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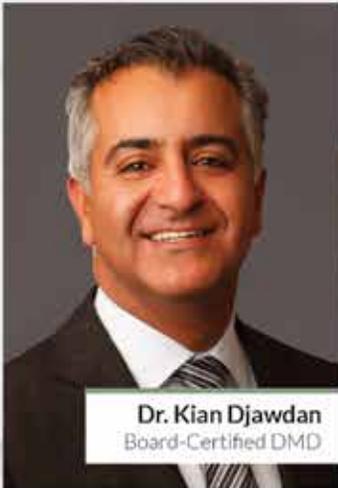
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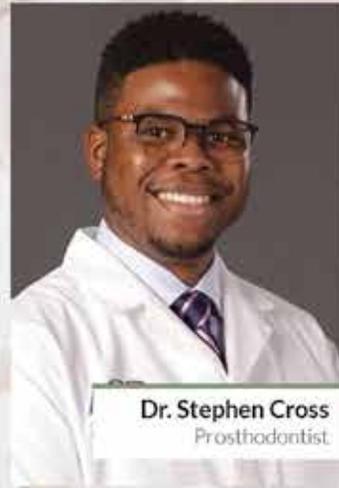
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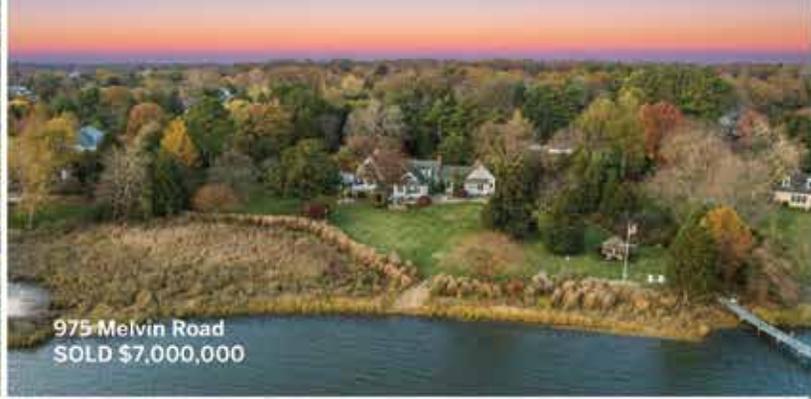


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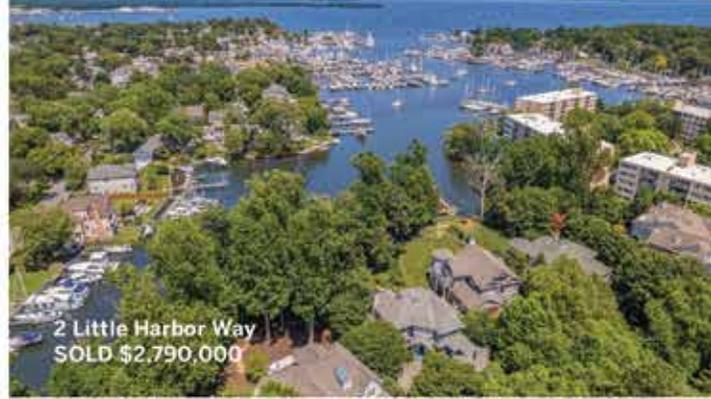


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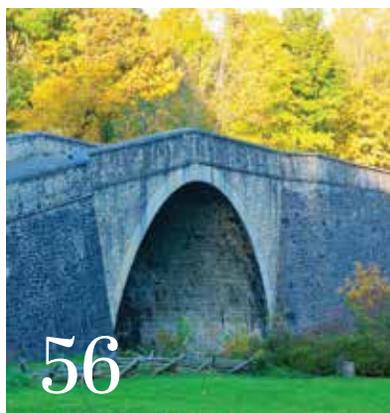
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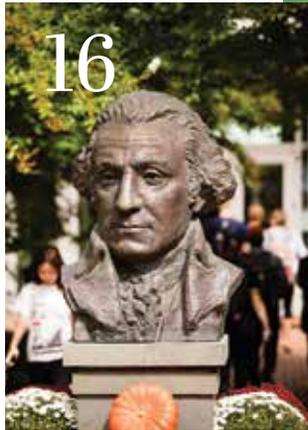


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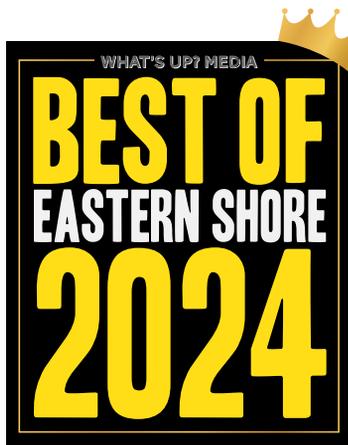
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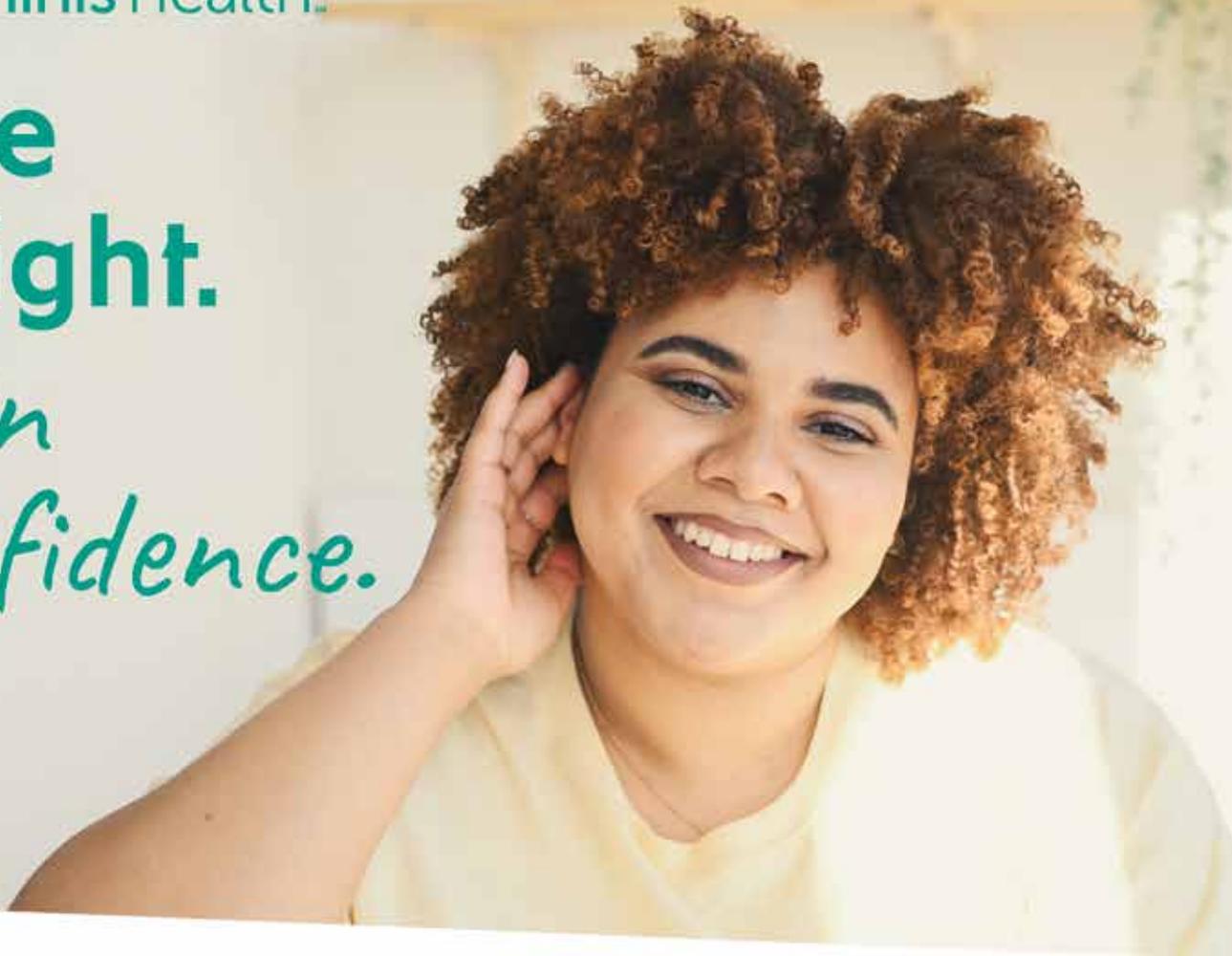


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East Coast Commercial Fishermen's & Aquaculture Trade Expo

The 49th East Coast Commercial Fishermen's & Aquaculture Trade Exposition will be at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, January 12th through 14th. This event, hosted by the Maryland Watermen's Association, works continuously to ensure the future of independent watermen and seafood business throughout the state. The weekend will have seminars, vendors, entertainment, and more. Find more information at marylandwatermen.com.



↑ Cambridge Ice & Oyster Festival

The 3rd Annual Cambridge Ice & Oyster Festival will be back on January 12th and 13th. Enjoy two days of interacting with amazing ice sculptures, eating oysters, live music, and plenty of family fun. Last year's event included 50-plus ice sculptures and over 8,000 visitors. This year the plan is to be even bigger and better. The festival will be in Downtown Cambridge from Cannery Way to Blue Ruin. There will be ice thrones, slides, games, and more. Find more information at iceoysterfest.com.



"1964" THE TRIBUTE

One of the most renowned Beatles tribute bands is coming to the Avalon Theatre on January 12th at 7 p.m. "1964" focuses on the early years of the Beatles, when they started playing for a live audience. The Fab Four toured the world in the early 1960s, but only a few remain who actually saw them live. But help is on the way! "1964" recreates the magic of those live Beatles' performances with artful precision and unerring accuracy. Get your tickets at avalonfoundation.org.

