

# CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter



August 27, 2019

"With God all things are possible.

-Matthew 19:26

#### <u>Important Dates</u>

**August 27:** 1st Day of School for K-8 & Early Dismissal (12:30pm)

**August 30:** Early Dismissal (12:30pm)

**September 2:** No School - Labor Day

**September 3:** 1st Day of School for Pre-K

**September 5:** Grades 2-5 Parent Meeting (6:30pm)

**September 6:** First Friday Mass (9am, hosted by 8th grade)

**September 11:** Middle School Parent Meeting (6:30pm)

General Home and School Association (HSA) Meeting (7pm)

**September 12:**Band Demonstration (gr. 4-8)

**September 13:** St. Mary's Ryken visits

7th & 8th graders
September 19:

Grandparents' Day & 12:30pm Early Dismissal

**September 20:** No School - St. Mary's County Fair

**September 26:** First Day of Band & After School Advanced Band

#### Welcome back to school!

**Welcome!** It was wonderful to welcome all of our new families and see so many of our returning families at our Open House. It certainly was a positive and enthusiastic start to what I hope will be a great year for our school community!



**Thank you!** We are very grateful to our families who helped complete many summer maintenance projects. A huge "Thank You" to Mr. Jeff Jones for coordinating several projects that improved our facility inside and outside. Thanks to all who helped with these jobs:

Ryan Russell, Ritchie Tippett, Laura & John Vanhoy, Karen & Jeff Jones, Jaime & John Weber, Krystle & Andrew Rossignol, Mark & Stacie Roy, Clay Safford, Paige Fletcher, and Colin Smith.

<u>Important Packets:</u> Please pay close attention to the papers that come home in today's Tuesday Envelope. Many forms need to be returned by next week, including the technology fee form and payment (for K-8th grade), emergency contact, medical forms, milk form, bus information, etc.

Important Survey!: In the beginning of the year packet given out at our Open House, you should have received a very important yellow survey sheet. We need each family to complete it and send it back to school by Friday, September 6th. This information is very important in helping us to participate in federal programs, grants, and other funding opportunities. We have benefited greatly from participation in some of these programs such as the Nonpublic Aging Schools program and the MD State Student Textbook program. Thank you for your cooperation.

<u>Lunch Program:</u> The lunch ordering system is open for orders for September. Families may order weekly by Friday of the week prior. If you are new to the school please go to <a href="https://www.orgsonline.com">www.orgsonline.com</a> to create an account. You will be able to enter your information and it will ask for a school code which is 410FAWSMD.





**School Hours** 

8:00am - 2:35pm



Sign up today!



# Interested in serving school lunches?

Contact our kitchen volunteer coordinator, Vicki Rutherford, at jersey2224@gmail.com



"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

How can you help others feel welcome this year? Invite an unfamiliar face to sit near you.



<u>Conferences:</u> Just an early note about our report card conferences at the end of the first quarter. This year conferences will be held from 3:15-6:30pm on the afternoon of November 6th and 1:30-4:30pm AND 5-6:30pm on November 7th. Friday, November 8th will be a holiday for teachers and students. Please make sure you will be available those days for this very important meeting concerning your child's progress. Sheets for conference appointments will be sent home near the end of the first quarter. Report cards for the first quarter will only be given to parents at the conferences.

**SCRIP Gift Card Fundraiser:** FAW purchases gift cards at a discounted rate and sells them at face value, generating revenue for the school. Participation in our scrip gift card fundraiser is mandatory for all service scholarship families (those families who accept reduced tuition in exchange for volunteer hours). Each family is required to earn \$50 in profit for our school. This will likely require the purchase of \$1,000 to \$1,500 in gift cards which can be used for everyday purchases. After earning \$50 in rebates for the school, a participating family may designate a portion of the remaining rebates to be used as a credit to a student's tuition account (tuition assistance), a credit to an 8th grader's end of year trip, or a donation to the school. We maintain a large inventory of retailers, including local grocery stores, restaurants and clothing retailers and can order gift cards for hundreds more retailers. More information on our program will be forthcoming. If you choose not to participate in the fundraiser or you do not meet the minimum requirement, you will be required to send in the difference in May 2020.

