



CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

Important Dates

February 25: Progress Reports Posted on Portal (grades 4-8)

February 26: Ash Wednesday Mass, 9am (hosted by 7th grade)

March 6: First Friday Mass, 9am (hosted by Kindergarten) & Early Dismissal, 12:30pm

March 7: Destination Imagination Competition

March 9: No School - Professional Day

March 11: Chipotle Spirit Night

March 15: ADW Band Festival (FAW performs at 2:40pm)



Feb. 25, 2020

"With God all things are possible."

-Matthew 19:26

2020 – 2021 Registration: Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. All of our current families should have received an email from TADS notifying them of the pending enrollment process. Families can complete re-enrollment forms through their TADS account online at <http://mytads.com/a/fatherandrewwhiteschool>. **The easiest way to complete the process, is to click on the link that was included in your email.**

Progress Reports: Mid-quarter progress reports for students in grades 4-8 will be posted on Parent PlusPortals, **today Tuesday, February 25th**. Please login to check your child's progress. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. To find the report, click the child's picture, then "Classroom," then "Progress Reports," then "Combined Reports." Please go over the reports with your children and encourage them to keep working hard through the last half of this quarter!

<https://www.plusportals.com/FatherAndrewWhiteSchool>

One Day Left!

Wockenfuss Candy: The Middle School DI team, Jack of All Trades, is coordinating our Easter Candy sale this year! Wockenfuss has the best Easter selection, along with your every day sweet tooth! Order forms went home in Tuesday Envelopes. Please return your candy order forms by **tomorrow, Wednesday, February 26th**. Checks can be made payable to FAW.



Lent begins tomorrow!

Be on the lookout for a special family calendar in your child's Tuesday Envelope.



Ash Wednesday Mass: Our seventh grade class will host the Mass **tomorrow, Wednesday, February 26th** at 9am. We hope to see you there to begin our Lenten journey together.





School Hours

8:00am - 2:35pm



The St. Mary's County Health Department is having a flu clinic (for ages up to 18) on March 5th from 8am-12pm and 1-4pm. Call the Health Department at 301-475-4330 for more information.



"A joyful heart is the health of the body. But a broken spirit dries up the bones."

~ Proverbs 17:22

How can you keep your heart joyful this week?

- Be optimistic
- Find the good in every situation



Spring Social/Auction: FAW Families! Our Kentucky Derby themed auction will be here before you know it! We are looking for donations of items for our silent and live auction. If you have anything you would like to donate for auction, (i.e., Sports tickets, vacation week at a timeshare, anything, etc.) please reach out to Jamie Guy, our Auction Chair at jamiéguy05@gmail.com If you would like to be part of our committee, please attend our next meeting **tomorrow, February 26, 2020** at 6:30 pm in the Poker Room of the Olde Town Pub. Please remember that the Auction is our last big event of the year. For those who have elected to do the service hours, you must volunteer for one of our big events! Thank you!



Basketball Playoffs: Both our Girls and Boys Varsity teams played great games over the weekend. Come cheer on the Varsity Boys as they play the Championship Game at 7:30pm this Thursday at SMR. Go Crusaders!

HSA Board: The HSA board has an upcoming vacancy for next year. The position of President-Elect is available. The position is two years, with the President-Elect becoming President the following year. Serving on the HSA Board is a great way to learn more about FAW and to have a voice in our events and fundraisers. Thank you to all who have chosen to serve on the board. Please contact Ms. Francisco if you would like to be considered for our vacant position.

Volunteer Hours: Sara Pilkerton will be the new contact for tracking our volunteer hours. Please forward any hours you have to Sara at pilkertonfamily04@gmail.com. She will also pick up the books that have recorded hours and ensure data entry of those hours so please ensure you are recording those hours (i.e., Hot Lunch, sub, classroom help, etc.). Thank you to Sara for taking on this role!



Only one more month to meet your SCRIP purchase requirement! Stock up now on gift cards to meet your minimum requirement! Grocery cards are an easy way to earn 3 to 5%. Food Lion cards are even reloadable right from your phone.

Bookmark <http://www.myscripwallet.com> to create an app like icon on your home screen that will take you to all of the cards that offer an e-card option. Contact the SCRIP team at faw.scrip@gmail.com if you need help setting up an online account.





