



CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

Important Dates

January 8: MOD Pizza Spirit Night

January 17: Early Dismissal (12:30pm) **(NO AFTERCARE)**, & End of 2nd Quarter

January 20: No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

January 22: All St. Mary's Catholic School Mass (gr. 3-8, 10am at IHM)

January 24: March for Life

January 25: Movie Night

January 26 - February 1: Catholic Schools Week

January 29: International Night

January 31: Open House (10am)

February 1: Italian Dinner & Brown Bag Auction



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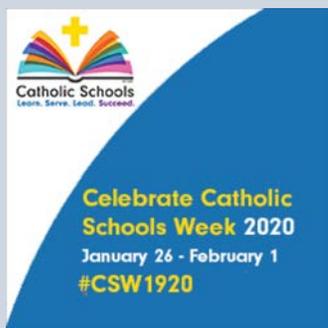
"With God all things are possible."

-Matthew 19:26

Spirit Night: Join other school families at MOD Pizza tomorrow, **Wednesday, Jan. 8th**. Our school's Destination Imagination program will receive 20% of all sales when you bring in the flyer from your child's Tuesday envelope. The flyer is also attached to this newsletter for your convenience. Feel free to dine in or take out.



Helping our Neighbors: During the last week of school before Christmas, our Crusaders Care group had a baked good and hot cocoa sale which raised \$200 that was donated to Project WARM (Wrapping Arms Round Many). Over our Christmas break, many FAW families volunteered their time to serve the homeless guests in the WARM Program. They made and served dinner, cleaned up, sang Christmas carols, and played cards. Some stayed awake all night and were monitors. The guests were served a nice breakfast in the morning and each were given the gifts you donated. They really enjoyed the handmade hats, gloves, scarves, chapstick, socks, slippers, toothpaste/toothbrushes, gum, candy, and foot/hand warmers. Thank you FAW families! A special thank you goes to Mrs. Pietsch who helped organize this service project for us. To view pictures from the event, visit here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/yTvk1GGR84aYMD7t8>.



Catholic Schools Week starts January 26th. To kick off the weeklong celebration, each of our three parishes will highlight our school at the Masses that weekend. Our students will serve as lectors, gift bearers, and altar servers at each parish. **Forms for children to volunteer in their parish are included in today's Tuesday's envelope.** Please check your calendars for availability and return the completed form no later than Tuesday, January 14th. Out of parish families are cordially invited to share in the liturgical celebration at St. Aloysius (Leonardtwn), St. Francis Xavier (Compton), or Our Lady's at Medley's Neck. More information and a schedule of all the week's events will be sent home soon.





School Hours

8:00am - 2:35pm



FAW Annual Giving Campaign

As you may know, Father Andrew White School has an Annual Giving Campaign, where we reach out to families, alumni, and local parishioners to raise funds for the school. This year, we are raising funds to supplement our budget for major facility upgrades. Please refer to the letter on our website for more details. Thank you for prayerfully considering donating to this important fund that directly benefits our children.



How can you be thankful for the gift you have received?

- Be satisfied with what you have.
- Say a prayer of thanksgiving today.



Italian Dinner Volunteer Opportunities: Our Annual Italian Dinner is right around the corner and we have a number of volunteer opportunities for our FAW families. Please see the attachment that provides a list of the many different ways you can help at our upcoming Italian Dinner. There is something for everyone! Be on the lookout for a special incentive as well! For more information, please contact Rachel Richards at 240-538-2243 or via email at FAWItalianDinner@gmail.com.

Italian Dinner Ticket Sales: This year, we are offering ticket pre-sales. Save yourself the wait in line at the door and enjoy your hot meal faster. You'll find an envelope in your child's Tuesday folder. Just fill out the front and place cash or a check (made out to FAW) for the number of tickets needed and send it back. Tickets will be sent home with your child.

2020 Brown Bag Auction: Mark your calendars for one of FAW's most exciting events! The annual Brown Bag Auction is set to occur during the Italian Dinner on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Join us for a great family dinner and take a chance on one, or many, themed baskets of goodies. In order to prepare these marvelous baskets, we need your generosity of newly donated items, or a themed basket full of fun and exciting items. Anything that you can give would be greatly appreciated in order to make this event a huge success. If you received anything at Christmas that you may not want, simply "regift/donate" that item and we will create a basket for the event. In addition to the items needed to fill the baskets we will also require the actual baskets to put the items in and/or plastic wrap to wrap the baskets. If you have any questions about this event please feel free to contact Doris Fowler at 443-447-2124. Thank you for dropping off your donations of new items to the school office.