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↑ 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.

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.



↑ 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.



↑ 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.



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.

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 mlkjrmd.org.



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.



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TOWNE SOCIAL

Bull & Oyster Roast

The Gunston School welcomed nearly 200 parents, alumni, and community supporters to their waterfront campus on Saturday, October 21st for the school's signature fundraising event, the Bull & Oyster Roast. The event raised a little over \$120,000 for Gunston's annual giving program, smashing their record from last year. Guests enjoyed delicious food provided by Phat Daddy's BBQ (Chestertown) and Superior Oyster Shuckers (Baltimore), as well as sweet treats from Emily's Produce. Learn more at gunston.org.

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1. Auctioneer Woody Dunstan, P'24 shows off one of the live auction items, a PRS guitar 2. Samantha Hollomon, Julie Gillespie, and Pat Parkhurst 3. Guests enjoy the party 4. Emily Shifrin, Jim Shifrin, and Jill Caron 5. Julie Gillespie, Trish Rudolfs, and Ildi Watkins 6. Katie and Morgan Tolley with Head of School John Lewis

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↑ ELKS MEMBER DONATES TO CARDIO-PULMONARY REHAB

A \$5,200 donation used to purchase a new treadmill for patients was recently made by a member of Easton Elks Lodge #1622 in honor of UM Shore Regional Health (UM SRH) Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilitation nurse Hope Meredith, RN, PCCN.

Ralph Starkey of Easton (pictured center), a patient at UM SRH's Easton Cardio-Pulmonary Rehab location and treasurer for the Lodge, said the Elks hosted a "Cash Bash," or 50/50 raffle, this past spring. Starkey purchased the winning ticket that was chosen for the top prize of \$5,000. Starkey donated another \$200 to the UM SRH Cardio-Pulmonary Rehab Department.

"We are absolutely filled with gratitude that Ralph was so kind to purchase a ticket on our behalf," Meredith said. "We are delighted to use the funds to benefit our community's health and wellness. Thank you very much to the Easton Elks for this opportunity to enhance our program." Learn more at umms.org/shore.





↑ TCPS' New Board Member

Talbot County Public Schools welcomes Anna Howie as the newest member of the Talbot County Board of Education. Mrs. Howie was appointed by Governor Moore to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Susan Delean-Botkin from District 5.

Howie is the Curriculum Supervisor of Career and Technical Education for Dorchester County Public Schools and Interim Principal at Mace's Lane Middle School. She is a dedicated educator with 21 years of experience in K-12 education. She has served in the capacity of teacher, instructional mathematics coach, Assistant Human Resources Administrator, Local Accountability Coordinator, Curriculum Supervisor of Mathematics, and Principal. Howie was sworn in at the Talbot County Education Center on October 16th and will serve until a successor is elected and qualifies at the next congressional election. Learn more at tcps.k12.md.us.

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TOWNE ATHLETE

Evan Newcomer

Kent Island High School
Indoor and Outdoor Track

By Tom Worgo

Evan Newcomer owes a big debt of gratitude to neighborhood friend Caroline Phillips. It was Phillips who convinced Newcomer, as a 10-year-old, to join the 65-year-old United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, whose mission is to develop leaders with an eye on self-discipline, service to others, accountability, and patriotism. It eventually gave him a clear career path as he learned more about the military.

Phillips, who is about two years older than Newcomer, became the Chief Petty Officer of the Corp's Queen Anne's County unit.

"She mentored me, and I was able to get into the program because of her," Newcomer says. "I followed her. They have taught me how to be a leader and I have done medical training through them."

After seven years as a cadet, Newcomer, a senior at Kent Island High, is deciding on whether to attend West Point (officially visited in late-September) or the Naval Academy (early-September). He will make a decision in early 2024.

"It really sparked my love for the military and wanting to serve," Newcomer says of the Corps. "It introduced me to military life. I want to be a commissioned officer because I want to lead."

His career goal is to be a trauma surgeon. He carries a 3.8 grade-point average in high school. "I like how the surgeons serve other service members by helping them and taking care of them," Newcomer says.

Whether the 17-year-old Newcomer goes north to New York or stays close to home in Annapolis, he will run indoor and outdoor track. The sprinter co-captained both teams during his junior year at Kent Island.

When it comes to track, competing in several national events over the past two years left the 5-foot-11, 160-pound Newcomer

brimming with pride. He also gained some notoriety.

His success started with running a leg on the second-place 800-meter relay team at the New Balance Track and Field Outdoor Nationals in 2022 at the University of Pennsylvania. Then earlier this year, he was a member of the 1600 sprint medley team that placed second in the Adidas Track and Field Indoor Nations in Virginia Beach.

"It has gotten my name out there on the national level and a lot of coaches," says Newcomer, who also took part in four other events, including Nike Nationals. "I went up against a higher level of competition and what I need to work on."

Kent Island Track Coach Justin Holland adds, "It gave him a lot more confidence and that's big for him."

Holland recalls Newcomer, then a freshman, being just "one of the kids on the track team. He had a lot of work to be done to be successful."

Things quickly changed during his sophomore year. Newcomer was part of a state outdoor championship 1,600 relay team in 2022 that also included twins Alex and Will Ransone and Isayah Stewart. Newcomer also finished the 2022 season with regional outdoor titles in 100 and 200. Newcomer

got even better during his junior year, winning individual regional titles in the 200- and 400-meters.

Over those two years, he set eight school records, including several individual event times: the 55 (6.62); the 300 (35.89); the 100 (10.84); and the 200 (21.44).

Now, Newcomer's focus is on Kent Island indoor season this winter and outdoors in 2024. He will be chasing state individual titles—the one thing that he doesn't have on his resume. He placed fourth in the 200-meter outdoors last year.

Newcomer's leadership skills and work ethic set him apart from other track athletes. "He leads by example," says Holland, who is also a coach on the Kent Island football team. "It's hard to see some of that because he does a lot of training away from practice. I got done with a football game (in October) and I got off the bus and it was like eight o'clock at night. He was on the track running."

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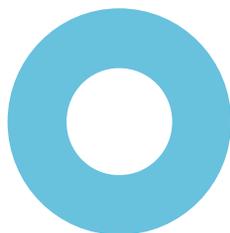
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The background is a light pink color with various decorative elements including white circles, yellow stars, and white lightning bolts. In the top left, a hand holds a blue book. In the top right, a hand holds a yellow book with the text "A year on the road with the Busload of Books". In the bottom left, a hand holds an open book with white pages and a red cover. In the bottom right, a hand holds a stack of three books: a blue one on top, an orange one in the middle, and a purple one at the bottom. The text "ONE SCHOOL, ONE KID at a time" is written in large, colorful, stylized letters across the center.

ONE SCHOOL,
ONE KID
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STORY BY LISA J. GOTTO



ne humid early evening last August, a passionate throng of Chestertown residents and many friends stood outside Stam's Luncheonette on High Street holding colorful

handmade signs that said, "Welcome Home!" They were waiting patiently for an even more colorful school bus to arrive. A school bus that would return a young Chestertown family home after being on a year's-long road trip.

As the bus pulled into town, it was first greeted by a police escort, lights a-blazing, that would accompany it along the final leg of its journey. The throng became noisier and more animated as it approached and then parked outside Stam's—because this was not just any school bus, or any standard road trip.

This bus was returning from a trip that took a decade to conceive. It involved making a minimum of 50 stops along the way, one in every state and the District of Columbia. This trip was not a traditional vacation or sightseeing excursion, however. This was an advocacy-based trip, with built-in opportunities for family bonding.

After many congratulations, hugs from the crowd, and cones of some of Stam's famous ice cream, the family retired around the corner to the converted barn loft that they call home to begin reflecting on that advocacy trip. The journey that had husband and wife, Matthew Swanson and Robbi Behr on a quest designed to further a literacy-based outreach initiative they had started years prior by visiting under-resourced schools like the grade school Robbi attended growing up in Kent County.

