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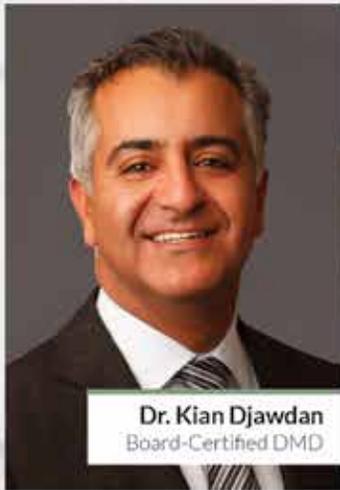
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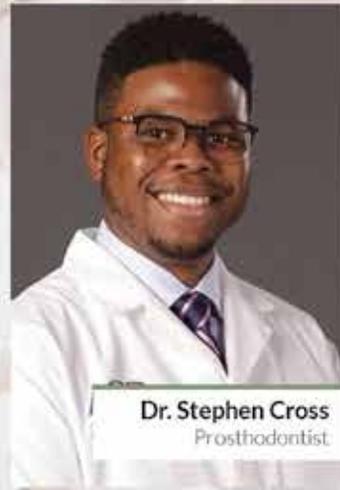
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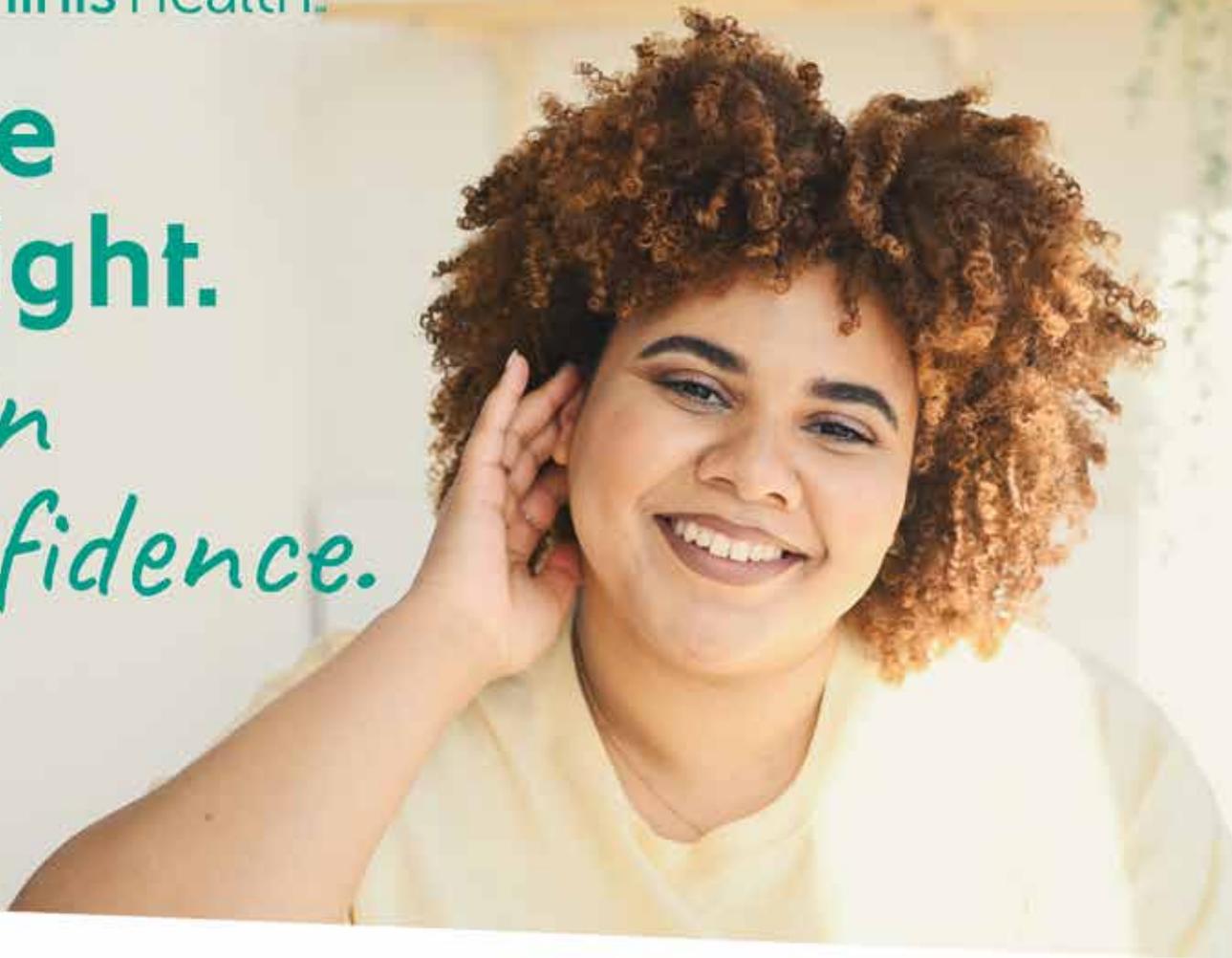
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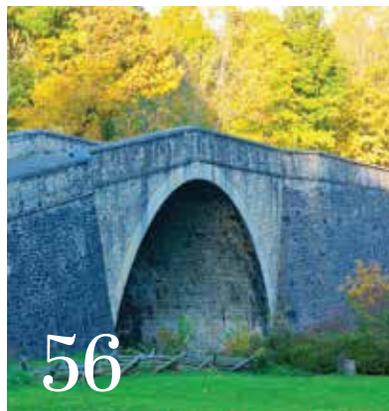
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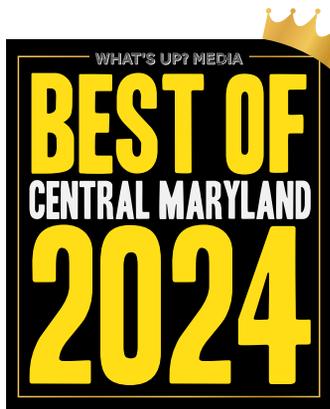
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## **Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Program**

On January 11th, the 36th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Program will be held at Live! Casino & Hotel in Hanover. Maryland Governor Wes Moore will speak, as well as U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, Congressman John Sarbanes, County Executive Steuart Pittman, and Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley. There will be 10 honorees acknowledged at the event whose leadership in civil rights has helped keep Dr. King's legacy alive. Proceeds from the event help pay off the debt incurred by building the Civil Rights Foot Soldiers Memorial. Tickets are available for purchase at [mlkjrm.org](http://mlkjrm.org).

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## Chesapeake Bay Boat Show

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## ↑ Paw Patrol

The pack is back and on a roll from their lookout tower in Baltimore! Paw Patrol is live at The Hippodrome in Baltimore for five performances this January. Come see Mayor Goodway get everything in shipshape for a big Pirate Day celebration in Adventure Bay on January 26th through 28th. Performances will be at 6 p.m. on January 26th, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on January 27th, and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on January 28th. Order tickets for the kiddos at [baltimore.broadway.com](http://baltimore.broadway.com).



## ↑ AN ARMED FORCES SALUTE

Londontowne Symphony Orchestra's annual January performance will be held on January 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Maryland Hall in Annapolis. An Armed Forces Salute will feature vocalist Parijita Bastola, who was recently featured on NBC's *The Voice*. The program will include patriotic works by American composers along with guest conductors Commander Diane Nichols and Mr. Greg Pascuzzi. Find more information and order tickets at [marylandhall.org](http://marylandhall.org).



## The Sinatra Experience

The Sinatra Experience starring Dave Halston is coming to Bowie Center for the Performing Arts on January 20th. The evening will be filled with music, laughter, and a zesty lineup of Frank Sinatra's most popular songs. Halston and his world-class band will be bringing the Sinatra sound and swagger to the stage with a swanky Vegas vibe. Get your tickets at [bowiecenter.org](http://bowiecenter.org).

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## THE GIN GAME

Compass Rose Theater is performing *The Gin Game* from January 19th through February 18th at Maryland Hall in Annapolis. Fonsia and Weller are two residents at a retirement home who play repeated games of gin rummy, which are revealed to be metaphors of their lives. Their hilarious feisty games reveal the laughter, tears, and intimate details of their long lives and the bittersweet realities of their most challenging chapter. *The Gin Game* is the winner of the 1978 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Order tickets at [marylandhall.org](http://marylandhall.org).



## Super Plunge

The Annual Maryland Polar Bear Plunge kicks off the 2024 plunging in the Chesapeake Bay with the Super Plunge on January 26th through January 27th at Sandy Point State Park. Festivities and various plunges continue each day through February 3rd. The Polar Bear Plunge raises money for Special Olympics Maryland. The Super Plunge is special because it shows support for the 15,588 Special Olympics Maryland and Unified teammates with plungers raising \$10,000 and plunging in the chilly water every hour for 24 hours. Last year, Super Plungers raised a record-setting \$637,000. Find more information at [plungemd.com](http://plungemd.com).

### FROST AND FLAME

The enchanting Frost and Flame Festival will be at Annapolis Town Center on January 19th and 20th. This nautical-themed fire and ice event will meld the cool elegance of ice with the fiery fervor of flame. Prepare to be captivated by a unique fusion of nautical culinary delights, mesmerizing performances, and interactive experiences to ignite your senses. There will be plenty of food trucks and activities, entertainment, fire dancers, ice sculptures, aerialists, glass blowing and blacksmith displays, smores, and more. Admission is free but tickets are required for a headcount. Find more information and reserve tickets at [annapolistowncenter.com](http://annapolistowncenter.com).



## ↑ Maryland Yule Ball

The Annual Yule Ball will be hosted on January 6th at the Double Tree Hotel in Annapolis. This is the perfect event to celebrate the end of the holiday season in your finest 16th to 19th century attire. The night will thrive with music, dancing, buffet dinner, cocktail hour, and a beautiful setting. Find more information at [mdyuleball.com](http://mdyuleball.com).



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Born in Lagos, Nigeria, and raised in Maryland, Dr. Irene Apata is a board-certified pediatric dentist. She attended Stockton University and received her Doctorate in Dental Surgery from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in 2012. She practiced as a general dentist until 2017 when she decided to specialize in pediatric dentistry. In 2020, Dr. Apata completed her specialty training in pediatric dentistry at the University of Florida. She opened her practice, Rock Kids Dental, on August 8, 2023.

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I am excited about positively impacting the oral health and well-being of the next generation. I enjoy working with children, helping them develop good oral hygiene habits, and educating them about the importance of dental care. I also find satisfaction in alleviating dental pain and providing preventive treatments. Being able to inspire my patients and change their perspective regarding dentistry gives me joy. I love hearing them say, "I want to be a dentist" at the end of our appointment.

**What technological advancements are you seeing in pediatric dentistry?**

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# For the Love of the Library

On September 22nd, the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation hosted its annual gala fundraising event, For the Love of the Library, at the Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library. The cocktail party featured delicious food from Chesapeake Chef Services, generous libations, and auction with a few surprise experiences for bid. Learn more at [aacpl.net/foundation](http://aacpl.net/foundation).

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On October 17, the Northern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce hosted a special panel discussion, lunch, and networking event, 2023 Women Who Make a Difference. Led by moderator Dr. Dawn Lindsay, President of Anne Arundel Community College, the four panelists—Michelle Coates, Finance Administrator and Education and Outreach Coordinator, Register of Wills, Anne Arundel County; Nadine Chien, Esq., Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, Anne Arundel Community College; Amy Gowan, President & CEO, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation; and Kris Valero Shock, President & CEO, Leadership Anne Arundel—touched on topics of business, philanthropy, and public service. Learn more at [naacc.com](http://naacc.com).

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# Robin Mohns

## Chris Gives Foundation

By Lisa A. Lewis

**W**hen Robin Mohns' husband, Chris Mohns, Sr., passed away suddenly from a heart attack on June 17th, 2022, she realized, in time, that the best way to cope with the overwhelming grief was to keep Chris' memory alive and honor his legacy. Chris was known in the community for his warm, caring nature, his selfless desire to help those in need, and his enthusiastic spirit of philanthropy. So, in December 2022, Robin created the Chris Gives Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides help to individuals who are struggling to pay for auto repairs and other transportation costs.

A 42-year Midas franchise owner with shops in Pasadena, Annapolis, Laurel, and Wheaton, Chris followed in the footsteps of his father, who owned 12 Midas shops. A dedicated businessman and active member of the community, he was always willing to lend a hand and believed that it was his duty to use his skills and talents to help others.

"Chris was a genuine person," says Robin, who serves as the president of the Chris Gives Foundation. "If he saw someone whose car had broken down on the side of the road, he would call a tow truck and have their vehicle repaired at one of his shops—no charge and no questions asked. He loved to pay it forward and give back to the community. Through the foundation, we hope to continue Chris' legacy of giving."

Funds raised by the Chris Gives Foundation are used to provide parts, services, and labor as well as free vehicle repairs for individuals and families in need. Reliable transportation is a basic necessity, yet many people cannot afford repairs or maintenance. Since Robin was familiar with the automotive business, she was able to identify and address this critical need. Once the idea for the foundation was planted in her mind, it took root and grew organically.

"To fulfill its mission, the Chris Gives Foundation partners with auto repair shops, vendors, and volunteer technicians who generously devote their time to this worthy cause," Robin says. "Since its inception, the foundation has hosted two fundraising events to help generate awareness and has already made an impact in the community. I hope to expand our services to include transportation costs to medical appointments. I would really like to reach out to Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center to discuss their needs."

Robin and Chris met in 1984 when she stopped by his Midas shop in Laurel. A native of Cumberland, Robin was looking for a summer job before returning to college to complete her studies. During the six months that she worked in the shop, she developed an admiration for the way Chris approached life. He valued his employees, provided outstanding customer service, and enjoyed helping others.

Robin and Chris parted ways when she returned to college, and life led them down different paths. However, Chris had inspired her, and throughout the years, she followed his example by further developing her love of helping others and giving back to the community. Thirty-four years later,

Robin and Chris' paths crossed again when they reconnected on Facebook. They soon realized that they still had a lot in common and really cared about each other. Married in 2019, the couple was excited to build their life together. Robin left her government job in Washington, D.C., and became Chris' business partner at the four Midas shops.

"Robin's dedication to honoring the legacy of her late husband through the Chris Gives Foundation keeps a light shining on a common aspect of their love: a desire to help others who are

struggling," says Sandie Curtis, CFE, IPMA-SCP, JMT, Vice President of Education, the International Franchise Association (IFA) and a board member of the Chris Gives Foundation. "Community outreach helps locate people in need of auto repairs. And by providing much-needed services, the foundation offers hope during tough times."

Robin, who lives in Millersville, continues to operate the four Midas shops. Chris' son, Chris Mohns, Jr., who works in the Annapolis Midas shop, will continue the family tradition, and ultimately

carry on his father's honorable legacy.

"Chris always said that truth is stranger than fiction, and that definitely applies to our love story," Robin says. "We were reunited after decades, and we planned to spend our lives together. When he was taken away so suddenly, I was grief-stricken. I really don't know what I would have done if I had not created the Chris Gives Foundation. It has given me a purpose. Chris was such a special person. Nothing is more important to me than carrying on his legacy."

To learn more about the Chris Gives Foundation, visit [chrisgives.com](http://chrisgives.com).

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The 20th annual Hospice of the Chesapeake Golf Tournament scored the fundraising equivalent of an eagle. With a long list of sponsors and more than 250 golfers, the event broke another record, raising \$250,000 for the nonprofit that serves Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, and Prince George's counties. Held September 28th at Queenstown Harbor Golf Course, the tournament offered hospitality that began with an omelet bar in the morning, shrimp and bourbon along with grilled lunch at the turn, and a gourmet awards banquet to cap off the day. The event is planned by the Hospice of the Chesapeake Golf Committee (pictured) each year to create a memorable outing focused on supporting the programs and services this hometown hospice provides for those living with and affected by advanced illness. Learn more at [hospicechesapeake.org](http://hospicechesapeake.org).



## Always Ice Cream Expands

Annapolis-based Always Ice Cream Company has signed a lease to open in 1,135-square feet of space in The Village of Cross Keys, a revitalized, upscale, mixed-use development in Baltimore. The store's sleek, contemporary design will create a cutting-edge allure in the new jewel box building being constructed near the main entrance to the Village Shops between Atlas Restaurant Group's new Asian restaurant and The Cordish Company's Cece's Roland Park. [Artist rendering courtesy Caves Valley Partners.]

"On warm, beautiful days I wish there were a place nearby where we could go out for a delicious scoop of ice cream in an upscale, relaxed setting," said Arsh Mirmiran, the partner at Caves Valley Partners leading the development of Cross Keys. "Starting in the spring of 2024, anyone in the area will be able to do so at Always Ice Cream Company's new location at Cross Keys." Learn more at [alwaysicecreamcompany.com](http://alwaysicecreamcompany.com) and [crosskeysbaltimore.com](http://crosskeysbaltimore.com).



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# Prostatis Financial Celebrates 20 Years

Prostatis Financial Advisors Group, LLC hosted a special two-day, 20-year anniversary celebration at its corporate headquarters in Hanover on October 16th and 17th. The first evening featured a live town-hall-style broadcast of the group's radio show "Savvy Investor" with Prostatis owner Michael Canet and company partner Ryan Herbert (both pictured). The next evening, guests enjoyed an open house cocktail party. Learn more about Prostatis at [prostatisfinancial.com](http://prostatisfinancial.com). Photograph by Carol Timlin.

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TOWNE ATHLETE

# Skylar Gilman

## Archbishop Spalding Field Hockey

By Tom Worgo

**S** kylar Gilman lives and breathes field hockey. When Gilman wakes in the morning, she looks forward to practicing even before her feet hit the floor.

Gilman admits she's obsessed with the sport. All the hard work over the years has paid off. The Archbishop Spalding junior is one of the best field hockey players in Maryland and has received regional and national accolades.

"I love field hockey," explains Gilman, who carries a 4.0 grade-point average. "I want to practice 24/7. With everything going on in the world, I can just focus on field hockey."

The 5-foot-3 Gilman goes above and beyond to sharpen her skills. At every opportunity, she practices inside and outside of her Edgewater home. No matter what the weather, she will be outside practicing on an artificial turf mat.

"If it is pouring outside, I will just put on a rain jacket and play with my stick," said Gilman, who will play field hockey on an athletic scholarship at the University of Maryland after high school.

"What gets me through the school day is that I know I will have field hockey practice later in the day. It helps get your mind off everything."

It's tough to match Gilman's field hockey resume. The three-year starter for the Cavaliers made the USA Field Hockey's U-16 Junior Women's National Team last year. Gilman also earned *The Baltimore Sun* All-Metro First-Team honors. On top of that, the Field Hockey Coaches Association of Maryland named her First-All State.

This year, the National Field Hockey Coaches Association put the 17-year-old Gilman on its watch. It's sort of a preseason All-American team.

"She is very dedicated to field hockey," Archbishop Spalding Field Hockey Coach Leslee Brady says of Gilman, who competes year-round for Freedom field hockey club.

Making the U-16 Junior Women's National Team meant the most to Gilman. She enjoyed competing with the team in California and North Carolina.

"I thought it made me a better player because I played with different people I really didn't know," Gilman says. "It gave me a big boost in confidence because these players were really good."

Gilman had a fantastic season for Spalding this past fall. She helped the Cavaliers get off to a perfect 8-0 record by leading the team in scoring with 11 goals and five assists. One play from Spalding's 6-2 victory over Garrison Forest on September 28th jumps off the page to Brady.

Gilman quickly weaved through a pair of defenders inside the 16-yard circle and as she got closer to the goal, the keeper tripped her up when trying to knock the ball away. Gilman got up right away and scored.

"She makes plays that are just jaw-dropping," Brady explains. "There are very few athletes with her athletic ability and instincts. She is relentless, lightning-quick, aggressive, and highly skilled. When you put all of that together on a field, it's hard to defend her."

Gilman also led the Cavaliers in scoring last year with 12 goals and 10 assists in 2022.

College is never from Gilman's mind. Gilman verbally committed in August to Maryland—a program that has won eight National Championships—over Princeton University. She also had an interest in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Wake Forest University. She plans to major in kinesiology.