SCRIP Thank You: The SCRIP team would like to extend a huge thank you to our school families, friends, and St. Aloysius parishioners for their tremendous support of our school through the SCRIP program. We are also appreciative of the hard work the SCRIP team put in before the holidays to ensure they filled all orders. A special thank you goes to our SCRIP coordinator, Karen Farr and her team of volunteers. Karen always works hard, but she went above and beyond by tirelessly filling and distributing an incredible amount of gift cards in time for the holidays. Thank you!



SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

**FAW Destination Imagination teams
are collecting shoes!**

100 Bag GOAL



**Drop your Gently Worn, Used and New shoes
for FAW Destination Imagination!**

Help the FAW Destination Imagination teams to raise money for their competitions by donating your gently worn (or new), unwanted shoes! Shoes of all kinds and sizes are welcome! Shoes must be intact and have shoelaces (if needed). Shoes are then taken to be distributed to those in need and FAW gets a monetary donation of \$1,000 if we collect 100 bags of 25 shoes! Please consider donating your shoes today by putting them in the shoe collection box in the school lobby! The collection runs through February 1st.

<http://fatherandrewwhite.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/FAW-DI-Shoe-Drive-Flyer-2019.pdf>

"When we count our blessings and acknowledge their source,
the warmth we feel is God's unconditional love for us."

~ Chris Stepien

Poster Contest: Congratulations to three of our students for their winning posters in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest.

Everett Sample - 1st Grade, 2nd Place

Laney McAteer - 7th grade, 2nd Place

Cooper Wright - 6th grade, 3rd Place

To view the winning posters, visit here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/sQB9AyA7CsJQo1kN8>



Save the date! On Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020,
we will have a Family Movie Night. More
details will be coming soon!

Christmas Showcase: Thank you to all of you that attended our beautiful Christmas Program. Many hours of planning and practicing were spent preparing for this delightful show. Huge thank yous go out to all the students and staff who participated in and helped out in any way with the Christmas Program. This annual gift to our families takes a lot of work behind the scenes and we'd like to show our gratitude to all of those people. First, thank you to Mrs. Cacko and Ms. Roderick for their many hours of rehearsal with the students. A big thank you to Mr. Lopez and Mr. Roman who supported our sound system! Thank you to Mrs. Gavin who helped put the students' beautiful artwork on display and encouraged them with their Keep Christ in Christmas posters. Thanks to Mrs. Armsworthy who played the piano for us! And, of course, thank you to our staff for the support during rehearsals and the Program the night of the event! We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas gift from the students! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from FAW to you!

FIDELITY

This month, our whole school is focusing on the same virtue as we hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. We are also studying the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month we are learning about the virtue of Fidelity. Please pray for our children to be faithful to promises and commitments during the month of January.

Cookie Walk & Candy Grams

Our 8th graders raised \$320 during the Cookie Walk to benefit the International Mission for Hurricane Dorian relief in the Bahamas (that St. Aloysius is sponsoring). Also, they made about \$620 during the Candy Gram sale that will go towards the 8th grade class trip. Many thanks for your support!



Handbook Highlight: "In keeping with the simplicity of a uniform, accessories should be minimal as follows:

- Wristwatches may be worn (those with sound capabilities should be set to silent mode)
- Bracelets or hair ties of any kind worn on the wrist are not permitted
- **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'**
- Rings of any kind are not to be worn
- A plain chain necklace with a cross or religious medal is the only necklace that may be worn
- Modest, appropriate stud earrings (one in each ear) may be worn – in the interest of safety, no hoops of any size nor any dangling earrings are permissible
- For safety reasons, no jewelry is to be worn on PE days
- No make-up is to be worn to school
- No nail polish, artificial nails, or French manicures (regardless of out-of-school commitments)
- Visible body markings such as temporary tattoos must be covered with a bandage until they have worn off or been removed
- Students may not draw tattoo-like markings on any visible parts of their bodies with pens or markers"



Save the Dates: Our Open Houses to invite interested new families to visit our wonderful school will be held on Friday, January 31st, 10:00 – 11:30am and Sunday, February 23rd, 12:00 – 1:00pm. We appreciate that our families are the best ambassadors for FAW and your word of mouth about our school is the best PR we have! Please help us get the word out about our Open Houses to all prospective family and friends, especially for grades PK – 5.