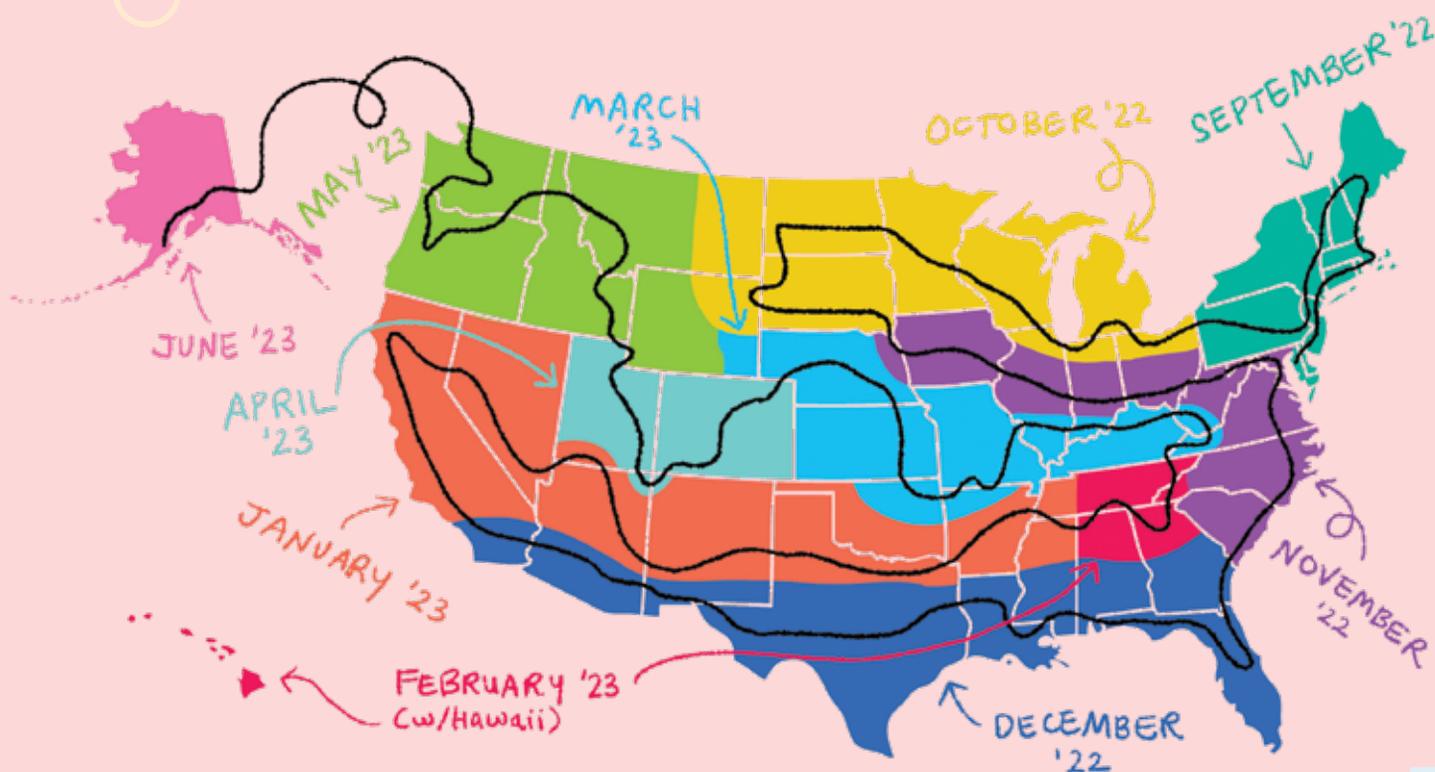
A Collab of Creative Passions

Years prior to those Kent County visits, the couple was living traditionally appropriate, post-college lives with careers in creative arts, each having eventually landed positions at a Baltimore design firm, where Robbi was an illustrator, and Matthew, an advertising executive.

While the couple had initially met in college, they were not personally involved until they ran into each other again a few years later. Theirs was a collaboration of shared dreams and creative passions. She wanted to one-day illustrate children's books and he wanted to publish, "...big, fat, ponderous novels."

And so, they embarked on their first journey; the one where they marry and eventually have kids, and then come to a profound realization: They're so efficient





in their demanding professional roles, they will probably never have the opportunity to work toward the aspirations they're most passionate about.

"So, we said to heck with this, and we quit our jobs," Swanson says. "We sold our house and most of our belongings, and we moved to Chestertown into the hayloft," referring to Behr's parents' converted barn around the corner from the luncheonette.

The couple gave themselves a year to embark on paths that would help them realize their dreams of being a children's book illustrator and a novelist. It was during this most free-form time in their lives when they were able to start self-publishing their first books, after Swanson decided he would be the one to give a voice and narrative to his wife's amazing illustrations.

"We spent a glorious year making self-published books in the hay loft of that barn, and we thought we'd have to stop. But right before the year was up, I got a call from my old boss offering my old job back working halftime from home. So, that allowed one year to turn into two years, and two years to turn into ten," says Swanson.

With titles like *Everywhere Wonder* and *Babies Ruin Everything*, Swanson and Behr started getting noticed for their work.

"Slowly, our books got out into the world. In part, thanks to Tom at The Bookplate," explains Behr, referring to Chestertown's beloved local bookstore. "So, ultimately, luckily, our books found their way into the hands of some editors at big publishing companies."

With the larger publishing world on board, the couple would be offered some new opportunities to interact with readers. (The couple had already been making the rounds at the behest of high schools and colleges who wanted them to talk about the ins and outs of the self-publishing world.) Behr explains that they were then offered the chance to speak at elementary schools as visiting authors.

"But hosting an author or illustrator is expensive," she says. "We noticed that we were only getting invited to private schools or really well-resourced public schools. Places where the kids had plenty of enrichment opportunities already."

Swanson says they hoped they would be able to pinpoint schools that were traditionally under resourced.

"We realized that there was a huge group of kids we were not serving, and they were probably the kids who would most benefit from having an author visit," Swanson says. "For example, our own Garnet Elementary School right here in Chestertown, is an



amazing school full of wonderful teachers, and a warm and loving environment. However, you may not know that 88-percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. So, quite understandably, hosting authors is not the highest priority.”

Swanson and Behr knew the key to making this advocacy effort as valuable and relevant as it could be, was to design and push for a program geared specifically for Title I school kids.

It Took a Village...and 10 Years

Cue the crowdfunding, partnership-building, and logistical portion of our narrative. Fortunately, the couple visited enough schools by this point, that they had already built a following and sense of aspiration and anticipation about their visits.

Anticipation, because Swanson and Behr unwittingly created a secret sauce in the advocacy space. They inspired young students with a unique, agency-building approach to their presentation that exposed the kids to all the steps in the creative process of producing a book from concept to cover. It also provided a unique opportunity for the kids to see a man and a woman who love what they do professionally, and who truly care about them, working together as presenters.

Just a look at their Instagram account provides an amazing insight into how the couple captures and holds the imaginations of pretty much anyone who wants to follow along—and these kids certainly want to. The engagement by the pair in these sessions with the kids and their teachers is robust, heart-felt, and genuine.



The pair would soon devise a plan to take their act—and family—on the road with the goal of visiting one Title I school in each state and the District of Columbia, over the course of a year. They set up an online crowdfunding site to help them support the effort financially. The Kent Cultural Alliance, a local arts nonprofit, would step up to act as a fiscal sponsor. The couple is, to this day, humbled and grateful for the overwhelming support they received from the public.

So inspired, the couple continued to write and illustrate children’s books and foster the partnerships that would help provide the logistical and research-related support that would facilitate and validate the entire endeavor. The creators would go on to produce their now wildly popular *Cookie Chronicles* series during this time.

Interestingly enough, the effort to get on the road began with the hope of purchasing a standard recreational vehicle to accommodate the family of six as they traveled. Behr describes that experience as demoralizing since the sticker shock at the RV show they attended proved palpable. And then, their good friend, Brian Thompson of Red Door Remodeling, suggested that they get a decommissioned school bus and rehab it to house and transport a family—a family with many books—across country. He then volunteered to do the interior rehabilitation for them, so that box was checked.

And so, the story grew with more and more people pitching in in any way they could to see this mission come to fruition. Chestertown’s own Washington College provided the research team that would collect the data and document the experience from an academic point of view.



that Awesome bus!

Yes! Two adults, one 1st grader, one 6th grader, one 8th grader, one high school sophomore, and one pet dog (joined by another adopted dog somewhere down the road) all cohabitated on this school bus which measures 23-feet long, 8-feet wide, and 11-feet by 6 inches high (when the rooftop pop-up is not in use) for one entire year. Artist and mom, Robbi, and her friends at Garnet Elementary School spent months painting a mural on the exterior, creating one fantastical, colorful, home-away-from-home on wheels.



“We feel incredibly glad that Sara De Reza at Washington College approached us to add this whole other layer of meaning and significance to the tour because it gives it a much longer legacy,” says Swanson.

And then there was the matter of the books, thousands upon thousands of books, that would need to be printed, warehoused, and then delivered to the right schools at the right time, a tremendous effort in itself. (Upon further examination, the space in the bus was already spoken for, and therefore they would need help transporting a year’s worth of books.)

“We had built a really important partnership with the national nonprofit First Book, who handled a few logistical things from dealing with sourcing the books, shipping the books, warehousing the books, and providing the names that we used to run a national search for the schools we visited,” Swanson explains. (First Book is the largest online community of educators that serve the needs of kids who live in poverty with the goal of building a path out of poverty through educational equity.)

Scheduling would be another hurdle to overcome, as one bus with four children, eventually two dogs, zero on-bus bathrooms, and a very defined goal of being in certain regions and then certain cities or towns at certain times of the year, would provide a year’s worth of gauntlets to run. One of the dates

would even need to provide time for the family’s other enterprise, summer-time salmon fishing in Alaska. Yes, we said salmon fishing in Alaska!

Along with the kids’ sports, activities, their bill-paying jobs, and various volunteer community pursuits, this couple with their four kids, ranging in age from 6 to 15, go to Alaska every summer to work as commercial salmon fishers until mid-July. The couple described this facet of their lives as another story in itself and left the rest to our imaginations—for now.

And then there were the tremendous contributions that they didn’t even see coming, like the people from national retailer, Build-A-Bear Workshop. Along with providing the funding for 125,000 books, the retailer’s Build-a-Bear Foundation developed a “Read Teddy” reading buddy bear for children as part of their partnership with First Book. The couple initially received 20,000 Read Teddys that they could present with each book to each child. Over the course of their endeavor, they would receive thousands more.



While every town visit was special in its own right, their own kids' learning experience included stops to the French Quarter in New Orleans, Devils Tower in Wyoming, lobstering in Maine, and helicoptering into the Grand Canyon to visit a school in the remote village of Supai, where the Havasupai people have lived for more than 800 years. The family also made it to the tropical shores of Hawaii; the bus patiently awaiting their return on the mainland.



Afterthoughts & Take-Aways

At the time of this writing, the Swanson family has been home for two months and has not even scratched the surface of their post, bust-trip experience. "So, when we look back from these very short two months removed from this experience, we're so gratified that things went as smoothly as they did," Swanson says. "We had predicted much calamity for ourselves, whether the bus was down, or schools not being able to host us, or getting sick, or any number of things that can go wrong."

But the real takeaways, they say, resound with experiences that transcended the basics of providing books to kids who otherwise might not have them.

"Yes, the books are great, but the books are kind of subsidiary to all of these other things that are coming from the fact that we are here in the community with our bus, with our dogs, with our kids, with our energy and effort," Swanson says. "And that's what meant the most to the teachers."

