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"As we stand on the threshold of a new chapter in our lives, let us carry these lessons with us wherever we go. Let us be guided by our faith, driven by the spirit of service, and committed to the pursuit of excellence in all we do to help us be 'no more and no less' than our best."

-Alaina Vible

"I would like to thank my classmates for the memories we created and the fun we had in the halls that were once filled with laughter but now are filled with nostalgia."

-Nathan Smith

"Thank you [parents] for giving us the opportunity to excel in academics, faith, and service by choosing Mount Aviat Academy."

-Addyson Ciccarone



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- to provide instruction in the message of Christ, according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, within the context of the gentle and caring spirit of St. Francis de Sales;
- to offer an educational environment that promotes high academic standards;
- to instill the principles of scholarship, citizenship and service in the minds and hearts of the students.

*Educating students to be
no more and no less
than their best.*



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

As you might recall, in our last issue I noted that this school year Mount Aviat was taking part in piloting a new program called Holy Moments. A Holy Moment is a single moment in which you open yourself to God. You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment

you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do. As I reflect on the 2024-2025 school year, I can't help but feel gratitude and pride for the way our 8th graders embraced this program and inspired our school community to embrace it, too. Students completed end-of-year projects on Holy Moments in which they highlighted their favorites, interviewed other students and staff about Holy Moments and what they meant to them, and most importantly, left us with ideas for next year of even more ways to live out Holy Moments as a school community. We are excited to continue this program and hope you are inspired to recognize the Holy Moments in your own lives. See page 9 to see how the Holy Moments movement has inspired the Oblate Sisters, too.

I am thrilled to share another shining highlight from this school year: MAA's Future City Team took 1st place in the Regional Mid-Atlantic competition and participated in the Global Finals in Washington, DC! See pages 3-4 to read more about this award-winning year.

The school year never sees a lull anymore and this year was no exception! From the Friends' remarkable Cream Puff sale to their return of the St. Patrick's Day Family Dance to the MAA 5k and Sister Walk to the Aloha Dinner Auction, we are grateful for so many supporters who bring so much enthusiasm to all they do for MAA. Special thanks to Alumni parent, coach, and friend Chris Locke who stepped into the role of auctioneer at this year's auction. We had a record-breaking number of alumni attend and we can't wait to see what next year brings!

In addition, the Athletic Association wrapped up another successful basketball season and continued with participation in the SL24: Unlocke the Light event (see page 5 for more details).

As always, thank you for the many ways in which you support Mount Aviat, our students, and the Oblate Sisters. We hope to see you on campus soon. Until then, the Oblate Sisters continue to keep you all in prayer.

Yours in Christ,

Sr. John Elizabeth, OSFS

Sister John Elizabeth Callaghan, OSFS

MOUNT AVIAT UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 22	Ice Cream Social
September 29	Roast Beef Dinner
October 7	Golf Tournament at Newark Country Club
November 23	62nd Annual Christmas Bazaar



FUTURE CITY TEAM TAKES THE NATIONAL STAGE

Mount Aviat has been fortunate to host Future City as an extracurricular STEM activity for the past ten years, but this year the team made it to the national stage! MAA's Future City team won the Regional Mid-Atlantic title and competed for the very first time at the Global Finals in Washington, DC. Future City is a fun and exciting way to introduce middle schoolers to how satisfying solving problems can be, but the experience of competing and winning at this new level was truly life-altering and eye-opening for all team members. As 8th grader Alaina Vible said, "Winning at regionals was my favorite part of Future City this year. Seeing everyone so happy and screaming because we had finally won was one of my most memorable experiences at MAA." Alaina was part of the three person presentation team including Jacklynn Brownhill and John Drost (EJ Papaleo was the alternate) who represented the team at both competitions, but they were not alone. Twenty-three of MAA's 6th-8th graders researched, designed, and created the team's competition deliverables: the model, essay, project plan, and presentation. This dream team spent over five months and seventy-five hours completing all aspects of the project under the direction of Mrs. Dymowski and the mentorship of Mrs. Hanby, MAA's retired math teacher and a former engineer. Many Mount Aviat graduates in high school and college also mentored the teams at various times during the project development including Jake Livingston, Jack and Thomas Dymowski, Lillian and Sean Spych, Sienna Trumbull, Emma Fausnaugh, and Aidan Vetners. This mentorship is a key part of the learning process as well because as Nicholas Cirillo points out, "We always loved seeing these older students. These role models come back and feel like part of the team while also teaching and helping us. I would really want to be that person as I am close with the teachers and really, really enjoy Future City."