"I have about two years before college," Gilman says. "That's enough time to keep getting better. I will work on my shot and a lot of other things."

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# THE SUPERINTENDENT

It's a role with a hero/scapegoat dynamic and Anne Arundel County's Mark Bedell is intent on setting a positive example for all



Ninth-graders rarely put down their phones. Especially not for a Monday morning assembly, where the superintendent might just drone on.

But as he strides onstage at North County High School, Mark Bedell makes clear this won't be the usual lecture. Snapshots light the screen behind him. With each one, Bedell delves deeper into his past, drawing in even the most distracted of 650 students, their texting forgotten.

Here are the 12 homes he lived in, growing up with the turmoil of his mom's addiction and bouncing between relatives in Rochester, New York. Next, he points out a corner store, where he cashed his teen paychecks



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to buy his family food. A final photo shows a reunion with four of his seven siblings. By then, they'd endured the heartbreak of a brother killed in a drive-by, a sister found murdered in the woods, and the youngest in jail. Only Bedell made it past eighth grade.

"Whatever circumstances you're going through outside of school, whatever might be a crutch for why you can't try your best, all I'm saying is: 'If I can make it, you can make it, right?'" Bedell urges the freshman class in early fall. "You all *can* achieve."

Now 49 and sharp in slim suits, Bedell commands respect with a national reputation, a doctoral degree—and more impressive to high schoolers—a closet of Air Jordans he once couldn't afford.

After a 26-year career in public schools, our new superintendent excels in many roles: data guru, budget planner, community liaison. But he's best as a motivational speaker, declaring "school was my only savior," his life a testament to his faith in education.

Eighteen months ago, Bedell took charge of a school system that's rapidly growing yet grappling with disparities and often overshadowed by its higher-achieving neighbors. Bedell had distinguished himself by turning around Kansas City, Missouri's school system, leading big cities like Philadelphia to court him. Instead, he opted for the \$305,000-a-year suburban job here.

His mission is twofold: to rejuvenate the weakest of 130 schools but also to rouse the complacent.

With 83,000 students, Anne Arundel's district is Maryland's fourth largest, and like the flourishing county, increasingly diverse. Students of color now

make up half the enrollment. Despite a healthy \$1.68 billion budget and surrounding affluence, the schools hover just above state average. Middle schools underperform, notably in math. Beyond a few stellar high schools, most lag in the competitive Baltimore-Washington suburbs that prize advanced classes and college acceptances. Only five seniors were National Merit Scholar semifinalists last year, compared to 61 in Howard County, and 162 in top-ranked Montgomery County.

"Sometimes good gets in the way of great," says Bedell. "People don't think there's a lot we need to do to improve until you start pinpointing data and showing them where we really are."





“There’s a lot of pressure from a very loud minority of folks trying to impose their own values on our county,” says Kristen DeBoy Caminiti, 42, a Crofton mother of four, who opposed the flag ban. She fears parental rights activists might target library books or curriculum content here, as they have elsewhere, fretting “it’s going to be a challenge.”

Bedell is more sanguine. He speaks his mind but takes pride in his ability to collaborate with different groups, including the conservative powerhouse Moms for Liberty. And he firmly believes that improving student performance will override everything else.

School board outgoing president Joanna Bache Tobin agrees. Online learning frustrated parents during the pandemic, she says, “but we’re in school again, and people want to see their kids’ outcomes. The most important thing right now is to be clear on your compass. For him, it’s our students.”

After introducing himself to parents and civic leaders, Bedell endeared himself to teachers by securing an eight percent raise in salaries he called “embarrassing,” lifting them from near the state’s bottom to fourth. He greets crossing guards and thanks cafeteria workers. Recently, he was named “superintendent of the year” by the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

Now, he has to make tougher decisions: redistricting the northern end of the county, instituting state reforms, and transitioning to new reading methods. Nearly half of third- and fifth-graders don’t read proficiently at grade level, though scores ticked up last year. The district is also trying to end the isolation of special education students and expand preschool programs.

## STUDENTS FOREMOST

Another day and Bedell is showing more slides, this time to the school board. One celebrates back-to-school progress—fully staffed bus routes and half as many teacher vacancies. The other details multimillion-dollar plans to ease overcrowding with three new schools.

It’s a quietly mundane meeting, unlike last summer, when hundreds of parents and students clashed over gay pride displays in schools. Bedell argued schools should not ban such unofficial flags, saying he wanted to ensure an equal “sense of belonging” for all students. The board ultimately voted 4-3 to defeat the proposal.

Still, Bedell recognized it was a delicate moment at a time when superintendents can go from celebrated to scorned amid the country’s angry debates over teaching race and gender. Bedell, the first Black man to lead the county schools, is among a mere two percent of Black schools chiefs nationwide. Several have faced backlash, including a Queen Anne’s superintendent, who resigned in 2021 after a social media outcry over her Black Lives Matter support.





## IF HE CAN DO IT...

Above all, Bedell wants to address academic inequalities among Black, Latino and low-income students. Many are less likely to enroll in college-track classes...and at risk of quitting school.

Discipline rates also differ starkly by race, with disproportionate suspensions of Black youth. If that weren't enough, schools are dealing with TikTok-triggered fights and a teen mental health crisis. Parents want help; at this meeting, "Moms Demand Action" advocates cite alarming youth suicides to ask that schools hand out pamphlets promoting safe gun storage.

A grandmother has the final word. Through the patchy connection of an online call, Lillie Ellis implores the board to do more for Black students by creating a charter elementary school.

"By the time they reach middle school," she says, "we've lost them."

Bedell looks up from a pile of documents, his expression somber. It almost happened to him.



Until second grade, Bedell was eager to go to school. His home could be chaotic, with a struggling single mom, and a new sibling every year or so. Meanwhile, Rochester itself was in a downturn, the once-thriving manufacturing city in western New York losing jobs and population with the decline of employers like Eastman Kodak and Xerox.

One day, an annoyed teacher snapped at Bedell. "Dumb" and "ugly," she called him, adding dismissively that he would "never amount to anything." Bedell can still recite every harsh word. He retreated to the couch. Eventually, Bedell missed so much school that a child services worker intervened, sending him and a brother to live with an aunt. It was the first of many moves: as the oldest of eight, he would be repeatedly separated from his brothers and sisters scattered in foster care. Back with his mom in high school, Bedell tried to cope with her worsening alcoholism, drug use, and an abusive partner. Some nights as a teen, he went hungry, or had to sleep in a car.

Basketball became his refuge. When poor grades threatened to bench him, a homeroom teacher pulled the distraught 15-year-old aside, telling him: "You're academically talented, and I don't think you even know it." Somewhat hesitantly, Bedell confided his troubles at home. Their frank talk was cathartic: with the teacher's encouragement, Bedell would reclaim his place on the team, make the honor roll, and set his sights on college. "I never looked back," Bedell recalls.

Bedell went on to graduate in 1997 as a basketball star from Nashville's Fisk University, where he set a Division III scoring record—and met his future wife, Robyn, an attorney with whom he has three children. His NBA dreams out of reach, Bedell signed up as a substitute teacher, remembering his homeroom mentor's advice that he could help students facing similar hardships.

"Sometimes, all you need is someone who listens," says Eric Lin, a 17-year-old at Severna Park High, who is the school board's student representative. Students are inspired by Bedell, he adds: "You see he overcame so many huge challenges, so what's to say I can't?"



After teaching in Nashville and Houston, where his wife went to law school, Bedell went into administration. In 2010, he revived Houston's oldest high school as principal, then led Apollo20, a pioneering math tutoring program. From 2012 to 2016, he worked as a Baltimore County assistant superintendent, improving graduation rates by over 4 percent. Meanwhile, he wrote his dissertation on dropout prevention and lived with his family in Anne Arundel County.

By the time he became Kansas City's superintendent in 2016, Bedell had developed a mix of strategies. Among them: free PSAT testing, expanding access to advanced classes, and tacking on school time for tutoring. He scrutinizes school data to target those with the lowest test scores and highest rates of truancy. By experimenting and cheerleading, he restored the 14,000-student district to accreditation in 2022, for the first time in a decade, gaining national attention.

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Bedell has brought the same methods here, while looking for ways to reverse pandemic learning loss. One solution—cutting 60-minute free periods in half—prompted some student howling (even his youngest daughter, an eighth-grader at an Annapolis middle school, weighed in.)

Overall, the county boasts an 89 percent graduation rate, comfortably above Kansas City's initial 68 percent, but 18th of Maryland's 24 school districts. Bedell is determined to push it higher.

Amid all the initiatives, Bedell is best known for his straight talk at schools and community forums, sharing the struggles of his youth with a candor that resonates, especially with teens. He describes the college call that his brother had been shot, his mom's 2002 overdose, and his sister's later murder, to emphasize the dangers of dropping out of school.



“When you don’t have adults who understand what you’re going through, this generally becomes the outcome,” he says. “So, we have to be more proactive.”

## A CALLING

His days might be filled with routine paperwork, check presentations and meetings. But on a fall night in Annapolis, Bedell is greeted like a celebrity at the Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center. Every seat is taken, and people jostle for a view. Some are old enough to have graduated from Bates, once the county’s only high school for Black students. Others are two to three generations younger and have first-graders playing soccer behind the renovated building.

“I take my craft seriously,” Bedell says to the crowd at the Caucus of African American Leaders meeting. He ticks off plans to improve SAT scores, revamp lackluster middle schools, and expand access to Advanced Placement Classes. He says to cheers: “I wrote a 146-page dissertation. I never took an AP class. I never got invited.”

People here are fans, having handed out books at giveaways or played pickup basketball with Bedell. But they have longed for more dramatic change for over 30 years, having seen too many of their kids fall behind and graduate undereducated for college or jobs.

Many here also are unnerved by the surging teen violence in Annapolis. Four days before the meeting, an 18-year-old was gunned down in the Bywater neighborhood, following the shooting of a 16-year-old earlier in the summer. On the second day of school, several students started a fight at Annapolis High. The instigators “showed it blow-by-blow on Instagram,” notes a disgusted Baron Bell, a 55-year-old consultant who graduated from the school.

For a brief moment, Bedell is silent. He can be tough on disruptive students, only to be questioned about discipline disparities. He can try to limit phone use in schools, but parents will worry about reaching their kids in an emergency.

“No matter what, I’m getting beat up,” he exclaims in exasperation.

Then, Mark Bedell returns to his calling. He poses for a photo with a football and basketball stand-out at Glen Burnie High, who is running a camp for low-income kids. He urges people to volunteer for #BePresent, a youth mentorship campaign he launched, saying they can transform a kid’s life like his homeroom teacher did for him. Bell is already active, impressed that “he means what he’s saying. It’s an actual program, not just a statement.”

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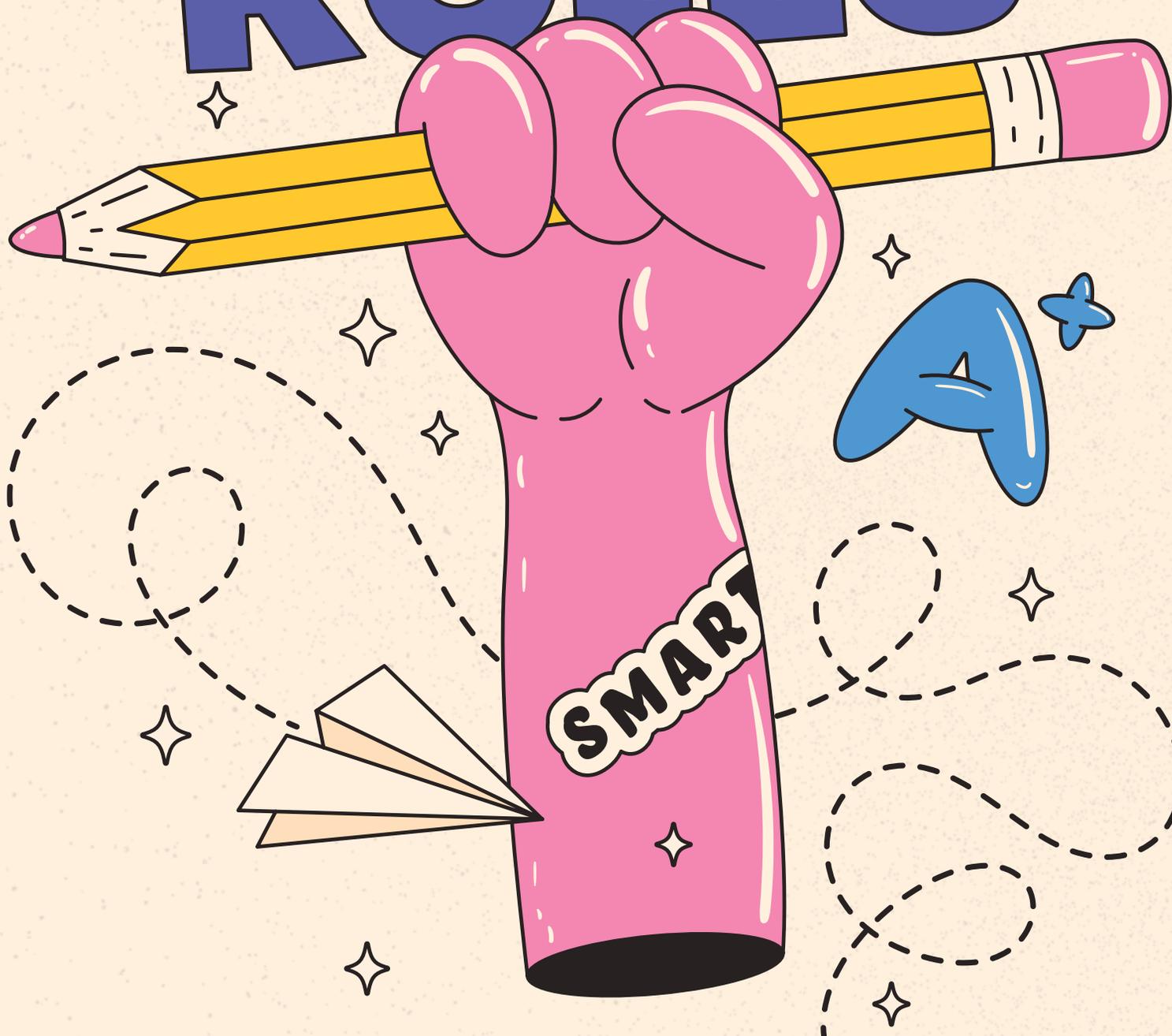
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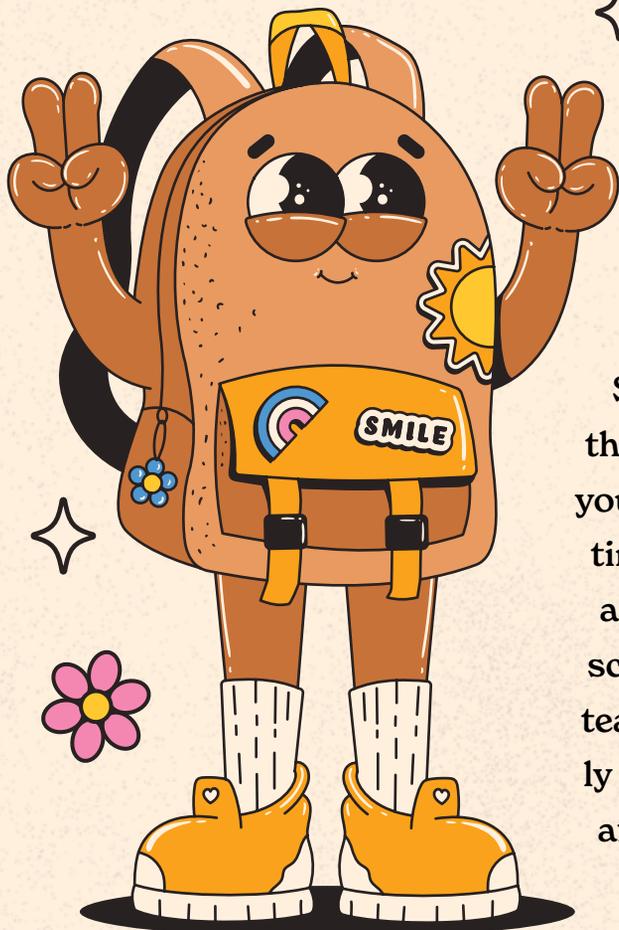
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**Please note:** This information is up-to-date as of our print deadline. Because some schools have varying data points, you will see "N/A" (Not Applicable) for several schools' categories that do not apply. The Performance/Creative Arts Offerings, Extracurricular Clubs, and Interscholastic Sports categories also have varying data references because some schools have a specific number of programs, while other schools vary year to year. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school directly.



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<p><b>Annapolis Area Christian School - Lower</b> 710 Ridgely Ave, Annapolis 410-519-5300; aacsonline.org</p>	AACS is an accredited K – 12 private, co-ed, school with four campuses in AA county. We provide an excellent, distinctively Christian education.	1971	Christian	Elizabeth Williams	K-5	151	15-20
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<p><b>Annapolis Area Christian School - Upper</b> 109 Burns Crossing Road, Severn 410-846-3507; aacsonline.org</p>	AACS is an accredited K – 12 private, co-ed, school with four campuses in AA county. We provide an excellent, distinctively Christian education.	1971	Christian	David Intlekofer	9-12	372	18-25
<p><b>Book of Life Academy*</b> 913 Cedar Park Road, Annapolis 410-263-2600; bookoflifeacademy.com</p>	Located in Annapolis, Book of Life offers a Christian education through various daily enrichment programs.	1982	Christian	Rebecca Lemus	K2-5	115	12
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<p><b>Heritage Learning Center *</b> 1740 Forest Drive, Annapolis 410-263-6680 ext 105 heritagelearningcenter.org</p>	Quality early learning experience in a loving, safe, inclusive environment where children develop a love for learning	1985	Non-denominational	Vickie Whitley	2 years to PreK 4s and 5s	50	10-15
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	11:1	\$14,930 (K5) and 15,750 (1st-5th)/year	March 1st, March 12th, April 12th, April 23rd	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	4	2	0	N/A
	11:1	\$14,930 (K5) and 15,750 (1st-5th)/year	February 27th, March 15th, April 9th, May 7th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	4	2	0	N/A
	11:1	\$18,540/year	Check Website for Dates	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish, ASL	6	4	5	N/A
	10:1	\$23,530/year	January 29th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	11	0	Chinese, French, German, Latin, Spanish, ASL, ESL	21	20	15	8 hours per year (encouraged, not required)
	6:1	\$5,000–6,000/year	Call for Information	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Music and Fine Arts	Multiple	0	N/A
	6:1	\$340–760/month	Call for Information	Coed	No	No	No	0	0	N/A	Music Classes & Programs	Community Events/Service Opportunities	0	N/A
	Varies	\$13,600-\$19,845/year	Call for Information	Coed	No	No	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Art and music	Multiple	0	72 hours per year (grades 7 and 8)
	15:1	\$10,900/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Latin and Spanish	Art, Choir, Drama, Debate	Ballroom Dance and Pro Life	Soccer, Track & Field, Ultimate Frisbee	N/A
	2:1	\$41,726/year	Call for information	Coed	No	Dress code	No	0	0	N/A	Studio art and performing arts	5	4	75 hours for seniors
	6:1 to 10:1	See website for details	January 17th, Tours upon request	Coed	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	No	Music	N/A	N/A	No
	7:1	\$18,800–\$30,900/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	21	0	Spanish, Latin, Arabic, Japanese	27+	30+	14	75 hours recommended

