



CRSPA



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President's Message

Happy 2024 to Everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and making plans for new adventures in this New Year. Our weather has been very cold lately with some snow accumulations that required a bit of shoveling. They are calling for some warmer days ahead but saying Winter is not over yet. Sadly, I did see robins just before our snow so I hope they are okay and really letting us know Spring is not too far away.

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Holiday Celebration at the December 13th meeting. We had a wonderful time listening to Mutual's 5th grade band and strings ensemble under the direction of Doug Fraley. Their enthusiasm and joy in playing brought us smiles and happiness as we prepared for our upcoming holiday season.

We also met and were able to honor Calvert County's 2023 Teacher of the Year, Mr. John Allen and 2023 Educational Support Professional of the Year, Mrs. Keren Tuck. Both educators shared their experiences that lead them into positions in Calvert County. They've brought with them a wide background of experiences that are enriching and helping their students have a positive and successful experience during their school life. This meeting is always a favorite one and filled with smiles and laughter.

Looking forward to our February meeting with members from our local Library joining us. They will share information on how to use our phones, tablets, kindles or other devices to access and navigate their site. If you bring your device with you to the meeting, we can use the Church's Wifi to sign on to the Library site. As always feel free to bring friends or family that would enjoy this event.

Barbara M. McKimmie
CRSPA President



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Save These Dates 2023-2024 CRSPA Meeting Dates

Executive Meetings/Zoom

- February 7, 2024
- March 20, 2024

General Meetings

- February 14, 2024
- April 10, 2024

CRSPA's Next Meeting

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Safety Tips

Never send cash through the mail to pay for something bought online or from a phone solicitation. Legitimate businesses accept credit cards.



Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Place: Christ Church Parish—Port Republic, MD
Time: 12pm Lunch; 1pm Meeting
Program: Calvert Public Library - "Your Source for Awesome!"
Learn about digital resources and more.

Menu: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Roasted Potatoes, Glazed Carrots,
Baked Fish, Corn Bread/Butter, Dessert, Beverages

Cost: \$20

Reservations Required: Call Loujeania Johnson at 410-586-1066 or email her at lsjohnson58@verizon.net by February 11th.

Welcoming New Members

Marci Fleck Janet Cook
Kathleen Martin Stephanie Riddle

Door Prize Winners!

Misty Ellison	Jackie Gray	Dotty Greene
Debbie Hance	Gretchen Jankovitz	Jeff Walker
Phil Bikle	Bernadette Hagar	Cathy Page
Kathy Lucas	Gayle Reid	Ellie Girsang
Carol Howard	Barbara Brown	Mary Oxedine

Treasurer's Report

January 2024

Balance: \$10,080.59

Longwood Gardens at Christmas November 29, 2023



Notice: During the May 2023 Annual Business Meeting, delegates voted to increase MRSPA dues to \$50 annually. This is a \$5.00 increase from the current \$45 state dues. This increase will become effective on July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 membership year. Please make a note of it.

How to save on Valentine's Day and still show your love

Shop Local and support your local florist. Also check out Supermarkets—many are a "one stop shop" for cards, candy and flowers. Your local Dollar Store carries balloons, cards and candy!



Happy Birthday CRSPA Members



March	April	May
Vivian Jones 5	Gail Oaks 3	Ray Enrico 1
Elizabeth Towle 5	Marci Fleck 4	Linda Mooney 2
Jane Fletcher 6	Mary Friedman 7	Peggy Demedis 4
Marianne Frankhauser 7	Jennifer Hudson 9	Marsha Gray 6
Linda Rhodes 7	Pamela Wilson 9	Connie McSpadden 7
Mandy Blackmon 14	Mary Ellen McGowan 11	Kandia Spain 15
Clarice Johnson 14	Mary Bannerman 13	Cheryl Ragusa 16
Pamelia Moore 14	Nicola Williams 14	Sherry Burcham 18
Julie Roehm 14	Pat Majors 15	Elizabeth Navarro 19
Andrea Daniels 16	Debbie Harris 20	Barbara Brown 21
Kathy Simone 16	Wendell Brady 23	John Keosseian 23
Lori Idol 17	Lisa Tettimer 25	Leonard Elter 25
Donna Nichols 17	Edith Nutter 28	Mary Thulin 28
Ken Horsmon 21	Jeniene Wishart 30	Dorothy Campbell 31
Arlene Thornton 23		Janet Cook 31
Barbara McKimmie 24		
Chris Banks 26		
Catherine Howanstone 26		
Martha Maratta 26		
Lula Parran 31		

Community Outreach Winter Project

On the recommendation of the Director of Student Services, our next Community Outreach project will be to donate toward each school's Hygiene Closet. Many schools don't have such a resource at all; some schools have one with bare necessities only. Her experience has shown her there is considerable need for this, especially for those with socioeconomic challenges. If we donate items needed for personal hygiene, these can be distributed both to the Hygiene Closets in each school AND as part of the food distribution program for our neediest children.

