



CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

Dec. 1, 2020

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

-1 John 3:18



Important Dates

December 4: *LAST DAY for TADS Tuition Aid Application Submission* & Picture Retakes

December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 9: Progress Reports Posted Online (grades 4-8)

December 10: Butter Braids Pickup

December 11: Santa Shop

December 18: Early Dismissal, 12:30pm NO AFTERCARE

December 21 - January 3: No School - Christmas Break

Giving Tuesday: As we enter this season of giving, we hope that you will participate in #GivingTuesday. This is a nationally celebrated day devoted to giving back, where people open their hearts and wallets to various organizations. We hope you will consider donating to our amazing school, especially **today, Giving Tuesday**. Please see our website to donate:

<http://fatherandrewwhite.org/donate/>.



TUITION ASSISTANCE

2021-2022 ADW Tuition Assistance Program:

Applications for next year's Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program are now available. **There are less than 3 days left to complete this!** The deadline date for returning families to apply is this **Friday, December 4th**.

Families may apply online by logging onto <https://adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance/>.

On the top toolbar, hover over "TUITION ASSISTANCE" and then click on the "ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" [link](#) at the top of the menu. Any families who think they will need tuition assistance for the 2021-2022 school year **MUST APPLY THROUGH THIS ADW PROGRAM FIRST**, before asking for aid from FAW.



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Butter Braid Pickup

Thursday, December 10th

Santa Shop is Coming!



If you were absent or need your pictures retaken, our makeup day is this **Friday, December 4th**.



During school hours on Friday, December 11th, our children will be able to experience the joy of choosing their own Christmas presents for family members, friends, and pets. This year Santa Shop will be held in the St. Aloysius Hall and your children will be able to select from an inventory of pre-purchased gifts for those on their shopping list. Each gift is \$3. Please return the money control envelope with payment for the gifts ASAP!





School Hours

8:20am - 2:25pm



Santa Shop envelopes are due!

FAW Volunteers are the best!

Click [HERE](#) to record your volunteer hours!



Thank you for volunteering!

Playground Volunteers sign-up [here](#)



Advent Begins: Advent began on Sunday, November 29th. We will light a candle on our Advent Wreath as part of morning prayers each day. We will also use the Jesse Tree and a special [calendar](#) with our students. We hope our families will emphasize Advent in their homes as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth.



Check out <http://www.shopwithscrip.com> for a list of all of the gift cards we can order for you. We will place our last order on **December 14th** for delivery before school gets out for Christmas.

Check out the new SCRIP app called Raise Right. **Through Friday**, they are offering **FREE SHIP TO HOME** on select gift cards when purchased through the app!



2020 Brown Bag Auction: Mark your calendars for one of FAW's most exciting events! The annual Brown Bag Auction will occur in early February. In this different year, the Brown Bag Auction Committee is coming up with creative ways of displaying the themed baskets and buying raffle tickets during the week prior to the Italian Dinner. More details to come! To prepare these marvelous baskets, we need your help! Your generous donations of new items we can include in baskets or a donation of a themed basket full of fun and exciting goodies are greatly appreciated. While you are shopping, please keep the Brown Bag Auction in mind! A "regift/donation" of a Christmas gift will be happily accepted as well! ;) If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, we will gladly put it to use helping purchase one of the big-ticket items. In addition to the items needed to fill the baskets we are also looking for donations of baskets and basket plastic wrap. If you have items to donate, please send to school labelled Brown Bag Auction or it can be given directly to one of the Brown Bag Auction Co-Chairs - Shannon Dent shannonadent@gmail.com; Jessica Phillips jessica@phillips5.com, or Kristen Haley kristenhaley11@gmail.com. Please let us know if you have any questions and thanks so much for your help in making this fundraiser a success!



Spring Social/Auction: We are still looking for co-chairs for our annual Social/Auction. Please [contact our HSA president, Tiffani Johnston](#) to let her know you are interested in helping!



The Christmas Pageant is (still) coming!



We are excited to announce that our Christmas Pageant is coming! Albeit, as all things 2020, in a different way. Please be watchful for emails and weekly announcements for more information. But, in the meanwhile, start digging out those "Christmas Best" outfits for your kiddos.

They will have a designated date the week leading up to our Christmas break where they will get to adorn themselves in that red, green, and bling for our recording. The event will be pushed out virtually in the days leading up to Christmas! Stay tuned for more details...

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

~ Matthew 5:8



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 Purity. Please join us by helping your children learn how to keep their soul free of sin during the month of December.

Each year we participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest hosted by the Knights of Columbus. In order for your child to participate, you must fill out and return the [permission form](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gavin at fawsart@fatherandrewwhite.org.



Christmas card season is here!

Use code FUNDRAISEWHITE to buy your Minted holiday card this year. You get 20% off and Father Andrew White gets 15% back...how awesome is that? Please pass this code on to all of your family and friends and help support our school. Please note, the code only applies to the purchase of holiday cards.



**Holiday
CHEER
RAFFLE**

Take a chance on winning a basketful of cheer. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 15th.

\$5 - One Chance

\$10 - Three Chances

\$20 - Five Chances

\$50 - Twenty Chances

Please return [this form](#) to the office with payment. Thank you!



Handbook Highlight: "Father Andrew White, SJ School will provide an environment in which students will:

1. Demonstrate respect for themselves, peers, teachers, and parents by exemplifying the Great Commandment, "Love of God and Neighbor."
2. Participate in liturgical worship, sacramental programs, and meaningful prayer experiences.
3. Expand and enhance their knowledge in all areas of the curriculum and apply this knowledge to their changing role in our global society.
4. Develop communication skills through an environment rich in exposure to language, literature, and writing.
5. Use various learning styles and develop problem solving strategies to become independent critical thinkers and lifelong learners.
6. Develop a positive self-concept as they use their special abilities and talents.
7. Strive for excellence in all academic pursuits and in the formation of Christian character."

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Generations Vineyard and Kevin's Corner Kafe for their donations this past month. Also, we appreciate Dawn Carroll for setting up a successful wreath making fundraiser. We are grateful for all that support our school.

Make a reservation on the school website to paint the rock.

SPIRIT ROCK

Paint it for birthdays, school events, encouragement or special occasions for \$20 a day! Show your school spirit and your FAW pride for all to see!

<http://fatherandrewwhite.org/spirit-rock/>

Weekly Reminders:

- Participate in Giving Tuesday (today)
- Return Santa Shop Envelopes (tomorrow)
- Complete the financial aid application online (by Friday)
- Order SCRIP
- Buy tickets for the Holiday Cheer Basket
- Find items to donate to the Brown Bag Auction