FAW News Email: Do you have an announcement you'd like to put in our weekly bulletin? Or perhaps you went to a FAW game or event and you'd like to share some information. We have created an email where you can send pictures, blurbs, etc. This will help us get new items in our bulletin, on our lobby TV, and on our website. Email: FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org **Kindly send anything you'd like considered in the Announcements by Friday evening of the week prior.**

Tuition: Tuition envelopes are going home **today, January 7th**. Anyone who elected to pay on the 1/2 year basis your second payment is due. All tuition should be in by the 15th of each month. Please check your tuition payment schedule to see if your account is up to date. Just a reminder that handbook policy states that tuition must be up to date by March 1st in order to register your child for the next school year. If you are having problems with the tuition payment, please contact Ms. Francisco.

Weekly Reminders:

- Attend MOD Pizza Spirit Night (tomorrow)
- Send in Shoes for our Shoe Drive
- Make a donation to our Annual Giving Campaign
- Volunteer for our Italian Dinner
- Sign up your child to be a lector, gift bearer, altar server, or speaker at the CSW Masses
- Find items for our Brown Bag Auction
- Check your tuition payment schedule
- Spread the word regarding our Open Houses
- Send FAW news to FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org



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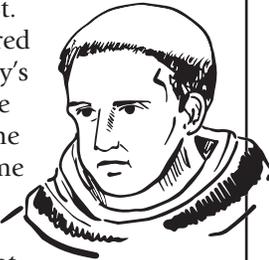
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Thoughtful Moments

St. Thomas Aquinas

Born in Italy, St. Thomas persevered against his family's attempts to make him a Benedictine monk and became a Dominican instead. He was a brilliant student, but his humble, quiet manner earned him the nickname "the dumb ox." His mentor, St. Albertus Magnus, rightly predicted he would be a famous scholar. Thomas later taught in several universities, wrote many treatises about the faith, and even advised popes and kings. He is the patron of students and schools.



Self-esteem

When children understand they are "fearfully and wonderfully" made by God with a purpose for their lives, their self-esteem is not derived from society. It comes from knowing how much God loves them.

"Even youths shall faint and be weary ... but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:30-31).



Raising faithful Catholic disciples

All parents want their children to be successful, hardworking, happy adults. The best way to ensure true happiness and lasting success, however, is to raise children to be disciples of Christ. And the best time to begin creating faithful disciples is now.

Connect. Discipleship is a relationship. It begins with responding to Jesus' call to know and love him. When our children connect with Jesus personally, they learn how valuable they are to God. Their identities are complete in him.

Listen. Scripture is God's direct message to us. It tells us who God is, what he thinks, and his will for us – all we need to know to be best friends. Regularly reading the Bible with children helps us to know God better

and better.

Serve. St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion must look out into the world." Disciples of Christ know that we must put others' needs before our own – the poor, the lonely, the most vulnerable.

Encounter.

Sacraments are opportunities to directly encounter Christ. Ensuring that children receive their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation), attend Mass weekly, Confession frequently, marry in the Catholic Church, are all ways they connect directly with Jesus – soul to Creator.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics practice Works of Mercy?

Catholics are called to show their love for God by their love of neighbor. "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) #2447*). Our Lord considers



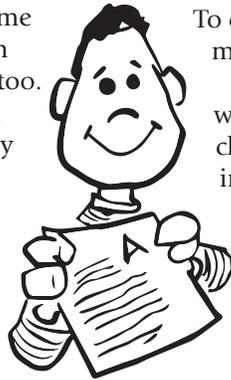
any kindness done for love a personal favor. Once, when asked the reason for her charitable work, Mother Teresa answered, "You did it to me" (Matthew 25:40), quoting Christ. In caring for others, we communicate God's love for them.

Making parent - and child-friendly resolutions

Making New Year's resolutions helps us to become better people each year. Consider helping children choose appropriate resolutions for the New Year, too.

Share kindness. Encourage children to perform one random act of kindness each week. When they look for ways to be kind, kindness becomes a mindset.

Develop better habits. Taking small steps to improve will help new positive habits last. If you want to eat healthier, try, "I'm going to drink milk and water today instead of soda or juice."



To cut down on screen time, consider reading for 30 minutes instead of watching TV or playing on devices.

Achieve milestones. Children love setting goals as a way of measuring progress and growth. Encourage children to pick an age-appropriate goal – getting an A in the hardest subject at school, learning to tie shoes, master swimming underwater – and focus on steps to achieve it.

