



Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

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"We were never just classmates. We became a family at Mount Aviat. We grew up together, learned together, and made memories that brought us closer every year."

-Riley Lewis

"I would especially like to thank our teachers, staff, and the Oblate Sisters... Thank you for encouraging us when we doubted ourselves and for challenging us to become better students and better people. Your lessons went far beyond the classroom."

-Adeline Kosc

"Mount Aviat has not only prepared me for my future but helped me see what true friendships are and how many people can affect my life in so many ways."

-Liliana Spohn

"The lessons and values we learned [at MAA] will stay with us wherever we go. Even if we forget some of the math formulas and science vocabulary, we will always remember the memories, friendships, and moments that made middle school unforgettable."

-Nicholas Moschella



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The Mission of Mount Aviat Academy is threefold:

- 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:

On March 12th, we were overjoyed to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Oblate Sisters in the United States with a special Mass. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in person to share in this momentous occasion with us—and to those of you who were celebrating with us in spirit from afar. This incredible milestone reminds us of the commitment to Salesian

spirituality and education that those five brave Sisters earnestly lived out and the responsibility we have to carry on that mission. Thank you for supporting us to ensure that generations of students learn what it means to Live Jesus and give no more and no less than their best.

Speaking of Living Jesus, a true model of that at MAA, Mrs. Shannon Cicero, will be stepping down after 13 years of service. Shannon has been a classroom teacher, then a parent, then a resource teacher, an alumni parent, and most recently pilot teacher for our PreK3 program. We are indebted to her for her willingness to take on such different positions with grace and ease. We wish her well and know she will be back to visit often!

Another momentous occasion from this school year was witnessing our Future City Team earning 1st place *for the third year in a row* in the Regional Mid-Atlantic competition and participating again in the Global Finals in Washington, DC. We are so proud of our students and their commitment to this program and our staff for their support of our students! Our students continue to amaze and inspire us in so many ways from their musical talents in their Spring Band Concert to their stage presence in *20th Century Great Americans* to positive sportsmanship on the court. As you read this issue of the *Aviat Link*, I hope you are amazed and inspired by them, too.

As always, thank you for supporting Mount Aviat and the mission of the Oblate Sisters by purchasing cream puffs during the annual Cream Puff sale, joining us on the MAA 5k and Sister Walk, bidding at the “Moonlight on the Bay” Dinner Auction, and so much more. We are so grateful for all the many ways you show us your support. We look forward to welcoming you back to campus during the coming school year.

Yours in Christ,

Sr. John Elizabeth, OSFS

Sister John Elizabeth Callaghan, OSFS





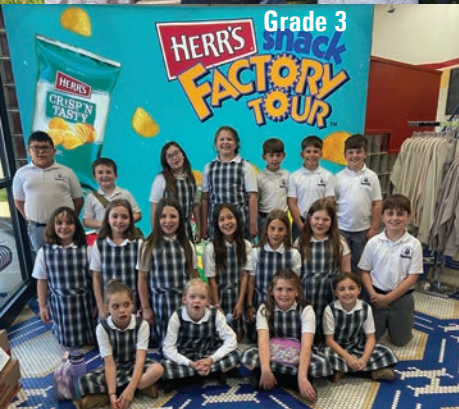
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Grade 5



Grade 6

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On the road again...

This Spring has been a busy time for classes to extend their learning on field trip adventures! First grade visited the animals at the Plumpton Park Zoo, second grade explored Universal Studios and space exhibits at the Franklin Institute, third grade toured the Herr's Factory, fourth grade sailed on the Sultana, fifth grade took an historic walking tour of Annapolis, sixth grade prayed together at the National Shrine of St. John Neumann followed by a visit to the Museum of Illusions in Philadelphia, and seventh and eighth grades toured various parts of Philadelphia including the National Constitution Center and Independence National Historical Park.



