



School News & Events October 2021



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE GI BILL

October 18, 5-6 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Support Center

Do you know about the GI Bill benefits? Do you have questions about how to use it, how to transfer it, or how dependents can apply it? Maybe you have questions about the Yellow Ribbon program. Attend this informative session and get your questions answered by the Department of Veteran's Affairs Master Benefits Advisor! Space is limited, registration is required, call 301-342-4911 to reserve your seat.

WEBINAR on SCHOOL OPTIONS

Thursday, Oct 21, 12-1 pm

<http://connect.apan.org/ndw>

Do you know the difference between public and private schools? Homeschool vs Virtual? Charter schools vs Magnet schools? This webinar, presented by Naval District Washington (NDW) School Liaisons, will provide an overview of various types of schools to help you become familiar with different options that may be available to you now or as you PCS to new duty stations. To register, visit www.navyregionmwrndw.com/slo-webinar-registration or call Pax River School Liaison at 301-995-4004.

WORKSHOP: ADDRESSING SITUATIONS OF BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION

Friday, Oct 8, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Board of Education Meeting Room, Leonardtown MD

This workshop, presented by St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) Partners for Success, is designed to give parents practical tools and useful skills in order to provide a safe and supportive school environment for their children. This workshop is free but registration is required. To register, please contact SMCPS Partners for Success at partnersforsuccess@smcps.org.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: PARENT'S RIGHTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Wednesday, Oct 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Presented by Parent' Place of Maryland in Partnership with Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) Parent Connections, this workshop will address parents' rights along with what is acceptable and not acceptable in special education. To register, log onto <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdO6vqjwrHNc6c4Z3PimJtT8yNpUUveFg>

THE 2022 MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR® AWARD (MCOY) NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN! The annual MCOY awards recognize eight outstanding young people ages 13 to 18. Seven recipients will represent a branch of the armed forces — the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard — and the eighth award, presented by Booz Allen Hamilton, is for designing an innovative solution to a local, regional, or global challenge. Eligible children must be a legal military dependent between the ages of 13-18. Nominations may be submitted by anyone - parents, siblings, teachers, coaches, clergy, neighbors, grandparents - anyone familiar with the child's achievements.

Deadline to submit nominations is December 1, 2021. For more information or to nominate a military child, visit <https://www.militarychildoftheyear.org/>.

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

If you're seeking financial aid for college, the FAFSA is your number one stop! This application is used to determine students' financial need and eligibility for federal grants, loans, and work-study. Many colleges use FAFSA data to award aid from their institutions, as do some private need-based scholarship organizations. With just a few simple steps you can complete the FAFSA with ease:

- Set up your FAFSA ID (unique username and password) - both students and parents should have one.
- Gather important documents (SSN, driver's license numbers, W-2s, tax returns, bank statements, etc.) – it will help save time if you have everything at your fingertips when you're ready to complete the application
- Complete the application – be accurate and check for typos; errors and inconsistencies can slow down the processing time.

Important to note: FAFSA applications are FREE – do not pay to complete the form. You can access the official FAFSA form starting October 1. Get the form and more information, including online help, at www.studentaid.gov.

OPEN HOUSES:

St. Mary's Ryken High School, Leonardtown MD

Sunday, Oct 24 at 1p.m.

St. Mary's Ryken is a co-ed, Catholic college preparatory school serving students in grades 9-12. This in-person event allows prospective families to tour the campus in-person, meet the administration, faculty, staff and students, and learn more about what St. Mary's Ryken offers! For more information visit <http://www.smrhs.org/> or contact the Admissions Office at 301-475-2814.

Bay Montessori

Fridays at 5pm by appointment only

A Montessori school providing programs for infants, toddlers, and school age children through grade 8. In person tours of the campus are available by appointment only. To schedule a tour and discover what Bay Montessori offers, call 301-737-2421. For more information visit <https://www.baymontessori.com/>

TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD: COLLEGE OR CAREER?

Nov 4, 6-8 p.m. at Board of Education Meeting Room, Leonardtown MD

This workshop, presented by St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) Partners for Success with guest presenters from the Division of Rehabilitation Services (**DORS**) and the College of Southern Maryland's Americans with Disabilities Act (**ADA**) Coordinator, will provide information to families about college and career supports for students who received special education services while in high school. This workshop is free but registration is required. To register, please contact SMCPS Partners for Success at partnersforsuccess@smcps.org.

PARENT WEBINARS

The Navy Child and Youth Program, Child & Youth Education Services announces a series of Parent Education Webinars for Navy Personnel and DoD personnel assigned to navy installations. These interactive webinars offer researched based information and ideas for participants. To view a complete list and/or register visit www.militarychild.org/webinars. Note, if you register for the webinar, but cannot attend the live session, you may access the recorded version at a later time.

Oct 5, 12:00 PM EST
Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct 19, 12:00 PM EST
FAFSA and CSS Profile

Oct 12, 12:00 PM EST
Grants and Scholarships

Oct 26, 12:00 PM EST
***Responsibility and Your Military-
Connected Child***

FREE HOMEWORK HELP FOR MILITARY & DOD FAMILIES

Stuck on a Math problem? Want help writing a paper? Need your work checked? Get help any time at Tutor.com. Work one-to-one with a live tutor in more than 40 subjects, plus get help preparing for the ACT, SAT, and PSAT – any time, any day for FREE. Access is available for all Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, and Wounded Warrior service members, plus DoD civilian personnel and their dependent children and spouses are eligible to access Tutor.com/military at no cost. Survivors of KIA service members plus ROTC, NROTC, and DoD Service Academy cadets are also now eligible to use the program. Visit www.tutor.com/military.

SCHOOL INFORMATION AND UPDATES

For the most accurate and up to date information on school operations, check official school communication sources – individual school and/or district websites, newsletters, emails, and phone outs. Make sure schools have your preferred phone number and email addresses so you get the messages they send and be sure to check your messages regularly

IS THERE A MOVE IN YOUR FUTURE?

Contact the School Liaison for information and resources to help make your move a smooth pcs (positive change of schools). Call 301-995-4004 or email dawn.simpson@navy.mil.