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<p><b>The Key School</b> 534 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis 410-263-9231; keyschool.org</p>	<p>Key is renowned for its rigorous academic program, which produces unparalleled student outcomes. It's a diverse community where students are transformed through authentic connections, a safe space where students grow into ethical leaders and a training ground for winning teams and talented artists. Key school is one of the most sought-after programs in Maryland because we are more than just a school.</p>	1958	Non-Sectarian	Matthew Nespole	Key-Wee (2.5 years)–12th grade	660	16–18
<p><b>Maryland Curiosity Lab</b> 461 College Parkway, Arnold 303-909-4958 marylandcuriositylab.org</p>	<p>We believe school should spark curiosity and ignite a lifelong love of learning. Our Acton Academy program has grown to ages K-8. It mixes real-world projects with online learning and Socratic discussions in a multi-age classroom. Plus an adventure trip every week!</p>	2022	Non-denominational	Roman Hardgrave	K-8	30	15
<p><b>Maven Academy</b> 1908 Forest Drive Suite 2J 410-216-7070 themavenacaemy.com</p>	<p>The Maven Academy is unique among Annapolis Area private schools. We are a small school offering core subjects and electives to students in grades 6 through 12, Tuesday through Thursday. While we strive to adhere to biblical and moral principles, we do not teach religion and we are respectful to all faiths.</p>	2014	Christian	Gina Vogel	6-12	25	13
<p><b>Montessori International Children's House</b> 1641 North Winchester Road, Annapolis; 410-757-7789 montessoriiinternational.org</p>	<p>Recognized by the Association Montessori Internationale, Montessori International Children's House educates to students ages 18 months to 12 years. Extended day available</p>	1985	Non-Sectarian	Elizabeth Whitaker	18 months–6th grade	160	9-30
<p><b>Naval Academy Primary School</b> 74 Greenbury Point Road, Annapolis 410-757-3090; napschool.org</p>	<p>Naval Academy Primary School is an independent, co-educational school with ties to the U.S. Naval Academy, serving civilian and military families alike.</p>	1949	Non-Sectarian	Robyn M. Green	PreK–7	293	12-18
<p><b>Rockbridge Academy</b> 680 Evergreen Road, Crownsville 410-923-1171; rockbridge.org</p>	<p>Celebrating over 25 years as a classical Christian school, Rockbridge Academy is ready to welcome K-12 students into a transformative learning community, where children grow to be the compassionate, thinking leaders of the next generation. Come tour our new campus!</p>	1995	Christian	Roy Griffith	Junior K-12th grade	423	14
<p><b>Ss. Constantine and Helen Preschool</b> 2747 Riva Road, Annapolis 410-573-2078; ssschool.org</p>	<p>Preschool that provides a safe and loving Christian environment dedicated to creating lifelong learners who are prepared for the next academic level</p>	2015	Greek Orthodox (welcome children of all faiths)	Emily Soeffing	Ages 2-5	50	8-16
<p><b>St. Anne's School of Annapolis</b> 3112 Arundel on the Bay Road, Annapolis; 410-263-8650 stannesschool.org</p>	<p>Our progressive curriculum is grounded research. We are committed to a holistic education that celebrates each child's uniqueness in an authentic, diverse, and inclusive community of students. Our families share our vision of delivering a challenging, high-quality academic, social, and emotional program.</p>	1992	Episcopal	Connie Coker	Twos–8th grade	310	14
<p><b>St. Martin's Lutheran School of Annapolis</b> 1120 Spa Road, Annapolis 410-269-1955; stmartinsonline.org</p>	<p>Saint Martin's Lutheran School provides private, Christian education in a safe, secure and inclusive environment with a focus on small class sizes.</p>	1963	Lutheran	MS: Sandra Sanders LS: Bobi Glava	PreK 3–8	118	12
<p><b>St. Margaret's Day School</b> 1605 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis; 410-757-2333 stmargaretsdayschool.org</p>	<p>St. Margaret's Day School is located on the Broadneck peninsula on the historic campus of St. Margaret's Church. The school is accredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children and is Green Certified through MAEOE</p>	1995	Episcopal	Aleshia Marshall	2 years–K	132	12–20
<p><b>St. Mary's Elementary School</b> 111 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis; 410-263-2869; stmarysannapolis.org</p>	<p>Located in downtown Annapolis, St. Mary's Elementary offers a broad educational curriculum with Christian values to its students.</p>	1862	Catholic	Megan Back	PreK–8	855	20-22

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	6:1	\$9,355–\$33,900/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	No	Yes	14; 6 AP	0	Arabic, French, Latin, Spanish	25+	45	40	N/A
	15:1	\$14,000/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7:1	\$5,900/year	Call for Information	Coed	No	Yes	No	0	0	Out-sourced	Varies	Varies	0	Encouraged, not required
	Varies	\$11,250–13,900/year	Call for Information	Coed	No	No	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Music	Varies by year	0	N/A
	12:01	\$ 8,916–12,996/year	January 28th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	French	Music and Fine Arts	16	Cross Country and Basketball	N/A
	8:1	\$7,800–17,800/year	February 5th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Honors level	0	Latin, Spanish	25	23	6	Daily service duties and mentoring opportunities
	2's-2:6, 3's-2:12, 4's-2:15	\$835/year	Call for Information	Coed	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	English and Greek	Music Classes once a week, music in Greek and English	No	No	No
	8:1	\$6,470–24,850/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	7	11	6	10 hours (grade 8)
	8:1	\$6,300–14,000/year	January 26th	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Spanish	5	12	7	Yes
	7:1	\$2,400–8,300/year	January 17th and 18th	Coed	No	Optional	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Music Together, ballet, Jump bunch	3–4	Soccer, Basketball, Cheer	N/A
	7:1 (PreK–K); 12:1 (grades 1–4); 20:1 (grade 5)	PreK-5: \$9,606/year (Catholic); \$11,049/year (Non-Catholic) 6-8: \$10,606 (Catholic); \$12,042 (Non-Catholic)	Call for Information	Coed	Kindergarten & middle school math	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	5	Multiple	4 (middle school)	Weekly service projects, community outreach, Saints in action

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SEVERNA PARK/ PASADENA	<b>St. Mary's High School</b> 113 Duke of Gloucester Stree Annapolis; 410-263-3294; stmarysadmissions.org	1946	Catholic	Joseph Keenan	9–12	511	24-27
	<b>Divine Mercy Academy</b> 8513 St Jane Drive, Pasadena 410-705-0778; divinemercury.md	2019	Catholic	Patrick Sullivan	K-8	142	15
	<b>Severn Shool - Chesapeake Campus (Lower)</b> 1185 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, Arnold; 410-647-7700; severnschool.com	1914	Non-Sectarian	Douglas Lagarde	PreK-5	257	14
	<b>Severn School - Teel Campus (Upper)</b> 201 Water Street, Severna Park 410-647-7700; severnschool.org	1914	Non-Sectarian	Douglas Lagarde	6–12	637	13
	<b>St. John the Evangelist School</b> 669 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park 410-647-2283; stjohnspschool.org	1959	Catholic	Casey Buckstaff	PreK–8th grade	561	25
	<b>St. Martin's In-The-Field Episcopal School</b> 375-A Benfield Road, Severna Park 410-647-7055; stmartinsmd.org	1957	Episcopal	Anthony Shaffer	Pre-school 3s–8th grade	253	16
EDGEWATER	<b>St. Andrew's Day School</b> 4B Wallace Manor Road, Edgewater 410-266-0952; standrewsum.org	1985	United Methodist	Mark Wagner	PreK–8th grade	203	15
	<b>The Summit School</b> 664 East Central Avenue, Edgewater 410-798-0005; thesummitschool.org	1989	Non-Sectarian	Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy	1–8	113	Varies
GAMBRILLS/ODENTON	<b>Odenton Christian School*</b> 8410 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton; 410-305-2380 ocs.odentonbaptist.org	1977	Baptist	Pastor John Lacombe	K3–12th grade	181	14
	<b>School of the Incarnation</b> 2601 Symphony Lane, Gambrills 410-519-2285; chooloftheincarnation.org	2000	Catholic	Nancy Baker	PreK4–8th grade	785	30
MILLERSVILLE	<b>Elvaton Christian Academy*</b> 8422 Elvaton Road, Millersville 410-647-3224; elvatonacademy.com	1995	Christian	Pastor Dallas Bumgarner	PreK4–8th grade	72	12

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	24:1	\$16,716/year (Catholic); \$18,716/year (non-Catholic)	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	16	0	Spanish, French, Latin	15	30	19	75 hours
	7:1	\$8,500	February 21st	Coed	N/A	Yes	Yes	0	0	Latin	Art and Music	Dance and Self Defense	0	25 hours
	10:1	\$24,180/year; PS-K varies	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	0	N/A
	10:1	\$31,190/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	20	0	French, Spanish, Latin	35+	45+	46 teams	10 hours per year (grades 9–12)
	14:1	\$8,870/year	January 30th	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	10	26	6	N/A
	8:1	\$3,800–14,700/year	January 24th	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	0	Spanish	6	20	8	Yearly class service
	6:1	\$10,160–\$14,860/year	Call to schedule a private tour	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Music and art	Multiple (After School Enrichment Program)	4	N/A
	5:1	\$35,500/year	January 9th & March 19th in person; February 1st, virtual	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	0	0	N/A	4	5	6	Yes
	9:1	\$6,695/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	No	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	3	N/A
	16:1	\$8,700/year (Catholic); \$9,450/year (other faiths)	January 27th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Music, Middle School Theatre	35+	9	15 hours (grade 8)
	12:1	\$2,970–6,000/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Limited	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	0	N/A

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SEVERN/GLEN BURNIE

### Archbishop Spalding High School\*

8080 New Cut Road, Severn  
410-969-9105;  
archbishopspalding.org

Archbishop Spalding is a Catholic, co-educational college-preparatory situated on a 52-acre campus. Spalding welcomes students from more than 110 catholic, private, and public elementary and middle schools in greater Annapolis, Baltimore, and Washington D.C. areas

1966

Catholic

Brian J. Kohler

9-12

1,300

20

### Calvary Baptist Church Academy

407 Marley Station Road,  
Glen Burnie; 410-768-5306  
cbcaknights.org

Calvary Baptist Church Academy is a Christian school that has a good balance between teaching Christian principles and having a strong educational base (our students test 1-2 grades higher than national average)

1973

Christian

George Kyrchuk,  
Adminis-  
trator

K3 & K4,  
K5-12th  
grade

350

22-24

### Granite Baptist School\*

7823 Oakwood Road,  
Glen Burnie; 410-761-1118  
granitebaptistschool.org

Granite Baptist School was founded as a ministry of Granite Baptist Church, and is located near Route 100 and Route 2.

1975

Baptist

Lou Rossi,  
Jr.

K3-12th  
grade

273

Varies

### Monsignor Slade Catholic School

120 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie  
410-766-7130; msladeschool.com

Monsignor Slade is part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and is located in northern Anne Arundel County on a 10.5-acre campus.

1954

Catholic

Cameron  
Stehle

Pre-  
K2-8th  
grade

544

25

### St. Paul's Lutheran School\*

308 Oak Manor Drive, Glen Burnie  
410-766-5790; stpaulsgb.org

Located near Route 100, St. Paul's Lutheran School focuses on a Christian-based curriculum.

1950

Lutheran

John  
Maxwell

P2-8

325

17

PRINCE GEORGES, HOWARD COUNTIES & BEYOND

### The Boys' Latin School of Maryland

822 West Lake Avenue, Baltimore  
410-377-5192; boyslatinmd.com

Founded in 1844, Boys' Latin School of Maryland is an all-boys independent school serving boys in grades K-12 with boarding available for students in grades 9-12. At Boys' Latin, each and every one of our students is known for who he is today, and all he will be tomorrow.

1844

Non-  
Sectarian

Christo-  
pher J.  
Post

K-12

635

13

### Calvert Hall College High School

8102 LaSalle Road, Baltimore  
410-825-4266; calverthall.com

Calvert Hall College High School is an independent, all-boys Lasallian Catholic college preparatory school attracting students from more than 100 zip codes.

1845

Catholic

Charles S.  
Stempler

9-12

1,230

17

### The Calverton School\*

300 Calverton School Road,  
Huntingtown; 410-535-0216  
calvertonschool.org

The Calverton School is an independent school that serves Pre-K3 to 12th-grade day students, as well as 9th-12th grade boarding students. Boarding is available for 5 and 7 days a week. Calverton offers the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

1967

Non-  
Sectarian

Dr. Allison  
Trentman

Pre-  
school-12

324

14

### DeMatha Catholic High School\*

4313 Madison Street, Hyattsville  
240-764-2200; dematha.org

DeMatha High School is a college preparatory school for boys that focuses on educating them in the Trinitarian tradition and offers co-curricular programs.

1946

Catholic

Dr.  
Daniel J.  
McMahon

9-12

814

19

### Elizabeth Seton High School\*

5715 Emerson Street, Bladensburg  
301-864-4532; setonhs.org

Elizabeth Seton High School is an all-girls, college preparatory school, and is affiliated with the Archdiocese of Washington.

1959

Catholic

Dr. Lisa  
Grillo

9-12

550

19

### Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School Primary School

13106 Annapolis Road, Bowie 301-262-5355; htrinity.org  
The Daisy Lane School and High School Prep 11902  
Daisy Lane, Glenn Dale 301-464-3215; htrinity.org

Holy Trinity features the Primary School campus for grades 1-4, while The Daisy Lane School and High School Prep campus houses preschool and kindergarten and grades 5-8.

1963

Episcopal

Michael S.  
Mullin

PreK-  
8th  
grade

442

15  
(Pre);  
20 (K-  
4); 21  
(5-8)

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	16:1	\$19,420/year	October 27th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	26	IB Diploma School	Spanish, French, Latin	Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, Engineering: Project Lead the Way	30+	30+	60 hours of community service
	22:1	\$7,000/year Private, personalized family tours available.	Schedule online	Coed	Yes	Yes	No	0	N/A	Spanish & American Sign Language	Drama, Speech, Arts classes	0	5	N/A
	Varies	\$4,860 - \$6,112/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	No	0	0	N/A	Multiple	N/A	12; Little Braves (K5-6th)	N/A
	Varies	\$8,113/year (Catholic); \$8,987/year (Other Faith); Full Day Pre-K2 \$10,739; Full	January 28th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish (grade 4-8)	10	14	5	12 hours
	8:1	Day Pre-K3 \$9,510; Half day Pre-K3 \$3,579; Half Day Pre-K4 \$4,132	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	6	7	7	5 hours per family
	7:1	\$24,100-\$35,900/year, boarding \$52,500	Call for Information	Boys	Yes	Dress code	Yes	15	0	Latin, Spanish, French	17	35+	14	40 hours
	11:1	\$18,925/year	Call for Information	Boys	Yes (HSPT)	Yes	Yes	28	0	Latin, French, German, Spanish	39	60+	40	Varies
	7:1	\$7,000-35,000/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	14	French, Spanish, German	Multiple	Multiple	10	Yes
	12:1	\$20,700/year	Call for information	Boys	Yes (HSPT)	Yes	Yes	22 & 15	0	French, Spanish, Latin, German, Mandarin, Greek	30	28	14	55 hours
	14:1	\$19,077/year	February 6th and March 5th	Girls	Yes (HSPT)	Yes	Yes	15	0	Spanish, French, Latin, ASL	17	31	23	Varies per year
	Varies	\$12,775 (3 & 4 yrs old) \$13,975 (K) \$13,225 (Grades 1-4) \$14,955 (Grades 5-8)	January 5th, February 9th, April 13th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	N/A	Multiple	6 (Grades 5-8)	5 hours/year (7.5 hours for single-parent families)

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<b>Glenelg Country School*</b> 12793 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City; 410-531-8600 glenelg.org	No matter when students start their journey at Glenelg Country School, they discover an abiding sense of self, a deep appreciation for community, and a shared understanding of purpose. Small classes, passionate teachers, and opportunities for growth keep our students engaged from age 2 through grade 12.	1954	Non-Sectarian	Matt Walsh	Ages 2 through Grade 12	780	13
<b>Maryvale Preparatory School</b> 11300 Falls Road, Baltimore 410-252-3366; maryvale.com	Maryvale, a Catholic, independent girls' school serving grades 6-12, affiliated with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, provides an environment in which each student can reach her academic, spiritual, physical and civic potential in a loving, supportive, and diverse community. Our mission is to provide an exceptional education that responds to change and prepares young women for life.	1945	Catholic	Tracey Ford	6th-12th	450	13-14
<b>Mount de Sales Academy*</b> 700 Academy Road Catonsville 410-744-8498 mountdesalesacademy.org	Mount de Sales Academy forms young women through a Catholic college preparatory education that nurtures the whole person and promotes academic excellence, lifelong learning, moral responsibility, service to others, and the dignity of the human person.	1852	Catholic	Sister Mary Raymond Thye, O.P.	9th-12th	465	13
<b>Mount St. Joseph High School</b> 4403 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore 410-644-3300; msjnet.edu	Mount Saint Joseph High School is a Catholic college preparatory school for boys sponsored by the Xaverian Brothers.	1876	Catholic	Brendan Donohue	9th-12th	800	19
<b>Notre Dame Preparatory School *</b> 815 Hampton Lane, Towson 410-825-6202; notredameprep.com	Notre Dame Prep was founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. It is a college preparatory school for girls, located in Towson.	1873	Catholic	Sister Patricia McCarron, SSND, PhD	6-12	813	19
<b>Roland Park Country School</b> 5204 Roland Avenue, Baltimore 410-323-5500; rpcs.org	At Roland Park Country School, we believe that young women who build each other up will thrive. There's no hurdle too high for an RPCS girl because she has the collective support of her community lifting her toward her goals.	1894	Non-Sectarian	Caroline Blatti	K-12th; coed pre-school	600	Varies
<b>St. Augustine School*</b> 5990 Old Washington Road, Elkridge 410-796-3040; staug-md.org	St. Augustine School is affiliated with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and is located on the edge of Howard and Anne Arundel counties.	1857	Catholic	Joseph Miller	PreK3-8th grade	265	25
<b>St. Philip Neri School*</b> 6401 S. Orchard Road, Linthicum Heights 410-859-1212; st.philip-neri.org	St. Philip Neri School is part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and is located on a 15-acre campus in northern Anne Arundel County.	1965	Catholic	Kate Daley	PreK-8th grade	460	22
<b>St. Pius X Regional School</b> 14710 Annapolis Road Bowie, 20715 301-262-0203; stpiusbowie.org	2016 National Blue Ribbon School St. Pius X Regional School serves four regional parishes in the Bowie area. We seek to support the diversity of student needs and learning styles while nourishing its students' spiritual, intellectual, physical, social, and emotional growth.	1962	Roman Catholic	Ann Gillespie	PK3-8	500	25-30
<b>St. Timothy's School*</b> 8400 Greenspring Avenue, Stevenson 410-486-7400; stt.org	Beyond instilling in each girl a passion for learning, we are deeply committed to the formation of character, spiritual growth, social responsibility, and respect for diversity.	1882	Episcopal	Randy S. Stevens	9-12		
<b>St. Vincent Pallotti High School*</b> 113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel 301-725-3228; PallottiHS.org	St. Vincent Pallotti High School is a college preparatory school in the Archdiocese of Washington, and serves students from Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties.	1921	Catholic	Jeffrey Palumbo	9-12	450	17

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	7:1	\$12,710- \$32,630/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	22		Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish	Yes	36	43 teams including 12 middle school	25 hours per year (grades 9-12)
	8:1	Middle: \$22,300/year High: \$22,700/year	Call for Information	Girls	Yes	Yes	Yes	21	0	Spanish, French	Theatre	70+	30	N/A
	13:1	\$16,750/year	Call for Information	Girls	Yes	Yes	Yes	13	0	Spanish, French, Latin	20	35	21	12-23 hours
	10:1	\$18,500/year	visit msjnet.edu/visit	Boys	Yes	Yes	Yes	20	0	Spanish, French, Italian	20	50+	17	60 hours
	9:1	\$21,950/year	Call for Information	Girls	Yes	Yes	Yes	25	0	Spanish, Mandarin	Multiple	50+ (upper level);12+ (middle level)	15	20 hours a year starting sophomore year
	6:1	K -\$29,800; 1st-8th - \$31,400-36,900; 9-12 - \$37,900	April 25th	Girls	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Seven languages taught	20	50	15	N/A
	13:1	\$7,300/ year K-8th; \$4,380 Preschool 3 day; \$7,300 Preschool 5 day	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	4	N/A
	24:3 (PreK); 22:1 (K-grade 8)	\$6,500/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish, Latin	School chorus, drama club Jr., school musical	10	2	20 hours per family
	12:01	K-8 \$9,545; Non-Archdiocese of Washington: K-8 \$10,545; Non Catholic: \$11,545; PreK4 \$10,550; PreK3 \$12,050	January 28th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	Multiple	\$500 Volunteer Service Program Fee or 20 hours of creditable work
	8:1	Day Tuition- \$36,500 Boarding- \$64,200	Call for Information	Girls	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	French, Mandarin, Spanish	15	18	12	N/A
	12:1	\$16,975-18,000/year	Call for Informaiton	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	20+	0	Spanish, French, Mandarin	20+	20+	20+	80 hours over 4 years