The **ordering is now active for the March and April hot lunch menus**, so please visit <https://www.orgsonline.com/> to place your student's order. You'll also find a change to the ordering of pizza for Fridays. In order to make the ordering process easier and more accurate, there are now three options. Your student can now get 1 slice for \$2, 2 slices for \$3 or 3 slices for \$4. All choices include fruit and dessert as always. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rutherford at fawslunch@fatherandrewwhite.org.

Attention: Students in grades 4-8! St. Francis Xavier Church invites you to participate in their very first Living Stations of the Cross scheduled for Friday, March 13th. This is a prayerful reenactment of Jesus' Walk to Calvary. Costumes will be provided and, because the Stations are narrated, no speaking parts are required. Two 1-hour Sunday afternoon practices - March 1st and March 8th - will be needed. If interested, please call Betty Lynn Armsworthy, 301-475-5380 or email psarms@md.metrocast.net.



"The good we do never dies. It lives on forever - in other people, in other places, and in other times."

~ Matthew Kelly



Mid year Scantrol Reports will be in your child's Tuesday envelope for children in grades 6-8.



Congratulations to Ms. Rowland who won the Date Night basket. The 7th grade class raised about \$200 from this raffle to go towards the 8th grade graduation brunch. Thanks for your support!

Photos Wanted! We are looking for various pictures for the school yearbook and website. If you have any photos that you've taken at FAW events, such as First Lego League, Science Fair, Destination Imagination, Basketball, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Fall Fun Day, Musicals, Band/Chorus Concerts, or any other fundraiser/FAW event, we'd love to have them! **It would be appreciated if you could send your photos for consideration in our upcoming yearbook, lobby TV, and/or the website.** Pictures may be e-mailed to Fawnews@fatherandrewwhite.org. Thanks for your help!



Our Chipotle Spirit Night is March 11th!

School Store: This quarter, some of our middle school students are operating a school store. They are learning how to take inventory, markup items for profit, and manage the ins and outs of a business. The school store will be open every Wednesday during their elective class time. Items cost anywhere from 25 cents to \$8. Please encourage your children to visit the school store! Kindly send in an envelope with money, marked with your child's name and "School Store" so the middle schoolers know who to expect this week.



Handbook Highlight: "As a Catholic school our faith is integrated throughout everything we do. As part of our mission, we strive to educate the whole child and foster character formation through instruction in the commandments and virtues. One of the ongoing virtues that we emphasize is honesty. This means honesty in all that we say, in the work we do, and in taking responsibility for our behavior. Honesty in our work means that we will always do our own work, whether it is class work, homework, projects, or tests. Cheating on any of these forms of work is a serious act. We define cheating as taking the work of someone else and presenting it as your own. This includes direct copying of homework answers from another person, taking information from an internet source or other reference and passing it on word-for-word as if you wrote it, asking for or offering to share answers on a quiz or test, or any other way in which you have not been responsible for completing your own assignments. Helping or accepting help from another person means you have worked together to solve problems or find information and then turned in work that you have spent time and effort to make your own. Giving direct answers is not helping. It is cheating. Plagiarism is cheating and students receive instruction about what plagiarism is and the serious consequences for plagiarizing written work. Consequences for cheating include, but are not limited to, students not receiving any credit for the assignment, not having the opportunity to make-up the work, parents being notified, and lunch/recess or after school detention."



FAW Spirit Gear 2020! Show off your school spirit! Attached are the order form and product descriptions for our Spring 2020 sale. Please note that all orders are due to the school NO LATER THAN MARCH 4th. Kindly remember that no order will be placed without payment. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Franklin at kmkwf1828@gmail.com.



Congratulations to Kylie Parlett and Carley Greenwell for winning the Regional Free Throw Competition sponsored by our local Knights of Columbus. Kylie participated in the 10 year old division when she made 17 out of 25 free throws and then won a shootoff when she went 2 for 2. In the 11 year old division, there was a three way tie between Jessica Graves, Gabby Longmore, and Carley Greenwell. After many extra shots, Carley won! We wish Kylie and Carley good luck as they advance to the State Free Throw Competition in March!



Thank you to everyone that speaks so highly of our school. We had another successful Open House! Many thanks to Tracy Fortuna and Christy Farr for helping with the tours.