Child Protection Volunteer Requirements: For our new families and as a reminder for our returning families, don't forget the archdiocesan requirements for anyone who wishes to volunteer for activities that involve interaction with our children (ex. coaching, classroom or cafeteria helper, chaperone on field trips, etc.). The Archdiocese of Washington Child Protection Policy requires volunteers in parishes and schools to set up an account at virtus.org, complete a volunteer application, be fingerprinted at one of the approved locations, and attend a training session on the Child Protection Policy. Upon completion of the training session, the last page in the policy book must be signed and returned to the school office. No one may volunteer with our children until the entire process is completed. Families that need to start this process in order to volunteer for activities involving our children, MUST PICK UP A PACKET OF INFORMATION AND FORMS IN THE OFFICE.





- Morning Drop-off: Car riders are dropped off after 7:45am at the side door of the gym. Cars form a line along the curb and children unload on the curb side only. Anyone who wants to walk their child into the building must park in one of the lined spaces and escort their child to the side door of the gym.
- Afternoon Pick-up: Each car should have the placard with the family name hanging from the rearview mirror or a sign on the passenger side of your windshield with the last name of the students you are picking up.
- ➤ All persons picking up students are to remain in their cars while teachers help students into their cars. Please inform anyone who may pick up your children grandparents, siblings, babysitters, etc. of these procedures that all car riders must follow.

Phone calls to change a dismissal routine for any child **MUST BE MADE BY 2pm**.

# THE CRUSADER CUP/ FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL'S GOLF TOURNAMENT - OCTOBER 18TH, 2019: We would love to see you at THE CRUSADER CUP PAR-TEE for a great cause.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- 1) Committee Member -- attend golf committee meetings and sign up golfers and sponsors. Wear comfy shoes because we pound the pavement looking for participation! Sign up with Dawn Carroll at <a href="mailto:dawn@teamcarroll.com">dawn@teamcarroll.com</a>. Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd at 6pm at the Carroll's: 22090 Society Hill Road Leonardtown.
- 2) Day of Event Volunteer -- help the day of the event with set-up, supporting tournament and/or clean-up. Sign up with Julie White at <u>juliemariewhite@outlook.com</u>.

**Box Tops Contest:** Please send in any Box Tops that you collected over the summer labeled with your family name by September 11th. The family that sends in the most qualifying Box Tops by the deadline will win gift cards to be used at area stores! All families who turn in Box Tops will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card. The winners will be announced on Tuesday, September 24th. Although they don't count towards the contest, please also send in Tyson labels as well.

<u>Substitutes:</u> We are looking for cheerful and positive parents and community members who would be available 7:45am - 2:45pm to substitute for teachers as needed throughout the year. Approved applicants who pass a criminal background check can use this for volunteer hours or to receive payment. If you are interested please contact the office, 301-475-9795, for a substitute application and information about what days you would be available.



Between 7:30 and 8:30am and again between 2:00 and 3:00pm, all cars are to make a **right turn only** when exiting the parking lot to keep the car line moving and not block traffic on Washington Street.



On designated days, the early dismissal time is 12:30pm. Please send a nutritious snack with all children on these days. Lunch is not served on early dismissal days.

This Friday is a 12:30pm Early Dismissal!



<u>Handbook Highlight:</u> "Forms are sent home the first week of school for parents to fill out with emergency phone numbers and medical information. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THESE FORMS BE RETURNED PROMPTLY AND THE INFORMATION IS KEPT UP TO DATE. Parents will also be asked to provide contact information and dismissal directions in the event of an emergency school closing. Parents should have another contact besides themselves on the emergency form. Also, if there are any changes to regular contact or emergency contact information during the school year, the school office MUST be notified."

<u>Grades 2-5 Parent Meeting:</u> Next Thursday, September 5th at 6:30pm, we will have a meeting for parents of all 2nd - 5th graders in the Gym to discuss the ways we are attempting to meet the academic needs of each child by offering a variety of learning opportunities in reading this year. Please plan to attend this brief meeting to understand our new program.

<u>Opening School Mass:</u> We invite our families to join our students and staff as we ask God to bless our work and play this year. Our opening Mass hosted by 8th grade, will be **next Friday**, **September 6th at 9am** at St. Aloysius Church. Parents are always welcome to join us for 8:30am Friday Mass on other Fridays.

