

Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

November 30, 2021

Growing in faith, wisdom, and love!



Important Dates

December 1: High School Placement Test (HSPT) - Grade 8

December 2: Science Fair

December 3: First Friday Mass & Last Day to Apply for ADW Financial Aid

December 7: 2nd Quarter Progress Reports Posted on Portal (grades 4-8)

December 8: Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass

December 10: Santa Shop

December 12: Cookies with Santa

December 15: Confessions for Advent

December 16: Christmas Pageant (Grades PK-5)

December 17: Early Dismissal (12:30pm) - NO AFTERCARE

December 18, 2021 - January 2, 2022: No School - Christmas Break



Advent

Advent began this past Sunday, November 28th. We will light a candle on our Advent Wreath as part of morning prayers each day. We will also use a Christmas Tree and decorate it with the Saint of the Day. We will learn about the 12 Saints of Advent. We hope our families will emphasize Advent in their homes as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth.

#iGIVECATHOLIC
on
#GIVINGTUESDAY™

Father Andrew
White School



#Giving Tuesday - November 30th

Today is Giving Tuesday!

Day of Giving: Giving Tuesday, an international day of charitable giving at the beginning of the Christmas season, provides an opportunity for donors to support a chosen cause. Today, Tuesday, November 30th, we ask that you please consider making a gift to support our Catholic school. By donating to Father Andrew White School, you are supporting the vital programs and the overall accessibility of a Catholic education for our young people. To make a tax-deductible contribution to our school, please visit <https://fatherandrewwhite.org/donate/> or contact the school office at 301-475-9795. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support!



Father Andrew White

Sock Drive 400

Starting on November 10th and ending on November 30th, Father Andrew White School will have a white sock drive! These socks will be donated to The Mission, a faith-based organization that helps those in need of clothes, food, shelter and more.

Students will bring in pairs of white socks. If we can collect at least 400 pairs of socks, then there will be a crazy sock day at school!

Boxes to collect the socks will be placed at the main entrance and side entrance of the school.

Last Day to Send in socks!

Father Andrew White School is sponsoring a white sock drive for The Mission in Lexington Park. Help us reach our goal of 400 socks. See the [flyer](#) for more details.

Santa Shop is Coming!

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December 10, 2021
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Please return your envelopes!

All gifts are \$3 each

Gifts will come home wrapped and ready to be placed under the tree!



Santa Shop Envelopes are due!

During school hours on Friday, December 10th, our children will be able to experience the joy of choosing their own Christmas presents for family members and pets. This year Santa Shop will be held in the St. Aloysius Church Hall and your children will be able to select from an inventory of pre-purchased gifts for those on their shopping list. Gifts will be set up on tables and displayed by category (Moms, Grandmas, Dads, Grandpas, Brothers, Sisters, and Pets). Your child(ren) received a money control envelope where they will be able to list the names of the people they are shopping for and how many gifts they are buying. Each gift is \$3. **Please return the envelope with payment for the gifts by tomorrow Wednesday, Dec. 1st.** Parent volunteers will assist the children during their shopping experience and gifts will come home wrapped and ready to be placed under the tree!! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Linda Greer at Lindagreer@gmail.com.



Santa Shop

Envelope with Payment Due 12-1-21

Student Name _____ Gr. _____

Money Control Envelope

Please help us make your child's shopping easier by filling out the chart below.

Check mark here	Gifts for my (*please include names)	
	Dad	
	Mom	
	*Brother(s) – please include names <u>and</u> ages	
	*Sister(s) – please include names <u>and</u> ages	
	Grandma(s)	* *
	Grandpa(s)	* *
	Dog/Cat (circle)	*
	FAW Buddy	*
	Friend(s)	
	Other	

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

~ ALL gifts cost \$3 ~

Please make checks payable to:
"Father Andrew White School" or include cash.



Thank you!!



Poinsettia and Wreath Pickup - This Week!

Poinsettia and Wreath pickup is tomorrow, December 1, 2021 between 5:30 - 7pm and Thursday,

Church Hall. Please fill out this [FORM](#) to let us know your pickup preference.



Science Fair - This Thursday!

This **Thursday, December 2nd**, the Science Fair will be open for families and friends to view the projects at 6:30pm. Awards will be announced at 7pm. Come and see the excellent work of our students!

ADW Tuition Assistance Program - Applications DUE THIS FRIDAY!

2022-2023 ADW Tuition Assistance Program: Applications for next year's Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program are now available. **The deadline date for returning families to apply is this Friday, December 3, 2021.** Families may apply online by logging onto <https://adwcatholicschools.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 2022-2023 school year **MUST APPLY THROUGH THIS ADW PROGRAM FIRST**, before asking for aid from FAW.

Fishin' for Tuition

Thank you all so much for your support to Father Andrew White School! You helped raise \$3,000 for our school. We also appreciate all the behind the scenes work done by our coordinators, John and Jaime Weber along with their team of volunteers. Thanks everyone!



2021 FAW Fishin' for Tuition Tournament Results

- 1st - Thomas Raley 14.7lbs \$2,080
- 2nd - Jeff Jacobs 13lbs \$1,040
- 3rd - Austin Davis 12.5lbs \$780

\$100 2 Fish Calcutta

- 1st - Thomas Raley 28.9lbs \$1,100
- 2nd - Robert Russell 21.9lbs \$550

\$200 2 Fish Calcutta

- 1st - Thomas Raley 28.9lbs \$2,200
- 2nd - Robert Russell 21.9lbs \$1,100



The **50/50** winner was Doug Hosea who graciously donated the winnings back to FAW!



Thanks For Your Support!

The youth group, Southern Maryland ROOTS, would like to thank the FAW families for their support of the first ever Chickenstock Fall Festival! Both the FAW handbell choir and the Rhythm Rejoicers made a wonderful contribution to all of the musical talent at the festival! Additionally, thank you to all of the FAW middle school volunteers who helped make the day run smoothly! For more volunteer opportunities with the ROOTS youth group, or to participate in more youth-focused and/or family friendly events, go to www.southernmarylandroots.org or find them on Facebook.



Butter Braid Thank You

A special thank you to our Butter Braid coordinator, Jessica Casto and the volunteers who helped make this fundraiser a success.

Poster Contest Winner!

Congratulations to 7th grader, Grace Robusto, for her winning poster in the Lions Club International Peace Poster contest. She received a Blue Ribbon, art supplies and a cash award. Her poster "Hand in hand, peace can unite our world," representing the theme "We are all connected," has been sent to the next round of the competition.



Cookies, Cocoa and Pictures with Santa!!

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus will be making a special visit to Father Andrew White School on Sunday, December 12, 2021 from 9am-11am for an International Christmas!

Celebrate Christmas traditions from all around the world during this fun event:

- Cookies, coffee and a hot chocolate bar
- Crafts and games for all ages
- Santa Shop open for children to shop for gifts (\$3/gift)
- SCRIP Gift Card sales
- Meet Santa and take a photo!

Admission is \$5 per child 12 and under. Please wear a mask inside the building at all times, except when you're seated to enjoy the cookies! We look forward to spreading Christmas cheer with you!

Please see the flyer [HERE!](#)



Cut Here and Return to School ASAP

We are looking for a headcount to ensure we are planning appropriately - let us know you are coming!

Yes, we plan to attend _____ Adults _____ Children

We are also in need of volunteers!!

- I am unable to volunteer for this event.
- I am interested in helping to make this event a success!
- I plan to donate 36 Cookies (prepackaged store bought) on Friday morning (12/10) for a service hour. *(Please tape note to the box of cookies with your family's name/grade for credit!)*
- I am interested in setting up for the event.
- I am interested in assisting with activities the day of the event, Sunday, December 12th 9-11 AM.
- I am interested in assisting with the clean-up of the event.

Name and Email (Contact Information) of Potential Volunteer(s):

Questions: Contact the Event Coordinators
 Katie Bailey at (301) 904-5157 or bailey.katie.lynn@gmail.com or
 Brittany Raley at brittany.raley313@gmail.com

Christmas Toy Drive

Looking for a way to spread Christmas cheer to families in need? Well, here's your chance! From November 30th to December 15th, we will be collecting unwrapped, new and gently used toys for ages toddler to ten years old. This Toy Drive will benefit needy families in our area who may not have any gifts to give to their children. Please bring your new and gently used toys to school and deposit them in the marked box located in the FAW School lobby. For any questions please contact our 2020 FAW graduate, James O'Hara by emailing him at james.ohara@smrhs.org. Thank you for your generosity!



Christmas Toy Drive

Looking for a way to spread Christmas cheer to a family in need?

Here's your chance!

Please bring in new or gently-used, unwrapped toys and drop them off in the designated box in the FAW School lobby.



When: November 30th - December 15th

Why: To benefit the Caritas Resource Center at St. Mary's Ryken

Who: Toys collected will go to less fortunate families in our area

For any questions, please email james.ohara@smrhs.org

Did someone say Christmas cards?

It is time to order your Christmas and Holiday cards!! Please consider using Minted.com... you save 20% and Minted donates 15% back to Father Andrew White by using code **FUNDRAISEWHITE**. Please share the code with friends and family members as they can also use it to save and raise money for our school!!

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This holiday season, we're partnering with Minted to help us fundraise.
Shop holiday cards and gifts on [minted.com](https://www.minted.com) using our promo code

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1517 MAGNOLIA AVENUE
APARTMENT 3
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40507

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MINTED.COM/HOLIDAY

BRINGING PEACE AND JOY WITH

THE SAINTS OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Pageant 2021

SAVE THE DATE!

DECEMBER 16, 2021

PK & 5 GR. 10:30-11:15

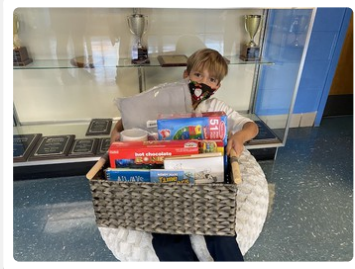
K & 4 GR. 12:30-1:15

1-3 GR. 1:30-2:15



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

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.



Brown Bag Auction



Mark your calendars for one of FAW's most exciting events! The annual Brown Bag Auction, a basket raffle of all donated items, is coming up in early February! To prepare these fun, themed baskets, we need your help! Please keep the Brown Bag Auction in mind when Christmas Shopping!

Donation ideas include:

- New, in package items
- Gift card donations
- A completed, themed basket
- Monetary donations to purchase big-ticket items
- Baskets, basket plastic wrap

Thank you for considering donating! Donations can be sent to school labeled "Brown Bag Auction" or can be given directly to Brown Bag Auction Co-Chairs (Shannon Dent shannonadent@gmail.com; Jessica Phillips jessica@phillips5.com, or Kristen Haley kristenhaley11@gmail.com). Thank you!

SCRIP Gift Card Program

Christmas is around the corner! Remember to use SCRIP to make purchases while you are shopping and to give as gifts! Our American Express \$25s, Visa \$50s and Visa \$100s are popular gifts and don't carry the extra surcharge they would have if you bought them in the store.



Youth News

- Friday, December 3, 2021: Middle School Friday Game Night and Adoration at St. Aloysius

Southern MD Roots

Invites you!



Upcoming Events:

December 8th-Christmas Party & mass (Holy Day)

Holy Angels School, Youth Group room

December 15th-Making fruit baskets for those in need & Christmas potluck celebration

5:30, Holy Angels School, Youth Group room



Families with youth K-12th grade

- Serving the St. Francis Xavier, Sacred Heart, Holy Angels, and Our Lady of the Wayside parishes and community families
- Monthly meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 5:30pm @ Holy Angels (Starting 10/13/21)
- Monthly Weekend activities include: service projects, field trips, fellowship, and more!
- Join Us!

www.southernmarylandroots.org

facebook page: Southern Maryland Roots

- Wednesday, December 8, 2021 (Holy Day): (K-12th grade) Christmas Party & Pizza at 5:30pm and Mass at 7pm - hosted by Southern Maryland ROOTS Youth Group at Holy Angels School Youth Group Room

- Wednesday, December 15, 2021 - 5:30pm: (K-12th grade) Making Fruit Baskets for the needy and Christmas Potluck Celebration - hosted by Southern Maryland ROOTS Youth Group at Holy Angels School Youth Group Room (This event counts as service/volunteer hours.)

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Holy Face Church
ADVENT VILLAGE

• **Saturday**
December 4th
6pm
Holy Face Church
Great Mills

A community Advent Experience!

HAY RIDE~KIDS GAMES~PRIZES~
COOKIE DECORATING~
BOOMERANGS FOOD TRUCK~MUSIC~

Kindly bring a canned food item to enter

Holy Face Church is located at 20408 Point Lookout Rd. Great Mills, Md / 301-994-0525

Hospice of St. Mary's - Festival of Trees Event

Please see the flyer below for information on how to support Hospice of St. Mary's through their Virtual Festival of Trees event.

Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021

Time: 10:00am – 3:00 pm

Location: www.2021fot.givesmart.com

Everyone Can Participate!

Donate: Any amount choose

Raffle: Purchase tickets to win a prize tree with gifts included

Bid: Win a decorated tree or wreath (Dec. 4th until 3pm)

All winning trees and wreaths will be delivered on Dec. 5th in St. Mary's County. All proceeds benefit local community members who need hospice care and support.



Virtual Event

DEC 4

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS

You Can Participate!

Donate: Any amount you choose.

Raffle: Purchase tickets to win a prize tree!

Bid: Win a decorated tree or wreath (Dec. 4 until 3 pm).

Share: Send this flyer to family, friends, and coworkers.
Like and share our Facebook posts.

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WE WILL DELIVER ALL WINNING
TREES AND WREATHS ON DEC. 5!

All proceeds benefit local
community members who need
Hospice care and support.

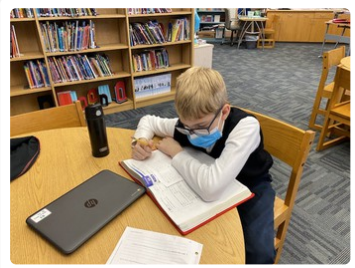
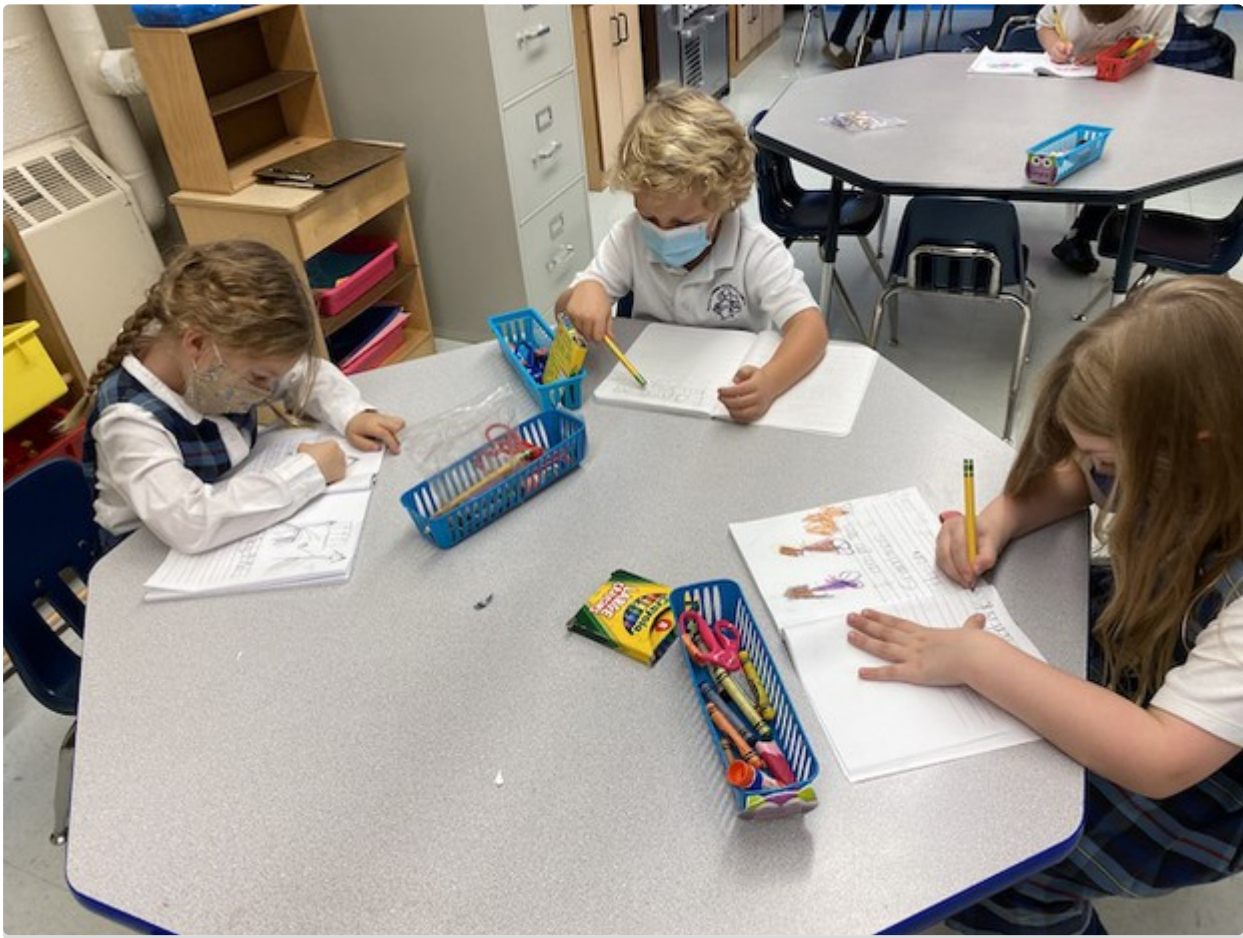


Bid Online Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021

www.2021FOT.givesmart.com

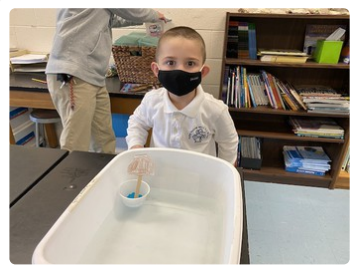
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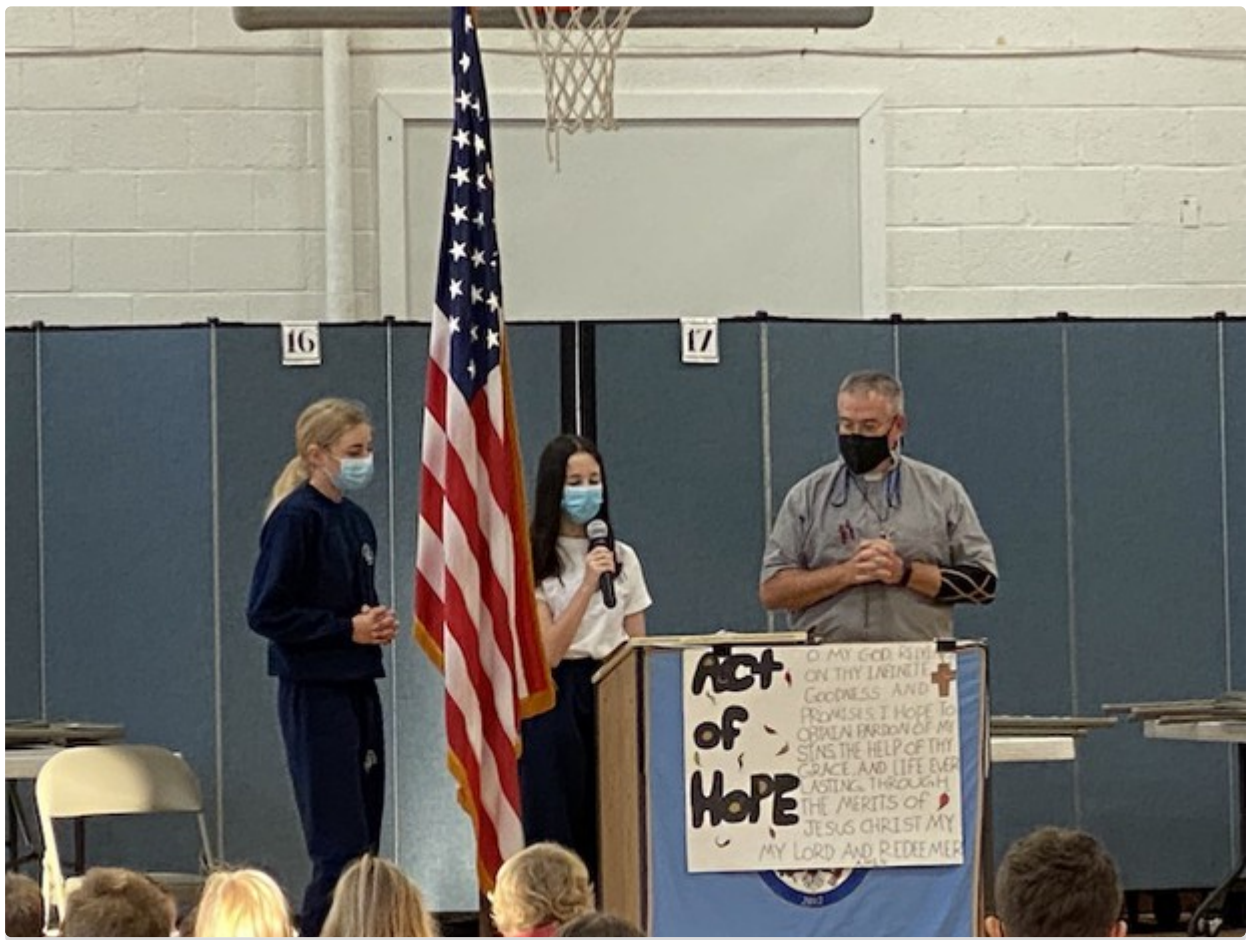


Leading Tomorrow...



Living our Faith!





Volunteer opportunities



Science Fair Judges Needed



Volunteer Opportunity!

The Father Andrew White School Science Fair will be held Thursday, December 2, 2021. We are in need of judges and people to coordinate the children on this day. Students from 5th through 8th grades will be participating. This volunteer opportunity would last from 9am - 12pm. Judges are asked to meet in the gym at 8:45am. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be provided. If you can help us in any way, please complete the information below and return this form to the school. Alternatively, please email Mr. George to let us know you can help. george@fatherandrewwhite.org

Thank you for your support,

Mrs. Cecilia Sarlo

Mr. Jereme George

Science Fair Judges - Volunteer Form

___ I can help judge the Science Fair.

___ I can help coordinate the students during judging.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Telephone Number or Email to Contact You: _____

Help Wanted!

God has blessed each of us with various talents. Are you able to share yours with Father Andrew White School? We are looking for some help from individuals and/or businesses to improve our physical campus. Also, if you or your business would like to sponsor/fund any of these projects we would be forever grateful! If you are willing to help with any of the following, please contact Jaime Weber at jaimeweber11@gmail.com



- replace cracked floor tiles
- replace ceiling tiles
- repair drywall
- repave parking lot near back playground area
- tidy wiring in gym
- create a patio for picnic table area

- make cupboards to cover open shelving in classroom
- landscaping
- paint hallways and bathrooms
- install gate/fence around propane tank
- fix window closures
- replace playground benches
- install taller/stronger net behind soccer goals
- fix leaky roof



Playground Volunteers

We have open time slots available for recess monitors during the second quarter. If you are available, please consider signing up. Your child will love to have you here!! Access the sign-up [here](#).

2021-2022 Volunteer Opportunity Form

Take a few minutes to let us know what you are interested in volunteering your time for this school year!

NEW to Volunteering? Click here!

Record Volunteer Hours Here!

Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Amy Gavin

Art Teacher



Mrs. Gavin is originally from Illinois and received her Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design and her Master's in Art Education. She loves running! Her favorite subjects in school were Art and English. It is no surprise that the virtues she cherishes are Kindness and Cheerfulness. We can always count on Mrs. Gavin's cheerful and kind demeanor!

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
~ Romans 8:28



Something she loves about FAW is the camaraderie of the staff.

Did you know that she loves animals with all her heart? She has a dog named Juno.

Substitute Teachers Information

Used Uniforms

FAW Crusaders Spirit Store

Great news! We can now place FAW Spirit Gear orders throughout the year! Click on the link to shop today!



Spirit Rock Reservations

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HSPT Test (8 th Grade)	2 Science Fair	3 First Friday Mass LAST DAY to submit TADS Tuition Aid Application	4
5	6	7 Progress Reports Posted (grades 4-8)	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass	9	10 Santa Shop	11
12 Cookies with Santa 9 – 11am	13	14	15 Advent Confessions	16 Christmas Pageant	17 Early Dismissal, 12:30pm NO AFTERCARE	18
19	20 No School Christmas Break	21 No School Christmas Break	22 No School Christmas Break	23 No School Christmas Break	24 No School Christmas Break	25 Merry Christmas
26	27 No School Christmas Break	28 No School Christmas Break	29 No School Christmas Break	30 No School Christmas Break	31 No School Christmas Break	

Weekly Reminders:

- Consider Donating to FAW on Giving Tuesday (today)
- Return Santa Shop Envelopes (tomorrow)
- Pick up your Wreaths and Poinsettias (Wednesday or Thursday)
- Attend the Science Fair (Thursday)
- Apply for Financial Aid through the ADW (by Friday)
- Order Christmas Cards through Minted.com
- Volunteer to be a Recess Monitor, Science Fair Judge, or to help with Cookies with Santa
- Consider Volunteering your Talents to help improve our Campus

2021-2022 Yearly School Calendar


"FAITH AS SMALL AS A
Mustard Seed
CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS"
- Matthew 17:20 -





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"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living Our Faith"