All of the team's effort and teamwork really paid off this year. The essay, presentation, and project plan all won first place at the regional competition and the team won Most Futuristic City at the Global Finals. By far the greatest part of the competition at this level wasn't winning the hardware, but the intangibles of competing at this level. All team members were invited to the national competition to support the presenters and interact with middle school students from all over the world and see firsthand all of the other future cities. They shared their work with judges from major corporations and educational institutions. As EJ Papaleo said, "Being able to spend time with friends and going to Finals was such a great experience. You got to see kids from all



around the world and make new friends.” Jacklynn Brownhill elaborated, “Going to DC for the finals was such an amazing experience that had such an impact on me. I will always remember me and Maddy (Fausnaugh) running around and trying to give everyone the caramels that the Sisters brought to share with the other teams. It was so fun! I also just really enjoyed being a part of something like this. We can really make a huge impact on the world.”

Even though this year was especially exciting and the team really enjoyed the blessings of the opportunity to compete at the highest level, Future City is what it always

was in some ways: a program that allows students to explore their gifts and talents, stimulates interests in STEM careers, and offers a chance for them to be no more, no less than their best. Future City truly has something to offer every type of learner, and it is gratifying to see the students from MAA’s first teams graduating from college and pursuing their dreams, many of them in Science and Engineering fields. They are becoming the types of professionals that will help solve the very real problem of protecting God’s creation. Maddy Fausnaugh said it best, “Future City taught us that everything is possible, especially 100 years in the future.”



11TH ANNUAL MAA 5K AND SISTER WALK



The 11th Annual MAA 5K & Sister Walk on Sunday, April 14th was a beautiful, sunny day for our race participants. We had 113 male and female runners ranging from age 4 to 75 years old. This year we had repeat overall winners in both the male and female categories. First place Overall Male was Michael Besancon, age 17, with a time of 20:02. Michael is an alumnus of Mount Aviat Academy and is currently attending Oxford High School. First place Overall Female was Sadie Trumbull, age 14, with a time of 21:32. Sadie is a student at Mount Aviat Academy and will be attending Saint Mark’s High School in the fall.

We had a record number of sponsorships and donations this year. The money raised through this event will be used to build an outdoor play area for the Preschool, plant a butterfly garden, and a flower garden for the bee program.

We would like to thank our race sponsors whose support makes this fun community event possible. Platinum Sponsor: REMLINE, Gold Sponsor: Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales, Silver Sponsors: Dever Law Group, Haverford Trust Company, Kristin Lewis Follow My Heels at Integrity RE, Formal Affairs, Domain Spa & Salon, McCool Insurance, Moon Air Inc., Hoot Heating & Air, Black Forge Co.

We are grateful for all of the race day volunteers who helped the event run smoothly and safely from the start to the finish line. Having the support of school families, alumni, and community members makes this event a success. A special note of thanks to the 5K race committee, Janie Trumbull and Jessica Carlaw, for organizing the event.

Join us next year to run, walk, or volunteer on Sunday, April 6, 2025.



ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION UPDATE: BASKETBALL NEWS, FIRST JERSEY RETIRED

The 2023-2024 basketball season was a successful one for Mount Aviat. The school fielded six teams, three boys' teams and three girls' teams. The Teams saw a spectrum of results. Some teams were in a "rebuild year," while others finished the season strong with winning records.

Notably, our 4th and 5th Grade Girls' JV Team, coached by Jaclyn Nonn and Mary and Brian Turbide, and our 5th and 6th Grade Boys' JV Team, coached by Keith Crouse, Karl Fockler, and Tommy Herron, both made deep runs in the CYM JV Tournament. Special thanks to MAA coach, parent, and teacher Shannon Cicero for her commitment and

dedication to the basketball program throughout the years. Shannon coached over a dozen Knights Basketball Teams, and her passion and love for the game inspired her players to compete and grow as student athletes.

