On the cover
Pictured at the top are employees from Mattawoman Middle School. Pictured, from left, are Teresa Seay, media instructional assistant; Portia Parker, mathematics teacher; and John Paine, Jr., science teacher.

Winter break
Schools will be closed for winter break Dec. 22 through Jan. 2. Students and teachers head back to the classroom on Monday, Jan. 5. Administrative offices are closed Dec. 24-26, and again on Jan. 1-2.

Free tutor training
The Charles County Literacy Council, Inc. is hosting a free one-day tutor training for interested volunteers on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Durham Church in Nanjemoy. Participants must be 18 or older to register. Registration is available at www.charlescountyliteracy.org. Deadline to register is Jan. 12. Materials and a light lunch/snacks will be provided. Call 301-934-6488 for more information.

Let it Snow
The James E. Richmond Science Center is showing a double feature of Dream to Fly and Let it Snow in the digital dome at 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 11:20 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20. There is also 12 p.m. showing for Dream to Fly. There will be presentations using the Science on a Sphere and hands-on activities using exploration stations. Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens, military members and children under the age of 12 and free for CCPS employees and children ages three and under. Visit http://www.ccboe.com/sciencecenter to purchase tickets and for more information.

Charles County Board of Education XVI takes office
Members of the Board of Education XVI took the oath of office Monday during a swearing-in ceremony held St. Charles High School. Five new Board of Education members, Mark Crawford, Victoria Kelly, Margaret Marshall, Virginia McGraw and Barbara Palko, were elected in November to their first term in office and join incumbents Jennifer Abell and Michael Lukas, who were re-elected.

The Board members serve a four-year term and elect officers at the January meeting. Board members Patricia Bowie, Maura Cook, Pamela Pedersen and Roberta Wise did not run for re-election.

• Abell is the Director of the March of Dimes for Southern Maryland and a long-term resident of Charles County. She was first appointed to the Board in 2004, and re-elected to her third term this year.

• Crawford is a teacher and extended care director at Southern Maryland Christian Academy. Elected in November, Crawford previously served a four-year term as a member of the Board of Education from 2002 to 2006.

• Kelly is a management consultant and program analyst for EHS Technologies and an active parent and community volunteer. She is newly elected.

• Lukas is an engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division and volunteers with several community organizations. He was elected to a second term.

• Marshall is a former government remediator, assistant test coordinator, social studies teacher and county instructional resource teacher for social studies who retired from the office of curriculum and instruction after 25 years of service with Charles County Public Schools. She is newly elected.

• McGraw is a retired Charles County Public Schools principal who also served as a teacher and vice principal during her 25-year career with Charles County Public Schools. She is newly elected.

• Palko is a retired career and technology education coordinator who also served as a teacher and instructional specialist during her 35-year career with Charles County Public Schools. She is newly elected.

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The Charles County Board of Education XVI took office after a swearing-in ceremony at St. Charles High School on Dec. 15. Pictured, from left, are Students Board Member and Westlake High School senior Georgia Benson and Board Members Mark Crawford, Victoria T. Talley, Barbara S. Palko, Margaret T. Marshall, Michael Lukas, Jennifer S. Abell and Virginia R. McGraw.

Board XVI

• Georgia Benson is the appointed student member of the board. She is a senior at Westlake High School, where she serves a member of the student government association, Key Club and the National Honor Society. She also plays varsity field hockey and lacrosse.

Benson and St. Charles High student liaison Paris Mercier officiated the swearing-in ceremony where Clerk of the Charles County Circuit Sharon Hancock administered the oath of office to each member.

Personnel

Job Openings

Budget Assistant – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Three years of experience in an accounting environment with an emphasis on payroll, finance, government, accounting, and/or related field required. Apply by Dec. 22.

Building Service Worker – Mary H. Matula Elementary School, 12-month position. Apply by Dec. 22.

Food Service Managers – Openings at Mary H. Matula and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer elementary schools, 10-month positions. Apply by Dec. 29.

Workers Compensation Risk Analyst – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. A minimum of two years workers’ compensation, safety, leave management and/or return to work program experience required. Apply by Jan. 5.

Elementary School Teacher – Location to be determined, 10-month position.

Mathematics Teacher – Milton M. Somers Middle School, 10-month position.

School Psychologist – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 10.5-month position. A School Psychology Certification in Maryland is required. A Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential is preferred.

Special Education Teacher – Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Elementary School, 10-month position.

English Teachers – Openings at Theodore G. Davis Middle and St. Charles High schools, 10-month positions.

Library Media Specialist – Location to be determined, 10-month position. Master’s degree in library science required.

Prekindergarten Teacher – Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School, 10-month position.

Science Teacher – North Point High School, 10-month position.

Technology Education Teacher – North Point High School, 10-month position.

Autism Teacher – Location to be determined, 10-month position.

Reading Recovery Teacher – Location to be determined, 10-month position. Master’s degree in early childhood education or reading, evidence of completion of a Reading Recovery training program and three years teaching experience at the primary level required. Experience with Reading Recovery preferred.

Instructional Resource Teacher for Life Skills – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 10-month position.

Extra pay positions

Westlake High School has the following openings:

• Head boys’ lacrosse coach
• Head baseball coach

Contact Dominic Zaccarelli, athletic director, at 301-645-8857 to apply.

Henry E. Lackey High School has the following opening:

• Assistant softball coach

Contact Tony Mast, athletic director, at 301-753-1753 to apply.