Grade 6



Grade 7



Grade 7



Grade 7



Grade 8



For the third year in a row, Mount Aviat's Future City team earned First Place at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Future City Competition held in Baltimore, MD. As the first-place regional winner, MAA represented the region at the Future City International Finals in Washington, D.C. Congratulations to the team: Hayden Andrews, Jesse Appenzeller, Rosalie Bennett, Simon Besancon, Elliot Cohn, Isabel Colon, Ella Dunlap (presenter), Damian Drost (alternate presenter), Mahniam Joshwa, Charlotte Loughheed, Lucas Magaw, Lucas McAneny-Droz (presenter), Xavier Moran, Owen Nesnow, Mia Nutter, John Paul O'Connor, Evan Rollins, Mason Saunders, Ava Turbide (presenter), Mary Turbide, Mason Ware, Parker Wikes, Michael Zanes, and their moderators Erin Dymowski, David Nesnow, Thomas Dymowski, and Christian Nichols.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

State Level, 3rd Place: Christopher Binoy, Elena Wynn

1st Place in each age group: Elizabeth Bodkin, Aurora Creswell, Elena Wynn, Christopher Binoy, Rosalie Bennett

2nd Place in each age group: Rosie Haught, Daniel Binoy, Lily Cullen, Amelia Dennis, Payton Whiteman

3rd Place in each age group: Levon Samaranayake, Luciano Squitieri, Mary Turbide, Lily Moore

Honorable Mention: Collins Black, Elliot Cohn, Savannah Erickson, Wade Henry, Madeline Marcinkiewicz, Rosemary Quinteros

MOUNT AVIAT UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 24	Ice Cream Social
September 27	Roast Beef Dinner
October 5	Golf Tournament at Newark Country Club
November 21	64th Annual Christmas Bazaar



13TH ANNUAL MAA 5K AND SISTER WALK

The 13th Annual MAA 5K & Sister Walk was held on Sunday, April 19, 2026. Despite rain in the forecast, the runners lined up energized and eager to conquer the course. We had 106 male and female runners ranging from age 2 to 77 years old. This year we had new overall winners in both the male and female categories. First place Overall Male was Brian Turbide, from Conowingo, MD, with a time of 20:51. First place Overall Female was Christine Smythe, from Rising Sun, MD, with a time of 27:33. We had a fantastic number of participants, sponsorships and donations this year. The money raised through this event will be used for the continued development of the newly created playscape.

We would like to thank our race sponsors whose support makes this fun community event possible. **Platinum Sponsor:** Remline. **Gold Sponsors:** Oblate Sisters of Frances de Sales. **Silver Sponsors:** Dever Law Group, Haverford Trust Company, Nowland Associates, Inc., Domain Spa & Salon, McCool Insurance, and Kristin Lewis Follow My Heels at Integrity RE.

We are grateful to all 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, Jessica Carlaw and Janie Trumbull for organizing the event.

SAVE THE DATE!
Run, Walk or Volunteer!
APRIL 11, 2027

Save the Date!

MOUNT AVIAT ACADEMY

GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

NEWARK COUNTRY CLUB

A DAY OF GOLF. FUN & PRIZES!

 18 HOLES SCRAMBLE FORMAT	 LUNCH DURING REGISTRATION	 BEVERAGES & SNACKS ON THE COURSE	 DINNER FOLLOWING GOLF	 PRIZES, AWARDS & RAFFLES
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NEW THIS YEAR!

DRONE DROP Contest!

Each golfer receives one complimentary Drone Drop ball with registration!

Additional balls may be purchased for \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

50% OF THE CASH POT GOES TO THE WINNER!

Remaining proceeds support Mount Aviat Academy.

Proceeds Benefit

Enhancements to the elementary school playground area.

Register Today!

MORE DETAILS TO COME! | www.mountaviat.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAA'S CLASS OF 2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

St. Mark's High School

Academic: Samuel Bragg, Charlotte Loughheed, Joshwa Mahniam, Jude McCommons, Eliza Rollins

Merit: Samuel Bragg, Shea Davis, Parker Heitz, Adeline Kosc, Charlotte Loughheed, Owen Nesnow, Eliza Rollins

