

Upper School Snapshots

THE SENIOR CLASS PLAY IS THIS WEEK! Plan to attend the 12th grade performance of *An Inspector Calls*, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 in the Multipurpose Room of the Yellowwood Building. Children 5th grade and up will enjoy the play.

For World Food Day, we welcome Brian Lagette, owner/founder of Big City Farms, who will lead a discussion with 9th-12th grade students on Wednesday afternoon, October 19.

The 9th grade is visiting the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. on Fri-

day, October 21, as part of their Art History block.

Upcoming college visits to the Upper School include Marlboro College in Vermont on October 21 and Eckert College in Florida on October 24.

The Seventh and Eighth Grade Camping Trip

On Thursday, October 6th and Friday, October 7th the seventh and eighth graders went to Catoctin Mountain Park, near the presidential retreat, Camp David, in Thurmont, Maryland. As soon as we arrived, we hiked to Wolf Rock, which was approximately 1.8 miles away, near the top of the mountain. There we ate lunch and climbed on the rock. The rock had several large crevices that we enjoyed jumping across and climbing in. After our hike we drove to our remote campground, Poplar Grove. Once there, we set up our tents and started a fire. We ate an early dinner of

chicken soup, baked potatoes, and hot dogs. After dinner we played games and roasted marshmallows.

The next morning after pancakes, sausages, and eggs, we made our lunches and started off on a slightly more intensive hike to Cunningham Falls. We followed the Catoctin Trail for about two and a half miles, then journeyed onto the Cliff Trail, which led to the Falls. Cunningham Falls is the tallest waterfall in the state of Maryland. From there we walked to a lake and ate lunch. After lunch we vigorously hiked back up the trail to our campsite. It was great fun to walk, talk, and take in the beautiful

forest.

This camping trip was a remarkable bonding experience for the seventh and eighth graders. We got to know each other much better and learned many more things about each other that we never knew before. Overall, this camping trip was a lot of fun and a great success. Thank you Ms. Mulvihill, Ms. Arnold, and Ms. Wolf-Smith for facilitating and chaperoning the camping trip!

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The *Mystic Whaler* Middle School Trip

On Monday, October 3rd the Middle School took a journey on the *Mystic Whaler*, a schooner used to transport cargo up and down the Atlantic coast. We started off the cold rainy day by splitting up into groups to participate in introductory activities. Then we sailed off with Captain John and his crew as they gave us a waterside tour of the Inner Harbor. We saw the Coast Guard ship the *Eagle*, which was originally a captured Nazi warship. Additionally we saw the submarine the *Torsk*,

and the skipjack *Lady Maryland*. It was interesting to see the variety of shipping life going on in the Baltimore Harbor.

Then our attention was directed to the actual ship we were sailing. We participated in a variety of nautical activities. At one station we examined a nautical map and learned about water depth, longitude, and latitude. We used a compass and caliper to measure degrees. One of the most fun parts of navigation

was having the opportunity to steer the schooner with the assistance of Captain John.

During time at another station we learned how the sails are used to power the ship. We experienced raising the sails and, most important, we learned how to tie a bowline knot. Learning about how to position the sails, to tack, and to maneuver the ship was very techni-

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