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HOT TOPICS



STEM day offers insight into future career opportunities

Robotics, military, medicine, media and more represented

During the annual MHS STEM and Career Exploration Day on Wednesday, March 18, more than 40 professionals representing a variety of career fields, including "The artist and technology", FEMA/MERS, military, medicine, radiation dosimetry and many more, spoke with students about their career choices.

This day has been a work in progress for several years and seems to grow each year. It exposes our students to a variety of career fields and professions and helps guide them when making future educational and life choices. An event like this, which educates our students about future opportunities, can hook a student's mind and help motivate the student to work hard toward a goal or career he or she is passionate about.

This event not only involved several



Middletown community members who spoke or provided hands on activities, but also had a group from Linganore High School who demonstrated competitive robotics, a group of Middletown High School programming students who lead sessions on how to do computer coding and staff members who did demonstrations showing how their courses related to real life.

The event benefited both guest speakers and students alike; many professionals left feeling as though they made a significant impact on the high school students.



Photos by Molly Spillman and Kevin Swann

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Bowls of Fun



Photos by Molly Spillman

The 23rd Annual Empty Bowls Banquet was held on Tuesday, March 24. This was the largest-ever-attended in event history and was a huge success. We appreciate the support of the entire Middletown community. Thanks to everyone who participated, donated or helped in anyway.

Specifically, we want to thank the following:

- Our organizers: Dottie Engle, Joey Hoffman, Ann Keyfauber, Mary Straits, Maggie Lerner, Sharon Steger, Christy Kelhbeck, Diane Zepp, Alisa Gibson and Jim Zimmer
- Our guest speakers and presenters: Ed Hinde (Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership of Frederick County (SHIP)), Matthew Jefferson (piano), Lexi Grossnickle (saxophone) and Paul Pfau (*The Voice* contestant, musician)
- MHS art teachers (Donna Lehman and Christina Leonarides-Mena) for organizing the art show and the production of over 300 ceramic bowls
- National Honor Society members
- National Art Honor Society members
- National Science Honor Society members
- MHS horticulture class
- Carrabba's Italian Grill
- South Mountain Creamery
- The Main Cup
- Donors for the silent auction

HOT STUFF

Posey's knitting passion pays off in a big way

Senior Julianna Posey won second place (\$425) for her speech on knitting. Contest judges shared that this was the first time that a student has ever presented a speech on this subject. She did such a wonderful job that people have requested a copy of her speech. Julianna will compete at district level on April 18 at Glen Burnie High School with the potential to win a \$5,000 prize for first place.

Julianna has also made it to the final round of state judging for Letters About Literature through the Maryland Humanities Council. Students who enter the contest are asked to read a book, poem or speech and write to that author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. Julianna wrote to the author of *All Wound Up*, Stephanie Pearl-McPhee. The selected book is a collection of essays about knitting, parenting, friendship and even crocheting.

Rentzperis wins award for physics, astronomy

Fredericka Rentzperis:

Second place, Physics and Astronomy; Non-Mentored Project Winner, NIST Sigma Xi Measurement Science Award; Mu Alpha Theta Award; U.S. Public Health Service Award

Morgan Hoffman:

Second place, Cellular and Molecular Biology

Bioengineering Team needs money to help bees

The Bioengineering Team is working on a synthetic biology project to help honeybee colonies resist the wax moth, a common pest that can destroy bee hives. The team hopes to design a trap for the wax moths using engineered bacteria.

The MHS team will present its work and share ideas with other synthetic biology teams from around the world at the annual iGEM competition in Boston.

Help the team get to Boston and the iGEM competition by making a

donation!

To read more about the team and their project or to make a donation go to: <http://arsbiotechnica.causevox.com/>. Contact maria.duva@fcps.org for more information.

Engineering Innovation summer program set

High school students going into grades 11, 12 and college: It's time to apply for the Johns Hopkins University Engineering Innovation summer program offered for students countywide and hosted at Tuscarora High. Participate in a renowned college-level program that offers the potential to earn three college credits while exploring cutting-edge educational and career options. Students also earn one FCPS elective credit.

