



Father Andrew White S.J. School

2012 National Blue Ribbon School

P.O. Box 1756
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Dear Father Andrew White School families,

As I am sure you can imagine, this summer has been one of constant prayer, preparation and planning for what is certain to be yet another unique school year. Despite the many challenges we may face, I am confident that in partnership with you, we can provide an academically excellent Catholic education with the health and safety of our children as the foremost priority.

In addition to the details included in the FAW Safe Return and Reopening Plan, please note the following to assist you in making informed decisions about the upcoming school year:

1. With adherence to physical distancing requirements, the standard PK-8 classrooms will accommodate no more than 15 students. As enrollment numbers stand today, if all families were to choose in-person learning, students in grades 2-8 would need to be divided into two class sections.
2. In order to accommodate the total number of classroom spaces needed, the library, science lab, and art/music rooms will be repurposed to serve as homeroom classrooms. The gym will be divided and equipped with newly purchased technology to become additional classroom space. (The grade level assigned to any given classroom space is still being determined, as it is dependent on the number of families who choose the in-person option. Grade levels with a lower number of students may be able to occupy a larger space and, therefore, not have to be divided.)
3. For students in grades 2-4, the teacher and the assistant will each be assigned to a section and the two groups will occupy different classroom spaces. Students will remain in the classroom to which they are assigned, while the teacher and the assistant transition between the two groups throughout the day. Teachers will design daily schedules that ensure an equal amount of instructional time is provided to each group. While students are with the assistant, they will complete independent work and assessments or engage in project based learning. (The plan for how students will be divided is still developing and will be shared upon completion.)
4. Due to changes in staffing/teaching assignments, 5th grade will transition to a departmentalized approach, similar to that of the Middle School, with different teachers for each content area. All students in grades 5-8 will remain in their assigned classrooms throughout the day, and the teachers will move between the classrooms.

Please allow me to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs. Kate Longmore for her dedicated years of service to the FAW students and families. We prayerfully wish her abundant blessings for health and happiness as she embarks on new adventures.

The 2020-2021 FAW Faculty and Staff

PK Teacher - Mrs. Theresa Schmidt
Kindergarten Teacher - Mrs. Kim Cohen
1st Grade Teacher - Ms. Shelly Ward
2nd Grade Teacher - Ms. Julie Verbos
3rd Grade Teacher - Ms. Chas Johnson
4th Grade Teacher - Mrs. Deigh Young
5th Grade Homeroom - Mr. Jereme George
7th Grade Homeroom - Ms. Shileta Weems
PE - Mrs. Kim Stewart
Music - Mrs. Jody Cacko
Resource - Mrs. Lisa Black
Technology Coordinator - Mrs. Linda Greer
Kitchen Coordinator - Mrs. Vicki Rutherford
Bowles

PK Assistant - TBD
Kindergarten Assistant - Mrs. Jane Cusic
1st Grade Assistant - Mrs. Vicki Hammett
2nd Grade Assistant - Mrs. Lisa Brown
3rd Grade Assistant- Mrs. Vicki Richardson
4th Grade Assistant - Mrs. Denise Pietsch
6th Grade Homeroom - Ms. Shannon Rowland
8th Grade Homeroom - Mrs. Cecilia Sarlo
Art - Mrs. Amy Gavin
Spanish - Mrs. Julia Leake
Middle School Religion - Deacon Joe Vavrus
Nurse - Ms. Rose Bates
Administrative Assistant - Mrs. Helen

Grades 5-8 Teaching Assignments

	Religion	Language Arts	Math	Science 3 days/week	Social Studies 3 days/week
5th Grade	Ms. Francisco	Ms. Weems	Mr. George	Mr. George	Mrs. Black
6th Grade	Mr. Vavrus	Ms. Weems	Mrs. Sarlo & Ms. Rowland	Mr. George	Mrs. Black
7th Grade	Mr. Vavrus	Ms. Weems & Ms. Rowland	Mrs. Sarlo & Ms. Rowland	Mr. George	Mrs. Black
8th Grade	Mr. Vavrus	Ms. Weems & Ms. Rowland	Mrs. Sarlo & Ms. Rowland	Mrs. Sarlo	Mrs. Black

The Home and School Association (HSA) officers are working together with members of the FAW Reopening Working Group to plan our annual Open House. More information will be forthcoming.

Please take time to carefully read the FAW Safe Return and Reopening Plan. A brief survey will be sent in a separate email, allowing you to indicate your family's choice for beginning the new school year. It will also provide you the opportunity to submit your questions. Finally, as we move forward, please keep in mind the unpredictability of life during a pandemic and an understanding that the plan for reopening may have to be amended as new information is available.

May the words of Psalm 29:11 be a source of encouragement for each of us in the coming days and in the year ahead. "The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace."

Sincerely in Christ,
Ms. Heather Francisco