HSA and Middle School Meeting: Our first general HSA meeting will be Thursday, September 11th at 7pm. Our middle school grades will host a meeting immediately preceding at 6:30 pm. We will discuss some of the wonderful projects completed over the summer and upcoming plans for the new school year.



<u>Volunteer Form:</u> We encourage all our families to complete the online volunteer opportunity form to learn more about and show your interest for our events this year. We are looking for 100% participation in completing this form. Logon today! <a href="https://forms.gle/CNey6BVMKYx6WQZe7">https://forms.gle/CNey6BVMKYx6WQZe7</a>

#### **Weekly Reminders:**

- ☐ Middle School students will need one composition notebook and one bottle of Elmer's glue in addition to the supplies listed on the school supply list.
- ☐ Return all important forms (by Friday)
- Send in your Box Tops
- Complete steps to become a volunteer
- ☐ Get a jumpstart on your SCRIP gift card purchases
- ☐ Complete the online volunteer form





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	No School Labor Day	First Day for Pre-K	4	5 Grades 2-5 Parent Meeting 6:30pm	6 First Friday Mass 9am, hosted by 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7
8	9 Environmental Field Trip, Grade 7	10	Middle School     Parent Meeting, 6:30pm & HSA Meeting, 7pm	Band Demonstration Grades 4-8	St. Mary's Ryken Visits 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	14
15	16	17	18	9 Grandparents' Day & 12:30pm Early Dismissal	No School St. Mary's County Fair	21
22	23	24	25 Environmental Field Trip, Grades 2 & 5	First Day of 26 Band & After School Advanced Band	27	28
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#### 10th Annual Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, October 18th, 2019

#### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider Supporting FAW Golf Tournament. It is guaranteed to be a good time and worth every dollar spent!

## Hole Sign - \$100

• Signage including name/logo at hole

#### Par Sponsor - \$300

- Sponsor provided promotional items placed in goodie bags
- Name/logo on event banner
- Name/logo in event program
- Signage including name/logo at hole

### Birdie Sponsor - \$750

- (4) Complimentary golfers and lunch
- Signage including name/logo at hole
- Sponsor provided promotional items
- Name/logo on event banner
- Name/logo in event program

#### Crusader Sponsor - \$1,250

- (4) Complimentary golfers and lunch
- Signage including name/logo at \*TWO\* holes
- Name/logo on event banner
- Name/logo in event program
- Sponsor provided promotional item
- Sponsor recognition announced on PA system

#### **Production/In-Kind Sponsor**

Donations of supplies/materials/services/prizes/food/etc.
will be given a value and placed in the appropriate sponsorship category.

#### Contact Us At

301.904.6031 or dawn@teamcarroll.com with your sponsorship commitment

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#### **TEAM/SPONSOR REGISTRATION**

Company Name:	_	☐ This Team Will Play In The
Team Capt:	Email:	Women's Division (all 4 team members must be female)
Player 2:	Phone:	
Player 3:	_	
Player 4:	_	
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Make Checks Payable to: FAW School Send Registration To: Father Andrew White School, c/o FAW Golf Tournament P.O. Box 1756 Leonardtown, MD 20650

You Must Pay To Reserve Your Spot. We Greatly Appreciate Your Support
Questions? 301.904.6031 or dawn@teamcarroll.com
Rain date of Friday, October 25th, 2019

# GATHER UP THOSE BOX TOPS and Tyson Project A Plus labels!



Our contest to see which family collected the most Box Tops for Education over the summer ends September 11th.

Please send your Box Tops in a baggie labeled with your family name by September 11th. Although they don't count towards the contest, you can send in Tyson labels as well.

The family that sends in the most qualifying Box Tops by the deadline will win gift cards to be used at area stores! All families who turn in Box Tops will be entered in a drawing for a gift card. The winners will be announced on Tuesday, September 24th.

Box Tops are going digital. Please consider downloading the Box Tops for Education app and uploading your receipts so our school can continue to benefit from this program.

Thanks for all your support and good luck to all of you. Please continue to save your Box Tops. This is a great fundraiser for our school - last year we made over \$925 from Box Tops!

Box Tops for Education Becky Tritschler