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Author Mary Kay Ricks to Speak at Sandy Spring Friends School March 4

Silver Spring author Mary Kay Ricks will discuss her recently released book *Escape on the Pearl: The Heroic Bid for Freedom on the Underground Railroad* on March 4 at 8 p.m. at the Sandy Spring Friends School Performing Arts Center on the school's campus at 16923 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring.

The book, including a number of Sandy Spring area references, chronicles the history-changing escape attempt by Maryland slaves aboard the ship *Pearl* berthed in Washington, D.C. Copies of the book will be available for purchasing and signing that evening.

The talk, which will conclude with a question and answer period, is sponsored by the school's Political Affairs Club and Black Student Union. Molly Ricks, daughter of Mary Kay and Tom Ricks, is a 2007 graduate of Sandy Spring Friends School.

For further information, please call the school at 301-774-7455 Ext. 157. Or visit the Web site www.ssfs.org.

Sandy Spring Friends School offers a coeducational pre-kindergarten through grade 12 preeminent college preparatory curriculum, based on traditional Quaker values and taught by a dynamic faculty that fosters a stimulating and diverse environment to promote leadership, social awareness, intellectual and spiritual growth. An optional five- or seven-day boarding program is offered in grades 9 through 12. Bus transportation and extended day programs are available as well.

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