

Upcoming

St. Michael's school to hold open house

St. Michael's Country Day School will hold a "Campus and Camp" open house — a combination Admission and Summer Camp show-and-tell on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet other parents, talk with teachers in their classrooms, and tour the facilities, including the school's new middle-school building. Parents and children interested in computer science and drama, or both, will also be able to visit a Saturday morning robotics workshop and watch students in the school's drama program building the sets for the winter production of "The Little Princess."

Parents curious about summer camp options will be able to get

Fishing night at PAC

The Jamestown Striper Club will host a video presentation with live narration by Mike Laptew, the "Diving Fisherman."

The show is called "A Fish-Eye's View of Jamestown Hot Spots." Laptew's videos have been called "incredible and truly mesmerizing."

The show will be presented Friday, March 9, at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club on Narragansett Avenue in Jamestown. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. All ages are welcome. There will be a cash bar and food will be available.

All who attend will be eligible for a door prize and a raffle will also be held for some great fishing gear and gift certificates to local tackle shops. Tickets cost \$8, advance sales only. To purchase tickets or get more information, call Bruce Toppa at 423-2866.

West talks politics at art museum

Darrell West, the John Hazen White Professor of Political Science and Public Policy and the director of the Taubman Center for Public Policy at Brown University, will assess the state and national political outlook heading into the elections during the "Art of Politics: The Political Landscape of 2007-2008" on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m.

West has given talks in several countries around the world. He is a frequent commentator on media and elections and has been quoted in major newspapers such as the New York Times, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, Providence Journal, and Los Angeles Times, and also on National Public Radio, MSNBC, C-SPAN, the Today Show, O'Reilly Factor, Hardball, NBC Nightly News, and ABC World News.

This is the fourth of eight winter lectures that will take place on consecutive Saturday afternoons at the Newport Art Museum. The cost of each lecture is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members and includes a tea reception after the lecture. Arrive early, as seating is limited. For more information, call the museum at 848-8200 or go to "Calendar" at www.newportartmuseum.com.

information about the two programs, Summer at St. Michael's, for ages three to nine, with a mix of art, science, swimming and recreational activities; and Theatre at St. Michael's, for nine to eighteen, which offers age-appropriate introductions to everything from Shakespeare to Broadway to moviemaking. Additions to this summer's list of programs include Chinese and Chinese Culture, rocket building, robotics, and the fine-tuning of study skills.

Founded in 1938, St. Michael's is an independent, coeducational school for children from preschool through grade 8. It is the mission of the school "to educate the whole child: mind, body, spirit, and character," and to prepare its students as completely as possible for both the academic and social demands of secondary school. With a current enrollment of 232, class sizes are small, with a student-teacher ratio of 7 to 1. For more information, call 849-5970, ext. 302.

Winter forest program set to run in Middletown

The Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown will sponsor a program this Saturday, Jan. 28, called "Reading the Winter Forest," with naturalist Garry Plunkett. The program runs from 1 to 3 p.m.

Join forest ecologist Garry Plunkett for a talk on winter tree identification, followed by a walk on the trails. Winter is a great time to take a closer look at the form of the trees as well as the shape of the land, and Plunkett will help participants gain a greater appre-

ciation for interesting details that might not be noticed at other times of year.

Plunkett has given this popular program at the sanctuary before, and this year will discuss the history of the forests of Aquidneck Island and the joys of observing trees and nature in winter. The program costs \$5 for nonmembers and \$3 for members of Norman Bird Sanctuary or the Rhode Island Wild Plant Society.

Call 846-2577 to pre-register.

Child safety week upcoming

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. This year, in addition to sending cards and eating chocolates, celebrate Child Passenger Safety Week from Feb. 11 to 17.

Show children how much they are loved by making sure they are safe when they ride in a car.

Car crashes are the number one killer of children ages two to 14. Many parents know that young children must ride in a car seat, but did you know that children between 4 and 8 years old should use a booster seat in the car? Booster seats "boost" young children up so that the seat belts—which are designed for adults—fit them properly. You wouldn't send a child to school in adult clothing, so why send them on a car ride wearing a seat belt that's meant to fit a larger

person? Children may graduate from a booster seat to a regular seat belt only when they are taller than 4-feet, 9-inches.

For more information about booster seats and car seats for children of all ages, visit www.boosterseat.gov. And remember, chocolates on Valentine's Day are sweet, but keeping children safe is even sweeter.

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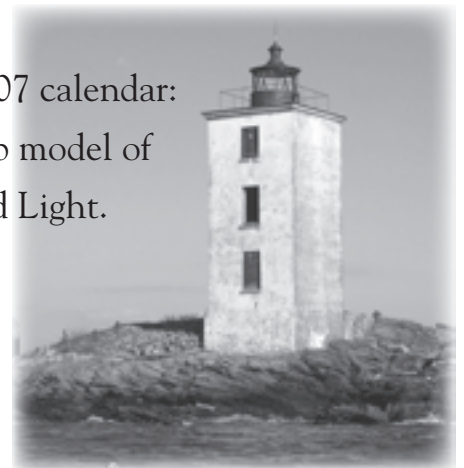
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In the Children's Chapel of St. Matthew's Church, 87 Narragansett Avenue
For details or to register, call Cindy Olsen, Kindermusik educator, at 608-2022
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