



School News

Notebook

Winter break

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) schools and offices are closed Dec. 23 through Dec. 27 for winter break. Schools remain closed from Dec. 28 to Jan. 2.

CCPS offices will be open Dec. 28 to Dec. 30, and closed Jan. 2. Schools and offices reopen on Jan. 3.

MRSPA scholarships

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) is offering three \$2,000 scholarships to public school employees in Maryland.

The scholarships will be given to those who are enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification or certification as a school counselor, speech and language pathologist, physical or occupational therapist, school social work, administrator or supervisor, media specialist or school psychologist. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

The scholarship application is also open to certified teachers who are pursuing certification in another area, level of teaching or to become qualified as one of the previously listed education specialists. Apply online between Jan. 3 to 31 at www.mrspa.org. Winners will be notified by March 30.

Tri-County Band

CCPS student musicians are set to perform in the Tri-County Band concert on Sunday, Jan. 8, at Calvert High School.

The 2 p.m. performance will include students from Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties public schools.



Students place in CCPS holiday card contest

Each year, Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) students submit card entries for the Superintendent to use for various seasonal messages to staff and the community. Each winner has 25 cards made using their design to distribute to family and friends. Clockwise from top left are designs by Emily Wu, fifth grade, William B. Wade Elementary School; Jayda Long, sophomore, Henry E. Lackey High School; Autumn Russell, eighth grade, Piccowaxen Middle School; and Taqwa Albaani, fifth grade, J.C. Parks Elementary School.



Warming hearts & hands

Dominic Powell, director of business development with Educational Systems Federal Credit Union, second from left, dropped off donations of cold weather accessories and toiletry kits collected by credit union customers. The items will be given to students in need. Also pictured are Claudia Brown, student services secretary, left; Superintendent Maria V. Navarro, Ed.D., and Nikial Majors, chief of human resources.

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CCPS provides nondiscriminatory equal access to school facilities in accordance with its Use of Facilities rules to designated youth groups (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts).



Board of Education of Charles County XVIII sworn in

The members of the Board of Education of Charles County were sworn into office at a Dec. 19 ceremony held at St. Charles High School. Back left are Jamila Smith, Michael K. Lukas, David Hancock, Cindy Coulby and Amira Abujuma, student member of the Board. Front left are Linda Warren, Yonelle Moore Lee, Esq., Brenda Thomas, Nicole M. Kreamer, Dottery Butler-Washington and Superintendent of Schools Maria V. Navarro, Ed.D. Lukas is serving his fourth term as a Board member and Hancock is serving his second. The other members of the Board are in their first term. The next Board meeting is 1 p.m., Jan. 10, at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building in La Plata, during which a new chairperson and vice chairperson are elected.

Personnel

Apply for positions online at www.ccboe.com/jobs/currentopenings.php. All teaching positions require a bachelor's degree and MSDE certification requirements.

Job openings

IEP Facilitator — All schools, 11-month position. A bachelor's degree is required with a master's degree preferred. Apply by Jan. 6.

Title I Nonpublic Tutor — Location to be determined, temporary position. Bachelor's degree and professional certificate in early childhood or elementary education required. Ability and willingness to work evenings. Position open until filled.



CCPS celebrates at 14th Military Ball

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) seniors in high school JROTC programs attended the Col. Donald M. Wade 14th annual Joint Service Military Ball Dec. 16 at North Point High School. Top left, Shanon Wallace, right, of Westlake High School, was named King, while St. Charles High School senior Sandra Marcos was the Queen. Bottom left, Patrick Malherek, left, JROTC instructor at Maurice J. McDonough High School, congratulates senior Yasmine Yates for her participation in JROTC.