The teachers, explains Behr, perhaps conveyed it best when they simply said, "Thanks for loving our kids."

"And that's ultimately what the kids took away—is these people came to my school and that makes me feel differently about myself," Swanson says.

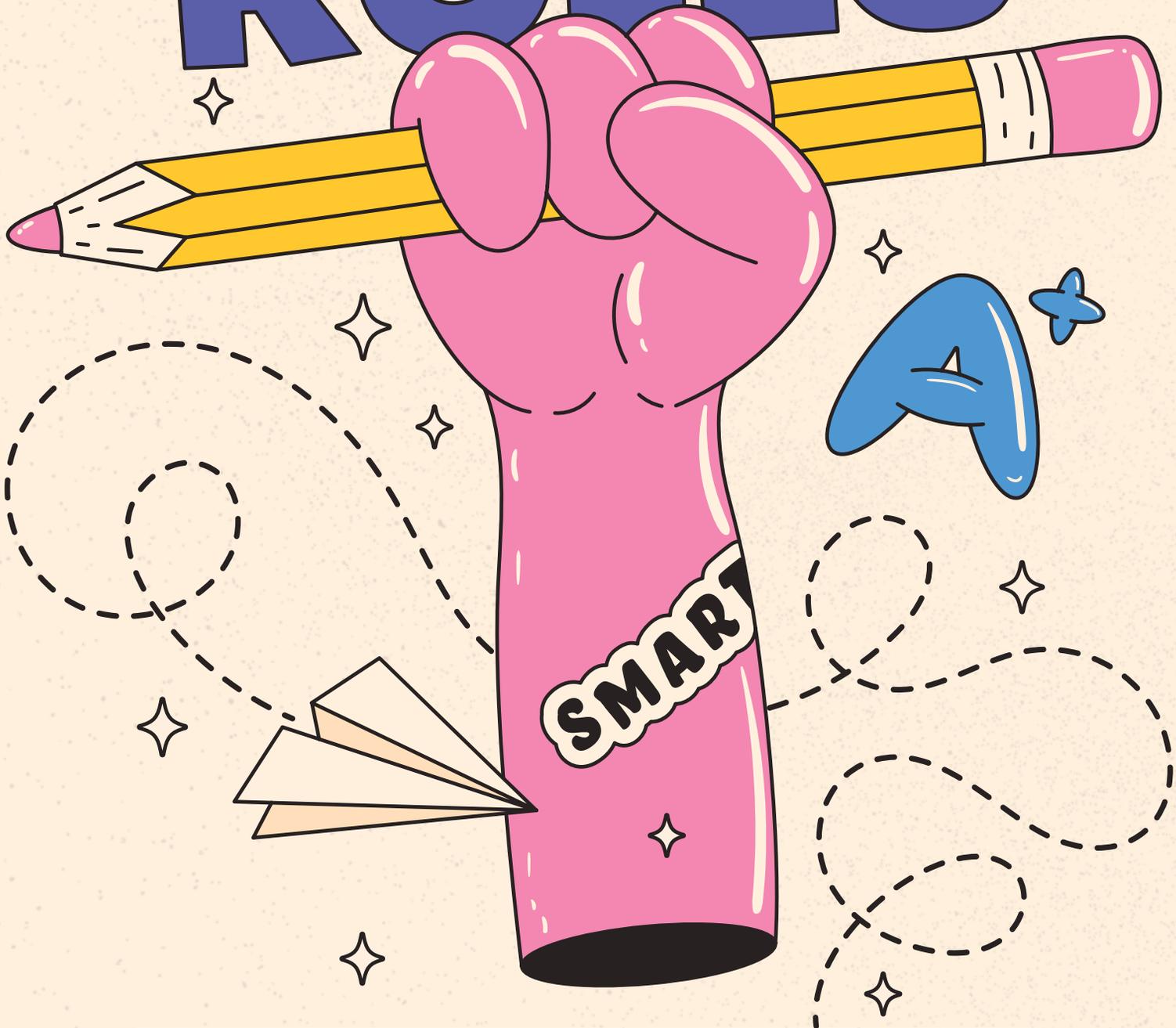
And what of the future?

"We are preparing for the next round of it," Swanson says. Not a full-blown, year-long tour, but a continued, concerted effort based on an ongoing literacy initiative in which they plan to combine a more limited number of in-person school visits with widely available online assemblies to Title I communities so they can offer different types of support more widely.

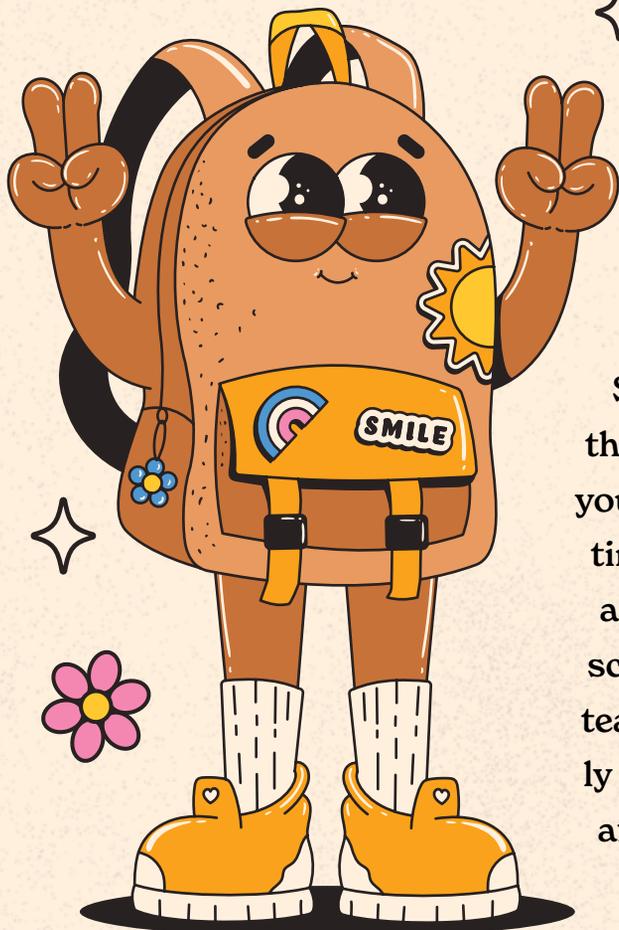
"We both plan, we [both] want to do the tour again at some point, but really we blame our children for wanting to go to school, and play soccer, and have friends," Swanson cheekily says as to why the family will now take a bit of a breather before getting back on the bus.

Want to learn more about the Busload of Books Tour? You can re-live this trip (and get updates on the next phases of the project) via Robbi and Matthew's Instagram page @robbi.and.matthew and on the bus's website at busloadofbooks.com.

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2024 PRIVATE SCHOOL GUIDE



Welcome to the definitive 2024 Private School Guide! Selecting a private school that plays the perfect and honorable role in your child's education requires considerable time and research. The format of the guide allows you to easily navigate local private schools' vital information (tuition, student/teacher ratios, key contacts, etc.) and quickly learn about their education philosophies, affiliations, student clubs, extracurricular programs, sports offerings, and more.



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

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	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

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	DESCRIPTION	YEAR FOUNDED	RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	PRINCIPAL/ HEAD OF SCHOOL	GRADE LEVELS	ENROLLMENT	AVG. CLASS SIZE
Annapolis Area Christian School - Lower 61 Gambrills Road, Severn 410-519-5300; aacsonline.org	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	Karl Graustein	K–5	110	15-20
Annapolis Area Christian School - Lower 710 Ridgely Ave, Annapolis 410-519-5300; aacsonline.org	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
Annapolis Area Christian School - Middle 716 Bestgate Road, Annapolis 410-846-3505; aacsonline.org	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	Benjamin Peddicord	6–8	226	18-25
Annapolis Area Christian School - Upper 109 Burns Crossing Road, Severn 410-846-3507; aacsonline.org	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
Book of Life Academy* 913 Cedar Park Road, Annapolis 410-263-2600; bookoflifeacademy.com	Located in Annapolis, Book of Life offers a Christian education through various daily enrichment programs.	1982	Christian	Rebecca Lemus	K2–5	115	12
Calvary Center School* 301 Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis 410-268-3812; calumc.org/ccs-about calvarycenter@calumc.org	Cavary Center School is a preschool for children ages 3 and 4, and also offers extended care options.	1986	Methodist	Claire Zarrilli	PreK 3-5	75	12–15
Chesapeake Montessori School 30 Old Mill Bottom Road North, Annapolis; 410-757-4740 chesapeake-montessori.com	We believe that education is an exciting process of discovery that builds a foundation for critical thinking, self-discipline, and a life-long love of learning. We are committed to practicing authentic Montessori to guide children to their full potential	1977	Non-Sectarian	Robert Wirts	18 months–8th grade	145	Varies
Chesterton Academy of Annapolis 31 Rowe Blvd, Annapolis 410-855-3216 chestertonacademyofannapolis.org	Chesterton Academy of Annapolis is raising up joyful leaders and saints, educated in the classical tradition and the truths of the Catholic faith. Our rigorous, integrated curriculum unlocks student's potential and prepares them to succeed in college and professional life, and to excel in service of family, of country, and of Christ our Lord.	2018	Catholic	Thomas Thoits	9th-12th	44	15
The Harbour School at Annapolis* 1277 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis 410-974-4248; harbourschool.org	The Harbour School, located in Cape St. Claire, has an individualized way of teaching, and adapts to the students' way of learning.	1982	Non-Sectarian	Linda J. Jacobs	1–12	189	8–10
Heritage Learning Center * 1740 Forest Drive, Annapolis 410-263-6680 ext 105 heritagelearningcenter.org	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
Indian Creek School 1130 Anne Chambers Way, Crownsville 410-849-5151; indiancreekschool.org	Indian Creek School is a premier college-preparatory school for students in grades Pre-K3 through grade 12, located on a beautiful 114 acre wooded campus just minutes north of Annapolis. At Indian Creek, kindness is currency, well-being is priority and excellence in education is relentlessly pursued.	1973	Non-Sectarian	Booth Kyle	PreK 3- Grade 12	560	16

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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>The Key School 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>Maryland Curiosity Lab 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>Maven Academy 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>Montessori International Children's House 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>Naval Academy Primary School 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>Rockbridge Academy 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>Ss. Constantine and Helen Preschool 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>St. Anne's School of Annapolis 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>St. Martin's Lutheran School of Annapolis 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>St. Margaret's Day School 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>St. Mary's Elementary School 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

St. Mary's High School

113 Duke of Gloucester Stree
Annapolis; 410-263-3294;
stmarysadmissions.org

Located next to the elementary school, St. Mary's High is a college preparatory day school that focuses on the traditions of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

1946

Catholic

Joseph Keenan

9-12

511

24-27

Divine Mercy Academy

8513 St Jane Drive, Pasadena
410-705-0778; divinemercury.md

Divine Mercy Academy offers a Classical Liberal Arts Education in the Catholic Tradition to children in Kindergarten through Eighth grade. We are incredibly proud to provide this time-tested and highly successful curriculum paired with a thoroughly Catholic ethos at an affordable tuition.

