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Fairfax County SAT Scores Above Virginia, National Levels

School system average hides achievement gap.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

On average, Fairfax County Public High Schools performed better on the SAT college placement exam in 2016 than the Commonwealth of Virginia overall average.

Virginia students also outscored the national numbers, according to data released last week by the Virginia Department of Education and the College Board, the organization that publishes the SAT.

The two groups reported 65 percent of Virginia public school graduates took the SAT. Of that number, they said 45.2 percent earned the College Board benchmark for college readiness.

By achieving a combined score of 1550 — including critical reading, math and writing scores — the College Board believes those students stand a 65 percent chance of holding a B-average during their first year in college.

Virginia's 65 percent beat the national average of 37.3 percent of SAT-takers reaching the benchmark.

"While the overall performance of Virginia students compares favorably with that of their nationwide peers, the wide achievement gaps visible when we dig deeper into the data remind us that outcomes are not improving for far too many students of color," Virginia Board of Education President Billy K. Cannaday Jr. said in a statement. "Narrowing and ultimately closing these gaps is the state board's top priority."

2016 SAT

School	Test Takers	Critical Reading (Mean)	Math (Mean)	Writing (Mean)	Combined Score (Mean)
Annandale High School	319	506	524	490	1520
Bryant Alternative High School	3	-	-	-	-
Centreville High School	437	546	570	537	1653
Chantilly High School	506	558	585	542	1685
Edison High School	291	504	510	484	1498
Fairfax High School	475	535	550	518	1603
Falls Church High School	218	508	521	481	1510
Hayfield Secondary School	367	515	516	499	1530
Herdon High School	324	540	556	525	1621
Lake Braddock Secondary School	536	561	573	539	1673
Langley High School	369	614	633	604	1851
Lee High School	234	491	505	480	1476
Madison High School	377	596	608	585	1789
Marshall High School	340	564	578	557	1699
McLean High School	420	601	623	597	1821
Mount Vernon High School	238	471	468	448	1387
Mountain View Alternative High School	4	-	-	-	-
Oakton High School	471	581	600	569	1750
Quander Road School	1	-	-	-	-
Robinson Secondary School	522	564	577	544	1685
South County High School	412	532	550	516	1598
South Lakes High School	358	558	571	542	1671
Stuart High School	243	498	506	485	1489
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology	442	720	761	717	2198
West Potomac High School	312	525	534	512	1571
West Springfield High School	445	564	560	535	1659
Westfield High School	465	539	552	518	1609
Woodson High School	487	587	600	568	1755
FCPS AVG		551.12	565.24	535.68	1652
Virginia Public Schools		516	513	493	1522
United States		487	494	472	1453

ALL DATA FROM VDOE AND THE COLLEGE BOARD

THE FAIRFAX COUNTY AVERAGES top Virginia in each category, aided by uncommonly high scores from the magnet Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, which requires its own test and application process for admission.

Jefferson comprised more than 63 percent Asian students for the 2015-2106 school year, 1.5 percent African American, 2.23 percent Hispanic, 25.43 percent Caucasian and 7.4 percent other, according to Fairfax County Public Schools.

Langley High School also posted averages

of above 600 in each SAT category.

The majority of Langley's student body in 2015-2016 was white, with just over 65 percent. Asians were second with 23.47 percent, next Hispanic and other each with about 5 percent, and black with less than a percent.

JEB Stuart High School is an example where in each category it was above the national average but below the Virginia and FCPS averages. Stuart also had about 100 fewer test-takers (243) than the FCPS average (343).

Stuart was half Hispanic in 2015-2016, followed by 22.97 percent white, 13.8 percent Asian, 10.26 percent African American and 2.29 percent other.

Mount Vernon was the only FCPS school with average scores consistently below the FCPS, Virginia and national averages.

In 2015-2016, Mount Vernon's student body was made up of 41.68 percent Hispanic students, 27.6 percent African American, 19.59 percent white, 6.28 percent Asian and 4.85 percent other.

Karen Corbett Sanders, Mount Vernon representative to the Fairfax County school board, said West Potomac has seen a gradual increase in scores thanks to a PTSA-sponsored SAT prep program.

Students have the opportunity to take a mock exam for \$20, get an assessment based on their results of which areas they need help in, and then enroll in a prep course through the PTSA.

THIS YEAR is the first cohort at West Potomac that will have had that opportunity.

"You have so many test prep organizations today that are really working with kids to get those scores up but a lot are expensive," Corbett Sanders said.

The program has expanded and allowed students from Mount Vernon High School to come over and take part as well.

"It's one of those eye-opening things," she said. "It's just not fair for kids who can't afford it, but the schools and parents together are taking ownership, to make sure our kids get this opportunity too."

Corbett Sanders noted Fairfax County Public Schools offers online SAT prep as part of the Adult and Community Education program. That information is available here at: <https://aceclasses.fcps.edu>.



Langley Marching Saxons Win US Bands Marine Corps Invitational

Langley Marching Saxons won first place at the US Bands Marine Corps Invitational in Annapolis, Md. on Oct. 1. The band had a great performance in only its third competition in the history of the Langley High marching band.

BASIS Independent Opens Tysons Corner's First Prek-12 School

More than 40 teachers and nearly 300 DC-area students were welcomed by Sean Aiken, head of school of BASIS Independent McLean, who opened the doors to Tysons Corner's first prek-12 school. Located at 8000 Jones Branch Drive in McLean, the 120,000 square-foot private school designed by Gilbane Perkins Eastman Design has more than 23 classrooms, as well as a gymnasium, chemistry, biology and physics laboratories, demonstration and reading rooms, full-service cafeteria and indoor and outdoor play areas. For more information, go to <http://mclean.basisindependent.com> or call 703.854.1253.

Classroom size can vary, but averages around 17 students. In addition to the traditional classrooms, BASIS Independent McLean offers an industrial arts room, a theater, music rooms and art rooms connected by a kiln. Designed to be energy-efficient, every BASIS Independent McLean classroom has its own climate control, with programmable light settings, while natural light prevails in the school with its four-story glass arch atrium and five additional light wells in the Great Hall (cafeteria area) that illuminate natural light in classrooms as well. The cafeteria is often referred to as the Great Hall, and includes round tables, farm tables, café seating and a recreation room. Several breakout and demonstration areas are throughout the school for simula-



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BASIS Independent McLean's staff.

tions, collaboration, and lab equipment. Science labs provide lecture space and experiment space, along with fume hoods and demonstration areas. A reading room has dedicated study lounges and conference rooms, while the BASIS Independent McLean gym is two stories with natural light, and visibility into college counseling and art gallery spaces. The early childhood

(preK-K) area has its own entrance and a multi-purpose atrium with indoor and outdoor play areas, and specially designed classrooms for younger students.