# Private School

**\*Most recent statistics provided**

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	DESCRIPTION	YEAR FOUNDED	RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	PRINCIPAL/ HEAD OF SCHOOL	GRADE LEVELS	ENROLLMENT	AVG. CLASS SIZE
CAROLINE COUNTY	<b>Oldfields School*</b> 1500 Glencoe Road. Sparks Glencoe 410-472-4800; oldfieldsschool.org	1867	Non-Sectarian	Ansley Smithwick	8-12	10	5
	<b>The Benedictine School</b> 14299 Benedictine Lane, Ridgely 410-634-2112; benschool.org	1959	Non-Sectarian	Julie Hickey	Ages 5-21	66	5-7
DORCHESTER COUNTY	<b>Countryside Christian School</b> 5333 Austin Road, Cambridge 410-228-0574	1974	Christian	Beverly Stephens Herbst	K4-2nd grade	15	15
KENT COUNTY	<b>Chestertown Christian Academy*</b> 401 Morgnac Road, Chestertown; 410-778-5855 chestertownchristian.org	1979	Baptist	Rebecca Prater	K4-12th grade	211	15
	<b>Kent School</b> 6788 Wilkins Lane, Chestertown 410-778-4100; kentschool.org	1967	Non-Sectarian	Nancy Mugele	PreK-8th grade	155	12
	<b>Radcliffe Creek School</b> 201 Talbot Boulevard, Chestertown 410-778-8150 radcliffecreekschool.org	1996	Non-Sectarian	Peter Thayer	1-8	54	6
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	<b>The Gunston School</b> 911 Gunston Road, Centreville 410-758-0620; gunston.org	1911	Non-Sectarian	John A. Lewis, IV	9-12	242	10-12
	<b>Lighthouse Christian Academy*</b> 931 Love Point Road, Stevensville 410-643-3034; lcademy.org	2001	Christian	Kathleen Guerra	PreK-8th grade	105	10
	<b>Wye River Upper School</b> 316 South Commerce Street, Centreville; 410-758-2922 wyeriverupperschool.org	2002	Non-Sectarian	Stephanie Borges Folarin	9-12	53	6-8
TALBOT COUNTY	<b>Chesapeake Christian School*</b> 1009 N. Washington Street, Easton; 410-822-7600 chesapeakechristian.org	1999	Christian	Deanna Phillips	K4-12	140	15
	<b>The Country School</b> 716 Goldsborough Street, Easton 410-822-1935; countryschool.org	1934	Non-Sectarian	Jean Brune	PreK-8th grade	294	15
	<b>Saints Peter and Paul School</b> 900 High Street, Easton (ES); 1212 S. Washington Street, Easton (HS) 410-822-2251 (ES); 410-822-2275 (HS); ssppeaston.org	1955(ES) 1958 (HS)	Catholic	Sherrie Conolly (ES); Scott Wilson (HS)	PreK3-12th grade	415 (ES) 186 (HS)	18 (ES); 12 (HS)

	RATIO	TUITION PER YEAR	OPEN HOUSE DATES	EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT	ENTRANCE EXAMS	UNIFORMS	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	AP COURSES	IB COURSES	LANGUAGES TAUGHT	PERFORMANCE/ CREATIVE ARTS OFFERINGS	EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS	INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS	SERVICE/VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT
	3:1	Day: \$31,000/year Boarding: \$59,000	Private tours offered all year	Girls	Test Blind Policy	Dress Code	Yes	Yes	No	French and Spanish	5+	3+	Signature Equestrian Program	80 hours required
	3:1	Varies	Call for Information	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	0	0	N/A	N/A	Multiple	0	N/A
	8:1	\$4,800/year	Call for Information	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish, ASL	Musical and drama programs	N/A	0	N/A
	15:1	\$4,190 (Pre-K & K) \$4,490 (1st - 5th) \$5,490 (6th - 12th)	February 23rd; Call for tours by appointment	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Spanish	3	Varies	Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Cheerleading	10 hours per academic year (grades 9–12)
	7:1	3 days: \$7,900; 4 days: \$8,900; 5 days: \$9,900; K: \$14,250; 1–4: \$17,975; 5–8: \$19,225	Contact School to schedule personal tour	Coed	Evaluation	Dress code	Yes	0	0	Spanish	3	1	9	N/A
	1:1 to 6:1	\$31,920/year	January 25th, See website for more dates	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	0	0	N/A	8 (changes yearly); Plus studio and dramatic arts	60 minutes everyday with revolving topics	2	N/A
	9:1	\$28,950/year - Includes Lunch	Sunday, January 21st and Sunday, April 28th	Coed	No	Dress code	Yes	21+	0	Spanish	16	18	18	45 hours
	6:1	\$4,350–9,500/year	Call for information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Latin	2	4	2	N/A
	5:1	\$34,650/year	January 25th, March 14th	Coed	No	Dress Code	Yes	0	0	Spanish	8	4	6	70 hours
	15:1	\$5,000/year	Call for information	Coed	Yes	Yes	No	0	0	Spanish	4	0	1	600 hours
	9:1	PK \$11,270; K \$17,400; 1-8 \$20,200	February 6th, March 26th for Pre-K, March 27th for K	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish, Latin	4	10	5	Not required, but part of curriculum
	11: 1 (ES); 10:1 (HS)	\$9,432/year (ES); \$17,530/year (HS)	January 17th, March 21st, May 29th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	12	0	Spanish, Latin	Fine Art, Music, Choir, Band, Theatre	13 (ES); 32+ (HS)	8 (ES); 15 (HS)	80 hours over four years (9–12) 20 hours per school year

# DISCOVER INDIAN CREEK

Indian Creek School is the premier **Pre-K - Grade 12** independent school in the Annapolis area where **kindness** is currency, **well-being** is priority, and **excellence** in education is relentlessly pursued.



**EXPERIENCE THE CREEK FOR YOURSELF!**

Schedule a personal tour or shadow day:

410-923-3660 | [admission@indiancreekschool.org](mailto:admission@indiancreekschool.org)

*Celebrating 50 years of Excellence!*

[www.indiancreekschool.org](http://www.indiancreekschool.org)

# Leaders in Education



# Key School

534 Hillsmere Drive | Annapolis, MD 21403 | [keyschool.org](http://keyschool.org)  
Instagram & Facebook @thekeyschool | 410.263.9231

Key School engages children from 2.5 years old through grade 12 in an innovative, coeducational, college-preparatory program on its picturesque 15-acre campus located 4 miles from downtown Annapolis.



## More Than a School

Key is renowned for its rigorous academic program, which emphasizes inquiry-based learning and interdisciplinary studies, and produces unparalleled student outcomes.

But Key is more than just a school.

It's a diverse community where students are transformed through authentic connections with their teachers and peers. It's a training ground for winning athletic teams and talented artists. It's a safe space where students take risks, self-advocate, and grow into ethical citizens and exceptional leaders.

Key School is one of the most sought-after college preparatory programs in Maryland because we are more than a school.

Experience the Key difference for yourself! Schedule a private weekday tour of campus with one of our admission counselors today.

#1 Private School in Anne Arundel County

#5 K-12 Private School in Maryland



## Quick Look



Key's innovative approach to teaching and learning is what sets us apart from other independent schools. Over 60 years of unparalleled student outcomes show us this innovative approach works.



Key's Fusco Athletic Park is a 70-acre state-of-the-art facility with multi-purpose athletic fields, tennis courts, baseball diamond, a pavilion with locker rooms, and a fully equipped trainer's room.



Creating opportunities for experiential learning through outdoor education is an integral part of the Key experience.

**6:1** Student-to-Teacher-Ratio

**42%** Students of color

**\$12,000**  
Average Financial Aid Award

**16** Average class size

**40** Interscholastic teams

**90+ hours**  
College advising support

**100+ hours**  
Outdoor education experiences

## Languages:

Arabic, French, Latin, Spanish

**35+** Visual and Performing Arts offerings

## 2020-2023 Student Outcomes:

**1396+**  
25% scored 1396 or higher on the SAT

**1304**  
SAT average (MD average is 1221)

**84%** Earned merit scholarships to college

**21** League Championships

**GRADES:**  
2.5 yrs - Grade 12

**RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:**  
Non-Sectarian

**EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT:**  
Co-Ed

**2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:**  
650

**UNIFORMS:**  
No

**2023-2024 TUITION:**  
\$9,920 - \$33,900

## Class of 2027 Notes

**24** States represented

**54.6%**

Percentage of students from MD, Del., VA., & D.C.

**20.8%**

Percentage of students who identify as students of color

**22.6%**

Percentage of first generation students

**3.67** GPA average

**100%**

Percentage of students receiving institutional aid

**\$39,440**

Average institutional aid awarded

**10,000+**

Internship opportunities available in all disciplines

# Washington College

washcoll.edu | 800-422-1782 | Chestertown, MD



Washington College, Maryland's premier small college, offers a rigorous academic program taught by remarkable faculty. With more than 50 academic programs and nationally recognized centers of excellence, Washington's unique campus on the Eastern Shore—which features the 5,000-acre River and Field Campus—provides easy access to nearby urban centers.

Washington students take advantage of an array of opportunities that broaden their education and lead to successful careers. They engage in graduate-level research, participate service learning, and choose from among thousands of internship opportunities and a range of study abroad programs.

The focus is on academics, but we encourage students to get out and try new things. Washington's residential campus has everything you expect from a top-rated college—more than 80 clubs and organizations, 20 intercollegiate athletic teams, 14 of which compete in NCAA Division III, as well as club and intramural sports, live theatre, dance, and music performances, leadership roles, volunteer opportunities and more.

The Washington College experience empowers and motivates students within a community committed to diversity and inclusion. The expansive opportunities in and out of the classroom combined with strong outcomes for Washington College graduates, offers students and their families an exceptional value.



## Quick Look

**92%** of graduates employed or attending grad school within 9 months

**84%** Acceptance rate for students applying to medical school

**YEAR FOUNDED:**  
1782

**ENROLLMENT:**  
955

**STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO:**  
9:1

**MAJORS OFFERED:**  
31

**CLUBS & ORGS:**  
80+

**2023-2024:**  
\$70,080

# St. Vincent Pallotti High School

113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, Maryland 20707 | 301-725-3228 | pallottihs.org

St. Vincent Pallotti High School offers a broad and challenging curriculum in a co-educational environment. Pallotti students receive a college preparatory education that reinforces critical thinking, creativity, and problem solving taught by an inspiring and innovative faculty. The curriculum is designed to meet the needs of a wide range of students with diverse interests, learning styles, and abilities. We prepare all students to excel in college and beyond, and provide our students with an education integrated with the spiritual and moral truths that will guide them through their entire lives.

**16** Average class size



## Specialized Programs:

Accelerated Science, Engineering, Arts Academy

**9:1** Student to teacher ratio



<p><b>Quick Look</b></p>	<b>GRADES:</b> 9-12	<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT:</b> 450	<b>RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:</b> Catholic	<b>YEAR FOUNDED:</b> 1921	<b>TUITION:</b> \$19,300 Variable Rate; \$20,600 Locked In Rate
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# School of the Incarnation

2601 Symphony Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054  
410.519.2285 | schooloftheincarnation.org

School of the Incarnation is a fully-accredited Catholic school that educates over 750 students in central Anne Arundel County on a beautiful 26-acre campus. School of the Incarnation is officially associated with the five Catholic parishes St. Joseph Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Fields, Holy Family Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. The School of the Incarnation embraces an inter-parish community of children with differing gifts. Through collaboration amongst the faculty, parents, and other professionals, the School is dedicated to cultivating and promoting academic excellence in an environment immersed in Gospel values. This commitment is woven seamlessly into the academic program and student life. We seek to provide a distinctive educational experience to a diverse body of learners and to cultivate our students' ability to think globally and behave ethically.



**26** Average class size

**16:1** Student to teacher ratio

## Open House

January 27th  
8:30am-11:00am

<p><b>Quick Look</b></p>	<b>GRADES:</b> PreK-8th	<b>RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:</b> Catholic	<b>PRINCIPAL:</b> Ms. Nancy Baker	<b>YEAR FOUNDED:</b> 2002	<b>2023-2024 TUITION:</b> \$5,865 - \$9,540
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# Indian Creek School

1130 Anne Chambers Way, Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-923-3660 | indiancreekschool.org

Indian Creek is a premier independent school where KINDNESS is currency, WELL-BEING is priority, and EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION is relentlessly pursued. Located on a 114-acre wooded campus just minutes from Annapolis, Indian Creek provides an outstanding education built on strong relationships between students and teachers. Indian Creek is recognized for many signature programs, including the prestigious AP Capstone program, Upper School STEM Program, Voros Thesis in the Humanities, Middle School Project Based Learning curriculum, and Nature-Based Early Childhood Program. ICS students are known for their integrity, kindness, and empathetic leadership.

**16** Average class size    **7:1** Student to teacher ratio    **100%** College Placement



 <b>Quick Look</b>	<b>GRADES:</b> Pre-K through Grade 12	<b>YEAR FOUNDED:</b> 1973	<b>2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:</b> 555	<b>2023-2024 TUITION:</b> \$19,800 - \$30,900	<b>CAMPUS SIZE:</b> 114 acres

# Severn School

Chesapeake Campus (preschool through Grade 5):  
1185 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd., Arnold, MD  
Teel Campus (Grades 6 thru 12): 201 Water Street, Severna Park, MD  
PH: 410-647-7700 | www.severnschool.com



## Be An Admiral.

At Severn, people hold the door for each other. Every morning, the Head of School greets arriving students by name. It's a place where academic opportunities are limitless, and faculty model excellence by bringing their best selves to school every day. It's a place where students consistently find themselves in positions of leadership - in the classroom, in club meetings, on stage, and on the athletic fields. It's a place where students come to be challenged, inspired, and prepared for the next step in life. And that's because Severn is more than just a school. It's a community where every Severn student is known and valued - not just for who they are today, but for who they aspire to be.

**10:1** Student to  
Teacher Ratio

**Athletic Teams** across  
3 Seasons: 47 (includes  
Middle School and  
Upper School)

"As a Severn student, I feel like I've been able to step out of my comfort zone and try new things that I wouldn't have had the opportunity to do, or wouldn't have had the courage to try if I wasn't here." -Marcus '26



 <b>Quick Look</b>	<b>GRADES:</b> Preschool - Grade 12	<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT:</b> 984	<b>AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:</b> 13	<b>TUITION:</b> PreK - 5 full days: \$19,720; Kindergarten: \$22,010; Grades 1-5: \$24,180; Grades 6-12: \$31,190

# Monsignor Slade Catholic School

Educating and Inspiring Leaders since 1954

120 Dorsey Rd., Glen Burnie, MD 21061 | [mssladeschool.com](http://mssladeschool.com)  
[admissions@mssladeschool.com](mailto:admissions@mssladeschool.com) | 410-766-7130



Monsignor Slade Catholic School celebrates 70 years of serving today's generation of Pre-K2-8th grade students! Monsignor Slade provides a dynamic learning environment which incorporates a traditional values code that is vital to success. Our students benefit from an education that is deeply rooted in the Catholic faith. We ensure our students thrive in their future pursuits by integrating a commitment to educational technology, a rigorous curriculum, and a robust set of electives and

extracurriculars. This includes our award winning band and several of our athletic teams. At Slade, students seek their potential by exploring various interests and learning through interactive, hands-on instruction. We invite you to come visit our campus and see our faith-filled learners in action!

**24**  
Average  
class size

**16:1**  
Student to  
teacher ratio

**1954-2024**  
2024-2025 marks our  
70th Anniversary



**GRADES:**  
Pre-K2-8th

**RELIGIOUS  
AFFILIATION:**  
Catholic

**YEAR  
FOUNDED:**  
1954

**PRINCIPAL:**  
Mr. Cameron  
Stehle

**TOTAL  
ENROLLMENT:**  
544

**2023-2024 TUITION:**

Pre-K - \$3,579-\$10,739\* Full day  
Pre-K4-Grade 8\*\* \$8,113-\$8,987  
\*Rates within this range start at tuition for part-time programs. \*\*Multi-student discount available.

# Calvert Hall College High School

8102 LaSalle Road, Baltimore, MD 21286 | 410.825.4266 | [calverthall.com](http://calverthall.com)

We believe that learning doesn't end at 2:45pm, and a student's education extends beyond the classroom. After the end of the academic day, the Calvert Hall campus continues to be filled with enthusiasm, creativity, and conversation. Our activities program allows Calvert Hall students to pursue their interests while they make new friends, develop new skills, and grow a sense of confidence. With more than 60 faculty moderated clubs, student publications, community service organizations, and music and performance ensembles, we have something for everyone.

A leader in the Baltimore community since 1845, we are known for our academic rigor. Students have the opportunity to choose from 29 Advanced Placement courses, 45 honors courses, and 90+ academic electives. 73% of our faculty members have earned advanced degrees and have an average of 18 years of experience educating students.

We are also proud to offer daily bus service from Anne Arundel County to Calvert Hall.



**1000+**  
Individualized  
Schedules

**29**  
AP courses  
offered

**60+**  
Faculty moderated  
clubs

**90+**  
Academic  
electives



**GRADES:**  
9-12

**RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:**  
Catholic

**YEAR FOUNDED:**  
1845

**TOTAL ENROLLMENT:**  
1,230

**2023-2024 TUITION:**  
\$18,925

# Archbishop Spalding High School

8080 New Cut Road | Severn, MD 21144  
410-969-9105 | [archbishopspalding.org](http://archbishopspalding.org)

Archbishop Spalding is a Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory high school that has been committed to serving our students in a caring environment since 1966.

Spalding not only offers core academic courses but also embraces religious studies, fine arts, STEM education, the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program, and physical education. This reflects the school's dedication to providing an environment in which students are encouraged to reach their potential academically, spiritually, and physically. Where each student will be cared for and recognized for the person they are and not the number they represent. Outside the classroom, our students participate in numerous award-winning athletic, fine arts, and co-curricular programs; each designed to inspire growth in the individual.



**16:1** Student to teacher ratio     **19,412** Service Hours completed by the class of 2022



**PRESIDENT:**  
Brian J. Kohler

**RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:**  
Catholic

**YEAR FOUNDED:**  
1966

**2023-2024 TUITION:**  
\$19,420.00

**VARSITY SPORTS:**  
30 competing in the MIAA and IAAM

# St. Anne's School of Annapolis

3112 Arundel on the Bay Road, Annapolis, MD 21403  
410-263-8650 | [stannesschool.org](http://stannesschool.org)

St. Anne's School of Annapolis is a small, independent school with a big impact and an even bigger heart. We are a caring community of educators with a guiding mission to invest in the intellectual and spiritual promise of each and every student. Here, at St. Anne's School, teachers learn alongside students, sparking joy in learning while also challenging students to think critically and creatively. Here, we celebrate diversity and foster belonging by upholding the dignity of every human being. Here, we stand for respect, responsibility, honesty, and kindness—core values that we uphold daily both on and off campus. Here, we inspire our students to lead lives of purpose, to fully know themselves as learners, and to govern their lives with confidence, compassion, and integrity.