2019

Catholic

Patrick Sullivan

K-8

142

15

Severn Shool - Chesapeake Campus (Lower)

1185 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard,
Arnold; 410-647-7700;
severnschool.com

We believe that there are many ways to lead and that every student has the potential to be exceptional. Our teachers model what it means for students to lean into challenges, step into personal growth opportunities, and have the tough conversations needed for social change. Since when we define leadership by the positive impact we have on others, we become the dynamic individuals our world depends.

1914

Non-Sectarian

Douglas Lagarde

PreK-5

257

14

Severn School - Teel Campus (Upper)

201 Water Street, Severna Park
410-647-7700; severnschool.org

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1914

Non-Sectarian

Douglas Lagarde

6-12

637

13

St. John the Evangelist School

669 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park
410-647-2283; stjohnspschool.org

Located on over thirty acres, St. John the Evangelist School offers rigorous academics in a nurturing environment for students in Pre-K through 8th grade.

1959

Catholic

Casey Buckstaff

PreK-8th grade

561

25

St. Martin's In-The-Field Episcopal School

375-A Benfield Road, Severna Park
410-647-7055; stmartinsmd.org

St. Martin's is an independent school with a STEAM-based curriculum, encouraging students to discover their potential while learning with confidence, compassion and character. The school is located on an 8-acre campus, and offers three high school level courses as well as a wide variety of extracurricular programs for all ages.

1957

Episcopal

Anthony Shaffer

Pre-school 3s-8th grade

253

16

EDGEWATER

St. Andrew's Day School

4B Wallace Manor Road, Edgewater
410-266-0952; standrewsum.org

Saint Andrew's is an independent school located on a 20-acre campus, and offers engaging After School Enrichment Programs.

1985

United Methodist

Mark Wagner

PreK-8th grade

203

15

The Summit School

664 East Central Avenue, Edgewater
410-798-0005; thesummitschool.org

The Summit School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences

1989

Non-Sectarian

Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy

1-8

113

Varies

GAMBRILLS/ODENTON

Odenton Christian School*

8410 Piney Orchard Parkway,
Odenton; 410-305-2380
ocs.odentonbaptist.org

Odenton Christian School follows the A Beka curriculum. In addition, OCS offers many real-world electives.

1977

Baptist

Pastor John Lacombe

K3-12th grade

181

14

School of the Incarnation

2601 Symphony Lane, Gambrills
410-519-2285;
chooloftheincarnation.org

Located on a 26-acre campus in central Anne Arundel County, School of the Incarnation is a coeducational school and operates under the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

2000

Catholic

Nancy Baker

PreK4-8th grade

785

30

MILLERSVILLE

Elvaton Christian Academy*

8422 Elvaton Road, Millersville
410-647-3224; elvatonacademy.com

Elvaton Christian Academy is a coeducational school located in Millersville.

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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Glenelg Country School* 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
Maryvale Preparatory School 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
Mount de Sales Academy* 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
Mount St. Joseph High School 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
Notre Dame Preparatory School * 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
Roland Park Country School 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
St. Augustine School* 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
St. Philip Neri School* 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
St. Pius X Regional School 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
St. Timothy's School* 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		
St. Vincent Pallotti High School* 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
Oldfields School* 1500 Glencoe Road, Sparks Glencoe 410-472-4800; oldfieldsschool.org	Oldfields is an all-girls boarding and day school located on 140 acres in Maryland's horse country	1867	Non-Sectarian	Ansley Smithwick	8-12	10	5

	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
	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
	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

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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
Painting Contractor
Pest Control
Plumber
Pool Design/Build
Pool Maintenance
Power Washing Service
Real Estate Team/Brokerage
Residential Realtor
Roofing Contractor
Stone/Tile/Granite for Kitchen, Bath & Flooring
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
Nonprofit Gala
Nonprofit Organization (Local or Local Chapter)
Nonprofit Sporting Event
Organic Grocer
Party Vendor (Balloons, Facepainting, Rentals)
Payroll Company
Pet Boarding & Daycare
Pet Grooming & Services
Pet Training (Dog)
Pet Walking/Sitting

Professional Organizer
Purses & Handbags
Retail Art Gallery
Retirement Community (Active Living)
Sailing School
Senior Living Facility (Assisted Living)
Specialty Grocer/Market
Summer Camp
Unique Gifts
Veterinarian
Veterinarian Surgery
Women's Clothing Store

Weddings

Bar Service
Bridal Hair Cut & Styling
Caterer
Ceremony Venue
Dance Studio
Decor
Desserts
DJ/Entertainment Service
Dress Shop (Wedding, Bridesmaids, etc.)
Florist
Food Trucks
Hair Stylist
Jeweler
Live Band
Makeup Artist
Men's Attire
Officiant
Photographer
Rehearsal Dinner Venue
Rental Company
Stationary
Transportation
Videographer
Wedding Coordinator
Wedding Planner
Wedding/Reception Venue Indoor
Wedding/Reception Venue Outdoor
Wedding/Reception Venue
Waterfront

Leaders in Education





The Country School

716 Goldsborough St, Easton, MD 21601
410-822-1935 | countryschool.org



What makes The Country School what it is lies in our ethos:

Do your best always.

From citizenship to academics, we expect this mantra to guide our students in everything they do. With a focus on character building, The Country School instills its 9 Core Values (honesty, respect, responsibility, compassion, generosity, commitment, cooperation, fairness, and moral courage) in students, nurturing confident and compassionate individuals poised to make a positive impact.

The backbone of The Country School is its exceptional faculty, committed to creating a nurturing environment where students thrive. Their passion for teaching extends beyond academics, inspiring a lifelong love for learning. With an average class size of 15, our teachers know every one of their students well and differentiate instruction strategically to bring out the best in them. The Country School is a close-knit community that values

diversity and inclusivity. Students build lasting friendships in an atmosphere that encourages individuality and mutual respect.

Students graduating from The Country School have many options for high school, including local public schools, and boarding and day independent schools. With the help of our secondary school counselor who begins working with students in 7th grade, our recent graduates have been accepted into 32 different high schools.

Transportation is available to several areas from Stevensville to Cambridge, making The Country School accessible to children from all over the Mid-Shore. Learn more about us at countryschool.org and schedule a tour with our Admissions Director, Kristy Nkanza.

9:1 Student to teacher ratio

15 Average class size

8 Transportation stops

OPEN HOUSE

February 6, 6-7:30

Pre-K Discovery Day

March 26, 4:00-5:00

Kindergarten Discovery Day

March 27 4:00-5:00



Quick Look

GRADES:

Pre-K(4) - 8

YEAR FOUNDED:

1934

LANGUAGES TAUGHT:

Latin, Spanish

TOTAL ENROLLMENT:

298

2023-2024 TUITION

Pre-K \$11,270 | Kindergarten \$17,400
Grades 1-8 \$20,200

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

Key School

534 Hillsmere Drive | Annapolis, MD 21403 | 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

Radcliffe Creek School

201 Talbot Blvd Suite A, Chestertown, MD 21620 | 410-778-8150 | radcliffecreekschool.org



Overview: Radcliffe Creek School is a co-ed independent school for non-traditional learners. With small class sizes and customized learning plans providing a caring, connected environment, every child who attends Radcliffe thrives. Students identified with learning differences like dyslexia, ADHD, and anxiety blossom in our school. Radcliffe Creek School is located in Chestertown, MD and serves students from Talbot, Kent, Queen Anne's, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Dorchester and Caroline Counties in Maryland, as well as areas of Delaware thanks to a robust, privately-run busing service.

Mission: Radcliffe Creek School's mission is to empower children in a dynamic environment that utilizes a strength-based approach and celebrates unique learning. With an acute focus on executive function skill-building and socio-emotional growth, our time-proven approach creates well-rounded, life-long learners. The school creates an environment where learning goes hand-in-hand with academic success and improved self-awareness. Radcliffe Creek School believes that as each student develops a positive belief about oneself, he or she is able to engage in the learning process and therefore become an independent learner ready to navigate the challenges of high school and beyond.



**Discover.
Create.
Thrive.**



100%

attend their first high school choice!

5:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

Tuition Assistance

awarded to over 60% of families!

1:1 Chromebooks

at every grade level

Busing Service

available

AIMS Accredited



Quick Look

GRADES:
Kindergarten through 8

HEAD OF SCHOOL:
Mr. Peter Thayer

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:
Currently 54, rolling admissions offered

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$31,920

**OVER 9 COUNTIES SERVED
IN 2 STATES!**



The Gunston School

911 Gunston Road | PO Box 200 | Centreville, MD 21617 | gunston.org
Instagram & Facebook @gunstonschool | 410-758-0620

The Gunston School offers an intellectually rigorous, highly personalized, and nurturing college preparatory educational experience.