Engineering Innovation runs June 29 to July 24, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Application Fee: \$55
Tuition: \$2,400 (financial assistance is available; apply early for financial aid)

Applications are online: <http://engineering-innovation.jhu.edu>.

To find out more, please see the full news release in the February news archive at <http://fcps.org/news>

CTC plans spring fling, fundraiser for April 25

What: Yard/craft sale, used books and greenhouse/nursery sale

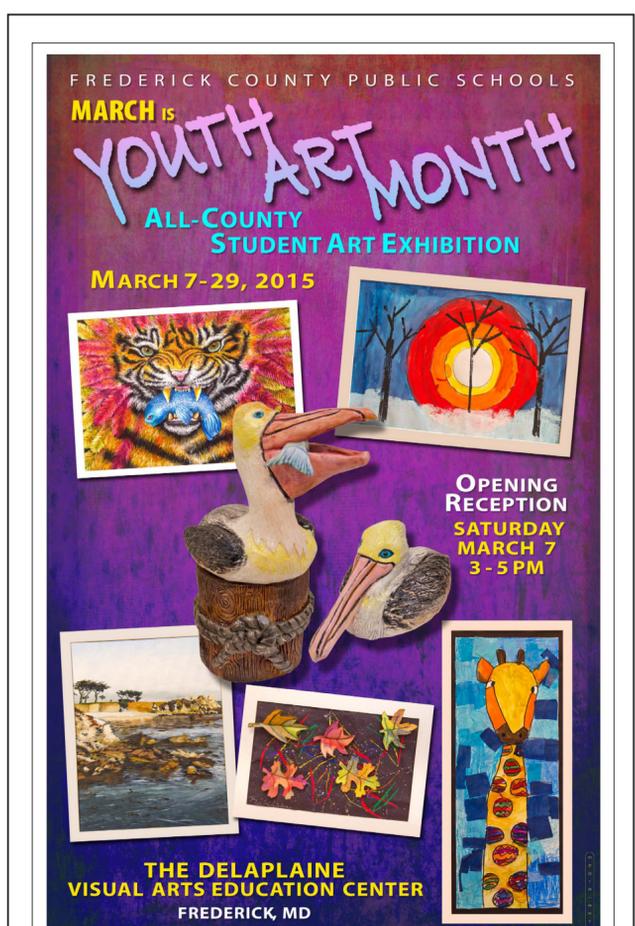
When: Saturday, April 25, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (rain or shine)

Where: Frederick County Career and Technology Center, 7922 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702

How: Reserve your space; call 240-236-8517

Request for redistricting in early stages of process

Facilities Services Division is processing a request to redistrict residences on both the east and west side of Gambrill Park Road from the intersection of Delatur Road south to Shookstown Road from the Governor Thomas Johnson Middle School and High School attendance



Check out the Youth Art Month Poster. MHS student Matt Price has his oil-painted landscape featured on the poster (bottom left side). The piece is from last year's show. Great to see his work showcased on the poster!

areas to the Middletown Middle School and High School attendance areas. There residences will continue to attend Wolfsville Elementary School.

Staff will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Middletown Middletown School cafeteria to present the proposed attendance boundary changes and listen to the public's questions and concerns.

Public comment will be collected and included in the information presented to the superintendent and Board of Education. Notices of the meeting have been mailed to all families with school children living in that area. However, any interested party is invited to attend the meeting.

The superintendent will prepare

a report and recommendation regarding the proposed change in attendance boundaries for consideration by the BOE. This report will be available on Board Docs on or about May 6. The board will then consider the proposed changes and hold a public hearing at its May 13 meeting.

Rock Creek School planning run/walk

The FCPS Rock Creek School invites you to Run for the Rock! It's a 5K Run/1 Mile Walk to support the school on Saturday, April 18, at 9 a.m. in Baker Park in Frederick. Cost is \$25 to participate. There will be face painting, balloons and music for kids!