Ursuline Academy

Academic: Rosalie Bennett



1. Under the direction of Sr. Joseph Margaret, MAA's rapidly growing choir performs at the Diocesan Evening of Sacred Music held at St. John the Beloved. 2. From Babe Ruth to Eleanor Roosevelt to Albert Einstein, MAA's fourth, fifth, and sixth graders give fantastic portrayals of our *20th Century Great Americans*. 3. Brothers Owen and Evan Nesnow perform the Tetris theme and Gravity Falls with the Advanced Band during the Spring Band Concert. 4. MAA's Beginner Band showcases their newly honed skills playing London Bridge and a Mozart melody at the Spring Band Concert. 5. Middle school student Amelia Robillard enjoys lunch with her grandparents during the Grandparents' Day showcase and picnic lunch. 6. First grader Mollie Birney crowns Mary at the grotto with assistance from Sr. John Elizabeth. 7. PreK3 students perform "Five Little Ducks" on the "big stage" for their grandparents at MAA's annual Grandparents' Day showcase. 8. MAA's Kindergarten begins with a song of prayer at their graduation ceremony. 9. Seventh graders give it all they have during a tug of war battle on Field Day. 10. MAA's Class of 2026 brings the color and the fun to Field Day. 11. Kindergartner Sam Widdoes proudly presents his creative 100th day project Samuel the Snake made from 100 pompoms. 12. The rhinos playfully "tango with mangoes" in the Kindergarten production of "Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock." 13. Fifth graders Charlee Herron and Savannah Erickson enjoy Kona shaved ice at MAA's annual Family Celebration. 14. Third graders put their business savvy to the test as they set up shop on "Emerald Cove" Market Day and sell everything from kindness rocks to custom jewelry to delicious baked goods. 15. PreK4 students Chigozie Okoye and Rebecca Schwander along with their classes proudly perform for their families as they end the school year and prepare to take the next big step to Kindergarten. 16. Proud MAA parents Karl and Suzanne Fockler ride through the carpool lane one last time to pick up their son, Cash.



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75TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

On March 12, 2026, Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Hall to commemorate the arrival of the first Oblate Sisters in Childs, 75 years ago! The photos are now in color, and the styles, the faces and the names have changed, but the love and dedication remains the same.



FRIENDS' FAVORITES: CREAM PUFF DAY AND FAMILY DANCE



1. How many yolks do you need for more than 5,000 cream puffs? These dedicated volunteers respond, A LOT! 2. Alumni Zachary Seigel '16, Thomas Dymowski '17, and Matt Dymowski '15 pick up their cream puffs as a perfect road trip snack! 3. Despite the hard work and long hours, Sr. Joseph Margaret is always all smiles on Cream Puff Day. 4. Dedicated Friend Pat Seigel poses with a display of the historical side origins of Cream Puff Day. 5. Middle schoolers Brian Turbide, Dawson Wikes, Brantley Handy, Parker Wikes, and Sam Lynskey embrace the Winter Wonderland theme at the Friends' Family Dance. 6. Girls just wanna have fun at the dance, too! Amelia Dennis, Hayden Andrews, Sadie Goodwin, and Rebecca Schaible take a break for a photo during a fun night of dancing.



OBLATE UPDATE: SACRAMENTAL LIFE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND IN OUR COMMUNITY

“Give us this day our daily bread.” These words from Jesus, spoken as he taught the Apostles how to pray, still speak to us today. He reminds us to turn to Our Father for what we need—both the practical things that get us through the day and the spiritual strength that keeps our faith alive. He also invites us to keep God close, not just in big moments but in the everyday rhythm of our lives.

“And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Here, Jesus gently challenges us to forgive others the same way he forgives us—fully, freely, and with love.

Jesus also draws us deeper into the relationship with the Trinity through the Sacraments he shared with us. We’ve seen that grace at work in our students this year. Our second graders learned about Reconciliation and the Eucharist and experienced the joy of receiving Jesus’ forgiveness and the Body of Christ for the first time. Their faces during our May school Mass said it all. We hope they carry that joy with them and continue to share Christ’s love wherever they go.

Our seventh and eighth graders from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia also reached an important milestone. Through their parish classes, they received Confirmation and became ‘soldiers for Christ.’ Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, they are now true witnesses of faith for their families, MAA, and our world. May they ‘Live Jesus’ with renewed courage, confidence, and grace.