Established in 1911, the Gunston School is uniquely situated on 75 acres along the Corsica River and provides students with a personalized and rigorous academic experience, a strong sense of community, a focus on the balanced development of mind, body, and spirit, and an innovative curricular emphasis on global and environmental leadership. Gunston draws its student population from eight Maryland and Delaware counties as well as internationally from at least four countries.

Programs of note include Gunston's nationally-recognized environmental programs including Chesapeake Bay Studies and the study of climate science. Additionally, the fully accredited Chesapeake Watershed Semester (CWS) is a single-semester, place-based academic program that cultivates student leaders who can promote regional and global environmental sustainability through their understanding of scientific, social, cultural, and political systems. The program is open to any juniors and seniors from any school.

Other programs include a nationally competitive robotics and rocketry team, and a popular arts program that features a pottery studio, wood sculpture, performing arts, and more. Additionally, various student leadership programs begin from day one at orientation and continue through all four years. Gunston offers 20 sports teams including sailing, crew, cross country, golf, volleyball, and triathlon, among others. The school day ends at 4:30 p.m. Gunston offers transportation from Annapolis, Severna Park, Chestertown, Church Hill, Easton, Millington, Grasonville, Kent Island and Middletown, Delaware.

Personal tours and shadow days are available by appointment with in-person open houses held annually in January, April, October and November.



Quick Look

20 Interscholastic Sports

9:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

OPEN HOUSES

Sunday, January 21
Sunday, April 28

GRADES:
9-12

TOTAL ENROLLMENT:
242

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:
10-12

YEAR FOUNDED:
1911

23-24 TUITION:
\$28,950
(includes tuition and lunch)

LANGUAGES:
Spanish; other options online

Saints Peter & Paul School

ES - 900 High Street, Easton MD 21601 | 410.822.2251 | es.ssppeaston.org
 HS - 1212 S. Washington Street, Easton MD 21601 | 410.822.2275 | hs.ssppeaston.org



Two Campuses - One School - One Mission!

From PreK3 through Grade 12, Saints Peter & Paul educates the mind, strengthens the body, and nurtures the spirit in a faith-based environment rich in the Catholic tradition, transforming students into young adults who think critically, creatively, and globally.

The elementary program includes individualized learning, integrated STEM, music, and Spanish. Our college preparatory high school offers 100+ courses, including an Honors Program, Advanced Placement, and global learning. Emphasizing critical thinking, independent and collaborative learning, Saints Peter & Paul students are well prepared for the challenges of higher education.

There are student life opportunities for every grade level, a robust athletic program that includes cross country, sailing, and ice hockey. With over 30 clubs and leadership activities, Sabre students have opportunities to get involved, participate, and make a difference.

Rooted in the Catholic tradition, Saints Peter & Paul encourages students of all denominations to grow in their faith through prayer, retreats, and service. Small class sizes, a dedicated and caring faculty, rigorous academics, diversity of student life, and a commitment to service are the hallmarks of a Saints Peter & Paul education.



\$166,201

Average Scholarships for Graduates

12 (HS)
18 (ES)

Average Class Size



Quick Look

GRADES:

PreK-3
to 12th

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:

Catholic

HEADS OF SCHOOL:

Scott Wilson - HS Principal
Sherrie Connolly - ES Principal

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:

HS: 186
ES: 415

2023-2024 TUITION:

HS: \$17,530 | ES: \$9,432
Pre-K: \$7,200

Kent School

6788 Wilkins Lane | Chestertown, MD
www.KentSchool.org | 410-778-4100

Located on the bank of the Chester River in historic Chestertown, Kent School is an inclusive school community designed for joyful learning, immersed in the natural environment. We are research-driven and committed to nurturing our students' potential for active citizenship in a connected world through academic, artistic, athletic, and moral excellence.

Our School culture, built on trust, is one in which all individuals are seen, known and valued. We are committed to social emotional learning as well as academic growth to ensure these values are upheld. We foster inclusivity, enabling individuals with a range of traits to thrive, contribute and be respected for their unique abilities, perspectives and cultural experiences.



6:1 Student to Teacher Ratio **150** Students PreSchool through Grade 8



GRADES:
Preschool -
Grade 8

YEAR FOUNDED:
1967

HEAD OF SCHOOL:
Nancy Mugele

TUITION:
\$9,900 - \$19,225

TUITION ASSISTANCE:
Awarded to Over 40% of families

Wye River Upper School

316 S Commerce Street, Centreville, MD 21617
410-758-2922 | wyeriverupperschool.org

Wye River Upper School is an independent, non-profit middle and high school that changes the lives of students who learn differently due to dyslexia, ADHD, executive function needs, anxiety, high-functioning autism, and more. Our program provides a well-rounded, rigorous, individualized curriculum that recognizes and develops each student's strengths. Our inclusive and uniquely supportive environment enables students to thrive and grow socially and academically.

Wye River Upper School offers a holistic approach that addresses the needs of those we serve through small classes, real-world problem-solving, and experiential hands-on learning. We provide an experience where our students feel comfortable to be their true selves and learn to take healthy risks to develop their unique talents and abilities. During their time at Wye River, students' lives are transformed as they build friendships and establish an independence and confidence that will allow them to be successful in college, career, and life.



5:1 Student to Teacher Ratio **75%** Graduates are college-bound **25%** enter trade, military or work force



GRADES:
8-12

TOTAL ENROLLMENT:
60

HEAD OF SCHOOL:
Stephanie Borges Folarin

YEAR FOUNDED:
2002

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$34,650

The Boys' Latin School of Maryland

822 W Lake Ave, Baltimore, MD 21210
410-377-5192 | boyslatinmd.com

The Boys' Latin School of Maryland is an independent school serving boys in grades K-12, with boarding available in grades 9-12. Our K-12 family is small by design because nearly two centuries of all-boys education has taught us that a close community builds a foundation of confidence. Of compassion. Of curiosity. And of character. We create space for boys to explore possibilities and pursue their passions.

Boys' Latin provides a challenging academic curriculum and countless opportunities. Perhaps most important, character education is interwoven in all we do. Each day our boys learn to do what's difficult and what's right.

Boarding students are an important part of the Boys' Latin family, finding the perfect setting to grow in confidence and independence. Learn more at boyslatinmd.com/boarding



7:1 Student to teacher ratio

13 Average class size

42 Athletic teams

25 Upper school clubs



Quick Look

GRADES:
K-12, Boarding
9-12

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:
Non-Sectarian

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:
630

2023-2024 DAY TUITION:
\$24,100-\$35,900

2023-2024 BOARDING TUITION:
\$52,500

Maryland Hall

801 Chase Street
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-263-5544 | 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! 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.

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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.

With 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 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 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 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!



Driving present-day Route 40 westbound will take travelers through scenic Western Maryland toward Hagerstown and beyond.

The National Road

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

By **Ellen Moyer**

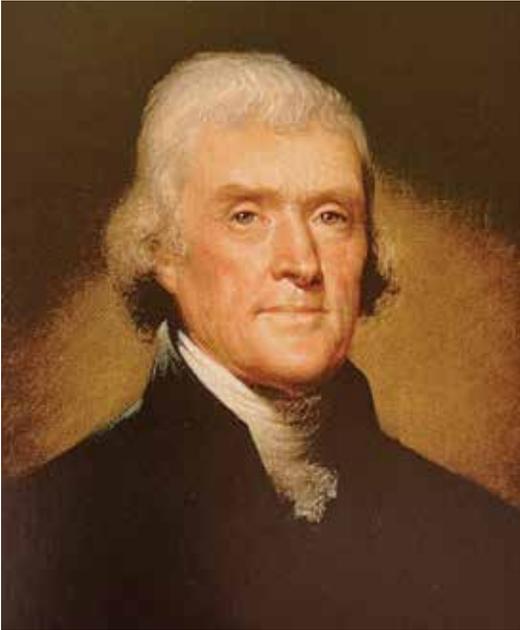
Scenic U.S. Route 40 is America's most historic road. Though the terminuses of the highway have changed over many years, it is traditionally recognized to have originated in Baltimore and continued toward St. Louis, Missouri. It is the road that opened up westward travel from the East Coast. It is the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

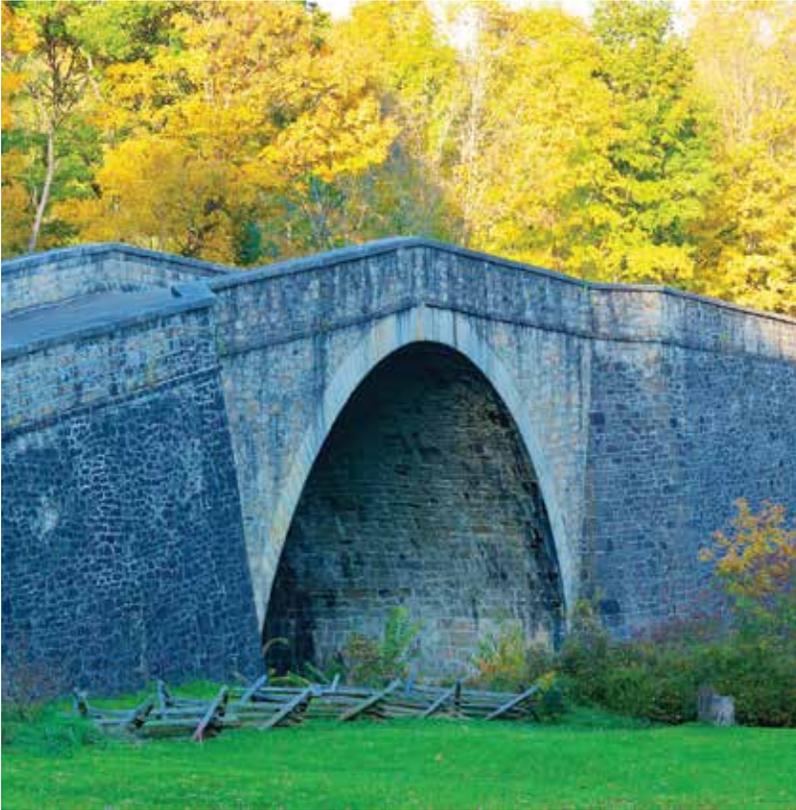
Traveling the road for a day trip in Western Maryland puts one in touch with the past or with the marvels of today's industry. For early travelers, the rocky terrain was a barrier. But engineers have sliced through the earth. Interstate 68 West, near Hancock, Maryland, cuts through Sideling Hill, revealing 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.