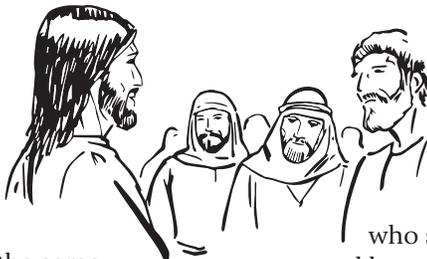
Encourage prayer. Try choosing one prayer to say together as a family each day. Let children add a favorite prayer to their personal prayer time.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23, Follow the Leader

Almost every child has played some version of "Follow the Leader." In the game, players follow a "leader" wherever he goes and do whatever he does. We stomp through puddles, climb over fences and swing from trees, all to stay in the game.

We follow leaders in real life, too: at school, in sports, and at church. Our parents are also our leaders until we leave home. Some leaders have more authority over us than others. In cases where we can choose our leaders, it's important to choose the one who will



lead us safely in the right direction.

Jesus chose twelve men to be his closest followers and he became their leader. They went where he told them and did what he asked. They followed his example. Those who stayed with him to the end became great saints.

What can a parent do? Explain to children that Jesus is our true leader, meaning that we follow him before anyone else. If we stay close to him, he will lead us safely to Heaven. The prize is always worth it.

Parent TALK

My family had stopped listening to me. The more I talked to (at) them, the more obvious it was that they were tuning me out. I tried talking louder and repeating myself but the problem only got worse. Finally, I heard how I was talking to them. I was so stressed by our busy pace that I barked constantly. "Hurry up, we are late!" "Stop talking with your mouth full." "Clean up that nasty bedroom." "What? You forgot your homework?!" For every kind remark I made, I snarled five negative ones.



That very moment, I changed my tune. I called a family meeting and apologized. Then I gave each child just five tasks on which to focus. I let the rest go. The change in the atmosphere of our home was immediately noticeable. I continue to monitor the way I communicate and everyone pays more attention to what I say.

Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 2 – St. Basil the Great (379). St. Basil founded the first monastery in Turkey. He fought passionately against the Arianism threatening the Church and worked to protect the faith and religious freedom. He is best known for his skill as an orator and for being tireless in his pastoral care.

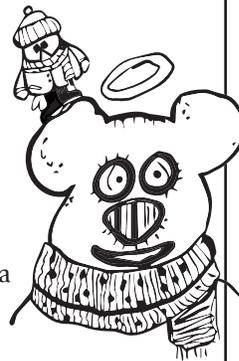
Jan. 3 – Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Today, we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. "...At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10).

Jan. 5 – Epiphany of the Lord.

Epiphany is Greek for "manifestation." When they honored the infant Jesus, the three wise men bore witness to the fulfillment of God's promise of a savior.

Jan. 21 – St. Agnes (c.304). At a young age, St. Agnes consecrated herself to God.

Reportedly she was turned in for being a Christian by a suitor whom she refused to marry. She maintained her faith and was executed as a result.



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January 7, 2020

Dear FAW Families,

Catholic Schools Week is fast approaching (Sunday, January 26th - Saturday, February 1st) and as in years past, we are asking for student volunteers for January 25th and 26th at all weekend Masses in each of our home parishes - St. Aloysius, Our Lady's, and St. Francis Xavier. If your child/children would like to participate in any of the categories below, please sign them up and return this form to school by **Tuesday, January 14th**. (Just a reminder that the FAW chorus is already scheduled to sing at the 11am Mass at St. Aloysius on that Sunday, January 26th.) All selected participants will then be notified next week of their roles for this special occasion. We ask that all of our FAW students attending Mass that weekend wear their Father Andrew White uniform in recognition of Catholic Schools Week. Thank you in advance for your support of Father Andrew White School.

Sincerely,

Catholic Schools Week Committee

(Cut and return to school by Tuesday, January 14th)

FAW Student Mass Volunteers for:

Saturday January 25, 2020 OR Sunday, January 26, 2020

Parish: _____

FAMILY NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

Mass Available (please circle):

St. Aloysius	Our Lady's	St. Francis Xavier
Saturday: 5pm	Saturday: 4pm	Saturday: 4pm
Sunday: 8am or 11am	Sunday: 8:30am or 11am	Sunday: 8am or 11am

Altar Server: _____

Lector: _____

Offertory Procession: _____

Speech Reader (end of Mass): _____



Italian Dinner

Family Style Dining

**Saturday, February 1st
4pm - 8pm**

All you can eat!
Spaghetti, Meatballs,
Italian Sausage, & Drinks
Donation Dessert Buffet

Adults: \$10
Kids 4-12: \$5
3 & Under: Free

Brown Bag Auction

FATHER ANDREW WHITE S.J., SCHOOL

22850 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650
301-475-9795

Italian Dinner & Brown Bag Auction

Volunteer Opportunities

Our annual Italian Dinner is right around the corner and we have a number of volunteer opportunities for our FAW families.