This Spring at the MAA Auction, we retired MAA alumnus Sean Locke's basketball jersey so it may be prominently displayed in St. Joseph Hall and serve as a testament to what Sean did on and off the court and what the Locke family and the SL24: Unlocke the Light Foundation continue to do to bring awareness and resources to those struggling with mental health related issues.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS 2024



1st place in each age group (ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-14)

Lincoln Tyler, Amelia Dennis, and Breanna Geary

2nd place in each age group

Christopher Binoy, Courtney Nonn, and Lily Moore

3rd place in each age group

Nathan Nonn, Kendall Heath, and Mariaelena Fuentes Galan

Honorable Mention

Frankie Rodek, Madison Prince, Sadie Goodwin



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1. In MAA's debut production of "Life of the Party," our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders captivate audiences with their retelling of the story of Martha and Mary. 2. Led by Sr. Joseph Margaret and accompanied by Father Paul, MAA's choir performs at the Diocesan Evening of Sacred Music at St. John the Beloved. 3. Fourth graders showcase their knowledge of the "Fifty Nifty" at the annual Grandparents' Day celebration. 4. Third grader Rosemary Quinteros enjoys lunch and quality time with her grandmother on Grandparents' Day. 5. Kindergartner Francesca Cristiano is all smiles with her grandparents as they enjoy lunch together. 6. Fourth grader Mary Turbide provides a drum demonstration during the Spring Band Concert. 7. MAA's band hits some high notes and delights audiences with tunes like Hard Rock Blues and Thunder Rock during their annual spring concert. 8. Sixth grade students proudly graduate from the DARE program and receive their certificates from Sergeant Creek from the Cecil County Sheriff's Office. 9. First grader Harper Freese carefully places the crown on Mary during the annual May crowning.



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10. Sixth grader Kylie Allen proves that balance is key during relay races at Field Day. 11. Eighth grader Breanna Geary helps Kindergartners practice their bowling skills during Field Day 2024. 12. Brian Turbide and Emily Fritts are all smiles and open for business on Market Day! 13. Ms. O'Connor and her second graders enjoy shopping at all the unique and creative businesses at the third grade Market Day. 14. Several first graders take a break from their scavenger hunt on a beary comfy bench at the Plumpton Park Zoo. 15. Third grader Maddox Selvae and family cool off with popsicles at the annual Family Day celebration. 16. Fifth graders Leah Tyler, Tenley Handy, and Ella Dunlap pick up some balloon art creations from Kidz DeLight at Family Day. 17. PreK4 proudly recites the Pledge of Allegiance as they prepare to step up to Kindergarten. 18. Sixth grade goddesses impress parents and students alike with their knowledge of the Roman gods. 19. Nicholas Graham, Nicholas Moschella, and Cash Fockler also dress to impress and showcase their knowledge of the Roman gods. 20. Several second graders check out the Giant Heart Exhibit during their field trip to the Franklin Institute. 21. MAA's 7th and 8th graders team up and take the train together to Washington, DC and explore several museums and national monuments. 22. During their field trip to Annapolis, fifth graders Layla DeGhetto and Natalie Smith have a chance encounter with Governor Wes Moore!



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CONGRATULATIONS TO MAA'S CLASS OF 2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Bishop Shanahan High School

Merit: Breanna Geary (Art)

The John Carroll School

Academic: Maximus Morrison, Eugene Papaleo

Salesianum School

Academic: John Drost

St. Mark's High School

President: Madelyn Fausnaugh

Academic: Kathryn Cicero, Nicholas Cirillo, John Drost, Madelyn Fausnaugh, Maximus Morrison, Eugene Papaleo, Lydia Simmons, Sadie Trumbull, Alaina Vible
Merit: Jacklynn Brownhill (Commitment to Catholic Faith & Life), Madelyn Fausnaugh (Excellence in English), Sadie Trumbull (Excellence in STEM), Alaina Vible (Excellence in STEM)

Ursuline Academy

Academic: Kathryn Cicero



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FRIENDS' FAVORITES: CREAM PUFF DAY AND RETURN OF FAMILY DANCE!