As the school year came to a close, we were blessed with the opportunity to join the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, offered in honor of our nation’s 250th anniversary. Several members of our staff from MAA and IHM walked in the Eucharistic Procession along the Ocean City, Maryland boardwalk, lifting their hearts in prayer beneath the simple yet powerful theme: *Walk with Jesus. Pray for the nation. Follow the journey.*

As we moved with the Lord, we carried each of you in prayer—your hopes, your needs, and the quiet intentions resting in your hearts. Moments like these remind us how deeply the Sacramental life of our Church shapes us. It is a gift we live, cherish, and share in faith.





KNIGHTLY NEWS



MAA alumni **Mary Drost** (Padua Academy), **Riley Bransfield** (Padua Academy), and **Stephen Hilton** (St. Elizabeth's) were awarded the St. Francis de Sales Award on April 30, 2026 by Bishop Koenig. The award recognizes 10 seniors from each Catholic high school in the Diocese for excellence in faith development, scholarship, service, leadership, and citizenship.



Phoebe Nichols '22 graduated from Padua Academy and plans to attend University of North Carolina-Wilmington to study environmental science.

Anthony Veasey '22 and **Jonah Landis '22** graduated from Salesianum. Anthony plans to attend Washington College and study music production. Jonah plans to attend Marywood University for aviation management.



Mary Drost took her oath of office at the Naval Academy on June 25, after which she began six weeks of military training during "Plebe Summer." She plans to study Chemistry and run track and field. Also from the Class of 2022, **Tessa Palm**, who graduated from St. Mark's High School, was inducted in the Naval Academy on June 25th.



Patrick Palm '16 and **Rylee Rives** were married on May 24, 2026. Among the groomsmen were MAA grads **Tyler Uhde**, **Aedan Locke**, and **JJ Psenicska**.



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.

MOONLIGHT ON THE BAY DINNER AUCTION BRINGS CHESAPEAKE BAY TO MAA

Mount Aviat Academy's 31st Annual Dinner Auction, held on Saturday, March 6, was a memorable evening filled with community spirit, generosity, and celebration. Under the theme *Moonlight on the Bay*, more than 140 guests gathered in St. Joseph Hall, which was transformed with coastal décor inspired by the charming waterfront towns of the Chesapeake Bay. The evening was energized by live music from Five Foot Nothin', and guests enjoyed a meal catered by Chesapeake Inn, setting the stage for an exciting night of bidding and fundraising.

The auction kicked off with a special moment of generosity and gratitude as an attendee made a meaningful gift honoring the 75th anniversary of the Oblate Sisters' arrival in the United States. This gesture set a heartfelt tone of appreciation and celebration for the remainder of the evening.

Mr. Chris Locke returned as auctioneer, bringing his trademark energy to the live auction. Bidding began with the beloved Oblate Sisters' famous apple pie and continued with popular items such as a fully stocked fridge and freezer, fishing charters, and an outdoor pizza oven package. This year's paddle raise supported Mount Aviat Academy's STREAM program, providing hands-on learning opportunities for students in Grades 1 through 8 through the integration of Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math.

A heartfelt thank you to the Auction Committee, led by Patty Cook and Stephanie Hendron, for their hard work and dedication in planning this event. Committee members included Sr. John Elizabeth, Sr. Anne Elizabeth, Sr. Joseph Margaret, Sr. Joseph Anne, Sr. Frances Carol, Phuong Besancon, Tracy Harreld, Cherri Moran, and Jenny Tyler. We are especially grateful to our outstanding volunteers, whose time and enthusiasm helped make the evening a success.

MAA is thankful to our community partners and dear friends for helping bring our theme to life and create memorable experiences for our guests: Chesapeake Inn (catering), Sentman Distributors, Inc. (beverages), State Line Liquors (beverages), Vlamis Liquors (beverages), Pat D'Annunzio (staging), Brian and Janie Trumbull (staging), Five Foot Nothin' (entertainment), Mike and Denise McKenzie (sound and lighting), Daniella White (photo booth), Joan Copeland (photography), Rusty Eder (emcee), and Chris Locke (auctioneer).



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