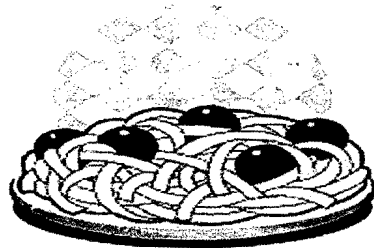
Name:	Telephone number in case there are questions about your order:
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BJs (2%)	100	
Food Lion (5%)	25	
Food Lion (5%)	100	
Giant (4%)	25	
Giant (4%)	100	
McKays (5%)	25	
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Nick's of Clinton (5%)	25	
Safeway (4%)	25	
Safeway (4%)	100	
Ritas (10%)	5	
Spirit of America Car Wash (15%)	25	
Ledos -- Charlotte Hall (10%)	10	
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TOTAL ORDER:		\$

Check out www.glscrip.com for daily updates and changes to stores that are offered.
 Replacements will not be issued for lost or stolen cards. Please keep in a safe place.

Spaghetti Dinner!!!

Hosted by the 8th Grade Class of
St. Mary's School
Friday, January 27, 2012
5:00 pm to 8:00pm



Dinner Menu:

Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce
Italian Meatballs
Salad
Breadsticks
Ice Cream Sundae Bar
Lemonade, Coffee, Water

Seating Times:

5:00pm – 6:30pm
6:30pm – 8:00

Advanced Tickets:

Adults: \$10.00
Children (under 6): \$6.00

Tickets at the Door:

Adults: \$12.00
Children (under 6): \$8.00

There will be a 50/50 Raffle and Gift Basket Raffles
All proceeds will benefit the 8th Grade Class Trip to New York City

Name: _____ Adults: _____ Children _____

Seating Time (please check one) 5:00-6:30pm _____ 6:30-8:00pm _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ (please make your check payable to St. Mary's school and
note 8th grade spaghetti dinner in the memo section)

Backpack tickets with child/grade: _____

*****Please return to Betsy Cusic (c/o Matt Cusic--8th Grade)--
No later than Monday, January 23, 2012



5th Annual SYBL AT THE CAPITAL CLUBHOUSE!!!

Friday, February 10th, 2012

7:00 to 11:00 PM

Courts/Skating begins at 7:00!

You can begin to arrive at 6:30 pm

COST: \$10/person at the door

Cash or Checks accepted (ATM on premises)

Capital Clubhouse
3033 Waldorf Market Place
Waldorf, MD 20603

Telephone 301.932.4348

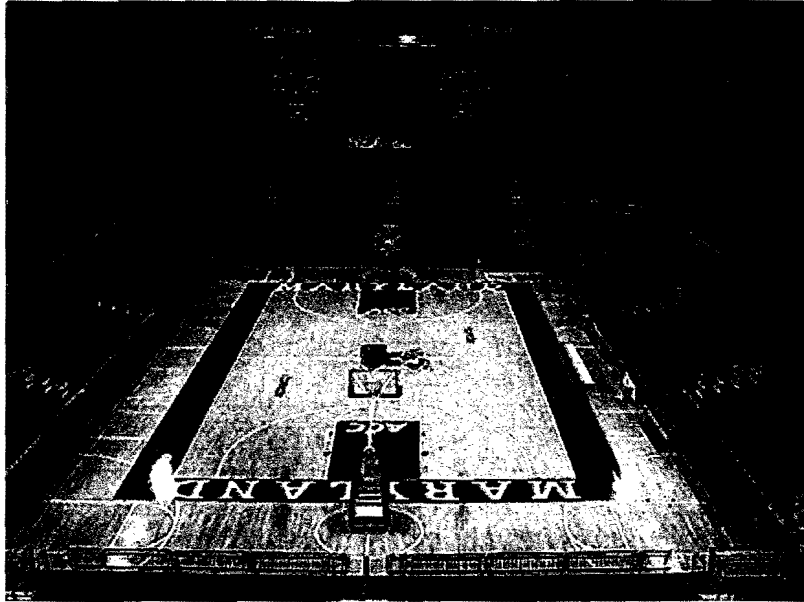
Who: Southern MD Catholic School families/SYBL families and friends ONLY! Facility will NOT be open to the general public!

***What: A private party for our great league!
Capital Clubhouse is ONLY OPEN for us that night!***

***Includes: Unlimited Ice skating with skates included!
All multi-purpose courts for family fun: basketball, soccer, volleyball,
dodgeball and kids 8 and under area; parents, coaches and kids can enjoy
these facilities together!!! Wall climbing (extra \$5/person)***

Food: Snack bar food and Pizza for sale!

***Sunday, February 19th, 2012
The SYBL will play at the beautiful
COMCAST CENTER!!!!***



Come and join us!!!

100 of our SYBL boys and girls will get to play in a full game on the COMCAST CENTER court before the University of Maryland Women play Duke University!!!

