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Work session Nov. 25

The **Board of Education** will hold a virtual work session 4:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 25. The meeting will be livestreamed at www.ccboe.com. [Click here](#) to view an agenda.

Thanksgiving Break

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) is closed for Thanksgiving break from Wednesday, Nov. 27, to Friday, Nov. 29. CCPS is partnering with the Charles County Sheriff's Office and LifeStyles of Maryland for a [Turkey Trot 5K](#) Nov. 28. The event starts at 9 a.m. Registration for the run/walk is from 8 to 9 a.m. St. Charles is at 5305 Piney Church Road in Waldorf.

Nat'l Special Ed Day

National Special Education Day is Monday, Dec. 2. The day celebrates the progress made since Dec. 2, 1975, when President Gerald Ford ratified the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (EHA).

Board meeting Dec. 10

The **Board of Education** will meet Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the boardroom of the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. The agenda will be available at www.ccboe.com on or around Dec. 3.

Let's see a show

High schools are staging shows this month and next. **Maurice J. McDonough High School** will perform "Ride the Cyclone: The Musical." The shows will be 7 p.m., Nov. 21 and 22. Visit <https://mhsdrama303.booktix.com/> for more information.

Thomas Stone High School will

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School News



Now that's a food truck

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) staff at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building recently held its annual Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the Southern Maryland Food Bank and the food pantries of the 10 CCPS Community Schools. George Mattingley of the food bank stopped by Starkey on Nov. 21 to load up the donations. Each year, departments within Starkey form teams to see which can collect the most items for donation. This year, the 20-person team of HR Helping Hands, led by Louise Evans, human resources assistant, came in first place with 2,219 items donated. In total, Starkey staff donated 6,394 items along with monetary donations to the pantries. [Community schools](#) serve as hubs that bring families, communities and partners together while removing barriers to learning. Community schools strive to strengthen connections to generate improved student outcomes.

A cut above — North Point salon takes appointments

The North Point Cosmetology Service Salon is taking appointments from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

North Point students in the cosmetology Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, under the direction of instructors who are licensed cosmetologists, study to earn a Maryland State Board of Cosmetologist license. In Maryland, a person must submit proof of completion of 1500 hours of training in a cosmetology school or 24 months as a registered apprentice in a licensed beauty salon to earn a [cosmetology license](#). North Point cosmetology students who are juniors and seniors gain that training in the school's salon. Open to the public, students are taking appointments for salon services — hair, nail and skin care, along with extension, texture

and hair coloring services.

The salon will not book appointments after 1 p.m. to ensure services don't conflict with dismissal. Appointments for services that will take more than 2-and-a-half hours should be booked as close to noon as possible. [Estimated times for a service are listed on the appointment form.](#)

Licensed cosmetologists and program instructors Aerika Doublin and Erin Glover will oversee students as they gain experience working in a salon setting and interact with customers.

"It is important that students get to work hands-on because it gives them real world experience and prepares them for the workforce. Working with diverse clients helps the students to feel confident and prepared in the industry

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on a professional level," Glover said last year. "It also familiarizes them with a variety of different people and personality types."

Salon services will be done under the supervision of Doublin and Glover who will also pair the customer with a student who is best suited for the requested service. The North Point salon has been open for clients for about 10 years with school staff, students and their families as customers, Glover said. [Customers can book an appointment online here.](#) Customers who are not North Point students or staff must follow Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) visiting procedures and show photo identification before entering the building. Once inside, customers will sign in at the main office and be escorted to the cosmetology salon.

Only clients who are receiving salon services are permitted in the school. The services can be paid for in cash or by credit card. Contact adoublin@ccboe.com, eglover@ccboe.com or 301-753-1759, Ext. 255, with questions.



Spartans collect, donate bags of food

- Items to be given to families in need over the holidays



St. Charles High School students recently earned Student Service Learning (SSL) hours by packing up food that will be donated to community members in need this holiday season. Top, sophomores Skye Henry, left, and Nadya Glenn sort items into bags. Right, Cristian Garcia-Marquez, a sophomore, has a "can do" attitude as he sorts through donations.

Personnel

Teacher and Counselor Job Fair — 3-6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Benjamin Stoddert Middle School. [Click here to register.](#)

Virtual Teacher Information Sessions for those who want to become a CCPS teacher are available online. [Click here to register and find a schedule.](#)

Itinerant Instructional Assistant — Theodore G. Davis Middle School, 10-month employee. A high school diploma and experience working with children are required. Apply by Nov. 29.

General Maintenance Worker III (grounds) — Operations and Supporting Services, 12-month position. High school or GED and experience working in similar or related field. Apply by Dec. 1.

Computer Analyst — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month employee. Associate's degree in information technology or related field required. Apply by Dec. 1.

Special Education Teacher — Berry Elementary School, 10-month employee. Bachelor's degree required and applicants must meet MSDE certification requirements. Apply by Dec. 1.

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stage "Suite Surrender: A Farce." Shows are 6:30 p.m., Nov. 21-23. Call 301-753-1756 for more information.

St. Charles High School will put up "The Laramie Project," in mid-December. To learn more about the shows, visit www.ccboe.com. The show contains mature themes and might not be suitable for people younger than 13.

Shoe drive at Thomas Stone

Thomas Stone High School is holding a shoe drive through Jan. 10. The school is hosting a drive-thru drop-off for donations noon-3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1. Drop off donations of gently-worn used or new shoes will be collected for funds2org, a nonprofit that sends shoes to "developing countries to create job opportunities," according to the organization's website. Contact Aubre Bitzer at abitzer@ccboe.com of 301-753-1756 with questions. Stone is at 3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf.