



CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

Important Dates

September 4: Early Dismissal (12:30pm)

September 7: No School - Labor Day

September 8: 1st Day of School for Pre-K

September 13: Welcome Back to School Pancake Drive Thru Breakfast (9-11am)

September 24: 12:30pm Early Dismissal

September 25: No School



Sept. 1, 2020

"Let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth."

-1 John 3:18

Welcome back to school! We missed you!

It was so wonderful to welcome all of our new families and to see so many of our returning families this past week, whether physically at school or afar as distance learners. We look forward to making this a year to remember!



Upcoming Event: We will be having a Welcome Back to School Pancake Drive Thru Breakfast in the morning on Sunday, September 13th and are looking for help. We are in need of up to 20 volunteers to assist in set up, cooking in the kitchen, running food out to cars, collecting donations and cleaning up. Please contact Christy Farr and Natty Jones through email rigdeez11@gmail.com for more details or to sign up! Thank you!

Playground Volunteers: Thank you so much to those who have already signed up to be recess monitors during the first quarter. We still need to fill open time slots. If you are available, please consider signing up. Your child will love to have you here!! Access the sign-up [here](#).



Important Survey!: You should have received an email with a very important [survey link](#). **We need each family to complete the brief survey by Monday, September 14th.** 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. **Your hard-earned tax dollars are paying for these programs and your response helps us keep them.** Thank you for your cooperation.



LOOKING FOR SERVICE HOURS?

Email fawhotlunch@gmail.com about volunteering in the FAW kitchen with Mrs. Rutherford preparing hot lunch.





School Hours

8:30am - 2:35pm

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!



SCRIP: This is a great time to try electronic cards using your SCRIP account and Presto Pay. Mrs. Karen Farr, aka the SCRIP lady, is more than happy to walk you through the process of setting up your accounts. Most plastic cards are available with advanced

notice to the SCRIP team. If you are in need of plastic cards, please email faw.scrip@gmail.com and we will try to meet your gift card needs if at all possible.

FAW Used Uniforms: Did you know FAW volunteers maintain an inventory of gently used uniforms? Uniforms are free and available in sizes ranging from youth 4 through adult sizes. Most uniforms are in near perfect condition. Uniforms will be available on a first come, first served basis. Donations to our inventory are greatly appreciated! We are looking for used uniforms that are in good condition (clean, free of stains, holes, and fading). Please consider donating used uniforms by dropping them off to the school lobby. Please email Sheli Laney at sheli.laney@live.com with your uniform needs.



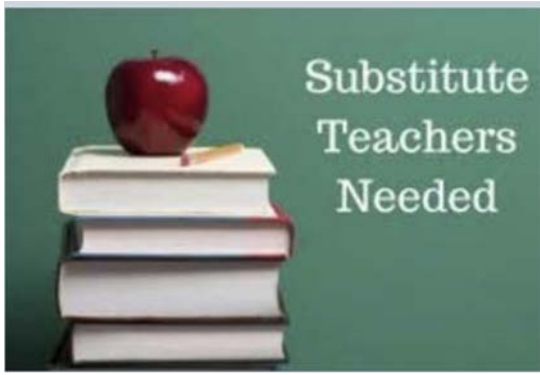
Kindly remember to complete the very important forms that were e-mailed to you from the front office. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Thank You!

We are very grateful to our families who helped complete many summer maintenance projects. A huge "Thank You" to Mrs. Jaime Weber for coordinating several projects that improved our facility inside and outside. Thanks to all who helped with these jobs: Rachel Russell, Kristin Wathen, Ritchie Tippett, Jaime & John Weber, Krystle & Andrew Rossignol, Mark & Stacie Roy, Clay Safford, Paige Fletcher, Tiffany & Richard Curry, Larry & Mindy Stevens, and Daniel Good. A special thanks to Daniel Good and Bay Country Contractors for the playground! They have taken it down to the bottom and are putting in playground chips instead of mulch this year. We thank him and his crew for countless hours of weekend work.

Thank you also to Mrs. Kristin Wathen who coordinated our successful Facebook auction which allowed people to bid on some of our favorite traditional items.





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.

*"More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."
~ Romans 5:3-5*

The Virtue of Charity: Our school is participating in a Virtues in Practice program again this year. Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as we hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. We also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students and families are learning about the third theological virtue: Charity. Please join us by showing how you are loving God with all your heart, mind, and strength and loving your neighbor as yourself during the month of September.

Volunteer Hours: If you have volunteered your time to the school and need to report your hours to meet your service contract requirements, please record your hours via this [online form](#).



See the attachment for this month's *Partners in Faith* newsletter to find ideas to use at home to build a Christ-centered family life. It is our hope that your knowledge about Catholicism will grow and that you will find valuable tips that are useful. We are proud to be your partners in faith!

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

Yearbook Update

*The 2019 - 2020
yearbooks have
arrived!!*



Handbook Highlight: "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."

Early Pickup Procedure Reminder:

Parents are encouraged to make all medical and non-medical appointments outside of school hours and must notify the school via note and/or phone call when a late arrival or early dismissal is necessary. **If an early dismissal is necessary, parents should remain in their vehicle when they arrive, call the school, and a staff member will escort the student to the parent.**



Congratulations to Ms. Johnson for 25 years of educating our students at FAW! We are blessed!



Thank you for all of your support!

[Click HERE to access our Safe Reopening Webpage!](#)

Weekly Reminders:

- Volunteer for Hot Lunch, Playground Monitor, or the Back to School Breakfast
- Donate Used Uniforms
- Order SCRIP online
- Submit Volunteer Hours
- Return all Important Forms

