



# EASMC Today

October 2025



## SMCPS Calendar Survey

The SMCPS Calendar Committee will convene again on Nov. 10. A calendar survey has been published. If you have not already done so, please complete it at the link below.

Pay attention! New this year is a proposal from SMCPS to switch from regular early dismissal days for professional development/professional responsibilities to late arrival instead. Also, it is proposed that these days would be moved to Wednesdays instead of Fridays.

[CLICK FOR CALENDAR SURVEY](#)

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## Representative Assembly



These sites were represented at the 10/21/25 Rep. Assembly

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| • CWDES  | • EES     | • LMS      | • RES  |
| • CPCS   | • GWCES   | • LMDES    | • SRMS |
| • CHS    | • GMHS    | • LPES     | • TCES |
| • DSS    | • Central | • MBMS     | • VA   |
| • JAFCTC | Offices   | • MES      |        |
| • DES    | • LES     | • PPES     |        |
| • EMS    | • LHS     | • RETIREES |        |

*Thank you*

## EASMC Elections

EASMC Election Nominations are open! All EASMC Board of Directors seats and MSEA/NEA delegate positions are open. Nomination forms are due November 19<sup>th</sup> by 8:00 p.m.

[CLICK FOR EASMC NOMINATION FORM](#)

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 3 - EASMC @ MES  
Nov. 4 - EASMC Board of Directors, 4:30 p.m.  
Nov. 5 - Board of Education, 9:00 a.m.  
Nov. 5 - EASMC Membership Committee 4:30pm  
Nov. 6 - EASMC @ EES & HES  
Nov. 13 - EASMC @ GHES @ PPES  
Nov 18 - EASMC Rep Assembly, 5:00 p.m.

## SMCPS Redistricting

There have been no official decisions made related to redistricting. The system hired a professional consultant to gather information and work with the school system and the community to craft recommendations that will be discussed and decided by the Board of Education next spring. The Board of Education will make any decisions based on the input that is received.

Forum 2: 4:00 - 6:00pm or 7:00 - 9:00pm

- 11/12/25 - GWCES
- 11/13/25 - CHS
- 11/14/25 - JAFCTC

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## PRAXIS Tutors

The Center for Education Policy and Practice is excited to announce that our restructured PRAXIS/PARAPRO tutoring sessions will begin the week of September 22, 2025. We have implemented significant program enhancements that will provide improved coverage for our members. These exciting developments represent our commitment to excellence in professional development and student success. Would you like to have one-on-one support with the PRAXIS/PARAPRO? MSEA processes individual requests daily and finds tutors to work directly with members. For registration [CLICK HERE](#).

## WHO CAN HELP?

Tel. (240) 309-4196

**Sarah Penrod, EASMC President, [spenrod@mseanea.org](mailto:spenrod@mseanea.org)**

Systemic Issues, Negotiated Agreement Questions, Rep. Assembly, Board of Directors, Committees, Public Relations, Policies, Contract Questions, Program and Strategic Plan

**Dawn Pipkin, MSEA UniServ Director, [dpipkin@mseanea.org](mailto:dpipkin@mseanea.org)**

Negotiated Agreement Concerns, Staff Rights & Responsibilities, Discipline & Performance, Teacher Resignation, Allegations, Member Advocacy, Contract Grievances

**Jennifer Waybright, EASMC Office Manager, [jwaybright@mseanea.org](mailto:jwaybright@mseanea.org)**

Dues, Membership, Communications, Web Site, Rosters, Calendar, Resources, Site Rep. Accreditation & Changes





# SOUTHERN MD FOOD BANK

***EASMC and EACC are partnering together to support our Community Schools***

## Items Needed:

### Dry and Canned Goods

- Soups: Canned soups, stews, and chili
- Canned Proteins: Tuna, chicken, and ham
- Canned Fruits: Fruit cocktail, apple sauce, peaches, pears
- Canned Vegetables: Peas, green beans, carrots, corn and dry beans

### Staples and Pantry Items

- Peanut Butter
- Pasta and Rice
- Infant Formula
- Cereal and Oatmeal
- Spices and Stock Cubes
- Snacks: Granola bars, dried fruit and nuts
- Cooking Oil, Sugar, Flour, and Condensed Milk
- Desserts: Brownie or cake mix, cookies, pie crusts & filling

### What to Avoid

- Homemade Foods
- Expired Items: Only donate food that is not past its "sell-by" date
- Perishable Foods: Items that require refrigeration, such as fresh meat, dairy, or produce



## Drop-off Information:



### EASMC Office

41680 Miss Bessie Dr., Suite 201  
Leonardtown, MD 20650



### Office Hours

Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



**Donate Now**

Deadline to Drop-off Items:  
**Wednesday, November 12**



Dear Members,

I'm excited to invite you to be part of our new BEACON Community Coalition—a space where educators, families, and community partners come together to strengthen public education in St. Mary's County.

Our goal is simple but powerful: to build a united voice that shines a light on the issues our schools and students face, while working collaboratively toward solutions that uplift our entire community. Whether it's advocating for resources, improving working conditions, or fostering partnerships, this coalition will help us move forward—together.

Our **first BEACON meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the EASMC office.**

Your ideas, your experiences, and your voice are what will make this coalition strong. Please join us as we kick off this important work and set the course for the year ahead.

In solidarity,

*Sarah Penrod*

President, Education Association of St. Mary's County