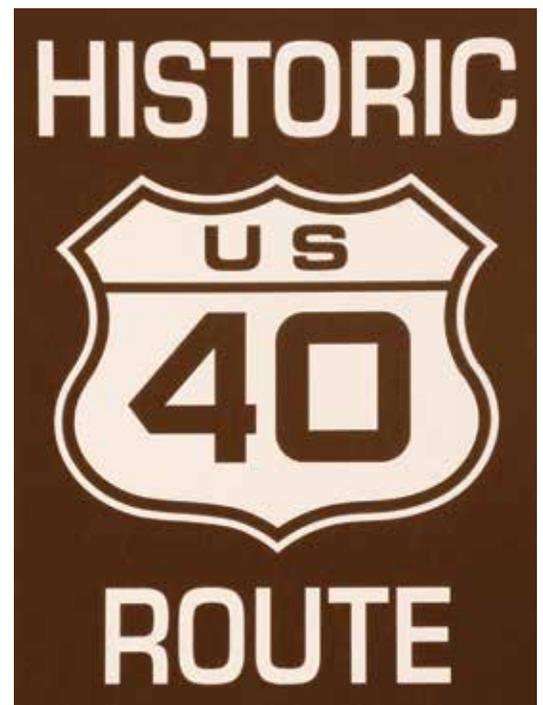
A two-lane highway rolling up, down, and over the Appalachian foothills passes by Great Meadows, where Fort Necessity once stood, and then arrives at Grantsville and the Casselman Inn, built in 1824 as one of the National Road's original hoteliers. Outside is a stone mile-marker telling how far it is 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

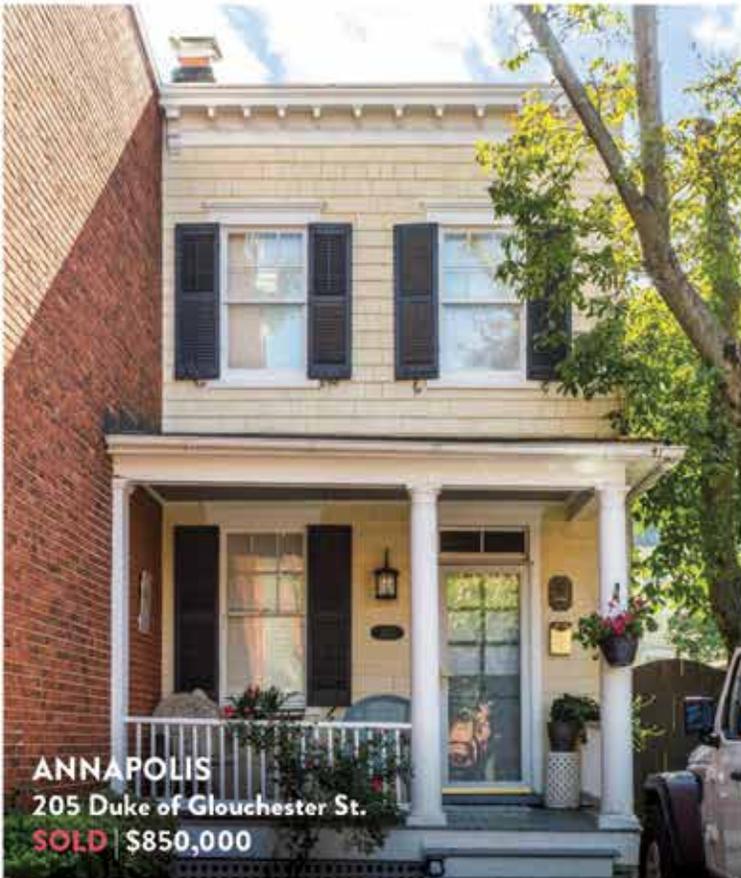
with unique regional crafts for holiday buying and a bookstore on local history. On its grounds are shops of artisans in buildings that were once the log cabins of settlers. Homemade soap, wool-spun items, hand-carved birds, and ground flour demonstrate the way of life that would have been familiar with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

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.

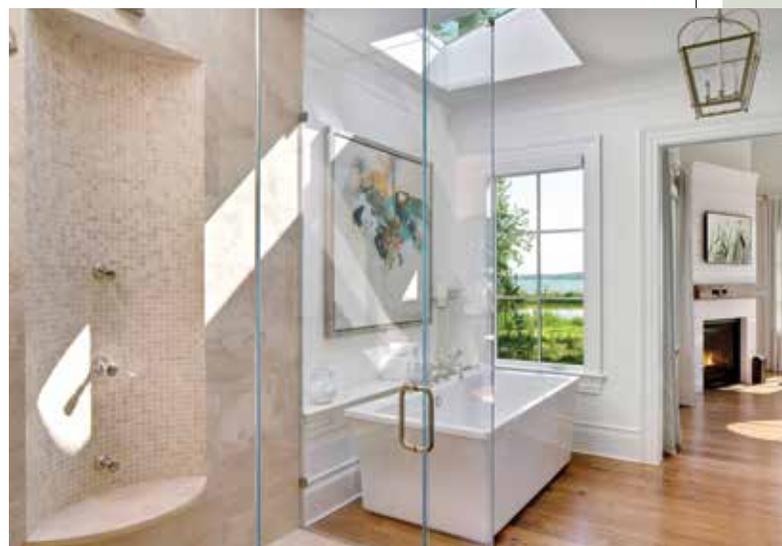
Chill Zones & Other Re-Imaginings

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.

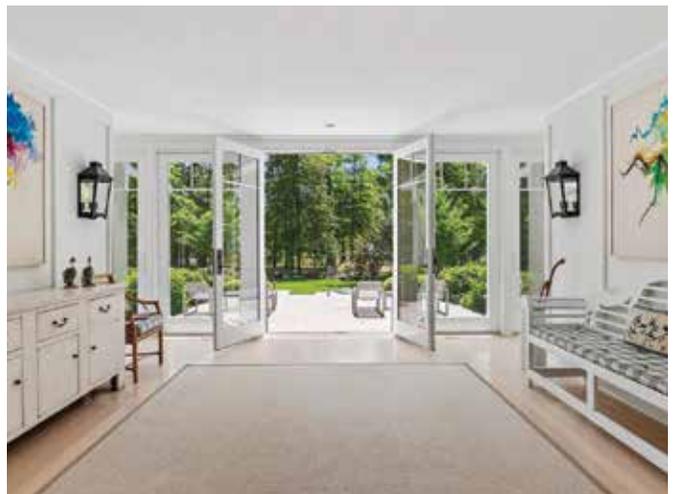


Home on Harris Creek

By Lisa J. Gotto

A serene, 17-acre waterfront oasis awaits the new owners of this luxurious custom coastal home located on a scenic point on Harris Creek.

This 6,000-square-foot residence makes quite the first impression with its clean architectural lines and well-sculpted hardscaping. Gorgeous slate pavers lead to the elevated front entry of the home and its gallery-like, entryway with eyes out to the lush landscape. Natural light comes streaming in seemingly from everywhere, including a collection of skylights above, and attractive, blonde hardwood floors flow underfoot.



The entry doors are French-style with floor-to-ceiling glass panels on either side. This hall effortlessly opens into an amazing great room space with sightlines to the water ahead and a vaulted ceiling with beam details above to the second-floor loft. There's a gorgeous feature wall with a contemporary fireplace front to the right in this generous main level space and the opposite wall is highlighted with a vertical pattern of light wood boards.

There is easy access to the gracious, slate-topped patio from this space thanks to another set of large, French doors, set off with floor-to-ceiling windows all around the room. The outdoor patio and pool area is absolutely exquisite with its mix of sleek, professional hardscaping framing the back of the house and the pool. Lush landscaping and the natural beauty of many mature trees have slices of sightlines to the waterfront. The property also boasts a beautiful tennis court and various outbuildings including a charming, one-bedroom caretakers' cottage.



Back inside, the main level of the home offers an incredible custom kitchen with clean, white cabinetry, an all stainless-steel, professional grade appliance package, and a large center island with prep sink, copious storage, and sleek black countertops.

A charming and comfortable TV room with skylights, custom built-in bookcases and glorious, large windows and doors to the patio and water views, are determined to make the TV irrelevant.

This level of the home also boasts a convenient owners' suite with that great angled ceiling effect and amazing views to the property's wooded back lot and waterfront. A sleek, all-white *en suite* bath sparkles with white tile, a large marble-topped vanity, and views of the water.

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Primary Structure Built: 2006
Sold For: \$3,400,000
Original List Price: \$3,395,000
Bedrooms: 4
Baths: 4 Full
Living Space: 6,094 Sq. Ft.
Lot Size: 17.46 acres

This home offers three additional bedrooms with great views on the upper level, and a large, bonus space in the loft above is outfitted with two, integrated custom twin beds for extra lodging capability. This space can also serve as a playroom, TV room, or gathering space.