3 Science labs



Student-Led Buddy Program



10 Outdoor Learning Spaces Including Ropes Course

**\$500,000+** in high school scholarships awarded (2018-2023)

**8:1** Student to teacher ratio

**32%** of our student body identifies as diverse and represents 28 zip codes



**GRADES:**  
Twos - Grade 8

**2023-24 ENROLLMENT:**  
310

**TUITION RANGE:**  
\$4,000-\$24,000

**ALL FACULTY TRAINED IN MIND/BRAIN EDUCATION & RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM**

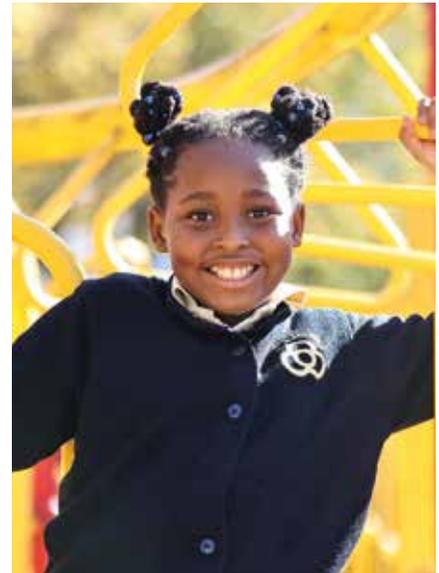
**EMILIA REGGIO INSPIRED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

# Holy Trinity: An Episcopal School

13106 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20720  
11902 Daisy Lane, Glenn Dale, MD 20769 | 301-262-5355

Holy Trinity: An Episcopal School is ever faithful to its values of academic excellence, spiritual and moral formation, and inclusiveness as it educates over 440 students in Prince George's and surrounding counties. Holy Trinity is a Preschool through 8th grade independent school. Our expert faculty and staff seek to know and deeply understand students, so that students become their BEST YOU!

Students are encouraged to take thoughtful and bold chances in the classroom at Holy Trinity because this is where real learning takes place. Holy Trinity's distinctive integration of Music into the curriculum ignites a student's imagination, enhances problem-solving skills, instills self-discipline and patience, and furthers their ability to collaborate. Here, students learn more about more: STEM; Friendship; Episcopalian Values; Spanish; Outdoor Education. Some prioritize rigorous academics. Holy Trinity prioritizes rigorous balance. Holy Trinity strives to graduate better students, but more importantly, better people. At Holy Trinity, students study Kindness, master Compassion, research Character and excel in Selflessness. Holy Trinity students shine inside and outside the classroom of the best private and public high schools in the region. Our graduates leave Holy Trinity and become great leaders, scholars, student-athletes, musicians, and good citizens.



**18**  
Average  
class size

**10:1**  
Student to  
teacher ratio



**GRADES:**  
Preschool -  
Grade 8

**TOTAL ENROLLMENT:**  
440

**RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:**  
Episcopal

**HEAD OF SCHOOL:**  
Mr. Michael S. Mullin

**TUITION AND FEES:**  
\$12,775 - \$14,955  
\$1,050 - \$2,000

# The Summit School

664 East Central Avenue, Edgewater, MD 21037 | [thesummitschool.org](http://thesummitschool.org) | 410-798-0005  
Facebook: @TheSummitSchoolMaryland Instagram: @TheSummitSchoolMD

The Summit School educates and empowers bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences. Teachers maximize students' strengths and support areas of weakness. Instructional highlights include:

- Research-based methodologies
- Activity-based multisensory learning
- WordSense™
- Read Naturally® Live
- EmPOWER™ writing program
- Social Thinking™
- STEM-infused curriculum
- Standards-based math

Summit addresses the whole child and teaches self-advocacy, confidence, and social-emotional wellness. Parent-school partnerships are key to student success.

Benchmark testing is used to evaluate students against specific grade-level standards and learning goals. Results give teachers actionable data and drive instruction for each student.

Alumni credit Summit with giving them the confidence, strategies, and learning tools they needed to succeed in high school and beyond. With a strong foundation, the possibilities are endless.

**5:1** Student to  
teacher ratio

**3-12** Average  
class size

**Open Houses** January 9  
February 1



**GRADES:**  
1-8

**2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:**  
113

**ACCREDITATIONS:**  
AIMS, MSDE

**TUITION ASSISTANCE:**  
Need based, 35% of  
families

**2023-2024 TUITION:**  
\$35,500

# St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal School

375-A Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD 21146 | 410-647-7055 | [stmartinsmd.org](http://stmartinsmd.org)

St. Martin's is located on an 8-acre campus in the heart of Severna Park. We are proud to educate and nurture students in Preschool through 8th grade to be learners, leaders, and friends. We seek to create a welcoming educational environment, encouraging each individual to grow in Confidence, Compassion, and Character. In our inclusive community, every child is known and supported.

We offer an academically rigorous curriculum allowing for individualized instruction. Creativity and problem solving are fostered through active hands-on learning. All students participate in Music, Spanish, Physical Education, and weekly Chapel Services. Students in grades K-8 also engage in Technology, Library, Art, Sacred Studies, and Service Learning. We offer after-school clubs and activities at all grade levels in addition to interscholastic sports teams and musical theater in Middle School.

Contact Kira Dickson, Director of Admissions to schedule a private tour or register for our January 24th Open House: [kdickson@stmartinsmd.org](mailto:kdickson@stmartinsmd.org).



**14** Average class size

**8:1** Student to teacher ratio



## Quick Look

**YEAR FOUNDED:**  
1957

**HEAD OF SCHOOL:**  
Tony Shaffer

**GRADES:**  
Preschool – 8

**2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:**  
254

**2023-2024 TUITION:**  
\$3,800-\$14,700

## Maryland Hall

801 Chase Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
410-263-5544 | [marylandhall.org](http://marylandhall.org)



Explore creativity at Maryland Hall with classes ranging from ceramics to digital arts! Our historic landmark nurtures a cultural and artistic experience for all ages. Discover diverse courses in arts, music, dance, theater, and our new Media Arts Hub. Join our community where we value education, imagination, and inclusivity. Start your artistic journey at [marylandhall.org/CLASSES!](http://marylandhall.org/CLASSES!) We welcome #AllintheHall.

**Over 25**  
varied class categories,  
ensuring a rich selection  
for every artistic interest.

**Media Arts Hub**  
brings contemporary  
digital arts education,  
including podcasting and  
digital drawing, to the  
forefront.

**Inclusive**  
classes designed to  
accommodate learners of  
all abilities.



## Quick Look

Tailored programs for all age groups, from young children to adults, allow learners to find their perfect class.

## Leaders in Education



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# **DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW**

BY TYLER LEWIN

A Maryland & Mid-Atlantic primer on how, where, and when to hit the slopes for skiing, boarding, and tubing



## Gear Up

When embarking on the thrilling adventures of skiing and snowboarding, it's essential to be well-prepared with the right gear and equipment. First and foremost, you'll need skis or a snowboard, boots, and bindings. Bought or rented, these components should be chosen based on your skill level and preferences. Don't forget to gear up with warm, moisture-wicking clothing to keep you cozy and dry. Layering is key, with a waterproof jacket and pants, thermal underlayers, and moisture-wicking socks.

Protect your head with a helmet and shield your eyes from the glare with quality goggles. While it may be wintertime, the sun is still shining! Make sure to pack some quality sunscreen, ideally SPF 30 and above. Additionally, the chilly weather and wind can cause some dryness, so make sure to pack lip balm too.

Lastly, ensure your hands stay warm with insulated gloves or mittens. Expect to start on gentle slopes if you're a beginner, gradually progressing to steeper terrain as you gain confidence. Professional lessons can be immensely helpful for mastering the basics. While skiing involves facing the mountain with parallel skis, snowboarding demands a sideways stance on a single board. Both sports require practice, balance, and technique. So, whether you're gliding down the mountainside or mastering the halfpipe, remember to have fun and stay safe while you embrace the snowy thrills of skiing and snowboarding.

**W**ith winter weather here to stay, the air is crisp, filled with the promise of adventure. Tucked away in the Western Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Central Pennsylvania regions, the local slopes beckon, inviting you to embrace the thrill of skiing, snowboarding, and tubing. All promising an exhilarating getaway with nature.

As you ascend the chairlift, your heart flutters with excitement, and you're engulfed in the warmth of smiles. With every swoosh and carve, you dance down the slopes, leaving a trail of euphoria in the snow. The sun sets over the trees, casting a romantic glow upon the mountains as you cozy up in the lodge, sipping hot cocoa by the roaring fire, relishing the moments shared on the slopes. Skiing and snowboarding aren't just sports; they're a culture reliant on winter's charms and a journey to ignite love amidst the snow-covered peaks.

Nestled in the charming Mid-Atlantic landscapes are several options for enjoying these winter adventures. From the thrill of skiing and snowboarding down pristine slopes to the laughter-filled excitement of tubing down snowy hills, this region offers something for everyone seeking the magic of a snowy escape. Whether you're a seasoned rider or a newbie looking for snowy fun, the region promises an unforgettable wintertime experience for all to enjoy. There are over eight options within a four-hour drive of our state capital, and we've put together a go-to guide with information about gear, peak times of the season, and some of the top resorts to embrace the winter sports and mountain culture.



# Top Resorts



## Whitetail Resort

**13805 Blairs Valley Road, Mercersburg, PA 17236; 717-328-9400; skiwhitetail.com** This mountain holds four main terrains (five green, 11 blue, three black diamond and two double black diamond) with six chairlifts and one designated freestyle terrain area. The base of the mountain has a lodge, along with a firepit and several chairs for those who want to relax. Season passes begin at \$172–552 for military passes, with Northeast value passes being \$591 and \$443 for a Northeast midweek pass. Seasonal passes give access to eight different slopes in the Midwest region, four in the Northeast and five in the Midwest. Day lift tickets are \$63 for one day, with prices increasing to \$104 per day during peak windows. Whitetail also has tubing, holding 10 lanes which can be enjoyed in two-hour sessions. Tickets for tubing must be bought online in advance. Whitetail does have its own lodging, which is available at Whitetail Mountainside Village. The prices range anywhere from \$160 to \$380 per night.



## Wisp Resort

**296 Marshall Road, McHenry, MD 21541; 800-462-9477; wispresort.com** Over 172 acres for skiing and snowboarding with three different terrains (eight green, 14 blue and eight black diamond), a designated area for freestyle terrain and seven chairlifts. The base of the mountain features both a lodge and hotel with accommodations. Season passes for adults (23–64) are \$699, juniors (6–22) \$549, seniors (65–74) \$549, college \$499, and military \$399. Day tickets are available for purchase at the resort and, for adults (age 13–74), are \$99 Monday through Thursday, \$109 Friday–Sunday and \$119 on holidays. Tickets are cheaper when bought online, saving \$10 for option group, with youth tickets (age 6–12) being \$20 cheaper than the adult price. The resort hotel offers various lodging options as well, ranging on average from \$239 to \$339 per night. Additionally, Wisp has tubing options for those who may not want to hit the major slopes. The mountain holds 12 lanes of tubing, each of which is 750 ft long; prices range from \$44 for a Friday–Sunday two-hour session and \$44 for a Wednesday, Thursday, or non-holiday four-hour session.

## Roundtop Mountain Resort

**925 Roundtop Road, Lewisberry, PA 17399; 717-432-9631; skiroundtop.com** Roundtop is home to four terrains (four green, five blue, seven black diamond and two double black diamonds) with five chairlifts and one surface lift. Additionally, there are three freestyle terrains. The base of the mountain features all of the standard accommodations such as a lodge with food, beverage, rentals, ticketing window, bathrooms, and more. Day lift tickets are \$63 for one day, with prices increasing to \$99 per day during peak windows. Season passes begin at \$172–552 for military passes, with Northeast value passes being \$591 and \$443 for a Northeast midweek pass. Seasonal passes give access to eight different slopes in the Midwest region, four in the Northeast and five in the Midwest. Finally, Roundtop has several tubing lanes however they have not yet released prices; tickets must be bought online and in advance for this activity.

## Liberty Mountain Resort

**78 Country Club Trail, Fairfield, PA 17320; 717-642-8282; [libertymountainresort.com](http://libertymountainresort.com)** Liberty is one of the smaller mountains in the region, allowing for a more intimate feel. The mountain does contain four terrains making up 16 trails, covering 100 acres (five green, seven blue, two black diamond and two double black diamond). Additionally, Liberty has one designated freestyle terrain area with a freestyle park. The mountain has eight total lifts, five of which are normal chairlifts and three are surface pads. There are two lodges at the base (Alpine and Highland), along with a fire pit for relaxation. There is no hotel on site. Season passes begin at \$172–552 for military passes, with Northeast value passes being \$591 and \$443 for a Northeast midweek pass. Seasonal passes give access to eight different slopes in the Midwest region, four in the Northeast and five in the Midwest. Day lift tickets are \$63 for one day, with prices increasing to \$104 per day during peak windows



## Seven Springs Mountain Resort

**77 Water Wheel Drive, Seven Springs, PA 15622; 814-352-7777; [7springs.com](http://7springs.com)** Being one of the best ski and snowboard resorts in West Virginia, the mountain has four terrains spanning 285 acres (13 green, 15 blue, six black diamond, and five double black diamond). Additionally, there are eight chairlifts, three beginner areas, six designated freestyle terrain area and one racecourse area. The base of the mountain offers many options, the most unique of all being the Trillium Spa. Offering a great space to unwind and relax, services include different massages, facials, body treatments and various salon services. Season ticket prices are the same as Liberty and Whitetail with daily lift tickets being \$63 on normal days and \$115 during the peak window. Seven Springs offers seven different lodging options, ranging anywhere from \$170 per night to \$400 per night.

## Timberline Mountain

**254 Four Seasons Drive, Davis, WV 26260; 304-403-2074; [timberlinemountain.com](http://timberlinemountain.com)** Another West Virginia ski option is nestled in the northeast mountains. This resort boasts four terrains (eight green, six blue, four black diamond and two double black diamond), with two chairlifts, and two designated freestyle terrain areas. There is a mountain lodge at base with standard accommodations. Season passes range from \$399 to \$699. One day lift tickets are \$95 for adults ages 13 and up, with a discounted rate of \$69 for children 12 and under, military, and ages 60. Timberline hotel offers 20 rooms.



All resorts have lockers for rent, with the average cost running \$15–20 a day. The average ski and snowboard rental packages cost \$50–90, which will include the skis/snowboard, boots, and a helmet. Skiing and snowboarding are most commonly enjoyed anywhere from early January to early March. The “peak times” and most common holidays where people hit the slopes include New Years through January 5th, Presidents Day weekend, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend.

A nice insider tip, if you’re looking to beat the crowds, is to go on the weekend of the Superbowl, specifically the day of. We have found this to be one of, if not the emptiest times of year to ski/snowboard and have the hills to yourself. And generally, tubing tends to be most crowded on the weekends as this is an activity commonly enjoyed by the whole family and children. Peak tubing time aligns with anytime school is not in session. Enjoy hitting the slopes!



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# The National Road

U.S. Route 40's historic roots originate in Maryland and began America's interstate highway system

By **Ellen Moyer**

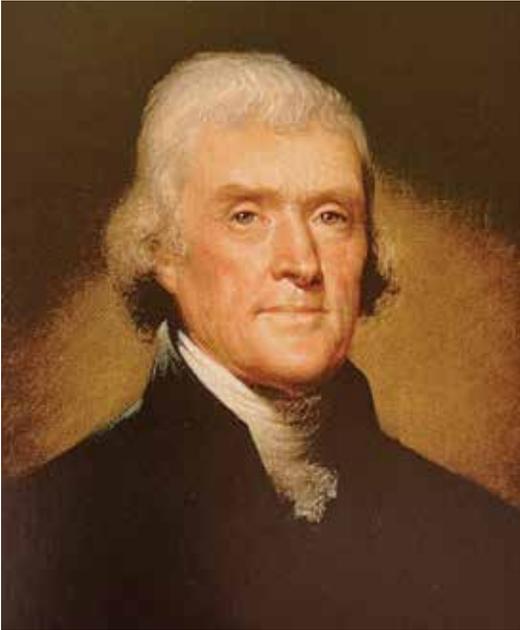
Scenic U.S. Route 40 is America's most historic road. Though the terminuses of the highway have changed over many years, it is traditionally recognized to have originated in Baltimore and continued toward St. Louis, Missouri. It is the road that opened up westward travel from the East Coast. It is the road that offered opportunity to thousands of pioneers to improve their lot in life. It was the road of hope.

In 1806, President Thomas Jefferson, in an act as important as the Louisiana Purchase, funded the new nation's first interstate highway from Cumberland, Maryland, to Wheeling, West Virginia. The road first known as Nema-colin's Path was a Native American trail over the Allegheny Mountains from the Potomac River to the Ohio River at what is now Pitts-

burgh. Explored by a young George Washington, the path was widened to a military road during the French Indian War in the 1750s.

For 50 years, Americans seeking new opportunities trekked west on foot or horse through the wilderness on the old military road. By the 1800s, the road was no longer suitable to carry the traffic of those answering the call to go west.

The spirit of America demanded a road that could carry Conestoga wagons and stagecoaches and herds of livestock. With a stroke of his pen, Jefferson funded the bill passed by Congress and heavily supported by delegations from Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania to create the National Road envisioned by George Washington.



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It took five years to build a road of crushed stone that would create a surface friendly to the wheels of heavy wagons and banish quagmires of mud. It was America's first Macadam road. Stone masons built bridges with graceful arches across rivers and streams. The Caselman Bridge—built in 1813 with an 80-foot span in the new town of Grantsville, located in Garrett County, Maryland—was the largest arched bridge in America. It carried traffic for 125 years and, today, is a historic landmark.

Droves of people in carriages or on foot shared the road with thousands of livestock, particularly pigs moving from Ohio eastward to Baltimore, which by 1830 was America's second largest city. Inns and houses, still visible today, constructed of bricks made on site offered accommodation and food for weary travelers. New trades and businesses—blacksmiths, coopers, stagecoach repair, taverns—flourished. The National Road was a busy, busy route.

And then the railroads came. All became quiet along the route for nearly a generation until the automobile gave it new life. And the National Road—a.k.a. Nema-colin's Path, Braddock's Road, the Cumberland Road, National Pike, or, simply, The Road—became U.S. Route 40, America's scenic and historic road of discovery. Today, most of the road parallels speedier Interstates 70 and 68.

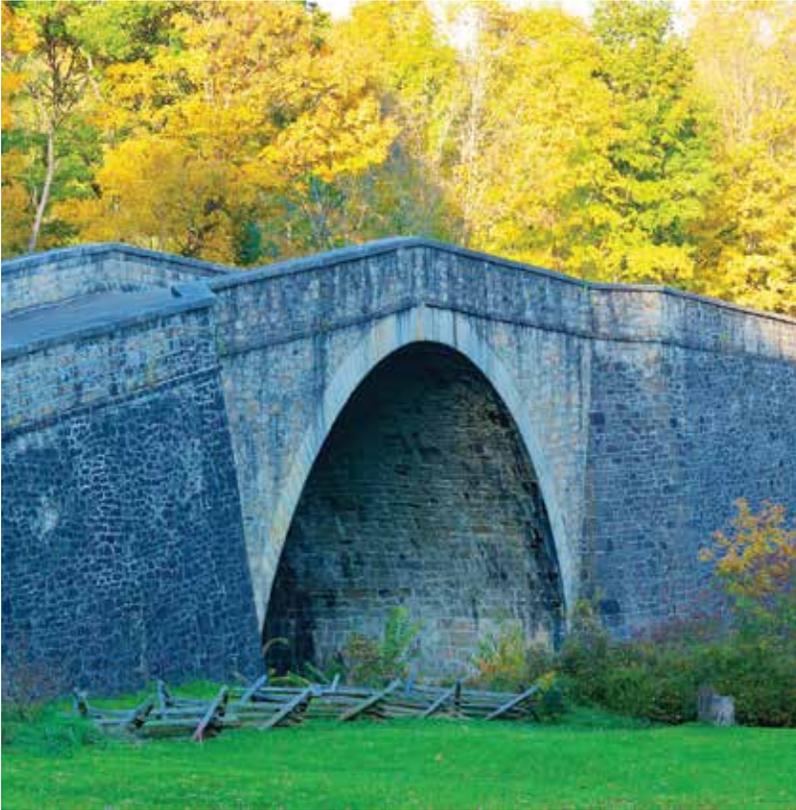
Traveling the road for a day trip in Western Maryland puts one in touch with the past or with the marvels of today's industry. For early travelers, the rocky terrain was a barrier. But engineers have sliced through the earth. Interstate 68 West, near Hancock, Maryland, cuts through Sideling Hill, revealing an amazing geologic fold with varied colors and 350 million years of rock layers.

A visitors center explains the geology of the area, a time when the continents of North America and Africa collided causing the land to fold like an accordion. Route 40 bypasses the hill several miles to the south.