1. Sr. Frances Carol, Sr. Anne Elizabeth, and Sr. John Elizabeth work together to organize local deliveries of cream puffs. The 2024 Cream Puff sale totaled approximately 7,500 cream puffs! The Sisters would like to thank all of the dedicated Friends who show up each year to help bake, fill, powder, and wrap the cream puffs; you are all such a blessing! 2. What is a Family Dance at MAA without a limbo contest? Students enjoy putting their limbo skills to the test with the highly anticipated return of the Family Dance on St. Patrick's Day. 3. The Family Dance is a sea of green as students embrace the green theme!



LIVING JESUS...ONE HOLY MOMENT AT A TIME: A REFRESH FOR THE OBLATE SISTERS!

The Oblate Sisters' spiritual lives have grown this year through embracing a program created by Matthew Kelly which they were happy to pilot: Holy Moments. Although designed for schools, the Oblate Sisters have benefited from the weekly prompts and challenges. Sr. Lawrence-Therese and Sr. Patricia Marie, our jubilarians celebrating 60 years of fidelity and service, are living examples of creating Holy Moments in their everyday lives. Sr. Rachel joined the Oblate Sisters as a postulant in the fall and is learning the art of Living Jesus. Sr. Frances Carol and Sr. Audrey Frances embarked on a new adventure armed with Salesian maxims and holy moments as they helped form high school students assuming leadership roles in their respective high schools in the fall. A group of 20+ teachers, friends, and Sisters will spend 10 days tracing the footprints of St. Francis de Sales in Annecy, France, one holy encounter after another.

So what is a Holy Moment? It is a single moment when we open ourselves to God. We set aside personal preferences and prayerfully do what we believe God is calling us to do. We have been challenged to reach out to someone who had an impact on our life and tell them, ask someone how we can pray for them, make a gratitude list, name two things we like about ourselves, ask and give forgiveness. Check out MAA's Facebook page for updates on Living Jesus...one Holy Moment at a time. Speaking of praying for one another, how

can the Oblate Sisters pray for you? Send your intentions to be added to their prayer list and remembered in their chapel and throughout the day. Send your message to the following email: oblatesisters@mountaviat.org. Let's keep the Holy Momentum going!





KNIGHTLY NEWS



Patrick Palm '16 graduated from the United States Naval Academy on May 24, 2024. He graduated with distinction. Mr. and Mrs. Keogh attended as his guests. Patrick has wanted to attend USNA ever since he attended a 4th grade field trip while in Mrs. Keogh's class at Mount Aviat. Their son Marty, also a graduate of USNA, was Patrick's sponsor during Patrick's first year at USNA and they have stayed in contact.

Earlier this year, the Oblate Sisters visited the Naval Academy for a Color Parade and had the opportunity to visit with both **Patrick Palm** and **Webster Lowe**.



Aubrey Preske '16 graduated from Mount Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Arts in Art Education, Magna Cum Laude.

Zachary Seigel '16 graduated Magna Cum Laude from York College of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management.



Ronan Landis and **Marissa Cirillo** were awarded the St. Francis de Sales Award. The award recognizes 10 seniors from each Catholic high school in the Diocese for excellence in faith development, scholarship, service, leadership, and citizenship. Ronan graduated from Salesianum and Marissa graduated from St. Mark's High School.



Congratulations to our graduates of Padua Academy: **Ava Martuscelli**, **Brynn Fassano**, **Hannah Trainer**, and **Emma Lowe**.

Congratulations to our graduates of Salesianum High School: **Ronan Landis** and **Erik Veasey**.



The Ciceros and Cirillos have long ties with MAA. **Isabella Cicero '20** graduated from Ursuline Academy and **Marissa Cirillo '20** graduated from St. Mark's High School. Both of their siblings just graduated from Mount Aviat: **Nicholas Cirillo** and **Kathryn Cicero**.

Aiden Venters '21 recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations!

Amy Warrington '01 was married May 25, 2024 to Zach Kuehne at his childhood home in the beautiful mountains of in Brevard, NC. Twin sister, **Jenn Fritts '02** served as



matron of honor, nieces, **Katelyn '24** as bridesmaid and Emily as flower girl. Her nephew, William, did a great job as ring security officer.



Don't forget to like our Facebook page (Mount Aviat Academy Alumni Association) and follow MAA on Instagram @MountAviat.