Weekly Reminders:

- Send in an envelope with money for your child to shop in the School Store (tomorrow)
- Attend Ash Wednesday Mass (tomorrow)
- Attend the Auction Committee Meeting (tomorrow)
- Buy Wockenfuss candy (by tomorrow)
- Re-register through your TADS account online
- Order SCRIP, Lunch, & Spirit Gear
- Look for items for our Spring Social/Auction
- Send FAW pictures and news to FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org













March 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	First Friday Mass 6 9am (hosted by Kindergarten) 12:30pm Early Dismissal	DI Competition 7 Volleyball Tournament at LHS – 10:15am
8	No School 9 Teacher Professional Day	10	Chipotle Spirit Night 5-9pm 11	12	13	14
Archdiocesan Band Festival at Bishop McNamara (perform at 2:40pm) 15	16	17	18	Cyber Security/Internet Safety Presentation 6:30pm 19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 End of 3 rd Quarter	28
29	30	31				

Family Lent Calendar 2020

 = a day of fasting and abstinence from meat  = a day of abstinence from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February						
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>			<p>26 Ash Wednesday Take your family to an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes all day. </p>	<p>27 Discuss everyone's Lenten sacrifices and make sure they are reasonable, but challenging.</p>	<p>28  Pray an Our Father together. Ask God to bless your family this Lent and help you grow in holiness.</p>	<p>29 As a family, vote on a charity (or two) to which you want to donate this year.</p>
<p>1 March Adopt a Lenten saint to be your family's patron. Learn about him or her and see how you can imitate him or her.</p>	<p>2 Place a crucifix or picture of Jesus in a central place to keep the focus on him.</p>	<p>3 Greet everyone you meet today with a smile, no matter how you're feeling.</p>	<p>4 Tonight, have everyone name two things for which they're thankful and one intention for which they want prayers.</p>	<p>5 Peace starts at home. Resolve to only say positive, kind things today.</p>	<p>6  Set out an empty jar. Put in a jellybean whenever a child does a good deed or makes a sacrifice. Enjoy at Easter.</p>	<p>7 Make up a box for a needy family or homeless shelter. Put canned goods, clothing, toiletries, and gently used toys in it.</p>
<p>8 After Mass today, explain the Gospel and the homily in terms children can understand.</p>	<p>9 Spiritual Bouquet Have each person choose a prayer to offer daily for your parish priest(s). Send him a card with everyone's promises.</p>	<p>10 Do something kind for someone else today, with a humble and gracious heart. Remember it is Christ you're helping.</p>	<p>11 Talk about what you would say to Jesus if he came to your house to visit.</p>	<p>12 Ask the parish office to see how your family can help.</p>	<p>13  Enjoy pretzels, a traditional Lenten food. Originally, their shape evoked arms folded in prayer.</p>	<p>14 Encourage everyone to perform an extra chore around the house.</p>
<p>15 Light a candle in church today for someone who passed away or who needs special help.</p>	<p>16 Practice patience with each other. When it gets difficult, recall how patient God is with us.</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day In St. Patrick's honor, light a candle and pray for missionaries in foreign lands.</p>	<p>18 Take stock of how your Lenten sacrifices are going, and refresh your commitment to them.</p>	<p>19 St. Joseph's Day St. Joseph protected the Holy Family from danger. Pray for the safety of families around the world.</p>	<p>20  Encourage everyone to do an examination of conscience.</p>	<p>21 Attend Confession as a family. Experience God's love and forgiveness. Have a treat to celebrate clean souls.</p>
<p>22 Laetare Sunday Have a special meal at home or a restaurant to celebrate the halfway point through Lent.</p>	<p>23 This week, try limiting screen time: no texting at the dinner table, during prayer time, and after 10:00pm.</p>	<p>24 Read today's Gospel (John 5:1-16). Have everyone detail one idea they found interesting.</p>	<p>25 Give up a toy or treat just for today, just for Jesus.</p>	<p>26 This evening, invite everyone to take a few minutes and silently turn their hearts and minds to God.</p>	<p>27  Family Fun Night Instead of watching a movie, pull out a boardgame or make up your own game.</p>	<p>28 Make cookies and bring them to a nearby nursing home.</p>
<p>29 After Mass, light a candle, and recite the Apostle's Creed as an affirmation of your faith.</p>	<p>30 Apologize to someone you hurt, even if it was an accident. Forgive someone who hurt you—even if it wasn't.</p>	<p>31 Pray for victims of violence and war in the world.</p>	<p>1 April As a family, consider doing a screen fast today and read together instead.</p>	<p>2 Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS, www.crs.org) and help with any of their ongoing projects.</p>	<p>3  Place any final donations in the box you set up on March 7. Make a family trip to deliver it to its destination.</p>	<p>4 Calculate the money your family saved not eating meat on Friday and put that in the poor box at church.</p>
<p>5 Palm Sunday Have a Palm Sunday procession around the house and take turns playing Jesus.</p>	<p>6 Tonight and every night this week, pray for those who are preparing to enter the Church at Easter.</p>	<p>7 Take a walk outside and look for signs of new life.</p>	<p>8 Ask each family member to write a letter to Jesus thanking him for his sacrifice on the Cross.</p>	<p>9 Holy Thursday Wash and dry each other's feet in commemoration of Jesus washing the feet of his Apostles.</p>	<p>10 Good Friday  Pray the Stations of the Cross. Meditate on each one. Find them here: www.usccb.org.</p>	<p>11 Holy Saturday Dress a doll in a white garment and talk about the Baptismal vows we renew each year.</p>