Along this western route through Maryland, Rocky Gap State Park and Lodge beckon road-weary travelers to stop and stretch their legs, and lunch in a room overlooking a lake. The Lodge often hosts special holiday events and art shows. Rocky Gap is a relaxing place away from the big cities. On a night visit, s'mores are toasted at lakeside campfires.

American pioneers migrated westward in Conestoga wagons along Nema-colin's Path, which would become the National Road, in hopes of securing land and building a prosperous life.





The historic Casselman River Bridge, built between 1813–1814, is located in Casselman River Bridge State Park in Garrett County.

Route 40 moves through the Queen City of Cumberland and LaVale, then past the old toll gate, built after the National Road was handed back to the states for maintenance in 1833. No one traveled west or east without paying tribute to the State of Maryland.

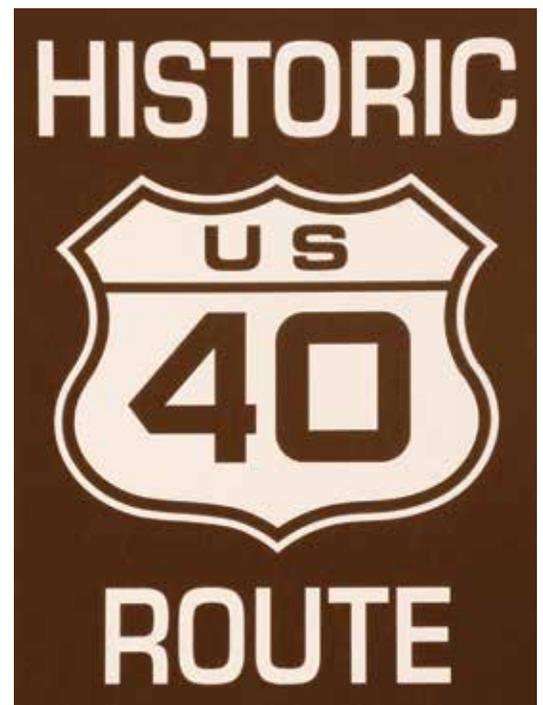
A two-lane highway rolling up, down, and over the Appalachian foothills passes by Great Meadows, where Fort Necessity once stood, and then arrives at Grantsville and the Casselman Inn, built in 1824 as one of the National Road's original hoteliers. Outside is a stone mile-marker telling how far it is to Wheeling. In fact, at odd places along the road and the interstate, ancient mile-markers appear. Today, guest rooms furnished in antiques provide a place to stay for the night, just as they did a bit more rustically 175 years ago. The restaurant and bakery serve Amish cuisine, simple and affordable meals.

Penn Alps is one mile east and serves good home cooking as well. It houses a gift shop

with unique regional crafts for holiday buying and a bookstore on local history. On its grounds are shops of artisans in buildings that were once the log cabins of settlers. Homemade soap, wool-spun items, hand-carved birds, and ground flour demonstrate the way of life that would have been familiar with our ancestors. Here, too, is the historic Casselman Bridge.

A discovery journey on the nation's first road west can last for a weekend. A detour along Route 214 to Oakland will lead to the restored Historic Train Station or the Adventure Sports Center, which features kayaking for Olympic hopefuls. Skiing at Wisp Resort is a winter pastime and during summers, you can explore the source of the Potomac River, Swallow Falls, and much more. But that is another story from a later time.

Route 40 continues westward through Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and on to the forks of the Ohio River. Amazingly, it still follows old Nemaquin's Path, used for centuries before its discovery by colonial explorers heading west. It was the road of hope that sustained native tribes, and then a nation.



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# Right *place,* Right *time*

FINDING THEIR ULTIMATE  
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It's said the very best things in life are worth waiting for. That is definitely true of this month's feature homeowners, who have always found themselves quite at home in Annapolis in their cherished private community that borders the South River near Thomas Point. So much so, they have lived there for decades in previous residences that they have loved, renovated, and raised their family in. Their ultimate goal, however, was to have a home on a quintessential, West-facing lot, right on the water. In 2020, that goal would be accomplished, as they were in the right place at the right time when that lot became available.



## Assessing What Could Be

“We loved our last home, but our kids were grown and gone, and we wanted to be able to stay in the area because our kids are all on the East Coast,” says the wife, who added that they had been traveling back and forth from Colorado for her husband’s work. “We always just kept the house here and knew this is where we were going to live. So, we bought the lot to build a house for retirement.”

They would, however, do one essential thing before inking that deal. They reached out to an architect recommended by their realtor, to get her take on the property, and have a feasibility study performed.

For several reasons, that architect, Cathy Purple Cherry, of Purple Cherry Architects (PCA) in Annapolis, says the property would present some salient but surmountable problems.

“This property presented a unique opportunity and challenges because of its siting on the lot and proximity to the water,” Purple Cherry says.

Her clients requested a 5,000 square-foot home. This would be the first challenge considering the size and complex nature of the waterside lot. “And so, there were many aspects of overlays that created literally the tightness or the compactness that you are seeing. That was what was so difficult for this piece of property, says Purple Cherry of the design that was conceived for her clients.

The couple worked closely with Architectural Designer Kellen August of the PCA team in order to check off the boxes on the wish list that they had conceived; a list that included a floorplan to accommodate aging in place, a separate bedroom with *en suite* bath for each of their three grown children when they came to visit, and a covered outdoor entertaining area that would showcase the natural scheme the family had waited decades to be able to enjoy.

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Lot complexities would limit how and where the house would be oriented on the land, how many garages it could have, and exactly where those garages could be situated in the footprint. To look at its gorgeous façade and backdrop today, no one would even conceive that this property had any constrictions to contend with at all.

August explains how the team accomplished the southern, low country exterior aesthetic goals that the homeowners requested.

“We did NuCedar siding, which is a synthetic cedar siding, and we had the brick water table, which spoke to that Charleston language that they loved with the stained mahogany doors,” August says. “We had some aspects of board and batten, and then we did an asphalt shingle roof.”

“The positioning of the house, and the design of the architecture is really exceptional. The house lives really well with the nature around us. It’s very inviting. It almost feels like it’s inside your home, which is nice,” said the husband, who could not say enough about the craftsmanship and team mindset of Bayview Builders lead by David Carlisle.

“There’s nothing [in the industry] that he isn’t knowledgeable about,” says the homeowner whose background is also in building and construction, about Carlisle.

The final piece to the curb appeal puzzle was attended to by Annapolis-based Champion Hruby Landscape Architecture, who expertly integrated the site’s natural aspects with an optimal selection of trees, plantings, and elements of hardscape that helped provide that feeling of being surrounded by nature.





White oak would make an even bigger statement in the great room appearing overhead as decorative timber trusses spanning the length of the room. This feature combined with a series of large, vertical windows strategically overlooking a tree-lined waterfront conveys a restive and tranquil gathering space and gateway to the rest of the home.

The great room advantageously connects to the kitchen via a two-sided limestone fireplace. (One of the special requests per the homeowners was to fill the home with fireplaces.) This would be the first of three on the main floor.

The home, says Purple Cherry, directly reflects the needs of a semi-retired couple who travel often, and whose children are grown. This is seen keenly and stylishly in the design of the kitchen (they both love to cook) with its ultra-fashionable banquette built into the backside of an ingeniously curved island.

“Therefore, 98 percent of the time, two people are sitting in the banquette,” Purple Cherry says. “And it works beautifully.”

## A ‘Wow’ in Every Room

Post-build, the homeowners attest that probably the most rewarding aspect of the project is the wow factor that was brought to each room. From the custom entry with open views to the water through the great room to an amazing butler’s pantry, guests may rethink the definition of what these spaces usually mean.

Helping to create that wow factor was the task of PCA’s Lead Interior Designer, Alex Epstein, who would inherit some interesting requests from the homeowners based on how they determined their new home would best work for them.

Base elements like a warm, re-claimed white oak was chosen for the flooring and additional elements such as the stunning crossbeam ceiling treatment used to elevate the look of the entry, were implemented to address the homeowners’ request that rustic touches be incorporated throughout.





## Fine Dining Redefined

The room that best exemplifies how this curated mix works is the home's library, which the couple opted to situate just off the kitchen. In fact, the room that is most commonly located adjacent to the kitchen, does not visually appear in the floorplan at all. The homeowners decided they would take a totally different, more flexible approach to two of the rooms that flow out of the kitchen.

The library concept evolved after the couple fell in love with an exceptional pair of tall cabinets with mirrored glass front panels on that visit to High Point. These exquisite furnishings were purchased to sit on either side of a streamlined, cast stone-front fireplace.

"I remember we had so many conversations back and forth if we wanted to do built-ins or not do built-ins, but when they saw these pieces, it was a no-brainer," Epstein says.

What the addition of those pieces did for the room made it more of a sophisticated, yet informal gathering space that could be used on a regular basis, rather than a formal dining room that the couple would use maybe once or twice a year.

To create an interplay of texture in this room the couple chose a Taj Mahal quartzite for the range feature wall to which they added open, rustic wood shelving on either side, as well as a hood made of tony stainless steel and brass.

As is the practice with PCA interiors projects, the team would travel to North Carolina to the High Point Market designers showcase to get a feel for what furnishings, styles, and accessories would best suit the couple as they appointed their home. These new pieces and trimmings would be specifically chosen to work with the treasure trove of fine antiques and other collectibles the couple already owned.

“So, we found we weren’t using a formal dining room anymore. A lot of people don’t, except on rare occasions, big family events. And a lot of those are in the summer and our outdoor space transitions with our indoor space beautifully for that,” the wife explains. “But on occasion, I do need a dining room, so the library was designed to be a flexible space.”

That space would also provide the nooks, crannies, and walls for cherished heirlooms. The fifth wall, as Epstein refers to it, or ceiling, in her opinion should never be overlooked as an opportunity for interest and inspiration, and certainly was not in this case. She adds that an intense blue lacquered wallpaper was employed and is beautifully counterbalanced with a floral-patterned paper and abundant light from the room’s glass patio door.

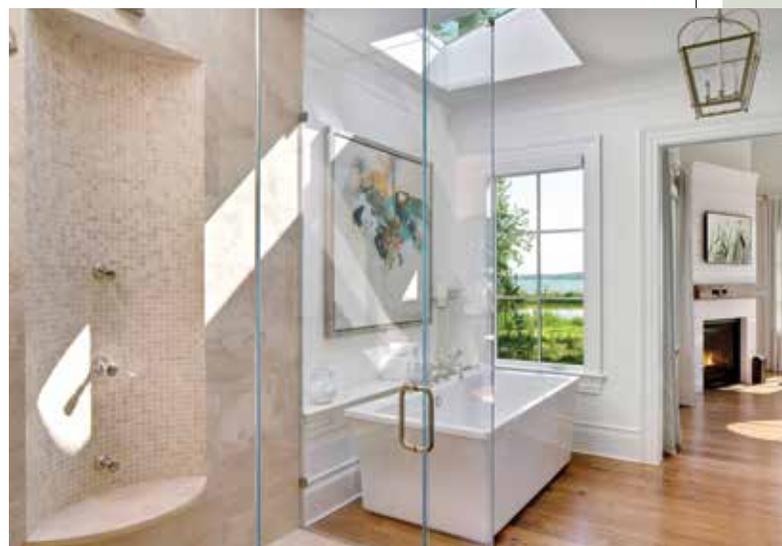
## Chill Zones & Other Re-Imaginings

As beautiful, thoughtful, and picturesque as these spaces are on the main level, there are other rooms on this floor where you are most likely to find the couple hanging out mixing a cocktail, reviewing paperwork, or retrieving treasured dishware. Remember that other room off the kitchen?

“We were trying to figure out what this space was going to be used for,” August explains. “If it was going to be strictly a butler’s pantry, strictly an office, strictly a bar, or if there was a way that we could get all of that into one space.” And while it may say, “Butler’s Pantry” on the floorplan, we have yet to see another that rivals the style and utility of this couple’s butler’s pantry.

“First and foremost, it physically presents as a bar,” Purple Cherry says. “Its darkness, its ambiance, its ceiling, its glitz—it’s all bar, and it’s kind of a man-bar.”

The lack of a traditional dining room presented a question about where the traditional dining room storage would go. But not for long. Storage was provided in this most opulent of pantries with exquisite custom cabinetry fitted with glass doors and enhanced with brushed nickel cross-hatched inserts, adding some of the “glitz” to the room.





Then an antique mirror tile was chosen for the backsplash, hammered metal was selected for the sink insert, and a small floral print pattern wallpaper was chosen for the ceiling, all creating a feeling of understated glamour.

Additional utility came in the form of a bar-height style desk space created with hidden storage underneath to conceal their printer and stow office supplies, so the wife, an accountant, has a place to crunch the numbers. Dare we say, the entire space *added up* to one sleek, multipurpose room for both him and her, that is far from an afterthought.

And when cocktails and dinner are done, the couple will retreat to a primary bedroom suite that pulls every aspect of their waterside location together into one serene and inspirational setting in which to unwind and recharge.

Bringing in those rustic touches for the husband, the corner nook fireplace in the room was constructed with a re-claimed barnwood mantle above, and a wall of shiplap behind it. To accentuate and maximize the advantage of the water view and light from the large picture window in the room, the design team chose an ever-so-subtle ceiling treatment.

“And then just as a fun element, we did a very faint light blue ceiling in there,” August says. “That was another element of really bringing in that southern, low country feel, as well.”



For the wife, there’s an incredible spa get-away of an *en suite* bath. “I would say this room, was all about the view, even though it’s a bathroom,” August explains. “That’s why the shower is all glass... and it specifically also has a skylight above, so there’s tons of natural light coming in.”

To this framework, the couple chose Kohler’s stunning *Stargaze* soaking tub for the room because that’s just what they can do from where the tub is situated, right at the foot of a waterside-facing window. The perfect way to end the day, and our narrative, looking across the pond, out to the South River and beyond, and above to the night sky.

“We’re west-facing, which was important when we were thinking about building, because I love the sunsets,” remarks the wife. “And in the winter, we get the most spectacular sunsets.”



# Color Cast '24

## YOUR TOP 5 VIBE BOOSTERS

By Lisa J. Gotto

It's that time of year when we pull out the color wheel and take it for a spin to see what hues made the must-have list for this year's interior painting projects. Nothing changes the vibe of a room faster and more efficiently than changing its color.

So, we combed the Internet, tapped interiors and design experts, and then envisioned which colors would best suit our Chesapeake Bay sensibilities, and came up with our

*Top 5 color-infused vibe boosters!*



### Upward, SW 6239

**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS**

Described as a "bright and blissful blue," Sherwin-Williams, has introduced a color they named Upward,

as a signature hue of the year. We love it because it's so sweetly coastal, can jibe very well in almost any room of the home, and can lend a new kick to furnishings. This lighter shade is also indicative of what is forecast as a wave of lighter shades hitting the walls in 2024 and 2025. Its popularity is also related to the rising trend in what is called the "coastal grandmother chic" design aesthetic. This trend highlights the earthy colors you would associate with sand, sea birds, and water. Everything about this aesthetic communicates ease and flow, so no bold patterns, slick finishes, or fussy fabrics. Complementary colors include whites, blues, ivory, taupe, and muted greens.

### ← Renew Blue, 8003-37D

**VALSPAR**

And there's another blue on the horizon that's vying for our attention this year—Renew Blue by Valspar. Described as "combining soothing tones of blue and organic undertones of green and gray to create a use-anywhere shade that can anchor your home's entire aesthetic," this shade certainly caught our eye! Quite frankly, they had us at "anchor." This seems like the perfect Bay-side bedroom color. Or perhaps even a great contender for a pool-house hue, or bathroom. Paint it anywhere you want to evoke peace and a sense of wellbeing, as these home trends are forecasted to remain relevant for the foreseeable future.



# Mountain Olive, → N350-7A

**BEHR**

The color experts at Behr went in a surprisingly different and dramatic direction when they chose “Cracked Pepper” as their Color of the Year for 2024. They note, this soft black, “...exudes confidence” and is an instant space elevator. While it certainly evokes an earthy, even moody mindfulness, we were most excited about their choice of ‘Mountain Olive’ from this year’s palette of a dozen complementary options for their Color of the Year pick. This warm, watery green works so well as an accent wall color, intermingles swimmingly with our Bay-based tones, and provides the ultimate mood booster with its healthy, plant-based vibes. For those who wish they could bring more of the natural world inside, this is a great option.



# ↑ Limitless, PPG1091-3

**GLIDDEN**

Into every well-executed interior scheme, a base or neutral color must live and breathe, so we chose “Limitless” from Glidden, its Color of the Year for 2024. And it is just that, *limitless*, in the sense that it blends so well with the rest of the earth-based color ethos going on in our contemporaneous interiors. We love how it helps other subtle or seemingly more mutable shades, such as driftwood-like browns, and shell-like pinks pop. With additional colors like “Aquamarine Dream” and “Night Rendezvous,” Glidden’s entire 2024 Trending Colors Collection best captures our Chesapeake Bay sensibilities in one wondrous color wheel. Now, where’s that painter’s tape?

# Blue Nova, 825

**BENJAMIN MOORE**

“Softly saturated” is how the experts at Benjamin Moore describe the palette of custom colors they conceived for 2024. Their “Color of the Year” is—surprise—another blue, “Blue Nova,” which indeed presents as a blue that is softly saturated with violet undertones. Our pick from their palette of 10 tones that range from a “Tea Cup Rose” to a piney “Regent Green,” is “Polar Sky.” This palest of shades evokes the vibe of a winter morning sky. One lesser-known painting tip is to apply a color with this mist-like quality to the ceiling of a waterfront bedroom to enhance the reflective nature of the water within the room—a cool, but subtle tool that makes a waterside room even more inviting.





# Five Prosaic Problems: One Simple Solution

By Janice F. Booth

It's cold outside. The winter sunshine hides nothing as I gaze across the garden. It's a good time to take stock of the landscape just beyond these warm rooms. If you're gazing out and noticing some troubling aspects of your landscape, I may have *one*, simple solution.

*Let me review five common problems our landscaping can present, and one easy-to-implement solution:*

## 1. The Problem: UNSIGHTLY ELEMENTS

If your home and its landscaping are new to you, recently leased or purchased, then perhaps there may be flaws that stand out. For example, the air conditioning unit clearly visible from the driveway, or the unattractive foundation—gray cinderblocks with some ugly stains.

## The Solution: SHRUBS

Consider planting deciduous or evergreen shrubs near or around these annoying flaws. Some *privet* or *boxwood* shrubs around the AC box can effectively disguise the equipment. I suggest these two shrubs because they take well to tight pruning; it's important to keep the new growth from getting too close to the AC fan and electrical unit, both of which may need regular servicing. You don't want the technician wrestling with the shrubs. Boxwood and privet are well-behaved evergreen and semi-evergreen respectively, giving you a tasteful, green screen year-around. And what about the foundation's cinderblocks? This is another situation that requires choosing a well-behaved shrub that will not damage the house's foundation or interfere with drainage. Depending on the architectural siding material of your house, you might choose shrubs that add a touch of color or pick up the texture. *Azaleas* and *hydrangeas* are lovely, can be color-coordinated, and accept pruning.

## 2. The Problem: PROPERTY or GARDEN TOO NARROW, TOO SMALL

It's quite exciting to move from a small apartment into a grander home, or, alternately, decide to downsize from a large property and garden to a small patio or garden area. It can be daunting, *expanding* or *downsizing*. How can you quickly create a setting that pleases you and leaves you happier with the plot of land you have now?

### The Solution: SHRUBS

If you look out that winter window at a large expanse that will be your garden and lawn, you might feel a bit overwhelmed. There are considerations of time and budget. Some well-chosen shrubs can fill in a large, empty space. Useful old favorites include *weigela*, which has pink and/or white blossoms and a delicate fragrance, or *spirea*, another lovely old favorite with its sprays of white blossoms that cascade and grow quickly. For some height in the garden, *butterfly bushes* can soar and produce tall, flowering spreads beloved of the butterflies! On the other hand, if you're having to adjust to a small patio or enclosed garden, do not despair! Shrubs are your friends. Gather some pots; they should be varied in size and perhaps in shape and color. At your favorite nursery, buy an assortment of small bushes (soon to be shrubs.) A *beautyberry* shrub produces pretty, purple berries and repels ticks! (Or so say the entomologists.) *Gardenias* in pots are lovely for decks and patios. They have shiny leaves and produce intoxicating blossoms. One caution, you'll have to move their containers to well-protected spots over the winter. Another advantage of the potted-garden, it's movable. You can shuffle your shrubs as they mature and turn them to keep them growing symmetrically.