"We're thrilled to see all the students and begin a new chapter of education in Tysons Corner," said Sean Aiken, head of school of BASIS Independent McLean, McLean. "The school's design and classrooms are reflec-

BASIS Independent McLean Hosts Seminar - Demystifying Global Education Rankings

BASIS Independent McLean is hosting a seminar called, Demystifying Global Education Rankings, led by distinguished international educators, Peng Yu of Shanghai and Tue Halgreen of Paris, France on Mon., Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at 8000 Jones Branch Road in McLean. Entrance is free and open to the public, but registration is required at www.basisindependent.com/speaker-series.

The seminar will feature a conversation on the role of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) in global benchmarking and their influence on educational excellence across the world.

tive of our teaching and education philosophy, providing engaging tools, spaces and environments that nurture, invite and challenge our students in learning," said Aiken.

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The Kensington Falls Church is pleased to announce its collaboration with the Parkinson Foundation of The National Capital Area (PFNCA) to offer the Parkinson's Communications Club. The Club establishes a wellness and prevention program for individuals with Parkinson's disease and their care partners, with a focus on maintenance of communication skills. It stresses the importance of speaking louder to be heard in social settings.

The Parkinson's Communications Club is led by a licensed speech-language therapist, Susan Wranik, who has been trained in LSVT LOUD therapy (Lee Silverman Voice Treatment,

which improves vocal loudness by stimulating muscles of the voice box and speech mechanism through systematic exercises). The Club, however, is not therapy. Rather, it is a group approach to applying the exercises and skills of LOUD and/or other therapies. The first of weekly sessions begins in November 2016 in Falls Church. The program is available at no cost.*

Please join us for an orientation with Dr. Codrin Lungu, Chief of the Parkinson's Disease Clinic at the National Institutes of Health, and Susan Wranik, MS, MA, CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist and President of Susan I. Wranik Associates, LLC. RSVP requested.



Codrin Lungu, MD is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in movement disorders. He is a member of the Parkinson Foundation of The National Capital Area Medical Advisory Board. He is currently involved in collaborative research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in several areas related to movement disorders.



Susan Wranik, MS, MA, CCC-SLP is a Speech-Language Pathologist and President of Susan I. Wranik Associates, LLC. She provides comprehensive assessment and treatment of speech, swallowing, memory and cognitive issues related to stroke, traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's, dementia and other neurogenic diseases. Home visits. Licensed in DC, MD, VA.



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WEEK IN McLEAN

Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce to Host Meals Tax Forum

Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce will host a meals tax forum featuring Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield). Serving as moderator will be McLean resident Peggy Fox, Emmy Award-winning journalist and anchor at CBS News affiliate WUSA9. Each Fairfax County Supervisor will have a few minutes for introductory comments, after which they will field questions submitted by the audience and vetted to avoid duplication by members of the Chamber Board of Directors. "The voters deserve to be informed by both sides, and business owners deserve an opportunity to ask about the need, implementation and potential economic effects of the tax," said Paul Kohlenberger, President of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. The forum is free and open to the public; the community is encouraged to attend the event at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, on Monday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.

Area Students Named to the Virginia Honors Choir

Vocal musicians from 12 Fairfax County public schools have been named to the Virginia Honors Choir for 2016. This select choir is open only to the top 125 singers from around the Commonwealth of Virginia, and is the highest honor a choir student can attain during his or her high school career. Thirty-one Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students were selected for the choir, and five students were named as alter-

nates. The choir will perform at the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) convention to be held at the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs November 17-19. FCPS students named to the 2016 Virginia Honors Choir include the following students from our area schools: **Langley High School:** Christiana Ivanova, Mary Margaret Chalk, Danbi So, Camila Maric, Ammad Akbari, and alternates Akshay Nag and Theodore Herzfeld; **Madison High School:** Benjamin Schwartz; **Marshall High School:** Sarah Koo, Amelia Lindsey, Cagan Goldstein, and alternate Satori Green and **Oakton High School:** Jillian Tate and Violetta Nagy.

Kensington Falls Church to Hold Job Fair

The Kensington Falls Church will hold Job Fair on Saturday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 706 West Broad Street, Falls Church.

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- › The House passed Congresswoman Comstock's *Inspiring the Next Space Pioneers, Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act*, which will help young women in the STEM fields through programs at NASA.
- › Congresswoman Comstock has authored the *Student Loan Relief Act*, which would offer students the ability to refinance their education loans to take advantage of lower interest rates. It would also allow employers to use pre-tax dollars to assist qualified employees in paying off student loan debt.

- › Congresswoman Comstock is the **Co-Chair** of the *STARBASE Caucus*, which offers hands-on STEM education to students in elementary school. She has worked in a bipartisan manner to increase resources for this important program.
- › Congresswoman Comstock voted for the bipartisan *Every Student Succeeds Act*. This bill, signed into law, represented a significant step toward improving our education system and empowers educators and parents to do what is best for each individual student.

"I come from a family of educators – my mom was a school teacher and librarian and my husband Chip is a retired Fairfax County assistant principal and teacher. My sister is a guidance counselor at a Fairfax County Public School. The education of our children and grandchildren has always been a top priority of mine. It's a privilege to represent you in Virginia's 10th Congressional District. Together, we can make sure our children receive a world class education."

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OPINION

No to the Meals Tax

A food tax is not a silver bullet.

BY PAT HERRITY
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

I have been opposed to the meals tax from the start, but what has concerned me most over the last several months has been the tactics used to try to convince our residents to vote for it and the county's failure to deal with its spending problems. I would like to offer some clarity on these points and why I am against the meals tax.