Here are some brainstormed suggestions. We want to emphasize that CCPS IS a very diverse population now, and that products do vary for different ethnicities. Donations for all ethnicities are needed.

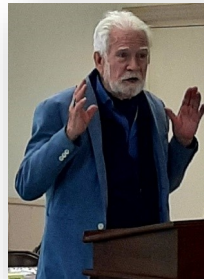
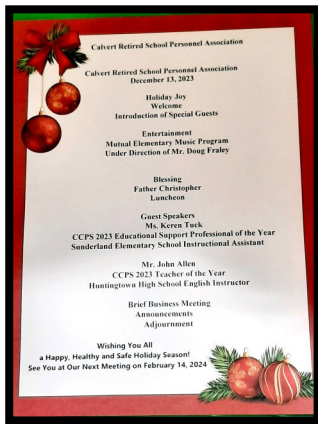
Checks may be deposited at any Shore United Bank or mailed to Merry Ellen McGown, Treasurer, at 9140 Nana Russell Rd., Owings MD 20736. After our February 14th meeting, Debbie Hance and Jan Travers will go shopping to buy the items that are needed most to round out the overall donation. We will then take the products to the Central Office for Student Services to distribute as needed.

Needed donations:

*Feminine Hygiene products - pads in particular
Deodorant
Wipes
Body Wash
Loofas
Soaps - bars and gels
Lotions
Lip Balm
Shampoo/Conditioner
Hair Oils/Pomade
Dry Shampoo
Plain black hair ties
Picks/Combs
Toothpaste/mouthwash/floss
Laundry detergent/fabric softener
Money - Checks made to CRSPA with
Hygiene Closet in the memo line.*

Remember: Those who donate get an extra door-prize ticket at the meeting!

Good times at our December Meeting.....



John Allen
CCPS 2023
Teacher of the Year



Keren Tuck
CCPS 2023 Educational
Support Professional of the Year



Mutual Elementary Music Program
Under Direction of Mr. Doug Fraley



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your meal.



And more.....



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MRSPA Foundation Raffle

The MRSPA Community Service and Scholarship Committees provide tremendous support to students and staff in our schools across Maryland. Therefore, we are seeking **donations** to the *MRSPA Foundation* so that we can continue our work. Again, this year, raffle tickets will be purchased solely through the MRSPA newsletter using the form below and through local association newsletters using the same form. All donations are tax deductible and come with our thanks and appreciation!

Your name will be entered into a drawing upon receipt of your donation based on this criterion: Donations of \$10 will earn 1 raffle ticket while donations of \$25 will earn 3 raffle tickets incrementally. MRSPA staff will write your name on the correct number of tickets when we receive your check. The drawing will take place at the May 2024 Annual Business Meeting whether held in person or virtually. You can win the \$300 cash first prize, a Maryland themed basket valued at \$175 second prize, or one of 5 third place themed baskets valued at \$125: Cooking, Game Night, Wine Lover, Book Worm, and Sports Lover. Out-of-state winners will receive gift cards in lieu of basket contents.

Entering the drawing is fun and easy!

1. Make your **check payable to** **MRSPA Foundation**
2. Write **MRSPA Foundation Raffle** on the FOR line
3. Date and **sign** your check
4. **Mail** check and completed form to MRSPA at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, MD 21113 **before March 22, 2024**

Will you send a donation today?

Receipts will be sent via US Mail.



MRSPA Foundation

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____



\$ Switch and Save \$

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Thank you for being a member of MRSPA and CRSPA!
There is truly strength in our numbers!

Change your method of membership dues payment to one annual deduction from your state retirement/pension check. It is safe and easy. You will not receive a bill to pay your dues. Currently 9,000 members pay by deduction. As a bonus, when you switch to dues deduction prior to renewing your current year membership, you will save by receiving a one-time \$10 reduction in MRSPA dues for the membership year. You can also get this bonus, if you already renewed. It will then go into effect for the next membership year.

If you would like to Switch and Save, click [Switch and Save form](#) to print, complete, and mail to the MRSPA Office.


Support the Calvert County School Foundation and buy a ticket for three teachers to win a \$750 classroom refresh! Three teachers—one elementary, one middle, and one high—will be chosen at random. The more tickets they have, the greater the chance of winning! Ticket sales close at noon on February 10th. Winners will be surprised in their classrooms on February 14th. Buy your tickets online: <http://bit.ly/CCSF2024SpreadtheLove>.



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Spread the Love Classroom Refresh






**CALVERT COUNTY SCHOOL FOUNDATION
INVITES YOU**

to nominate a CCPS teacher for a classroom refresh!
Each nomination is \$5.00 and can be purchased at
<https://bitly/CCSF2024SpreadtheLove>
January 3 - February 10 at Noon

On February 14, three teachers will be surprised
with a classroom refresh valued at \$750.

Many Thanks to Our
Classroom Refresh Sponsor

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