

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 Lindsay.Reilly@hcps.org.

Board Meetings

- **Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Business Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203.
- **Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m.** - Board Business Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203.

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org!

- *Save the date!* You are cordially invited to attend the Rededication Ceremony for Bel Air High School on Sunday, October 11, 2009, at 2 p.m. in the Bel Air High Auditorium. If you are planning to attend the event, please let the HCPS Communications Office know by calling 410-588-5203.
- *Reminder...* The Back to School Night schedules for Harford County Public Schools are available on our website. Click here for the elementary schedule and click here for the middle and high school schedule.
- *New!* HCPS Magnet Program presentations are set. In an effort to disseminate information to Harford County eighth graders and their parents about educational opportunities for high school, HCPS will be hosting a series of evening informational presentations and open houses at county schools beginning this month. The objective of these meetings is to allow parents and students to take an introductory look at the magnet programs offered in Harford County, including the Science and Mathematics Academy (SMA) at Aberdeen High School, the Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme (GS/IB) at Edgewood High School, the Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences Program (NRAS) at North Harford High School and the nineteen career programs at Harford Technical High School. The programs will be showcased in an informational video presentation that was produced by Harford Cable Network.

The schedule for the evening presentations is as follows:

- Sept. 23, Aberdeen High School
- Oct. 1, North Harford High School
- Oct. 6, Edgewood High School
- Oct. 14, Harford Technical High School

*All presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parents and students may choose to attend any of the presentations, regardless of their districted attendance area.

Open Houses for each of the magnet programs will be held as follows:

- Oct. 21 & Oct. 27, Science & Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School
- Nov. 4, Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme at Edgewood High School
- Nov. 11, Harford Technical High School
- Nov. 17, Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences Program at North Harford High School

*Specific times for the Open House events will be posted on the HCPS website, www.hcps.org, as the dates approach. Attendance at the open house is not required for application or admission to any magnet program. Applications to each of the magnet programs will be available at www.hcps.org, no later than September 23.

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- *New!* Congratulations to Shelby Richter, eighth grader at Edgewood Middle, who will serve as Vice President for the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) for the 2009-2010 school year. MASC fosters a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange opinions and ideas, develop leadership skills and promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students. Shelby was elected to office at the May Executive Board Meeting, stepping up to a position that remained unfilled following the elections at the MASC 2009 Convention in Ocean City. Shelby will serve for one year as the “students’ voice,” representing all students, but especially students in Harford County and at Edgewood Middle. For the full story and a photo of Shelby, [click here](#).
- *New!* Forty students from Edgewood Middle and Edgewood High schools recently attended a residential leadership retreat at Harford Glen. During the three-day, two-night trip, students participated in workshops to help them build leadership skills, learn about ethical decision-making, engage in group dynamics and write personal action plans to support strong learning outcomes for post-secondary goals. As part of the retreat, students traveled to Annapolis to visit the State House and see local politicians in action; to Harford Community College for a taste of college life; and to the Harford County Court House, where they saw a mock trial. For the full story, [click here](#).

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