Adventures in relaxation and seclusion await the new owners of this amazing family-oriented retreat!



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Pastorally Perfect

By Lisa J. Gotto

Make yourself at home and that's easy to do in this immaculate, 3,100-square-foot home that scores big points for style and substance. Located on six lush acres, the approach to this all-brick colonial home is inviting with its pastoral setting, long driveway, and winding stone paver walkway to the front door.

Once inside, the eye is delighted with the amount of natural light flowing into the foyer via the large living room windows to the right of the entry, and the home office to the entry's left. Hickory-hued hardwood floors flow forward past the eye-catching architectural stairway to the left and down the hallway toward the open-plan kitchen and family room. Noticeable in all of these areas, are elements of attractive crown molding, wood trim, and chair railing.

The gourmet kitchen in this home is a chef's dream with its professional-grade gas range with six standard burners, a grill top, and double ovens. The all-white custom cabinetry looks crisp and is brand new—and there's plenty of it, along with a large, center island topped with luxe granite that seats three comfortably for breakfast or cozy conversation while cooking. A separate, eat-in area, as well as an adjacent formal dining room, make this a great home for celebrations.



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Primary Structure Built: 1990
Sold For: \$1,190,000
Original List Price: \$1,345,000
Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 3 Full
Living Space: 3,142 Sq. Ft.
Lot Size: 6.04 acres



And these celebrations can easily flow into the open-plan family room with its charming, sloped ceiling and fireplace feature wall of brick with a wood alcove insert. So perfect for pre-gaming or post-dinner family movie nights. This well-planned, intentional space also allows access to the home's signature feature—a rustic, screened-in gazebo large enough for the party to move outside and be covered.

The gazebo steps down to the home's cherry-stained wood deck and grilling area, and then out beyond to the property's amazing patio and fenced-in pool area. Take a little stroll out back and you'll find the path to

the property's waterfront access and private pier—a totally relaxing exercise after a long day at the office.

Speaking of which, back inside, a large, comfortable owners' suite awaits with its spa-like *en suite* bath featuring a granite-topped dual vanity, large, glass-panel shower, and a relaxing garden tub. The bedroom also features a separate seating area and make-up application space with granite countertop. There are two additional, generously sized bedrooms on this upper level, as well as an additional full bath. All are ready for a solid night's rest after a full day of family fun on their wonderful Wye River property.



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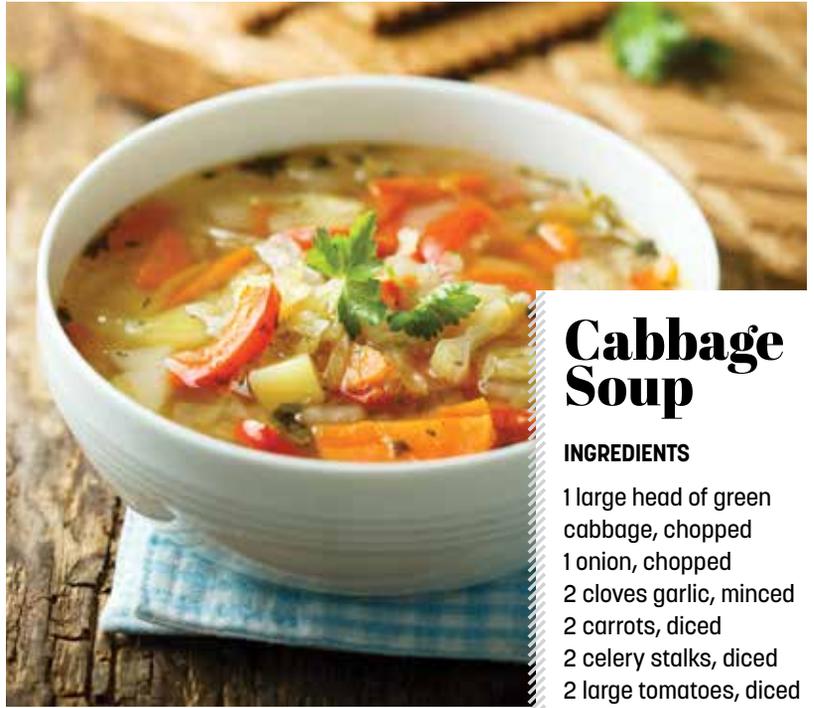
CABBAGE

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 H₂O 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 warm-up 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.

Not So Sweet

THE LATEST ON ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS

By Dylan Roche

The hype behind artificial sweeteners is easy to understand. Also referred to as *nonnutritive sweeteners*, manufacturers can use them to sweeten food and drink products without adding sugar—and therefore, consumers don't need to worry about excess calories or a spike in blood sugar. So, what do the health experts say about this? Many of them say don't get too excited—the fact that diet soda is sugar-free isn't a go-ahead to consume endless amounts of it.

Weight Management Made Easy?

According to the latest guidance released by the World Health Organization in spring 2023, you shouldn't be relying on artificially sweetened products to lose weight or to reduce your risk of disease.

Replacing sugar with nonnutritive sweeteners can offer some benefits in the short term. People are able to cut back on calories without sacrificing taste, which can help them lose weight at first. The problem is that a person who consumes artificially sweetened products is still accustomed to the taste of highly sweetened foods and drinks. This is why the WHO says artificial sweeteners aren't good for long-term weight loss. It's better to reduce your overall taste for sweetness and consume water or unsweetened coffee or tea.

As you cut back on artificially sweetened products, you'll be able to satisfy yourself with light sweetness found in natural foods. For example, the Cleveland Clinic recommends adding frozen fruit to your sparkling water, a sliced banana to your oatmeal, or berries to your plain yogurt.

A Potential Carcinogen?

Artificial sweeteners are not the carcinogen that many people believe them to be. Much of this misconception goes back to the 1970s, when some research found a connection



between the artificial sweetener saccharin (used to make Sweet 'N' Low) to bladder cancer in lab rats. But since then, further research has shown this isn't the case with people.

Still, it might have been alarming last year when the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer categorized aspartame (the sweetener used to make NutraSweet and Equal, and the sweetener commonly used in diet sodas) as a Group 2B carcinogen. By definition of Group 2B, this means it's possibly carcinogenic to humans based on limited evidence.

But you would need to consume large amounts of aspartame for it to be harmful, according to the WHO. The acceptable daily intake set by the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives is 40 milligrams per kilograms of bodyweight. That means a 150-pound person would need to drink more than 10 cans of diet soda a day to exceed this amount.

Which Option is Best?

The market has no shortage of artificial sweeteners to choose from. Among the many options is **aspartame** (NutraSweet, Equal), **saccharin** (Sweet 'N' Low), **sucralose** (Splenda), and **stevia leaf extracts** (Truvia, PureVia). Is there any one that's better than the others? It depends on whom you ask. For example, the Center for Science in the Public Interest discourages people from consuming saccharin, though it does deem sucralose and stevia extract to be safe. But a study published last year in the journal *Nature Medicine* linked erythritol, a sugar alcohol often combined with stevia extract in some products, to heart attacks and stroke.

Your best option? Think of artificial sweeteners as better than too much added sugar, but cutting back on the sweetness altogether is best.

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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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.

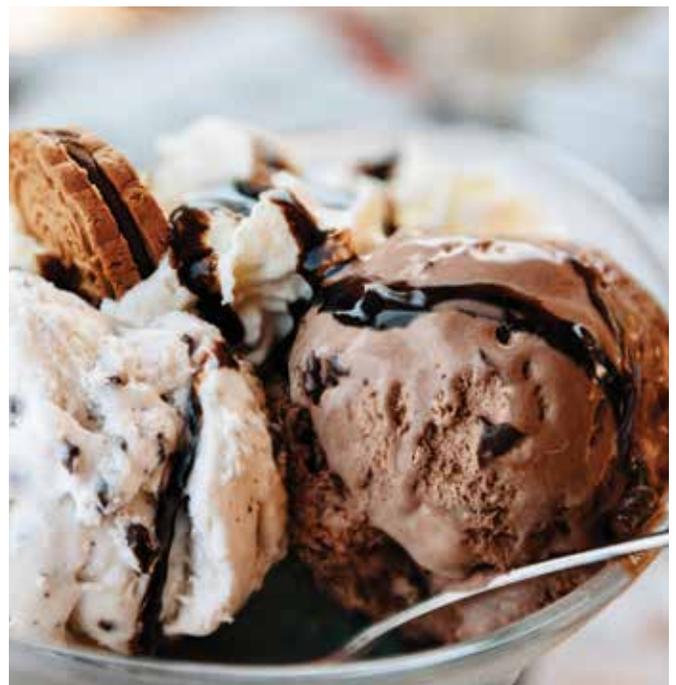
Believe it or not, we have a lot of ice cream news this month. **Tasty Toucan**, an ice cream shop in Stevensville, has been recognized as the 2023 Paleta Champion. This award is a testament to their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence in frozen desserts. Tasty Toucan has handmade ice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

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 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.

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.



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. ↓

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.



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



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

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.

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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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Here's how the contest works: Wilma appears next to three different ads in this magazine. When you spot her, write the names of the ads and their page numbers on the entry form online or mail in the form below and you'll be eligible to win. Only one entry per family. Good luck and don't forget to submit your restaurant review online at whatsupmag.com/promotions for another opportunity to win a prize.

Congratulations to **Hannah H.** of Stevensville, who won a \$50 gift certificate to a local business.

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Suspected Drug Overdose or Poisoning			•
Swimmer's Ear	•	•	

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Easton: 219 S. Washington Street • 410-822-1000
Queenstown: 115 Shoreway Drive • 410-827-3900

UM Urgent Care

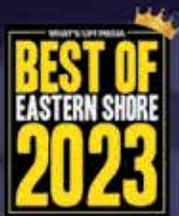
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Easton: 28522-C Marlboro Avenue • 443-746-0086

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