## 3. The Problem: Boundaries

Your neighbor's adorable chocolate lab has made her path to the creek through your yard. Or, the house next door has become a rental, and you're looking for a quick way to clarify where your yard begins and the neighbor's yard ends.

### The Solution: (You guessed it!) SHRUBS

Get out that spade and dig a series of holes inside your property line about 12". (You'll need to leave room for the shrubs to spread.) Two excellent choices for "keep the dogs away" boundary shrubs are *cotoneaster* and *pyracantha*. Both are handsome shrubs with white and red berries respectively. But, what makes them particularly useful as boundaries is their prickliness. Both shrubs have thorny branches that discourage animals and people from diving through them. Quick boundary shrubs are our old favorites, *forsythia* and *burning bushes*. In fact, combining them makes a handsome border—the forsythia's yellow sprays in the spring and fuchsia and orange burning bush leaves in the fall.

#### 4. The Problem: CREATING WILDLIFE HABITAT

Almost 15 million people identified as bird watchers in 2021. Perhaps you're a birder too. Or maybe you enjoy identifying butterflies, catching a glimpse of a graceful deer gliding through your backyard or a russet fox slipping in-and-out of the shadows. How, you might ask, can you encourage the wild things to visit your garden without endangering your family's health and wellbeing?

#### The Solution: SHRUBS

All these beautiful, shy creatures are seeking safe havens for rest and, sorry to say so... food. You can make your landscape more inviting to shy birds and other wild creatures by encouraging the growth of some large shrubs, perhaps shrubs with berries. As I mentioned earlier, the tick-repelling *beautyberry* is attractive, loose-branched, producing fall berries. *Winterberry* is another stunning shrub, holding its bright red berries all winter—a feast for the eyes and the small birds and animals. (Caution: You'll need two, a male and a female to produce berries.) One or two taller evergreens will provide perfect cover for birds. *Holly* and *juniper* are great choices, and they too produce berries.



#### 5. The Problem: EROSION

Winter is a great time to examine areas of your lawn and garden that might be eroding. Sometimes the solution is simply adjusting downspouts, but more often, there is some water source being misdirected. If the erosion is allowed to continue, your plants and even building foundations can be damaged, or washed away. It may be worth a walk through and around your property with an eye toward the marks of erosion.

#### The Solution: SHRUBS again!

If you find ruts, short or long, boggy areas, or places where plants seem to have disappeared, it's time to address the problem. You may need to bring in a specialist in "hard landscaping." That is, someone who deals with ground erosion and moving plants and earth to maximize the safety of the foundations and plantings, and the avoidance of further damage. For this problem, it's more difficult to identify specific shrubs to use. Until the source of the water is identified and corrected, repairing the damage will be fruitless. But, once the water has been redirected, you can plant shrubs that will fit into the setting. Unlike more delicate plants, shrubs can take a bit of wind and even sun, as well as compensate for wet soil...for a while.

*And so, I repeat, when you're faced with a dilemma, a gardener's nightmare, even. Think shrubs! They're tough, easy to propagate, and relatively undemanding.*



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**Primary Structure Built:** 1920  
**Sold For:** \$5,325,000  
**Original List Price:** \$5,299,000  
**Bedrooms:** 6  
**Baths:** 5 Full  
**Living Space:** 4,571 Sq. Ft.  
**Lot Size:** 2.5 acres

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# History-Steeped Summer House

By Lisa J. Gotto | Photography by Michele Sheiko

Contemplating life during a simpler time is easy to do when you're seated in the expansive three-season room of this quintessential summer-house property situated along Annapolis' South River.

The home, which dates back to 1920, evokes memories of a by-gone era. The original owners of the property, known as Wimbledon House, were the Norris family from Baltimore. Harry Norris was a prominent Baltimore businessman, and five generations of his family enjoyed this nostalgic home, which is perfectly situated on a 2.5-acre bluff high above the river providing scenic views out to the Chesapeake Bay.



After approaching via the fenced-lined drive, the gracious entry welcomes guests to all the grandeur of a 1920s pre-war home with its rich and multi-tonal hardwood floors, well-honed wood trim work, and an attractive, architectural period staircase with an elegant, second-floor landing.

Old bones characteristics, including crystal door-knobs, period sconces, French doors with transom features, and nostalgic hardware abound throughout.

The primary living area spans the width of the back of the home and includes a formal living area and an informal seating area at the opposite end of the large, open space. Each area boasts an enduring and atmospheric stone fireplace with a stone ledge mantle and rich, wood beams overhead.



This space is punctuated with a series of elegant French doors that provide access to the three-season room that mimics the living area in size and boasts a series of expansive windows that showcase this property's incredible waterfront views and grassy backyard. One of the property's majestic, mature trees provides a nostalgic rope swing for summer day of play.

This indoor/outdoor area offers a substantial amount of prime entertaining space. And just off the interior living room, there is a large formal dining room with a series of casement windows offering abundant natural light and views of the water on one side.

A side door off the main living room provides access to one of the home's first-floor bedrooms, which also offers tranquil waterfront views and a lovely, *en suite* bath.

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The all-white kitchen in this home is light and bright and features the home's original wood cabinets with period hardwood, an eat-in area, all stainless-steel appliances, and an original brick accent chimney. The water views from this room are remarkable.

Outside, there's an inground pool and patio well-situated on the front of the property accompanied by an abundance of mature, canopied trees and gorgeous plantings, 325-feet of shoreline, and the ability to add two docks to the property. Everything the new homeowners could want to start building a legacy for a new generation of Annapolitans.

"When I heard that the original Wimbledon Farms home would be listed for sale, I knew I had the perfect buyers—a couple who respect the existing structure and will update some of the interiors without compromising the charm of this more than 100-year-old home. Best of all, they have grandchildren nearby and will love having the whole family for picnics, looking down the South River. Ideal buyers for an idyllic setting," says Buyers' Agent Reid Buckley.

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# Family Dream Home

By Lisa J. Gotto

Finding the perfect place to grow roots and family ties isn't always easy, unless you happened upon this spacious, three-story stunner in Davidsonville.

This 7,500-square-foot property certainly covers all the bases when it comes to looks, longevity, and location. The new homeowners will no doubt want for nothing because this three-story floorplan was conceived with every possible convenience and modern amenity.

A timeless brick façade and lush landscaping with elegant elevational walkway features welcomes you to the gracious covered front entry which can be approached by stairs on two sides. The stately, columned porch features lovely bead board ceiling detail. Once inside, rich, dark hardwood floors and an architectural marvel of a staircase take centerstage.

To the right of the entry, the residence features a roomy, dedicated home office accessed through French doors. To the left of the entry is the residence's large, formal living room highlighted with a white brick fireplace façade and flawless flow to the formal dining room. Back through the entry foyer, there are two additional access points to the less formal, family-oriented areas of the home.

The open-plan design reveals the heart of the home and a spacious, all-white kitchen with granite countertops. A large, center island also topped with granite features a gas cooktop and plenty of storage underneath. A classic, white tile backsplash and an all-stainless-steel appliance package pull the whole look of efficiency and effortless beauty together, as the space transcends into a roomy, eat-in dining area, and then into an inviting family room. This space is light and bright, as well, with large, pic-

ture-sized windows framing the space on one side and a handsome set of sliding glass doors on the other leading to the property's patio and pool area.

Back in the family room, a white, brick feature wall with inset gas fireplace warms the space in this part of the home, which also offers the ultimate convenience of a spacious guest suite with full *en suite* bath located just off the family room.

The owners' bedroom suite, located on the second floor, runs the length of the home from front to back to the left of the top of the staircase. This room offers its own spacious seating area with white fireplace façade, skylights overhead, and access to a private deck through a large set of glass patio doors. The *en suite* bath is the place where sweet dreams can start with its tranquil color palette, large garden tub, and a separate shower. Skylights above and a large window over the tub washes the room with abundant natural light. There are two additional bedrooms with gorgeous light hardwoods that share a bath on this floor.

The fifth and final bedroom can be found on the home's lower level, along with an enormous recreation room, den, full bath, and movie theater with expanded refreshment bar, making this the ultimate family dream home come true.



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**Primary Structure Built:** 1990  
**Sold For:** \$1,295,000  
**Original List Price:** \$1,450,000  
**Bedrooms:** 5  
**Baths:** 4 Full, 1 Half  
**Living Space:** 7,578 Sq. Ft.  
**Lot Size:** 2 acres

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# Fresh Take

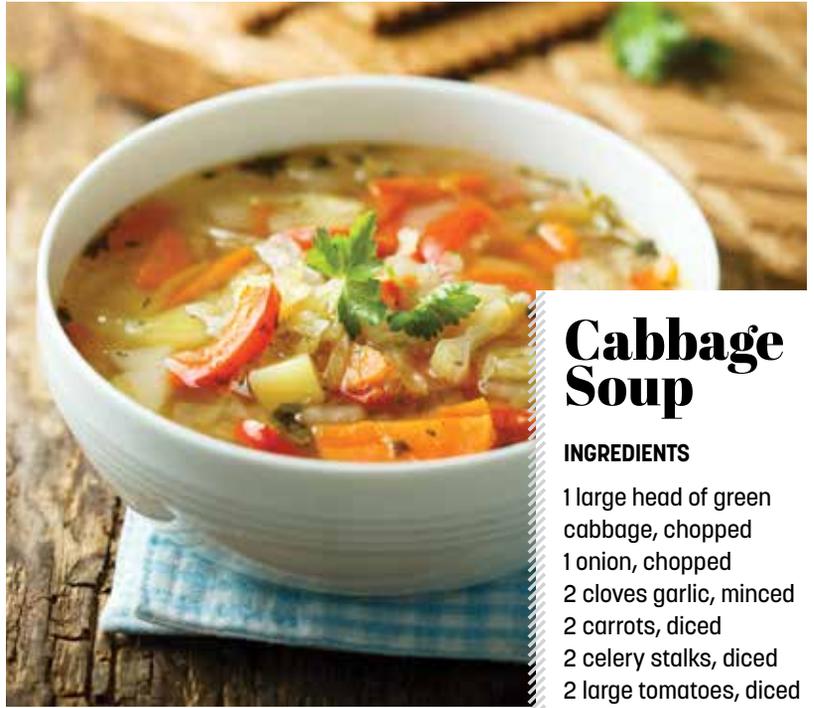
## CABBAGE

By Dylan Roche

Think of cabbage as one of those vegetables that is undergoing a PR breakthrough—like its botanical cousin, the Brussels sprout, cabbage got a bad reputation in the past because so many home cooks were inclined to boil or steam it, completely wasting the cabbage's potential as a flavorful addition to a healthy diet. Today, people are enjoying cabbage prepared in exciting ways—which is great, as cabbage is full of healthy nutrients.

Popular since ancient times—when it was revered by the Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans not only as food but also medicine—cabbage spread throughout the world and evolved into many different varieties. In fact, you might be surprised to learn that cabbage is one of the oldest known vegetables and has been cultivated for more than 4,000 years.

Today's varieties of cabbages include green cabbage, red cabbage, Savoy cabbage, Chinese cabbage (also known as Napa cabbage), as well as bok choy. The different tastes and textures from these many varieties makes cabbage extremely versatile. Cabbage can be thinly sliced and served raw in salads, or it can be seasoned and roasted, or tossed into stir-fries, or stuffed and served as a cabbage roll. It can even be fermented, in the case of such dishes as sauerkraut and kimchi.



## Cabbage Soup

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 large head of green cabbage, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 2 large tomatoes, diced and drained
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 6 cups vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme

In a large pot over medium heat, warm the olive oil before adding the onion and garlic. Allow the onion and garlic to sauté until they're soft and fragrant. Toss in carrots, tomato, potatoes, and celery, allowing to soften, approximately 5 minutes. Add the cabbage and allow to cook for another 5 minutes, stirring occasionally to mix the vegetables. The cabbage will wilt and reduce in size as it cooks. Pour in the vegetable broth, adding the bay leaf and thyme for flavor. Bring the broth to a boil, then reduce the heat to low. Cover and allow the soup to simmer for approximately 40 minutes. Remove the bay leaf and serve the soup while it is hot.

When you think about all the traditional dishes, you'll realize that many cultures around the world have some kind of dish involving cabbage. But what will really get you excited about cabbage is the pack of health properties it has.

Cabbage is very low in calories, having only about 20 calories per 1 cup, though its fiber content means it will fill you up and keep you full for a long period of time, so it's good for people who are trying to maintain a healthy weight. Cabbage is a rich source of vitamin K for blood clotting and bone health, vitamin B6 for brain development and function, and vitamin C for healthy immunity. Athletes will want to take note of cabbage, as it offers a natural source of many electrolyte minerals they lose through heavy sweating, and that are necessary to healthy bones and muscles—potassium, calcium, and magnesium. Although the scientific research is still inconclusive, some studies have linked cabbage to a reduce risk of cancer and heart disease.

You'll have an easy time finding cabbage all winter long, as it's a hardy vegetable that grows well in cooler temperatures. This durability also means that once it's

harvested, you will have a fairly easy time storing cabbage for an extended period of time, providing you take care of it properly. Ideally, you should store the head of cabbage whole, as cutting it up can shorten its storage lifespan. Avoid washing it until you're ready to prepare it, as wetness can sometimes lead to premature rot.

So, if you've spent the better part of your life thinking of cabbage as something that's pungent and bitter, go ahead and leaf through some of these trendy and traditional recipes that will have you tasting cabbage in a whole new way.



## Kimchi

### INGREDIENTS

1 large Napa cabbage  
 1/4 cup salt  
 1 tablespoon ginger, grated  
 6–7 cloves of garlic, minced  
 1/4 cup soy sauce  
 3 tablespoons red pepper flakes  
 1 teaspoon sugar  
 3 large green onions  
 1 small carrot  
 4 cups water

Quarter the cabbage and remove the core, then cut into small, bite-sized pieces. Bring a large bowl of water to a boil and dissolve the salt into it. Remove from the heat and submerge the cabbage in the salted water. Allow to sit for 2 hours, stirring the cabbage every 15 minutes. Mince the garlic and chop the onion and carrots into small pieces. Set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk the soy sauce with grated ginger, sugar, and red

pepper flakes until a thick paste forms. Drizzle this paste over the garlic, onion, and carrots and stir to combine. Drain the cabbage and rinse thoroughly. Wrap the cabbage in a paper towel and allow to sit for 5–10 minutes to absorb excess water. Toss the cabbage with the paste and transfer to a clean, airtight container. Seal the top and transfer to the refrigerator. Allow to sit for three days so the vegetables can ferment, and the flavors can mix.



## Braised Cabbage

### INGREDIENTS

1 head of red cabbage  
 1 apple  
 1 red onion  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 1/4 cup red wine vinegar  
 1/4 cup red wine  
 2 tablespoons maple syrup  
 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves  
 1/2 cup vegetable broth

Core the cabbage and slice thinly into strips. Set aside. Peel and core the apple and chop into half-inch pieces. Chop the onion. In a large pot, warm the olive oil over medium heat and add the onions, allowing to become soft and fragrant. Toss in cabbage and apple and allow to cook for 5–10 minutes

until the cabbage wilts and the apple softens. Drizzle in the maple syrup and sprinkle in the cloves. Stir to combine well before cooking for another 5–10 minutes. The syrup will begin to caramelize. Pour in the red wine and red wine vinegar. Stir several times, allowing the cabbage and apples to deglaze. Some browned bits may collect at the bottom of the pan. Add the vegetable broth and reduce the heat to low. Cover the pot and allow to simmer for approximately 1 hour, checking occasionally and adding little bits of extra broth by the tablespoon if it's looking too dry. The broth should be fully cooked up into the cabbage and apple by the time they are tender. Serve warm as a side dish or a light appetizer.



# Fitness Tips

## PREVENTING MUSCLE CRAMPS IN THE COLD

By Dylan Roche

It's something that far too many people who exercise in cold weather experience: You head outside on a freezing day, ready to move your body despite the temps, but before you know it, you have a bad muscle cramp. What is it about cold weather that makes you susceptible to cramping?

There are actually a few scientific reasons behind this—and as such, there are some smart precautions you can take to prevent them. No need to skip the outdoor workouts in January and February if you don't want to!

### SO, WHAT CAUSES THESE MUSCLE CRAMPS IN THE COLD? THEY CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A COMBINATION OF SEVERAL FACTORS:

**Pressure:** Cold temperatures mean lower barometric pressure. Especially on days when the temperature has dropped suddenly, such as when a cold front blows through, it's not unusual for this low pressure to expand your muscle and joint tissues, causing feelings of tightness and minor pain.

**Blood flow:** When you're cold, your blood vessels constrict, affecting your circulation. When your blood doesn't flow as easily to all the muscles in your body, they can start to experience fatigue more quickly and cramp up.

**Mental Stress:** Many people tend to experience depression and anxiety during winter months, when there's less daylight and you're more likely to spend time inside. Although depression and anxiety don't directly cause physical pain, it's not unusual to carry that stress in your muscles—hence why you might get headaches, neckaches, and backaches when you're anxious. When you exert those already stressed muscles, they can easily cramp up.

**Dehydration:** Finally, don't overlook the possibility that you might be dehydrated. You're not sweating as often in winter as you do in summer, which explains why you aren't pushing the fluids in quite the same way. But hydration is just as important during the winter months, so if you've been neglecting your H<sub>2</sub>O intake because you're not drenched in sweat, go ahead and have a few sips (or a whole cup). Good fluid balance is important for preventing muscle cramps.

*So, what are you to do if you want to keep up your outdoor exercise routine without suffering cramps? Besides checking the weather forecast to see when (or if!) there are days when the temperature and pressure are better than normal, there are several precautions you can take:*



Dress appropriately in insulated material that will keep you (and your muscles) warm. Specially designed compression gear, such as sleeves or socks, can improve blood flow to parts of your body, helping you move more easily.



Start off with a warmup that includes light cardiovascular activity and dynamic stretches. This will get your muscles limber and ready for more intense activity while making you aware of any parts of your body that may be feeling tight.



Drink plenty of water before, during, and after exercise. Staying hydrated will increase your blood volume and improve your circulation, so oxygen easily makes its way to every part of your body.



Reduce muscle tension by using a foam roller or a massage gun after intense exercise, which will drive more oxygen-delivering blood to those massaged areas of your body and reduce the risk of cramps.



# Coloring Your Hair?

## DON'T FORGET TONER

By Dylan Roche

You were pretty happy with your recent dye job—until you noticed those brassy or yellowish undertones to your hair. This is why so many people who do regular coloring swear by the use of a good hair toner, which will neutralize those undertones, an unfortunate regularity when dyeing your hair, especially if you're making a drastic color change.

The concept behind hair toner is in the way it counteracts the underlying pigments in your hair—they infuse your hair with just enough of the opposite color that it nicely tones your dye job. So, for example, if you have yellowish undertones, a purple toner could give you the color you need; if your problem is brassiness, a blue toner could do the trick.

Applying hair toner is an important part of the hair dyeing process, so most people who have their hair professionally colored will already have toning done. However, if you dyed your hair at home, you would need to use an at-home toner product, especially if you bleached your hair, highlighted your hair, or have naturally gray or silver hair. You could also use a toner to fix overly warm or cool tones.

*If your newly dyed hair is...*



**...blonde**, use purple to neutralize yellowness and cool down any excess warmth so that it looks more natural.



**...brown**, use a blue or green toner to play down any red undertones and give your hair a cooler, ashier shade of brown.



**...red**, a green toner will subdue any brassiness and give you a vibrant shade of red without any excessive warmth.

Remember to make sure the over-the-counter hair toner you're buying is formulated for your hair type and follow the instructions to achieve the best result. Although toning at home can suffice for a short-term solution, hair toner fades over time and it's best to seek a professional's advice to give you the consistent color you want.