**The Univ. of MD cheerleaders will have a personal meet, greet and clinic with our SYBL cheerleaders AND our cheerleaders will cheer on the court during the Maryland Game!!!!
UMd Coach Brenda Frese will toss up ball to start game!**

All attendees will receive:

Game ticket to Univ. Of MD women vs Duke University (game time 3:00)

Custom made t-shirt

Photo/autograph opportunity after game on court!

Mid-section seating (great seats!!!) that you pick before the facility opens to public!!!

Bus transportation available from SJS at 9:00 and SPS at 9:30!!!

Arrive at COMCAST at 10:30

Girls play at 11:00; Boys play at 12:20; Md. Women play at 3:00;

Arrive home approx. 6:45 pm concessions will be open during all games!!!

COST: \$16/PERSON

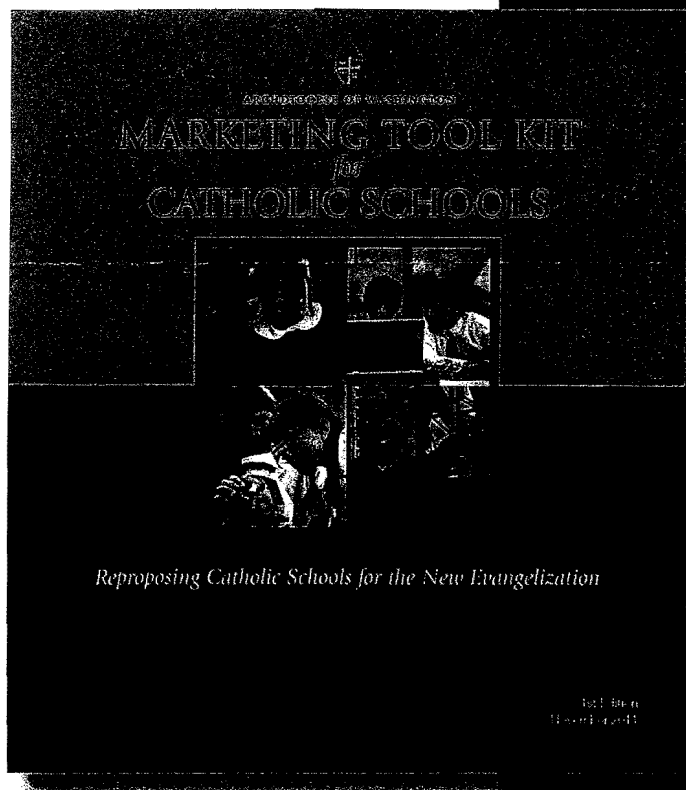
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFO!!!

MARKETING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

*"Catholic schools exist...
to provide our children with an
opportunity not only for
an academically excellent
education, but a faith
formation...which will serve
them the rest of their lives."*

Cardinal Donald Wuerl,
Convocation on Catholic Education, 2007

The Marketing Tool Kit
is designed to help
each Catholic school
develop an effective
marketing strategy.



100 page Marketing Kit with sample plans
and ideas for implementation

Prayer +
Research +
Analysis +
Planning +
Implementation +
Evaluation =

MARKETING

Implementation of an enrollment management plan
and effective marketing at Catholic elementary
schools is critical to the future of Catholic education
in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Deacon Bert L'Homme, Superintendent of Schools

Join us for a
**Briefing about
Marketing**

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

6:30 p.m. - Reception

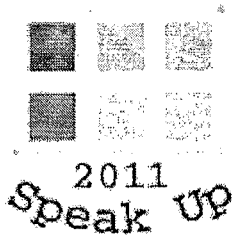
7:00 p.m. - Presentation

St. Columba School

7800 Livingston Road

Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745

RSVP by sending your name and
school affiliation to Michelle Lawyer
via email at lawyerm@adw.org.



Speak Up 2011 Promotion Timeline
Archdiocese of Washington
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Contact Info
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Program Support Coordinator
jhostert@tomorrow.org
949 609.4660 ext 12

Anytime during the Survey period:

- Register your school/district:** To register for Speak Up please go to our website at <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2011/> . Registration is quick and easy – just click on the green registration button and follow the instructions on the following pages! (Cathy Spencer has done this with the MACSC already)
- Promote Speak Up
- Send weekly reminders through your school newsletters, School Reach, and other regular parent and teacher communications. Use participation information provided by Project Tomorrow's to encourage your stakeholders to take the survey.
- Anytime during December**
 - Designate a day in December as Speak Up day and encourage as many people as possible to take the survey.
 - Encourage participation in the survey using the tips, techniques, and tools on the Project Tomorrow website http://www.tomorrow.org/speakup/speak_up_faq.html.

Forgot your password? Have a question? No need to worry, send an email to Jenny Hostert at jhostert@tomorrow.org.

- Happy Holidays!** Winter break is right around the corner along with the closing of the Speak Up survey. Announce frequent friendly holiday reminders to complete the survey before the close date on Dec. 23rd. <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2011>.
- Dec 23rd** Survey closes at midnight.

January 2012

- During January,** Project Tomorrow summarizes and prepares the Speak Up data for release to participating schools and districts Feb 2012.