The proponents of the meals tax insist the tax is for teachers' salaries and tax relief. In fact, the ballot language referencing schools and tax relief was selected because it was the language that passed in other counties in Virginia and according to one supervisor "we need to use the language that will get it passed." In reality, the Board of Supervisors will decide in April during the budget process how much funding goes to schools and then the School Board will decide how much funding goes to teacher raises and class size reductions. Despite the Board of Supervisors fully funding the School Board's funding request last year, the funds were not focused on fixing our teacher salary issues.

If it passes, the meals tax will just be an additional \$100 million tax on top of the \$100M in taxes the board passed earlier this year (over my opposition). In the last five years, real estate taxes alone have increased 25 percent and skyrocketed by \$565 million. As I have debated proponents of the meals tax over the last several months, there has been almost universal acknowledgement that Fairfax County has a spending problem. For example, Fairfax County offers its 35,000-plus county and school employees and administrators' unparalleled and unsustainable pensions and pre-social security benefits that even surrounding jurisdictions do not

pay. Despite my efforts to address this and other spending problems, there is no plan in place to address these unsustainable costs and benefits. The meals tax is a bad way to kick the can of addressing our spending problems down the road.

The meals tax is also bad way to address a spending problem because it is a regressive tax that targets a single industry and disproportionately hits those who can least afford it — the elderly, single working parents, young students, and people without other options. It is not a white tablecloth restaurant tax; it is a food tax. The meals tax would be on top of the current sales tax resulting in a 10 percent total tax on any prepared food, including the rotisserie chicken from the grocery store, the fountain drink from the convenience store, your morning coffee, and your food truck purchases. It is also a tax on a single industry — one that only has a 3 percent profit margin on average. This means the meals tax will result in the government making more money off of a restaurant than the restaurant itself makes in profit. This is fundamentally wrong. Restaurants not only provide thousands of young adults with their first job, they also give back to the community through sponsorships and donations.

Fairfax County voters have a decision to make. Do we settle for budget deficits and tax increases year after year, or do we send a message that enough is enough and it is time to address spending issues? I sympathize for those who support the tax; the Board of Supervisors and School Board have led them to believe that the meals tax is some sort of silver bullet to their budget and teacher salaries woes. Simply put, it is not.

Pat Herrity represents the Springfield District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness Supports Meals Tax

After careful consideration, the Fairfax – Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness has decided to fully support the proposed 4 percent Fairfax County Meals Tax.

Seventy percent of the funds raised by the tax will go to our Fairfax County Schools. Our schools have an integral role in

identifying and assisting our homeless and at risk youth as part of our homeless service system. Providing additional funding for the schools only makes sense.

Thirty percent of the funds raised by the tax will go to the county's general fund to be used for priorities as identified by the

Yes to the Meals Tax

Reduces dependence on property tax.

BY PHILLIP A. NIEDZIELSKI-
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As a businessman here in Fairfax and a former member of the Fairfax County School Board, I write on behalf of a coalition of thousands of homeowners, parents, teachers, firefighters, police, friends and users of our libraries and our parks and recreation facilities, and those who belong to churches and non-profit organizations working to ensure that Fairfax County also protects those in need [www.yesmealstax.org].

Here since 1988, I have always valued Fairfax's pragmatic approach to local government services; i.e., we will pay for the cost of an excellent education system and high-quality services as long as the cost is reasonable and affordable.

Hit with the double whammy of the great recession and the federal budget sequestration fiasco, the Board of Supervisors and School Board did what they had to do under the circumstances — they cut costs and reduced services.

The county reduced annual expenditures by \$300 million and eliminated 700 jobs; for the school system, \$500 million and 2,100 jobs.

The maintenance backlog has grown to over \$150 million in recreation and park facilities alone.

We are spending less in real dollars per pupil this year than in 2008. We are losing our best teachers to surrounding jurisdictions, because salaries are no longer competitive in the region. Class sizes are larger.

Economic recovery has been slow. While home values have grown modestly, vacancies in office buildings are at a 25-year high and revenue from commercial property tax is at historic lows.

Compounding our challenge, state funding — particularly for schools — continues to decline, with a funding shortfall for K 12 education climbing to more than \$1 billion annually since 2009.

With 65 percent of county revenue now being generated by residential property tax, homeowners are carrying a substantial and growing share of the cost of services.

Without a more diverse revenue base, we risk school system excellence and we risk the caliber of county services that underpin our quality of life. In an article earlier this year, the Washington Post characterized this reality as Fairfax "fraying around the edges."

This is the setting for the meals tax referendum before us on Nov. 8.

Five great things will happen by approving the meals tax:

1. \$100 million will be generated. Almost a third of this revenue — \$28 million — will be paid by tourists and visitors to Fairfax.

2. Seventy percent of the revenues will be directed to the school system to help stem the loss of our best teachers and reduce class size.

3. Our quality of life will be strengthened by addressing unmet police and firefighter needs and those of our libraries and parks.

4. The backlog in county and school facility and infrastructure maintenance needs can be reduced, while also preserving our AAA bond rating.

5. Our tax base will be more diverse, relieving property tax pressure on homeowners.

Incredibly, Fairfax can do these great things by paying pennies-on-the-dollar when we eat out. Few of us ever notice paying Arlington County, Fairfax City, Falls Church and Vienna when we eat in their restaurants, yet we do.

If you agree that it is important to keep the best teachers in our classrooms, reduce class size, continue to protect our safety and maintain our quality of life; and finally — if you believe we need to be less dependent on homeowners to pay for all of the above — it is clear that we should vote yes for the meals tax. It's literally a pennies-on-the-dollar solution.

affordable housing."

We fully expect a portion of the funds raised by the meals tax will be used for this important priority.