If you have alumni news you would like to share, please contact Mrs. Charlene Nichols, Admissions Director, at Admissions@MountAviat.org.



AN ALOHA AUCTION NIGHT TO REMEMBER

A rainy Saturday did not stop more than 200 guests and volunteers from attending an evening of aloha at our Dinner Auction on March 9th. The gym was filled with friends, school parents, grandparents, and alumni parents, plus several guests who were new to the MAA ohana. In addition, a record number of MAA graduates returned to their alma mater to be part of the festivities. It was wonderful having so many in the MAA community together under one roof.

The lighting and decorations crew did a beautiful job of transforming the gym into a Hawaiian paradise and setting the mood for the night. Music from MAA parent acoustic duo Five Foot Nothin' kept guests entertained from cocktail hour through dinner. The Chesapeake Inn kept the beverages flowing and the buffet stocked with a delicious array of Hawaiian and traditional favorites.

Chris "The Coach" Locke, in his inaugural year as auctioneer, did a fantastic job keeping the crowd energized as he auctioned off some of the most exciting prizes yet, including a Ms. Pac-Man arcade game, a South African diamond, and a Rockfish Fishing charter. The silent and live auction bidding was fierce, and some very happy guests left with designer bags, Sixers tickets, a Great Wolf Lodge family package, and more! It was definitely a night to remember, and MAA made great progress in supporting the construction of the new Early Learning Center. The school is grateful for our ohana for helping MAA to grow and provide the best learning experience for our students.

Thank you to the Auction Committee, led by co-chairs Karen Novak and Patty Cook, for their hard work in planning this event. Committee Members: Sr. John Elizabeth, Sr. Anne Elizabeth, Sr. Joseph Margaret, Sr. Joseph Anne, Taylor Akers, Phuong Besancon, Stephanie Bradley, Pat D'Annunzio, Erin Dymowski, Kathy Keogh, Shana Rossi, Kara Selvage, Gloria Smith, Mary Turbide, Jenny Tyler, and Kim Wood. Also, thanks to all of the auction night volunteers who shared their time and talents to make the evening such a success.

MAA is grateful for these community partners and good friends for their help in making our theme come to life and for delivering a memorable experience for our guests: Chesapeake Inn (catering and beverages), Sentman Distributors Inc. (beverages), Valhalla Brewing Co. (table snacks), Balloons (aTRUcreation by Amanda Truitt), Five Foot Nothin' – Kat and Jimmie Davis (entertainment), Mike McKenzie (sound and lighting), Rusty Eder (emcee), and Chris "The Coach" Locke (auctioneer).

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year for another fun-filled auction night!

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If you have questions about the Aviat Foundation or would like to meet with us to discuss how you may become more involved in supporting the needs of the Oblate Sisters and Mount Aviat Academy, please contact: Brenda Hendron, Aviat Foundation Chair at 410.920.6399, hendronb@comcast.net or Sr. John Elizabeth, Principal at 410.398.2206, principal@mountaviat.org



ENDOWMENT DONOR RECEPTION

On a warm spring evening in May, donors and invited guests joined us for a reception to share the good news of the Aviat Foundation Endowment. Hosted by **Gilda and Gianmarco Martuscelli** at their beautiful home, the event featured delicious food from their restaurant, Chesapeake Inn, as well as cuisine by the Oblate Sisters. Endowment Chair Brenda Hendron shared the success of the Aviat Foundation and what needs were being met by its resources. Mount Aviat

Academy alumnus **Matthew Conrad** spoke about his experience at MAA, and how his experience prepared him well for the future. Matthew attended Duke University School of Law and is a successful corporate attorney.

Ruth Cameron was honored at the event with the **St. Leonie Aviat Commitment to Catholic Education Award**. In a very special moment during the evening, Mrs. Cameron's family and friends surprised her at the event. Mrs. Cameron was recognized for her dedication to Mount Aviat Academy for over 50 years. Through her service as a volunteer, her support as a school parent and grandparent, and her contributions to many of our school's needs, she has shown a true commitment to Catholic education. Throughout life, her faith has remained steadfast. Thank you, Mrs. Cameron, for sharing your love and light with us.

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Kindergartner Emory Arnold plays the role of Frog and pleas for the help of toucans, jaguars, sloths, and more in the rainforest so she can see the sky!

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