Making Meatballs: Monday, January 20th, from 10am – 2pm (This is a day off from school!) Don't let being home with the kids stop you from volunteering. Get them out of the house to play with other kids at the school.

To volunteer for Meatball Day, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f49acab22a3f49-meatball>



8th Grade Playmates: We are looking for at least four 8th graders who would like to earn some volunteer hours and help keep kids occupied in the gym while parents work in the kitchen to make meatballs on Monday, January 20th, from 10am - 2pm.

To let us know your 8th grader can help, email us at FAWItalianDinner@gmail.com.



Italian Dinner: Saturday, February 1st, from 8am - 9pm We have opportunities available for all skill levels from helping with set up, preparing and/or serving dinner, to helping clean up at the end of the night.

To volunteer for the dinner itself, please sign up for a job or two at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f49acab22a3f49-italian>



Making Baked Goods: We need bake sale items. As a perk, families will receive one hour of volunteer time if they donate home baked goods!

Unable to volunteer in person but want to earn a volunteer hour by donating home baked goods, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f49acab22a3f49-dessert>



Gratitude Ticket: ALL volunteers offering 4+ hours of their time will receive a free ticket to the dinner on Saturday, February 1st!

For more information, please contact Rachel Richards at 240-538-2244 or email FAWItalianDinner@gmail.com.



Basket Items: Donations for the various baskets are now being accepted. We are gladly accepting filler items, wrap, baskets, or already wrapped themed baskets. We greatly appreciate your help to make this event a huge success. We kindly ask you to turn in any donations (to the school office) by Wednesday, January 29th.

2020 FAW Brown Bag Auction

Happy New Year FAW Families!

We are beginning to prepare for the Brown Bag Auction that will take place at the Italian Dinner on Saturday, February, 1, 2020. This fundraiser will feature themed baskets that are donated by friends and families of FAW. The various baskets are raffled off at the end of the evening; however, you do not need to be present to win.

In order to put these baskets together, we are in need of new items, baskets, clear wrap, or completed themed baskets. If you received anything for Christmas that you would like to “regift” (i.e. donate) to the school for the raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. We please ask that only **new** items be donated. Below is a list of themed basket types we have put together in the past. If anyone would like to put together their own basket or a theme not mentioned below, please feel free to create your own theme! If a family would like to make a donation (\$50 minimum), we would be happy to put together a basket to be donated to the event in the family’s name.

If you have anything that you would like to donate for one of these baskets, or would like to put together a basket of your own, we will be collecting items at school starting January 7th – January 29th, 2020. These will not be extravagant baskets – just something to add a little fun to the Italian Dinner. Thank you in advance! Whatever you can contribute is greatly appreciated.

For more information or to donate items, please contact:

Doris Fowler 443-447-2124

Movie Night Basket – movies, movie theater gift cards, popcorn, snacks, etc.

Home Spa Basket – foot massager, pedicure/manicure items, lotions, hair care products, etc.

Tea Basket – tea cups, flavored tea, tea kettle, etc.

Italian Dinner Basket – spaghetti cooker, pasta, sauces, bread mix, etc.

Creative Artist Basket – crayons, marker, drawing paper, etc.

Game Night Basket – board games, pizza restaurant gift card, etc.

Parent’s Night Out – babysitting services, restaurant gift card

Classic Candy Basket – a variety of classic candy favorites

Summer-time Basket – swim toys, beach towels, etc. (never too early to think about summer!)

Barbeque Basket – grill tools, barbeque sauces, seasonings, thermometer, etc.

Crab Basket – seasoning, tools for picking crabs, little bowls for vinegar/butter, crackers, etc.

Snack Basket – pretzels, chocolate, nuts, trail mix, etc.

Toy Basket – any extra toys that you may have duplicates of (or just want to get rid of)

Coffee Basket – coffee, mugs, gift cards to your favorite coffee establishment, etc.

Wine Basket – various bottles of wine, wine glasses, wine charms, etc.

Miscellaneous Baskets – Laundry Day Basket, Car Wash Basket, Baby Basket, etc.

The possibilities are endless - use your creativity to create a basket of your choice!