Michael L. O'Reilly

Chairman, Board of the Fairfax Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness

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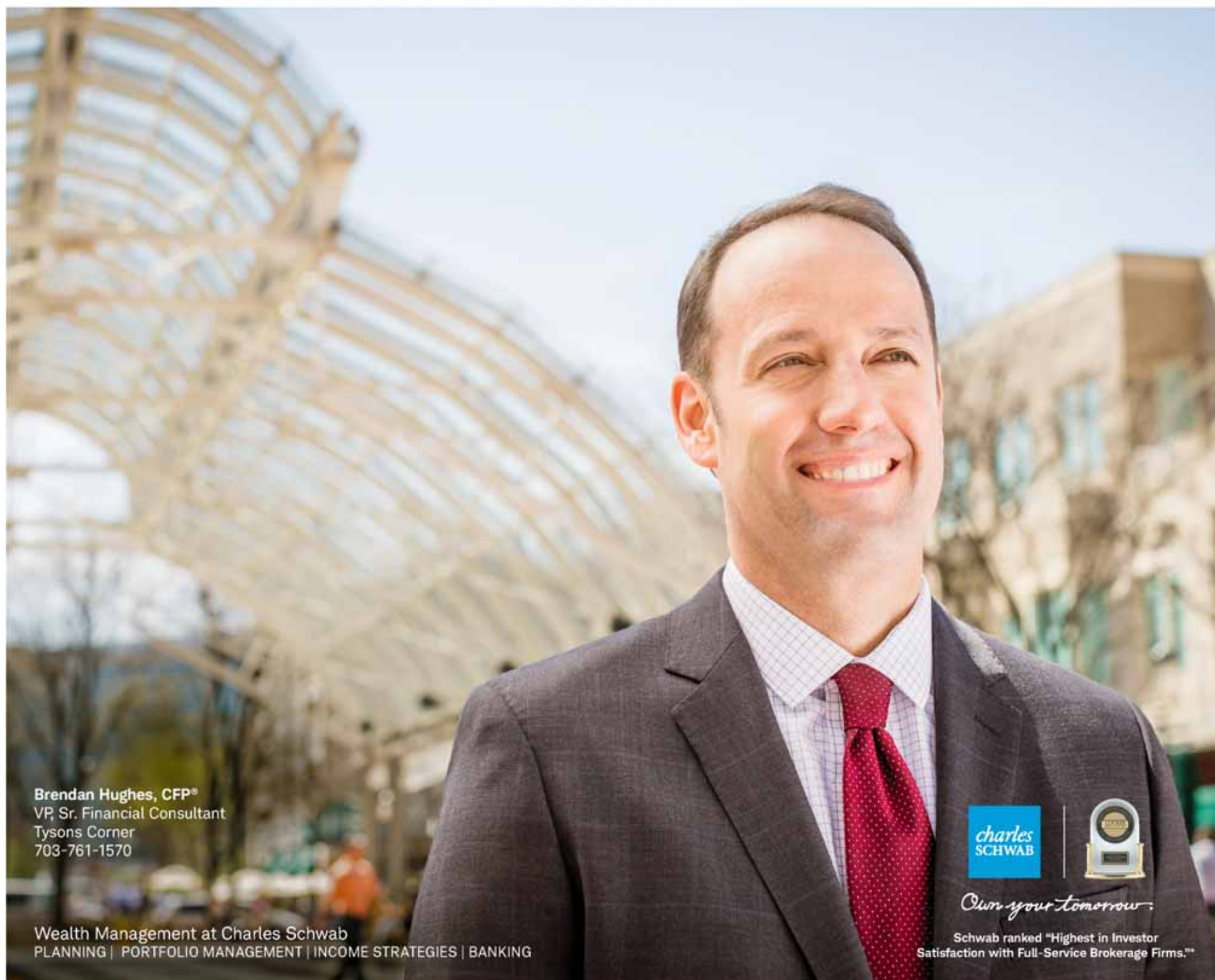
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STEM awards were presented by Judy Page, AAUW McLean Area Branch STEM Chair, far right, to six local high school students at the branch's 2016-2017 kick-off event. Students receiving the award are, from left: Lauren Hassi, McLean; Mandy Smith, Langley High; Caroline Lewis, McLean High; Inga Schlier, Marshall High; Emily Wallach, Langley High; and Emma Barberis, Marshall High.

AAUW McLean Area Branch Holds STEM Awards Ceremony

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) McLean Area Branch recognized six local high school girls with STEM awards at its 2016-2017 kick-off event held on Sept. 25 at the McLean Community Center. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Excellence Award was presented to Mandy Smith, a sophomore at Langley High School, for a project she prepared jointly with Oksana Vickers on "The Effect of Desalination Method on Overall Efficiency." The project was presented at the Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair held last Spring.

Five students from McLean, Langley, and Marshall High Schools were recognized with Science and Math Achievement

Awards. The students receiving the 2016 awards were: Lauren Hassi, Math Achievement, McLean High School; Caroline Lewis, Science Achievement, McLean High School; Inga Schlier, Math Achievement, Marshall High School; Emma Barberis, Science Achievement, Marshall High School; and Emily Wallach, Math Achievement, Langley High School. The Science Achievement Award, Langley High School, was presented earlier this year to Emily Stranne.

The STEM awards are funded through the branch's Annual Used Book Sale proceeds. For more information on the American Association of University Women and the McLean Area Branch, visit the AAUW McLean Area website at <http://mclean-va.aauw.net>.



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From left — Juanita Cullen, AAUW, Kyomi Allen and Jamilah Bowden from Trinity, Carmen Robles from Marymount and Betsy Reeddaway, AAUW.

Used Books Sale: Best Ever

McLean Association of University Women (AAUW) wishes to thank all those who have supported the 47th Used Book Sale as well as the staff at McLean Community Center, the site of the sale and the staff of Sun Trust Bank East in Vienna where the collections are held every summer.

The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women holds used book sales every year to raise money for the national AAUW Educational Fund which is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women scholars. McLean AAUW also funds three local scholarships

for reentry women students completing degrees at George Mason University, Marymount University, and Trinity Washington University.

A reception was held for the scholarship winners at the McLean Community Center on Sept. 25.

The recipients of local scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year are Kyomi Allen and Jamilah Bowden at Trinity, and Carmen Robles at Marymount. The recipient at George Mason will be announced shortly.

For more information about McLean AAUW www.mclean-va-aauw.net

NEWS

Real Estate: McLean and Great Falls Enjoy 'Best of Times' in Decade



BY KAREN BRISCOE

The McLean and Great Falls real estate market has experienced a robust number of sales in the 1st three quarters of 2016. The number of transactions is up 9 percent over 2015 same time frame. In addition, compared to the 2006 market, it is up almost 16 percent. This is excellent news for the market area as we enter into fourth quarter and the national election cycle. It indicates an environment for the potential for price appreciation in some segments, provided demand remains strong relative to supply.