ST. MARY'S BABE RUTH/CAL RIPKEN LEAGUE

It is with great pleasure we announce that the **St. Mary's Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken League** will again provide a baseball program for students attending Middle Schools in the spring of 2020. Games in this league will be played on full regulation 90' baseball fields.

This year students from all St Mary's County Catholic Schools, The Kings Christian Academy, and St Mary's Bryantown School will be eligible to try out. This is an after school activity. Babe Ruth League, Inc. includes approved accident insurance that is primary coverage – not secondary. Our program provides students with the opportunity to stay involved in organized baseball, while sharpening their skills against competition in their own age group or grade level, preparing for high school.

We have enlisted qualified coaches that meet all the criteria of Parks and Recreation "Raising Community Standards" for each school. The contact information for the manager of the Catholic School Team is listed below:

SCHOOL	MANAGER	TRYOUTS
Catholic Schools	Jim Sherman 540-207-5244	Saturday March 7 th 1pm - 4pm Fifth District Park (Lettie Dent ES)

The cost for the 12 to 15 players selected is **\$100.00** which covers jerseys, hats, baseball helmets, bats, practice & game balls, as well as umpire and light fees, insurance, plus the park and rec fee for each player. Students who wish to try out for the Catholic School Team should fill out the form below and provide at the tryout date scheduled above.

If for some reason a player is unable to attend the tryouts, but is still interested in playing, please contact Jim Sherman at 540-207-5244 or shermanjf@yahoo.com

Players selected need to have a 2.0 or higher GPA.

NAME: _____

Shirt Size Circle ONE: Youth - L XL OR Adult - S M L XL 2XL

ADDRESS: _____ TOWN: _____

Cell# _____ Email _____

ENCOUNTER GRACE WOMEN'S RETREAT: THE GRACE OF YES

with Lisa M. Hendey

Saturday, March 28, 2020
8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church

2297 Old Village Road
Mechanicsville, MD 20629

COST:

Includes breakfast and lunch.

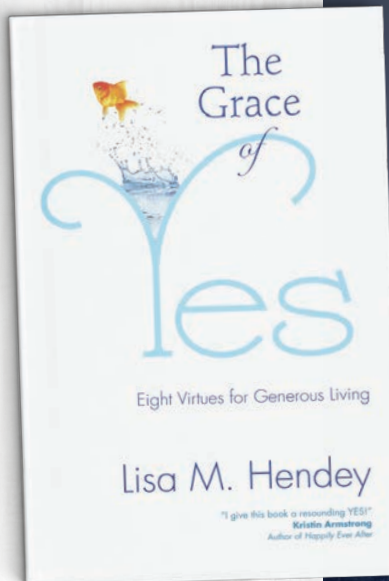
EARLY BIRD: \$45

Valid until February 29, 2020

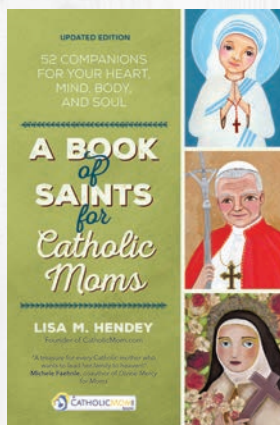
REGULAR PRICE: \$55



How do we prayerfully give God our best “yes” and live as generous spirits in the world around us? Inspired by Mary’s strong and faithful “fiat,” we will focus together on generosity in our faith lives, our relationships, our work, during times of challenge, and how sometimes a prayerful “no” can be our best “yes” to God and our loved ones. With time for quiet reflection and guided conversation, we will spend a restorative day contemplating our unique calling to be of love and service to those around us while nourishing our own spiritual, emotional, and intellectual reserves.



ALSO BY LISA M. HENDEY



Register Here: thegraceofyes-march2020.eventbrite.com