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## Food & Dining

Allergy-Friendly  
Appetizers/Small Plates  
Bakery  
Barbeque  
Beer Selection  
Bloody Mary  
Breakfast  
Brewery  
Brunch  
Burger  
Caterer  
Charcuterie  
Chef  
Chinese Restaurant  
Cocktails  
Coffee Shop (Local)  
Crabcake  
Cream of Crab Soup  
Cupcakes  
Deli  
Dessert  
Ethnic Fusion Cuisine  
Family-Friendly Restaurant  
Farm-to-Table Menu  
Fast-Casual  
French Restaurant  
German Restaurant  
Gluten-Free  
Grab & Go  
Greek Restaurant  
Happy Hour  
Healthy Restaurant  
Ice Cream  
Indian Restaurant  
Irish Restaurant  
Italian Restaurant  
Japanese Restaurant  
Korean BBQ  
Maryland Crab Soup  
Mexican/Latin Restaurant  
Neighborhood Restaurant  
New Restaurant  
Outdoor Dining  
Pizza (Chain)  
Pizza (Local)  
Ramen/Pho

Raw Bar/Oysters  
Romantic Restaurant  
Salads  
Seafood Restaurant  
Smoothies/Juice Shop  
Southern Restaurant  
Specialty Cakes  
Sports Bar  
Steakhouse  
Steamed Crabs  
Sushi  
Thai Restaurant  
Vegetarian Menu  
Wait Staff/Service  
Waterfront Restaurant  
Whiskey Selection  
Wine Selection  
Wings

## Health & Beauty

Acupuncture  
Addiction Counseling  
Barber Shop  
Barre Class  
Blowout  
Body Contouring (Non-surgical)  
Bootcamp  
Cannabis Dispensary (Medical)  
Children's Fitness Class  
Chiropractor  
Cosmetic Injections  
Customer Service  
Dance Studio  
Day Spa  
Dental Hygienists  
Eyebrow Care  
Eyebrow Coloring  
Eyebrow Microblading  
Eyebrow Threading  
Eyelash Extensions  
Facial  
Float Spa  
Gym  
Hair Color  
Hormone Therapy  
Hospice Care  
Hydration/IV Therapy

Kickboxing  
Laser Hair Removal  
Laser Skin Treatment  
Life Coach  
Manicure/Pedicure  
Martial Arts for Adults  
Martial Arts for Children  
Massage  
Medi-Spa  
Men's Haircut & Styling  
Mental Health Services  
Nutritionist  
Optician  
Optometrist  
Pain Management  
Permanent Makeup  
Personal Trainer  
Physical Therapy  
Pilates Class  
Prenatal Fitness  
Resort with Spa  
Spin Class  
Stand-Up Paddle Board Class  
Swim School  
Tanning  
Tattoo Parlor  
Teeth Aligner Specialist  
TRX Class  
Urgent Care Facility  
Waxing (Body)  
Weight-Loss Program  
Women's Hair Cut & Styling  
Yoga Studio

## Home & Design

Appliance Store  
Architect  
Basement/Crawl Space Water-proofing  
Closet Organizer & Designer  
Commercial Real Estate Brokerage  
Custom Builder  
Customer Service  
Electrician  
Fence & Deck Contractor  
Flooring & Carpet Contractor  
Foundation/Structural Repairs

Gutter & Siding Contractor  
Hardscape Design/Build  
Home Appraiser  
Home Automation Services  
Home Design/Build  
Home Inspection Service  
Home Insulation  
Home Remodeling Service  
Home Security/Alarm Systems  
HVAC Service  
Indoor Cleaning Service  
Interior Design Service  
Irrigation Contractor & Service  
Kitchen & Bath Design  
Landscape  
Lawn & Garden Equipment Supply  
Lawn Service & Treatments  
Lumber & Building Materials  
Supply  
Luxury Home Realtor  
Luxury Real Estate Team  
Mortgage Lender  
Paint Store  
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Pest Control  
Plumber  
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Roofing Contractor  
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Title Company  
Tree Service  
Water Treatment Service  
Waterfront Real Estate Team/  
Brokerage  
Waterfront Realtor  
Window & Door Contractor  
Window Treatments

## Retail & Professional Services

Accountant  
Auto Body Shop

Auto Dealership  
Auto Repair  
Bank  
Beer, Wine & Liquor Store  
Bicycle Shop  
Boat Detailing  
Cannabis Dispensary (Recreational)  
Car Wash  
Cemetery/Burial Options  
Charter Boat Company  
Computer Services  
Customer Service  
Driving School  
Dry Cleaner  
Emergency Pet Care  
Financial Advisor  
Florist  
Framing Shop  
Furniture Store  
Garden Center  
Growlers & Crowlers  
In-Home Senior Assistance  
Insurance Agent/Company  
Interactive Game Experience  
Intimate Apparel  
IT Solutions for Business & Home  
Jeweler  
Law Firm  
Local Band/Musician  
Local Music Venue  
Lodging/Bed & Breakfast  
Marina  
Marketing Agency  
Men's Clothing Store  
Music/Instrument Store  
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Nonprofit Organization (Local or Local Chapter)  
Nonprofit Sporting Event  
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Pet Walking/Sitting

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Summer Camp  
Unique Gifts  
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Decor  
Desserts  
DJ/Entertainment Service  
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Food Trucks  
Hair Stylist  
Jeweler  
Live Band  
Makeup Artist  
Men's Attire  
Officiant  
Photographer  
Rehearsal Dinner Venue  
Rental Company  
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Wedding Coordinator  
Wedding Planner  
Wedding/Reception Venue Indoor  
Wedding/Reception Venue Outdoor  
Wedding/Reception Venue  
Waterfront

# There's Some Merit to Herbal Remedies

By Dylan Roche

Herbal remedies aren't a replacement for medicine in serious conditions, but many of them have the endorsement of health experts as a way of treating minor woes or supplementing other treatment options.

*Here are six of the most popular that have the thumbs-up from reliable sources:*



## Peppermint for Better Digestion

Peppermint soothes the muscles of your digestive tract and increases the flow of bile, making it easier for your stomach to break down food and pass it through your digestive system. Mount Sinai Health System in New York says peppermint can often help ease feelings of gassiness and bloating, or simply aid overall digestion. Sip on peppermint tea or chew on candies made with all-natural peppermint oil.



## Ginger for Nausea

Ginger contains a component known as gingerol, which Johns Hopkins University cites as being good for gastrointestinal motility. This prevents food from sticking around in your stomach for too long, where it can cause nausea. You can grate fresh ginger into recipes, or you can try drinking ginger tea and chewing on ginger candies.



## Chamomile for Better Sleep

The Sleep Foundation notes that people who drink chamomile tea tend to have an easier time falling asleep and ultimately enjoy sounder sleep, likely because of a chemical compound called apigenin, which has a tranquilizing effect. Another option is valerian root, which contains the natural sedative properties valepotriates and sesquiterpenes.



## Lavender for Anxiety

When you use lavender oil to scent the air—such as through a diffuser or by burning a candle made with natural lavender oil—its smell can help you manage your adrenal levels, breathe better, and reduce your heart rate, according to St. Vincent's Medical Center in Connecticut. This applies to lavender in aromatherapy, not lavender taken in the form of supplemental pills.



## Turmeric for Inflammation

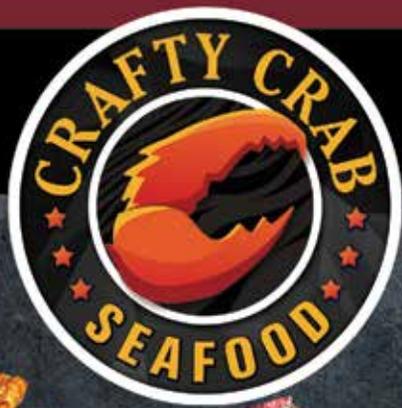
Turmeric, which can be used to season food or to brew a tea, contains a compound called curcumin with anti-inflammatory properties that could potentially ease the pain of conditions like osteoporosis and arthritis, according to Johns Hopkins. However, if you want to enjoy the health benefits of turmeric, it's better to consume it via food or drink, as supplemental turmeric pills have high concentrations that could be unhealthy.



## Aloe Vera for Skin Conditions

The gel from the thick leaves of the aloe vera plant does wonders for your skin, thanks to its anthraquinones compounds that reduce swelling and inflammation. Aloe vera is recommended for healing your skin after a bad sunburn, per the advice of Penn Medicine. The Mayo Clinic notes that aloe vera can be used for reducing acne or taming the redness and itching associated with psoriasis.

**Although these herbal remedies are natural and supported by health experts, always do your research and consult your doctor, who will be able to let you know about any side effects or interference these might have to medications you're taking. Happy healing!**



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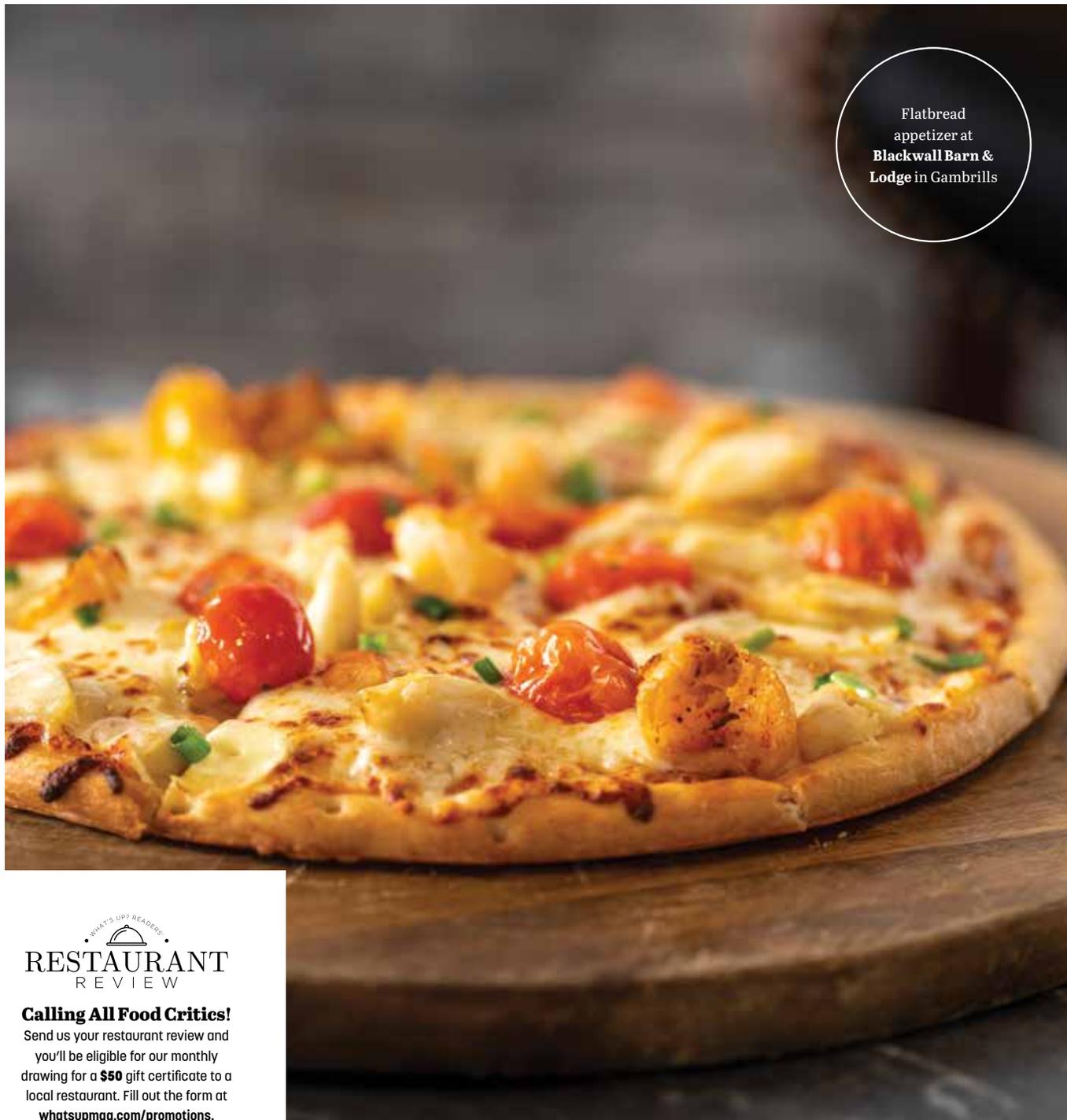


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# Dining

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# Savor the Chesapeake

Restaurant news and culinary trends throughout the Chesapeake Bay region

By Megan Kotelchuck

The year is not only what's new in the area. We have new bakeries, coffee shops, ice creameries, and bars to enjoy now that our schedules have cleared a bit. Fill your calendar back up with lunches, dinners, happy hours, and desserts at local businesses and give back to our community!

## On the Dining Scene...

It is not quite the weather for **Capital SUP** to show their skills on the water, so they decided to pivot for the winter. While the business gets ready for the 2024 season, Capital SUP decided to relocate their Nautilus Point trailer to open CapCafe at Quiet Waters Park Ice Rink. All winter, CapCafe will be serving hot cocoa, coffee, tea, treats, and positive vibes, as well as cold-weather Capital SUP merchandise to enjoy while you are on the ice. CapCafe serves The Big Bean Coffee! Find more information at [capitalsup.com](http://capitalsup.com).

Believe it or not, we have a lot of ice cream news this month. **Tasty Toucan**, an ice cream shop in Stevensville, has been recognized as the 2023 Paleta Champion. This award is a testament to their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence in frozen desserts. Tasty Toucan has handmade ice cream with all-natural ingredients. Tasty Toucan also has an array of ice pops and spiked 'poptails'! Find more information at [tastytoucan.com](http://tastytoucan.com).

And are 150 ice cream flavors enough? Visit the newest **Bruster's Real Ice Cream** in Odenton to find out! Bruster's opened their 10th location in the Seven Oaks Shopping Center across from Fort Meade. This is the fourth Bruster's in Anne Arundel County. Visit [brusters.com](http://brusters.com) for info.

Need even more sweet, cool confections? **Haagen-Dazs** opened a new location in the Annapolis Mall. Haagen-Dazs opened in the middle of the main food court in the mall during November and is the newest destination for the sweetest and creamiest of all the treats. During their grand opening, the creamery gave the first 500 guests free mini cups or cones.

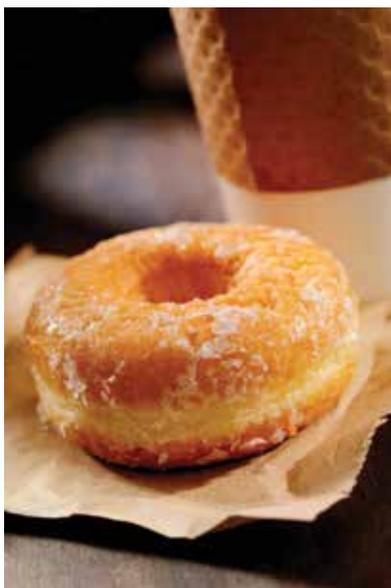
One of the restaurants we know and love in the heart of Annapolis and elsewhere is expanding once again. **Iron Rooster** announced that they are opening their fourth location this winter in College Park. The newest installment will operate out of The Hotel at University of Maryland, just steps away from the iconic terrapin entrance. Get ready for more breakfast all day and, of course, the famous homemade Roostarts. Find more information at [ironroosterallday.com](http://ironroosterallday.com).

Just before Thanksgiving, the newest Titan Hospitality-managed restaurant opened in Annapolis. **The Lodge** opened on Jennifer Road the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, introducing the dining concept of "where rustic meets farm freshness." The Lodge is similar to The Blackwall Barn and Lodge already located in Gambrills (and in Columbia). The Lodge showcases simplicity in rustic dining with wholesome ingredients. Find more information and a full menu at [lodgeannapolis.com](http://lodgeannapolis.com).



At the end of October, **Blondie's Doughnuts** opened their first store front in Edgewater. Michelle Diggs opened Blondie's Doughnuts, a pop-up shop, in 2019 and has appeared at farmer's markets and events in the region. Now, Blondie's will offer doughnuts, baked goods, breakfast sandwiches, and coffee at their permanent location at 8 Mayo Road. Find more information and food truck locations at [blondies-doughnuts.com](http://blondies-doughnuts.com). ↓

One of our favorite recent additions to the hybrid dining/entertainment space, **GameOn Bar + Arcade**, is opening their third location in Howard County. Eli and Casey Linthicum, a couple from Columbia, will open a location in their hometown! The retro wonderland is family-friendly during the day and becomes 21 and over at 8 p.m. Enjoy a game of Pac-Man while sipping on an 'adult' Capri Sun. Best of both worlds right? The bar-cade is planning to open mid-January. Find more information at [gameonbararcade.com](http://gameonbararcade.com).



## Fake It 'Til Ya Make it...

It is that time of year for a change in habits and a healthier perspective. This just means that we should enjoy even tastier drinks, albeit non-alcoholic. Below is a list of mocktails that are worth bringing to your next home happy hour.



### Peppermint White Russian

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 ounces Strong Brewed Coffee
- 1/4 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 1/8 teaspoon Peppermint Extract
- 2 ounces Heavy Cream
- 1 Peppermint Stick

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Fill the glass with ice. Pour the brewed cold coffee over the ice. Add vanilla and peppermint extracts. "Float" cream over the coffee, stir gently, and add peppermint stick.

Photo and recipe courtesy of [artfrommytable.com](http://artfrommytable.com)



### Sparkling Blood Orange Mocktail

#### INGREDIENTS

- 8 ounces Blood Orange Juice
- 1 tablespoon Honey
- 1/2 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 4 ounces Lime Sparkling Water
- Blood Orange Slices for garnish

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Squeeze the blood orange juice into a mason jar with a lid or cocktail shaker. Add the honey and vanilla extract to the unchilled juice. Shake. Add ice to cool it down. Pour evenly into two ice-filled glasses. Top with lime sparkling water and a slice of blood orange on top. Cheers! Enjoy right away.

Photo and recipe courtesy of [marisamoore.com](http://marisamoore.com)

### Winter Kiss Mocktail

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 ounce White Cranberry Juice
- 1/2 ounce Simple Syrup
- 1/2 ounce Lime Juice
- 1 ounce Pomegranate Juice
- Club Soda

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Add all ingredients to a glass with ice, top with club soda.

Photo and recipe courtesy of [wildberrylodge.com](http://wildberrylodge.com)



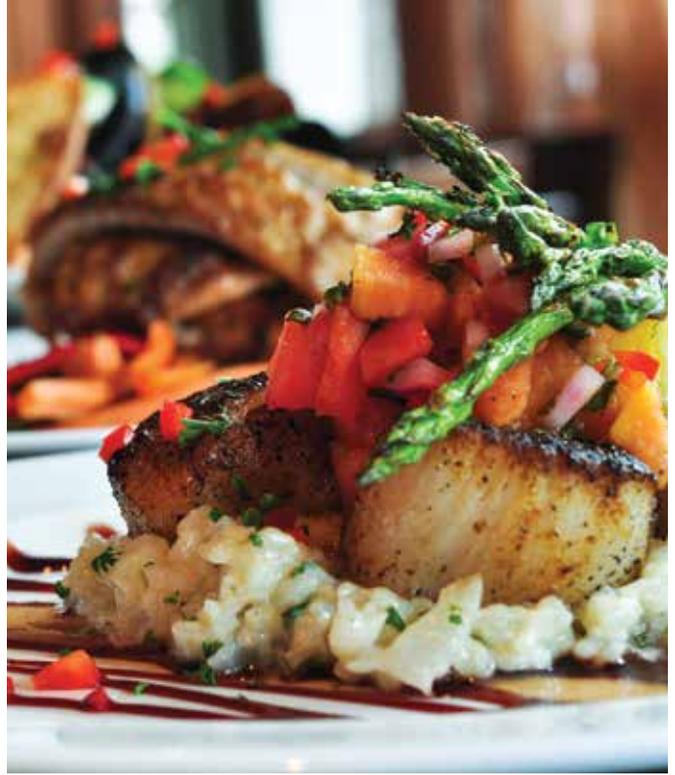
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# Readers' Dining Guide

Welcome to your regional dining. We include many restaurants for many tastes and experiences.



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