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MAEOE Maryland Association for Environmental
& Outdoor Education

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Dear J. Casey Buckstaff,

Congratulations Saint John the Evangelist School on having certified as a Maryland Green School! We recognize the great and green efforts that your school has gone to in order to achieve this significant accomplishment. The Maryland Green School award represents a whole school commitment to environmental literacy for staff, students and the community. Your efforts are making a difference!

“The Green School...process has been an amazing discovery of all of the nooks and crannies where the environment is used in the classroom – from art projects, student centered research, and MYP Personal Projects, to environmental issues in World and Classical Language, students and teachers are engaged in creating a greater understanding of how they can make this community, and the world beyond, a better place to live.” Teacher from Annapolis High School

Today there are more than 582 Green Schools certified in Maryland. That is over 25% of all Maryland schools. Our Maryland Green Schools are creating a large environmental footprint; changing their communities to become more sustainable. Your school is part of a national and international community of sustainable green schools. Each year your students are becoming better stewards of our Earth’s resources and developing a better understanding of their own local environment.

For the past few years, MAEOE has teamed with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) to offer additional recognition and support to all Maryland Green Schools. As a result of your achievements, your school is automatically eligible to earn an award through NWF’s [Eco-Schools USA](#) program, which places you in the top tier of green schools both nationally and internationally. If you are interested in Eco-Schools USA and would like to participate in this free program, please contact Holly Shields at shieldsh@nwf.org for more details.

We invite you to celebrate your achievements at the annual **Maryland Green Schools Youth Summit at Sandy Point State Park on Friday, May 18th**. Awards Ceremonies are held as a part of the Youth Summit. Green School gifts, County Citations and other items are issued there. For more details about the event and registration information for the Awards Ceremony and Youth Summit [click here](#). We hope that your school can attend to be honored and celebrate with us.

Attached you will find a press release for your school to use. Please feel free to personalize it with your school information.

As you continue your Green School journey we encourage you to keep record of your activities. This will help make the application process go more smoothly when you reapply in 4 years. Online methods such as Power Point and Websites can allow multiple users to have access and contribute to the application. **Please keep us posted if your main contact at the school changes over the next few years.**

This summer we will be choosing application examples for our website, we will contact you directly if we use illustrations from your school.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



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