



Father Andrew White S. J. School

National Blue Ribbon School



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 1, 2019

Important Upcoming Dates

August 22: Meeting for Parents new to FAW (4pm)
August 22: Open House (5-7pm)
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

Tuition: Tuition envelopes were mailed and payments started in July for families with children in K-8. July payments should have been paid by now. During the school year the envelopes will be sent home with your oldest child in the school's Tuesday communication envelope. **PLEASE RETURN THEM EACH MONTH. According to policy, tuition payments must be made by the last day of each month.** Tuition Payment Schedule:

Yearly - due July 2019 Semi-annual - due July 2019 & January 2020

Monthly - due July 2019 - June 2020 by the 30th of each month

The book fee of \$125.00 per child in grades K-8 is due by August 15th.

Technology Fee: This year families will be assessed a \$50 technology fee for each student in Kindergarten - 8th grade. The fee will cover the items needed to protect the equipment (including Chromebook cases for Middle Schoolers) and to repair or replace any devices that are accidentally damaged due to general wear and tear. Please complete the technology fee form in the first day of school packet, and submit it along with payment by Friday, Sept. 6th.

Contracts: Each family must have a 2019-2020 contract on file in the office by the first day of school. If your contract has not been returned, please contact the school office immediately. To be entitled to the Catholic rate, we **MUST have an Agreement for Parishioners signed by your pastor on file.** The agreement must be submitted to the office by the first day of school or you will be billed for the Non-Catholic rate in September.

First Day of School: Students in grades K-8 will begin the school year on August 27th. **Dismissal on the first day of school will be at the 12:30pm early dismissal time.** All students are to be in their school uniform beginning on August 27th. Please check the uniform code for correct socks, shoes, length of skirts and shorts, etc. It is important that all students follow the school dress code every day for the entire year. Please note the following addition to the uniform code:

- **Due to the standalone capability of some models/brands to send and receive text messages and take pictures, no smartwatches of any kind (i.e. Apple Watch, Android Watch, etc.) may be worn at any time, even if their "smart" functions can be "turned off."**

All regulations of the uniform code will be strictly enforced.

School Hours: Please note that school starts each day at 8:00am with dismissal on full days at 2:35pm. All students **must** be in the gym by 8:00am. Car riders should adjust their schedules to make sure children are in the gym on time. Children who arrive after 8:00am are marked tardy.

Pre-Kindergarten: The first day of school for Pre-K students will be Tuesday, September 3rd. The hours for Pre-K students are 8:00am - 2:35pm **The Pre-K Materials fee is \$125.00 per child which should be paid by August 15th.**

Car Riders: With the completion of the St. Aloysius parish hall, we ask that **parents who are dropping off and picking up their children as car riders return to the routine used prior to last year for forming the line.**

1. Cars approaching from Route 5 should proceed past the school and church to make a left turn into the parking lot.
2. The line of traffic should pass by the front of the church and hall before making a right and then left to proceed behind the school.
3. Once behind the school, cars should make a left u-turn and proceed back toward the parking lot.
4. Make a right turn along the sidewalk, pull forward as far as possible, and proceed until you are able to stop and students can unload/load.
5. Cars approaching the school from the Square in town, should turn right into the parking lot and then continue with the directions as described above.

On school days 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. This includes those going to St. Mary's Ryken.

- **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. **NO CHILD MAY RUN OR WALK BY THEMSELVES THROUGH THE LINE OF TRAFFIC TO THE GYM DOOR.** We ask that after the first week, parents do not walk their children to their classrooms.
- **Afternoon Pick-up:** Dismissal begins at 2:35pm. The car line forms along the curb near the side gym door. Students will be dismissed as their cars pull up to the door. Car riders should only be called to the office before 2:35pm if there is an emergency. Phone calls to change a dismissal routine for any child **MUST BE MADE BY 2:00 pm.**

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 this procedure that all car riders must follow.

Absences: Parents must call the school office prior to 9:00am to report an absence. In the interest of safety and security, the school will contact parents regarding a child's absence in the event that a call has not been received. In addition to the phone call, a written note stating the dates and reason for the absence must be submitted upon the child's return.

Early Dismissal Days: 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.

Physicals: All new students in Pre-K through 8th grade **MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL AND IMMUNIZATION RECORD ON FILE** in the school office before the first day of school.

REQUIREMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 7 STUDENTS

Kindergarten - Two(2) doses of Varicella vaccine

Grade 7 - A single dose of Tdap vaccine & a single dose of Meningococcal vaccine

Medication Policy: By state law, we may not dispense **any** medication - over-the-counter or prescriptions - without a medicine form signed by the physician. These forms may be picked up in the office. Children may not bring any medicine or medicated products to school. Parents must bring the medicine to school in the original prescription container with the form signed by the physician.

Emergency Contact and Medical Forms: On the first day of school, the oldest child in each family will bring home a packet of **very important information**. The packet will include emergency contact forms, medical forms, bus information, etc. **It's very important that these forms are completed and returned by Tuesday, September 3rd.** Please make sure that emergency information is kept up-to-date throughout the year.

Lunch Program: An online ordering system is used for our hot lunch program. The online ordering must be done monthly and we cannot accept late orders. An email with registration instructions for all families new to FAW will be sent in the coming days. All returning families can use their login information from last year. The deadline for the first order will be AUGUST 23rd. This first order will be for August and September. **REMEMBER – NO ORDERS FOR HOT LUNCH WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 23rd. STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO BRING BAG LUNCHES FOR AUGUST AND-SEPTEMBER IF ORDERS ARE NOT IN BY AUGUST 23rd.** Also, if you are interested in volunteering to help serve hot lunch please contact Vicki Rutherford at jersey2224@gmail.com.

Milk: If you want your child to get milk at lunchtime, the order form for the entire year will be in the packet of information that will be sent home the first day of school.

Bus Information: If you have any questions regarding the bus schedule, please call the Non-Public School Transportation Office at 301-475-4200 EXT. 1124 or email becky.george@stmarysmd.com. To request a change in bus service or for new students who need bus service for 2019-2020, forms are available in the school office or on the school website. Please make sure your children know their bus number on the first day of school.

Volunteer Hours: Returning and new families who accept the service scholarship (a \$450 tuition reduction) will receive information at Open House concerning activities to fulfill your 35 hours of volunteer service. There will be information in the gym about volunteer opportunities at both school and Home and School Association (HSA) sponsored events.

Communication: The primary means of communication between home and school are the Tuesday envelope and the Weekly Announcements. When the envelope, containing forms and flyers, comes home with your child, it should be emptied, signed by a parent, and returned to school on Wednesday. The Weekly Announcements will be both emailed and posted on the school website on Tuesday each week. Teachers will also be posting information on their class page on the school website and can be contacted via email, written notes, or phone calls to the school. Responses will be provided within 48 hours.

Other Reminders:

- Please continue saving Boxtops for Education for the summer contest. The class collecting the most will earn a special treat.
- Visit the Parent Resources tab on the school website (fatherandrewwhite.org) for 2019-2020 supply lists for each grade. As a result of staffing changes since the original lists were created/posted, **Middle School students will need one composition notebook and one bottle of Elmer's glue in addition to the other supplies.**
- At the Open House on August 22nd, please stop by the table in the lobby to confirm or update your contact information for the School Directory.
- Also during the Open House, volunteers will be available to help you register your Giant and Harris Teeter cards to ensure FAW earns a percentage of sales when you shop for groceries. EVERYONE MUST RE-REGISTER THEIR CARDS EACH YEAR.