



CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

Dec. 15, 2020

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

-1 John 3:18



Important Dates

December 18: Free Christmas/Red & Green Tag Day; Early Dismissal, 12:30pm
NO AFTERCARE

December 21 - January 3: No School - Christmas Break

January 4: School Resumes

The winner of our basketful of cheer is:

Ms. Valerie Sciarra



Holiday CHEER RAFFLE

Thank you to all who participated and to Dawn Carroll who organized this fundraiser for us!

Cans for Cookies: Bring in a canned good beginning today through Thursday and you can get an individually wrapped cookie from the Student Council Association. All canned goods will be donated to the needy in our area.



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.



We still have many gift cards in stock. E-mail faw.scrip@gmail.com or text Karen at 240-298-3520 and we will be happy to fill your gift card order from our in stock cards.

CANDY GRAMS

It's Christmas season! Christmas is a time of giving so why not give some candy grams?! Candy grams can be sent to your child, their friends, or their teachers. Candy grams can be purchased for \$0.50 each up until **Wednesday, December 16th**. Extra copies can be found [on the website](#) if you need to print more.





School Hours

8:20am - 2:25pm



**There is NO
AFTERCARE this
Friday, Dec. 18th.**

**FAW Volunteers
are the best!**

*Click **HERE** to record
your volunteer hours!*



Thank you for volunteering!

Playground
Volunteers sign-up
here



Advent: We light a candle on our Advent Wreath as part of morning prayers each day. We 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.

Italian Dinner Volunteers Needed: Our annual Italian Dinner is fast-approaching and we are in need of volunteers to make this event happen. This is a great opportunity to be part of a family-fun event and meet parents from other classes.

Meatball Prep.: Monday, Jan. 18, 2021

FAW Kitchen: 10am-2pm (MLK Day- No School)

Italian Dinner: Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021

FAW Kitchen: Various jobs and time slots available from 10am-8.30pm
It will be a drive-thru event in February, so if you want to stay warm, sign up for the kitchen jobs fast!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844AFAB23AAF94-italian>

There are over 100 jobs/slots needing to be filled. If you are a service scholarship family, kindly remember this is one of the three big events that are required this year. Thank you in advance for your help!

Save the Date

Our annual Italian Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 4-7pm as a drive-thru event. Please see the attached flyer for more details!



Brown Bag Auction: The Brown Bag Auction will be here soon! If you have any items or a full basket to donate to this fun and exciting basket raffle please contact Jessica Phillips (jessica@phillips5.com) or send to the office. Thank you!





The Christmas Pageant is (still) coming!

Emails have been sent out with updated information regarding the recordings for our virtual Christmas Pageant. As a reminder, students in grades PK, K, 1, 2, and 4 are to wear their Christmas "best" on Wednesday. Grade 5 will do their recording on Thursday. Christmas "best" should include any festive wear, but no jeans, t-shirts, athletic wear, or heels, please. Sneakers are acceptable this year. Students may bring in a change of shoes as well for recess if they prefer. Students will not be changing clothes, however.

Look for the Christmas Program link sometime between our last day of school and Christmas. Please email Mrs. Cacko with any questions at fawsmusic@fatherandrewwhite.org.

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

~ Pope Benedict XVI



Thank you to all who helped with the Santa Shop. We feel blessed that we were still able to provide this gift giving opportunity to our students. We couldn't have done it without all of our fabulous volunteers!



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 purchase new K-5 Reading/Language Arts textbooks and accompanying supplemental resources and materials. A letter will be sent home after the New Year. Thank you for prayerfully

donating to this important endeavor. ~~considering~~ directly benefits our children. If you feel called, you may donate before the 2020 tax year ends.

Hot Lunch: Hot lunch for January 2021 will resume on January 11th. The menu is currently open and reflects these dates. [Orders can be placed](#) until January 7th. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Rutherford at fawslunch@fatherandrewwhite.org.



Handbook Highlight: "To encourage constructive dialogue between our parents and teachers, the school asks that the following five-step procedure be followed in addressing any concerns:

1. Parent requests a meeting with the teacher to discuss the matter of concern and teacher meets with the parent within one week as both teacher and parent schedules permit. Such a request may also be initiated by the teacher.
2. Teacher and parent agree upon a date for a follow-up meeting, phone call, or email to review progress concerning the situation. This follow-up is to take place within 2 school weeks after the initial meeting.
3. If, after the follow-up, either the parent or the teacher is not satisfied with the course of action, either party may request a separate meeting with the principal.
4. After conducting separate meetings, the principal will meet with the parent and teacher to discuss the situation and agree upon an acceptable plan of action. An evaluation meeting concerning the resolution will be held within one week.
5. If the problem still exists after following the above steps, the school director will be notified by the principal and a meeting with all parties will be held."

Progress Reports: Mid-quarter progress reports for students in grades 4-8 were posted on Parent PlusPortals, last week. 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>

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:

- Order Candy Grams (by tomorrow)
- Bring Cans for Cookies
- Find items to donate to the Brown Bag Auction
- Have a blessed Christmas and a restful Winter Break
- Place January Lunch Menu (by Jan. 7th)
- Make a year end donation to our school





January

2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 No School – Christmas Break Happy New Year!	2
3	4 School Resumes	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Early Dismissal, 12:30pm	16
17	18 No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	19	20	21 End of 2 nd Quarter	22	23
24/31 (31) Catholic Schools Week Begins	25	26	27	28	29 March for Life	30

Candy Grams

Proceeds benefit the local homeless. Each candy gram comes with a candy cane and costs \$0.50 each. Forms are due by **Wednesday, Dec. 16th**. This form may be photocopied as needed.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

To _____ Grade _____

From _____ Grade _____

Message _____



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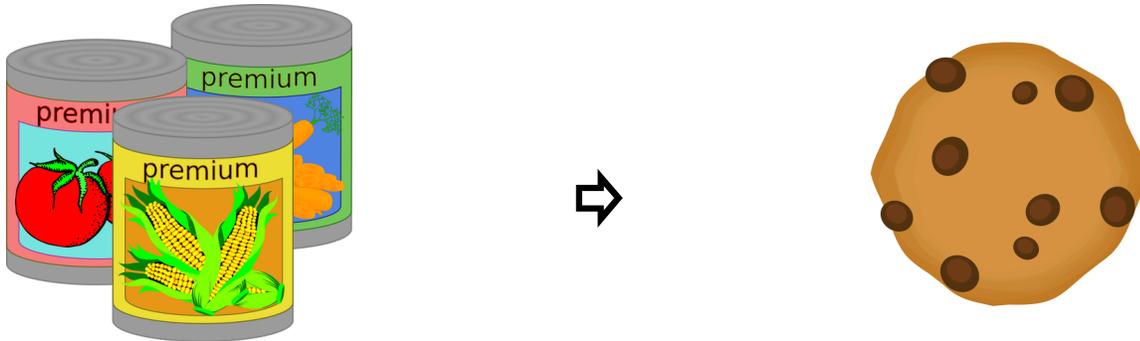
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“Cans For Cookies”



Bring in a canned good and you can get an individually wrapped cookie from the Student Council Association.

All canned goods will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Will be held December 15-17

1 can = 1 cookie

Italian Dinner

Feb. 6, 2021 • 4-7pm

Drive-Thru



**SPAGHETTI,
MEATBALLS, GARLIC
BREAD,
DRINKS & DESSERT**

**ADULTS: \$10
KIDS 4-12: \$5
3 & UNDER: FREE**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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