The segment that performed the best in these zip codes was the lower brackets, considered to be anything under \$1.25 million. Not surprising, most of the price points enjoyed greater sales year over year and higher than at 2006 levels as well. In the Tysons 22102 area of McLean the majority of the sales in this price point were condos. According to economists, this market niche comprises Millennial Generation as first-time home buyers. Further the first level move up buyer now is confident that their lower priced home will sell quickly so that they can more easily make the leap into the next price bracket. Bridge and other available creative financing options are more readily available options.

The best performing price points continues to be the \$1.25 to \$2 m price range. Much of this comprises in-fill new home builders tearing down an older existing home for the land value. In many cases the lots are purchased off market which could skew the numbers for the lower price points. As there remains very little available land for development in McLean and Great Falls it is difficult to project how long this trend will last. As builders compete for lots, there is less available for end-user owners that would buy the homes to live in. Although this scenario can be a healthy sign of a rising market these dynamics can make it challenging for a first or second time home buyer to purchase in the community.

The price points above \$2 m were generally flat for the first three quarters of 2016 over 2015 and

similar to the 2006 levels. The number of buyers who are qualified to purchase homes in this segment is considerably smaller and remains fairly constant. It follows that even in a strong market year this would hold true.

The good news is that McLean and Great Falls home sellers continued in 2016 to experience "best of times" market conditions. The sales volume is up this year over 2015 and the last peak cycle for the area that culminated in 2006. The balance of 2016 indicators show that homes priced correctly for the market and in top condition should sell for strong prices.

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The Retiree Real Estate Education Association announces free public service seminars for November, 2016, on Independent Living & Retirement Communities, Options for Financing, Estate Planning & Tax, and Ageing in Place, given at McLean, Falls Church, Marshall and Madison High Schools. These are part of a series of 8 free seminars on real estate issues unique to retirees. Seminars are free, in the evenings at County public schools. For more information and seminar registration go to RetireeRealEstate.org.

McLean & Great Falls 1st-3rd Quarter Market Analysis of Home Sales (Based on Final Closed Price)

1 st -3 rd Qtr 2016 compared to 1 st -3 rd Qtr 2015 and 2006						
1 st -3 rd Qtr 2016 Sales: 846						
	>\$3 Mil	\$2-3 Mil	\$1.25-2 Mil	\$1-\$1.25 Mil	\$750k-\$1 Mil	<\$750k
1 st -3 rd Half 2016						
22101	11	26	90	69	119	54
22102	5	11	34	24	45	163
22066	3	14	47	35	67	29
	Total: 19	Total: 51	Total: 171	Total: 128	Total: 231	Total: 246
	Combined Total Upper Brackets: 241			Combined Total Lower Brackets: 605		
1 st -3 rd Qtr 2015 Sales: 775						
Zip Code	>\$3 Mil	\$2-3 Mil	\$1.25-2 Mil	\$1-\$1.25 Mil	\$750k-\$1 Mil	<\$750k
22101	8	23	71	65	111	62
22102	2	12	36	21	33	161
22066	1	15	39	40	51	24
	Total: 11	Total: 50	Total: 146	Total: 126	Total: 195	Total: 247
	Combined Total Upper Brackets: 207			Combined Total Lower Brackets: 568		
1 st -3 rd Qtr 2006 Sales: 713						
Zip Code	>\$3 Mil	\$2-3 Mil	\$1.25-2 Mil	\$1-\$1.25 Mil	\$750k-\$1 Mil	<\$750k
22101	7	26	57	40	97	93
22102	12	17	27	21	18	157
22066	3	14	51	26	39	8
	Total: 22	Total: 57	Total: 135	Total: 87	Total: 154	Total: 258
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Discussing the Election with Children

Local educators offer suggestions for navigating a complicated political climate.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

While Colleen K. Vesely has watched televised debates and political events with her children throughout this election season, an event during which the American Civil Rights movement was discussed stands out. It was a concept her 3-year-old daughter didn't grasp, of course. But Vesely used the moment as opportunity to start guiding her children through this year's election season.

"I asked her to think about what she might do if someone at school was being mean to one of her friends, to which, she promptly replied, 'I'd tell them to stop being mean and that I don't like it,'" said Vesely, an assistant professor of early childhood education and human development and family science at George Mason University. "Elections offer opportunities to consider the importance of service and standing up for democratic principles. ... However, the tone of this general election season is different."

Still, Vesely and other educators say that while election cycles typically offer families a multitude of opportunities for conversations about civics and discussions of democracy, navigating the current political climate requires added dexterity.

Use the election season to facilitate conversations in a way that is relatable to children based on their age and experiences, advises Vesely. "By ... discussing the different issues ... parents with school-age and older children can use the election season as an opportunity to expand their children's thinking in relation to current social issues and history," she said. "Parents can use the election as fodder to hone their children's critical thinking skills with real-life issues by helping them critique candidates' opinions" as well as "understand different points of view on a variety of issues and develop their persuasive arguments." This is an exercise Vesely has used with her own children.

"During primary season, my 6-year-old and I watched a number of the candidates' speeches," she said. "We talked about the issues and each person as a human being. ... I offered reasons as to why I admired (some of) the candidates."

Focusing on citizenship and character is a strategy Vesely advises parents to use with children who are preschool-age and younger: "Parents might discuss what it means to be a good citizen in their home," she said. "For example, helping put away



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The election season offers students such as those at BASIS Independent School in McLean an opportunity to learn about the political process.

their toys when they are done playing, being nice to their classmates, helping their friends and teacher."

Similarly, local schools are developing creative ways to fit the Nov. 8 election into their lesson plans. For example, "since students are only in middle school for one presidential election, Norwood School takes advantage of this opportunity to help students begin to understand how to go about comparing candidates' positions on basic issues, and also to help them understand how the presidential election process works," said Michele Claeys, associate head of school and head of middle school, Norwood School in Potomac, Md.

To help students learn to understand issues and evaluate and compare candidates, teachers work together to create age-appropriate mini-lessons about candidates' positions on a small number of issues. "Students will explore and discuss — not debate — the issues, and learn how to find additional information on their own if they are interested," said Claeys.

On Election Day, middle school students will participate in a mock election designed to help them understand how the electoral process works. They will be divided into groups of different sizes with different numbers of electoral votes, representing each of the 50 states. "After both the real and mock elections, teachers will use the results to illustrate how the process works," said Claeys. "Throughout these lessons, our emphasis will be on respectful dialogue and consideration of multiple perspectives and experiences."

