

Memo to Media



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Here are some story ideas in which you may have an interest:

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***NOTE:** To help us track the usefulness of the Memo to Media, we ask that you inform us if you will be covering any of the events or information listed in the memo. Please send all correspondence to Amanda.Spencer@hcps.org.

Hold the Date

- Board Business Meeting - Monday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. See attached agenda. For exhibits, and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**
- The John Archer School chorus will be performing a patriotic concert called "Song of America" to honor veterans on Tuesday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m. Call the school at 410-638-3810 for details. **NEW!**
- On Tuesday, November 20th at 5:30 p.m., over 1000 people will converge on the campus of Harford Community College for the Adolescent Cancer Foundation All-Star Soccer Game. The event will benefit two young soccer players from Baltimore schools who have been diagnosed with cancer as well as other students in the Harford community who are fighting this same battle. Over 14 teams from Harford and Cecil counties will be participating in this soccer match that also engages the support of high school coaches, volunteers, local businesses, and community organizations. For more information, contact Elaine Orbino at 410-979-2336. **NEW!**
- On Saturday, December 1st, North Harford High School's A Cappella Choir, the Deer Creek Chorale, and local instrumentalists will perform under the direction of Towson University's Dr. Karen Kennedy and sing G.F. Handel's most famous piece, Messiah. The concert will be held at Kennard Dale High School in Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania at 7:30 p.m. and will include performances by each group along with North Harford's Madrigal Choir. Tickets for the concert are now on sale for ten dollars. For more information, contact North Harford High School at 410-638-3650. **NEW!**
- Bel Air High School will participate in Maryland Trumpet Day on Sunday, December 9th. Exhibits and master classes will be held from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., followed by a concert featuring Tony Kadleck and the Alan Baylock Jazz Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.domenicomusic.com or contact Tony Domenico at 410-638-4600. **NEW!**
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers at Aberdeen Middle, Lisby/Hillsdale Elementary, and Hall's Cross Roads Elementary will hold an Open House and Lights On Celebration on Wednesday, November 28th from 4 - 6 p.m. This event will celebrate the importance of after school programs for all students. For information, contact Rhonda Jones at 410-297-2119 or rhonda.jones@hcps.org. **NEW!**
- Today through Saturday (November 15th, 16th and 17th) the Bel Air High School Drama Club will be performing two plays on alternating nights - 'Taming of the Shrew' and 'Wait Until Dark.' The two plays are set 400 years apart and will feature two separate ensembles of Bel Air High student performers under the direction of Chuck Bowden and Ben Smith. Each show begins at 7:00 p.m. and admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for students and \$6 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Call Mr. Bowden at BAHS, 410-638-4600, for more information. **NEW!**
- The opening celebration of the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Magnet Program at Joppatowne High School will be held on Tuesday, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the school. For more information, contact the program advisor, Leah Beaulieu, at 410-612-1510. **NEW!**



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- The annual Student Page Breakfast will be held at Fallston High School on Thursday, November 29th from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Each year, six high school seniors from the Harford County Public Schools (and John Carroll School) are chosen to represent the county as pages in the General Assembly Session in Annapolis. Local Senators and Delegates are invited to meet the pages and discuss issues facing the General Assembly. Students from all over the state are similarly chosen to be pages in either the Senate or House chambers. For more information – and for reservations at the breakfast – call Fallston High Social Studies teacher Pat Whitehurst, 410-638-4120.

- Jacqueline C. Haas, Ed.D., Superintendent of the Harford County Public Schools, has been named Maryland Superintendent of the Year for 2007 by the American Association of School Administrators. Dr. Haas was named in a surprise announcement October 25th at the annual Maryland Negotiating Service fall conference. She has been a teacher, helping teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent in the Harford County Public Schools, serving for 36 years – the last ten as superintendent. Dr. Haas was nominated by the entire leadership team of the Harford County Public Schools including both administrator and employee associations, the HCPS Senior Staff, and the Board of Education of Harford County. For more information, read the story on the HCPS website – www.hcps.org.

- Penelope M. “Penny” Ekey, retired 30-year English teacher at Edgewood Middle School, will be inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame on Monday, November 19th (6:30 p.m., HCPS A.A. Roberty Building). Mrs. Ekey continues as a home/hospital teacher and para-educator in the Alternative Education/summer school programs of the Harford County Public Schools. Call Don Morrison, 410-588-5203 for more information.

- George Toepfer, HCPS Supervisor of Social Studies has been named a 2007 Distinguished Educator by the Maryland Council for the Social Studies. Additionally, Gifted and Talented Teacher at Youth’s Benefit Elementary Jan Truzzolino has won the Social Studies Educator of the Year Award. The two will be honored at the Board Meeting on Monday, November 19th (6:30 p.m., HCPS A.A. Roberty Building). For more information, contact the Social Studies department at 410-588-5223.

- In an effort to disseminate information about educational opportunities at Harford County High Schools, HCPS will be conducting a series of evening informational presentations within the county. The objective is to give parents and students an introduction to the magnet programs available to students in Harford County beginning in the fall of 2007.

The Open House schedule for each magnet program is:

- November 20 & 28, 2007: Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High

For more information, contact Frank Mezzanotte at 410-809-6069.