Educators at BASIS Independent School in McLean are teaching students about the political process by linking it to the selection of the school's mascot. By allowing students to choose a symbol to represent the school, teachers hope to initiate a broad conversation about awareness, empathy and other values.

"Especially for our younger students, conversations about how a mascot represents the qualities and values of our school serves as a good metaphor for the more serious representation in political contexts," said Sean Aiken, head of school. "Some students prefer traditional mascots to give our school a sense of familiarity and camaraderie. Some want less common mascots to set us apart from other schools and celebrate our individuality."

The lesson will involve the entire student body. "We ask our older students to generate ideas that take even our youngest 3-year-olds into account so we can unite as a whole school and not just play to specific 'special interests,'" said Aiken.

"The exercise serves as an impetus for posing thought-provoking questions to the students," says Aiken. "Should we identify ourselves as humorous, serious, fierce?" he asks. "What will happen if the greater numbers of students in the middle school prefer a mascot that the much smaller number of sophomores do not prefer? Should we use some sort of delegate system or stick with popular vote? How will we feel if our top choice for mascot ultimately is not selected, and what is the appropriate response to that feeling? Does our choice of mascot represent not just our current community but those who will join us in the future?"

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by noon on Friday.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) student journalists have been recognized by two national student journalism organizations for their outstanding work.

News publications from McLean High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) have been named Crown Award finalists by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA). They are The Highlander (High School News), McLean High School, Lindsay Benedict, adviser; and tjToday and tjtoday.org (High School News Hybrid for print and online), TJHSST, Erinn Harris, adviser. Both publications

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— Colleen K. Vesely, Ph.D.,
George Mason University.

The activities, says Aiken, open the door for conversations about fairness and frustration in ways that are meaningful and age appropriate, and that can be put into the context of the current election season. "While our situation as a brand-new school is somewhat unique, the idea of mascot representation weaves through our whole society and could certainly be used to frame a conversation between students and their families about tone, identity and cooperation," he said.

Parents should also be aware of the ways the election is affecting their own emotional states and thus their families. "As I watch the presidential debates and continue to read the media coverage of the election, I find myself in an agitated and anxious emotional state," said Vesely. "This heightened emotional state with feelings of stress and agitation can spill over into family relationships, leaving us less present and sensitive in our interactions with our children and partners."

Choose the information children are exposed to thoughtfully and be prepared for questions, say experts. "The 2016 general election season [has been] described by some as dark and more negative than any of the recent past elections," Vesely said. "We want to encourage our children's participation in the political process, but ... it can sometimes be ugly and hurtful."

Shielding children, says Vesely, doesn't mean ignoring negativity entirely, however. "Parents should be prepared to talk through what children might hear from other children on the playground or at school," she said. "Parents ought to pay attention to ... their children's emotional states ... especially after viewing or discussing election-related media. As parents, we can look for teachable moments in which we might express notions of treating others how [we] want to be treated."

will receive either a Silver or Gold Crown at the CSPA award ceremony in March 2017. Five FCPS students have been named finalists in individual contests by the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA). These students are among just 10 finalists in their respective categories and were chosen from entries submitted nationwide.

NSPA finalists are:

❖ Sports Story: John Corvari, The Highlander newsmagazine, McLean High School.

❖ Sports Action Photo: Maggie Laird, The Clan yearbook, McLean High School.

❖ Newspaper Page One Design: Susie Hyland, Jodie Lee, The Hawk Talk, Madison High School.

❖ Illustration: Sam Willett, The Watchdog, Westfield High School.

Advice from the Pros

Local private school admissions directors share wisdom they'd offer to their own children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

From interviews to essays to standardized tests to open houses, the season for submitting independent school applications is underway.

For families vying for a spot at the area's most elite schools, the process can be fraught with anxiety, stress and confusion as parents and students wade through the myriad academic options in the Washington, D.C., region.

Admissions decision-makers at five local private schools share advice that they might offer their own children, underscoring the importance of finding the best fit rather than trying to fit into a top school if the environment might not match a student's personality.

Matti Donkor, interim director of enrollment management at The Madeira School in McLean:

"Enter the process very open-minded. I don't believe in saying, 'This is the one school for me.' I believe in knowing the core things that are important to you like the school's community, culture and traditions, but also in understanding that you might find those characteristics in a variety of schools. I think students and families should be engaged in the [application] process. I think we do the school visit and that is the only interaction you have with the school. Find out what else is happening on campus, connect with other students and alumni. Really take the time to understand the culture of the school and whether it appeals to you."

Lisa Knight, director of admission, Flint Hill School, Oakton:

"Take time to learn about the school community. Shadow for day, attend several [school] community events, go and experience the community for yourself. Notice how you feel when you are on campus. Do you feel welcomed? Are current students and teachers greeting you in the hallways and classrooms? Do they notice you? Can you see yourself growing academically, intellectually and so-

cially there? Are you comfortable with the teaching style and methods? Do you value what the school values?"

Richard S. Moss, director of admission, The Heights School, Potomac, Md.:

"Teach your child how to make a pros and cons list. Help him or her thoughtfully consider the options. Ultimately, your child needs to know that he is a valued advisor to the ultimate decision makers: the parents. It's an opportunity for parents to nurture trust. It is a mistake to lead your child to believe that one school is the be all and end all to life's problems. That's a high bar, and, more importantly, you don't want to crush a child's spirit if he doesn't get in."

Michael Cresson, director of admissions, Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington:

"I recommend all students looking at various schools make sure that they are comfortable. Definitely shadow and visit during open houses to get a true sense of the community and school. I tell students to make sure they are comfortable and happy with their choice because they only get to go to high school once."

Sean Aiken, head of school, BASIS Independent, McLean:

"I would advise students not to get too caught up in their resumes and records and instead work to discuss passions and projects that excite and interest them. How will the school help you explore your ideas in greater depth? In what areas do you want to improve? I'm always impressed with students who are hungry to know more about the world."

Julie C. Lewis, director of admission and financial aid, Alexandria County Day School, Alexandria:

"I recommend that families 'Take the time to visit a wide-range of schools, not just the ones your friends' kids attend, to really get a feel for what appeals to you as a family and will work best for your individual child."

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McLean Project for the Arts Exhibition 10 - 5 p.m. Sept. 15 through Nov. 5, 1234 Ingleside Avenue McLean. MPA is opening three new exhibitions open between the above dates. Cost: Free. mpaart.org/exhibitions/ Contact: Rachel Ripps ripps@mpaart.org

Cheerleaders for Charity Fridays 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16 - Dec. 9 No lesson on 11/11, 11/25 & 12/2. McLean Community Center 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Introduces students to cheers, motion techniques, jumps, and more. Come build flexibility, physical conditioning and self-esteem. Cheerleaders for Charity performs at a charity event each semester. This class requires a cheer uniform fee of \$70. Instructor: Miss Raven, USA Gymnastics Certified Instructor. mcleancenter.org

Aerobic Dance Workout Mondays 9:15 - 10:10 a.m. Sept. 19 through Dec. 12 No lesson on 10/10. McLean Community Center 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Choreographed routines provide heart-healthy benefits, while sculpting and mat work offer strengthening and stretching. Please bring aerobic shoes, light weights, tubing and a mat. Instructor:



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New Dominion Chorale will perform Sunday Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The chorale will be joined by Paul Skevington, and some of Washington's finest professional singers, the soloists from The District Eight vocal ensemble. Cost: \$15-30. Newdominion.org

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Tai Chi Beginners' Practice. Saturdays, 8-9 a.m. St. Luke's Catholic School Gymnasium, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Weekly Tai Chi practice. Group has met for over 20 years. Free. FreeTaiChi.org. 703-759-9141.

Comic Potential 8 - 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Oct. 7 - Oct. 21. Sunday matinees on Oct. 9 & 16 at 2 p.m. Alden Theatre 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean. Admission: \$18-\$20 and are available at McLeanPlayers.org or through OvationTix at 866-811-4111. Comic Potential contains adult language

and situations; shows mostly suitable for a 17 plus audience.

The Pumpkin Patch beginning Monday Oct. 10 4-7 p.m. then open daily Sunday - Friday 11 - 7 p.m. and 10 - 6 p.m. on Saturdays through Oct. 31. at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church 8991 Brook Rd McLean. All of the money raised by our pumpkin patch is donated to support local charities. 703-442-0330.

Meadow Farms Fall Festival Great Falls Oct. 3 - Oct. 31 Monday through Friday 8 - 7 p.m. Saturday 8 - 6 p.m. Sunday 9 - 6 p.m. 10618 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. There will be pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks, mums, pansies, and star bales. A huge selection of pumpkins. There will also be moon bounces, giant scarecrows, haunted buses and pipes for kids to go through, weekend concessions and much more. Let your kids have a blast while you pick out your pumpkins and all your fall needs. meadowfarms.com

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

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Plan Ahead McLean

TUESDAY/NOV. 1

College Savings Information Sessions 7 - 8 p.m. Dolley Madison Library 1244 Oak Ridge Ave McLean. Join this information session to hear about the four college savings programs offered by Virginia529. In one hour, you'll learn how to: Prepay tuition, Save for other costs, such as housing, meal plans and textbooks, Take advantage of the Virginia college savings state income tax deduction, Meet your savings goals. Visit Virginia529.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 5

Stop Hunger Now Meal Packaging Event 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church 1545 Chain Bridge Rd McLean. To donate to Stop Hunger Now McLean or to register to volunteer for the November 5th Meal Packing Event go to <http://events.stophungernow.org/McLeanRotary2016>

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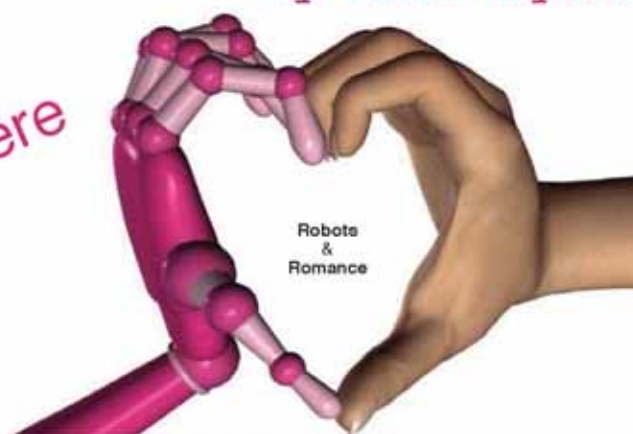
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Halloween Preview



DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

More than 30,000 people, some of whom came when they were children themselves and now are bringing their own children, watch the annual Vienna Halloween Parade along Maple Avenue. Spectators dress up in costume, too.

SATURDAY/OCT.22

Sully Historic Site Halloween Lantern Light Event 4 - 7 p.m. 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Sully will be hosting a Historic All Hallows Eve program to return visitors to a time before superhero costumes and candy corn. In the 18th & 19th centuries, Virginians celebrated All Hallows Eve with storytelling, fortune telling, and family gatherings. There will be a tour of the historic site and grounds by lantern light. This program is for participants age five to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26, 2016

70th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. "Celebrating 125 Years of the Town of Vienna" come in costume to celebrate Halloween. Viennava.gov

FRIDAY/OCT. 28, 2016

Spooktacular. 6:30-8 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Enjoy ghoulish games, a spooky craft and a children's show. Fee: \$10/child in advance or \$15/child on day of event. www.herndon-va.gov

Bradley Farm Haunted House Friday & Saturday 6 - 10 p.m. 13159 New Parkland Drive, Herndon. The guided tours are \$5 www.BFHauntedHouse.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Clifton Haunted Trail 7 - 10 p.m. in



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Okee Dokee duo guitar: The natural world is at the heart of their music.

Okee Dokee Brothers Return to The Alden in McLean

Three-time Parents' Choice Award winners, The Okee Dokee Brothers, who performed to a sold-out house at The Alden last spring, have been called "two of family music's best songwriters." The dynamic duo will return to The Alden on Sunday, Nov. 6, for two performances. Show times are 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and tickets are \$15, \$10 for McLean tax district residents. The theatre is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

As childhood friends growing up in Denver, Colo., Joe Mailander and Justin Lansing were always exploring the outdoors. Now, as the Okee Dokee Brothers, they have put this passion for the outdoors at the heart of their Americana folk music. Their extended canoe trip down the Mississippi River inspired their Grammy award-winning album, "Can You Canoe?" Their trek along the Appalachian Trail was the subject of their follow up release, "Through the Woods" and their latest album, "Saddle Up," is a joyous adventure through the American West, written in the Grand Canyon and on horse-

back along the continental divide.

With songs written by campfire and harmonies born on the water, the natural world is at the heart of their music. The Okee Dokee Brothers make room for kids to dance, for parents to share stories, and for everyone to gain respect for nature, each other and the world we live in.

Tickets are on sale now. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit: www.aldentheatre.org or call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711.

About the Alden

Built in 1975, the 383-seat Robert Ames Alden Theatre, "The Alden," is a cultural resource for the citizens of McLean and the Washington Metropolitan area that presents a full professional season of interdisciplinary and high-quality performances, lectures and educational programs for audiences of all ages. The Alden is ADA-compliant and will make arrangements for accommodations. To request this information in an alternate format, call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.aldentheatre.org.

the historic town of Clifton. Admission: Ages 13+ \$15 Ages 12 and under \$10. www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com/

SATURDAY/OCT. 29 - OCT 31

Roer's Zoofari Trick-Or-Treat 5 - 7 p.m. 1228 Hunter Mill Rd. Vienna. Roer's Zoofari welcomes families from all areas to a new way of trick-or-treating this year. Kids can trick-or-treat for candy and treats, bounce around in our kids zone, and meet bugs at our creepy crawly station. Admission: \$10 per child, free for adults. www.roerszoofari.com/

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Howl-O-Ween at Lake Anne, 1-3 p.m. Plaza Activities. Free. Join us on the Plaza dressed in Halloween flair (adults + pets) for a Howling good time! Dogs, cats, and all types

of furry friends are welcome to participate. Pet Costume Contest starts at 1:30 p.m.: Pet Parade, Live DJ, Pet Friendly Beer Garden, Window Decorating Contest, Yappy Hour Specials from 1-5 p.m., Treats, Tricks & More From Local Merchants. www.lakeanneplaza.com

MONDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Spooktacular at Great Falls Village Green and Great Falls Center, 5-7 p.m., with Pet Parade at 4 p.m. (all dogs must vacate the green by 4:50 p.m.) Boy Scout Troop 55 will create some spooky fun for everyone in the Haunted House; The Langley Marching Band performs in the Wells Fargo parking lot; Linda Waitkus of Great Dogs of Great Falls is leading the Pet Parade starting at the Gazebo. Look out for the Great Falls Volunteer Firefighters in the Safeway parking lot.



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Here's What's Happening at MCC

Old Firehouse Friday Trip

Bennett's Curse Haunted House

Friday, Oct. 21, 3:30-10 p.m.
\$50/\$40 Old Firehouse members



The Alden, Speakers & Education



"Jazz Masters with John Eaton: Frank Loesser"

Saturday, Oct. 22, 1 p.m.
\$12/\$5 MCC district residents

Children's Flea Market

Saturday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Patron admission is free.

Onstage @ The Alden

The Okee Dokee Brothers

Sunday, Nov. 6,
1 and 4 p.m.

\$15/\$10 MCC district residents



McLean Antiques Show & Sale

Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission: \$10, Admission price is good for both days



Silent Movie with Live Music

"Chicago" (1927)

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.
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August, 2016 Top Sales in McLean

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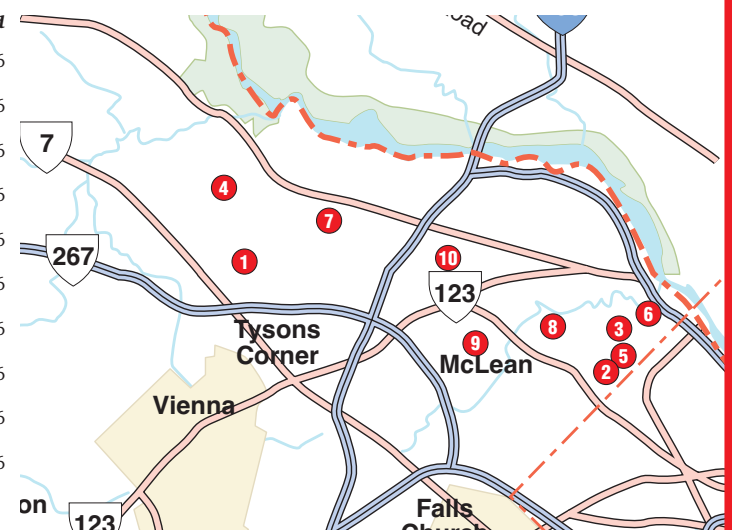


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NEWS

By raising \$106,000, the Inaugural St. Jude Parent/Teen Golden Gala more than doubled its original goal of \$50,000.

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Golden Gala Raises \$106,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Potomac School juniors Amelia Mazloom and Parker Gioia together with other committee members of the Inaugural St. Jude Parent/Teen Golden Gala from high schools across the DC, Maryland and Virginia area, raised \$106,000 to benefit the children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The amount raised more than doubled committee's goal of \$50,000.

The Gala took place at the French Embassy on Sept. 17 with a crowd of more than 250 parents and teens.

WMZQ DJ, Aly Jacobs was the emcee, and a variety of talented local teen performers from The Potomac School, St Andrews Episcopal School, Winston Churchill High School, and the Lab School

entertained the attendees all evening. Desserts from DC-area favorites such as Olivia Macaron, Co Co. Sala, Georgetown Cupcake, Lolli and Pops, and Cake Love delighted the attendees. A silent auction and a live auction by Congressman John Delaney with items collected by the committee members also contributed to the success of the evening.

St. Jude patient Emily Mae, from Richmond, turned 16 two days after the gala. She shared her moving story about her journey with cancer. Thanks to the lifesaving work at St. Jude, she is now cancer free. She quoted founder Danny Thomas in saying: "Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself; it's what you do for others." She thanked

the teens for coming together to create such a big event and for raising so much money for St. Jude.

St Jude Children's Research Hospital freely shares all of its research: Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to more than 80 percent since it opened its doors more than 50 years ago. One-third of patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are teenagers, ages 15 to 19. Families at St. Jude never receive a bill for treatment, travel, housing or food. Because all a family should worry about is helping their child live. If you and your Teen would like to get involved in next year's gala, please contact alexis.polakoff@stjude.org.

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