



# *Father Andrew White S. J. School*

**National Blue Ribbon School**



## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

January 9, 2018

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

- Jan. 10: Early Dismissal (12:30pm) & Ledo's Spirit Night (4-8pm)
- Jan. 15: No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- Jan. 18: Winter Concert (7pm @ St. Mary's Ryken)
- Jan. 19: March for Life & End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 20: Gym Floor Dedication (prior to 6:30pm Basketball Game)
- Jan. 28 - Feb. 3: Catholic Schools Week
- Jan. 31: International Night

**Early Dismissal:** We have a 12:30pm Early Dismissal day **tomorrow, Wednesday, January 10th.**

**No School:** There will be no school on **Monday, January 15th** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**Tuition:** Tuition envelopes are due **Tuesday, January 16th** for those who elected to pay on the 1/2 year basis. Please note that all tuition should be in by the 15th of each month. Please check your tuition payment schedule to see if your account is up to date. If you are having problems with the tuition payment, please contact Ms. Francisco.

**Spring Social/Auction:** We're just a little over 3 months away and bi-weekly Auction and Social Committee meetings have begun! Please join us **TODAY, January 9th** and Tuesday, January 23rd at 6pm in the Olde Town Pub poker room. Share your ideas and help us get the ball down the field!

Remember to like and follow our Facebook page for details on the event, auction item previews, and shout outs to our generous sponsors as our planning season progresses. Now that the holidays are behind us, look for activity to really ramp up! Search @FAWAuctionSocial or click the following link to access our page <https://www.facebook.com/FAWAuctionSocial/>.

**Ledo's Spirit Night:** Our next Ledo's Spirit Night **tomorrow Wednesday, January 10th** will be a Buddy Night for grades 1 and 7. The back of the restaurant will be set up for 1st graders and their 7th grade buddies. If you have students in grades 1 and 7, we hope you will enjoy dinner together at 6pm. Our Spirit Night

for everyone is from 4-8pm. When you mention "FAW," Ledo's will donate 20% of the sale to the school! This offer includes sit down or carry out service. We hope to see you there!

**Italian Dinner Volunteers/Donations Needed:** Volunteers are needed to make meatballs on Monday, January 15th starting at 10am in the FAW kitchen. Volunteers are also needed for the dinner on Saturday, February 3rd between 10am and 10pm. Please note: Volunteer positions are limited. The following donations are needed by noon, Saturday, February 3rd: bottled water and 2-liter sodas. To volunteer or donate, please contact Dana Goldstein at [FAWItalianDinner@gmail.com](mailto:FAWItalianDinner@gmail.com) or 240-298-4205.

**Italian Dinner Dessert Table:** The 8th grade will be coordinating the dessert table for the Italian Dinner this year so they can raise money for their class trip in May. While a majority of the desserts will be coming from the 8th grade, anyone can make a donation or donations will gladly be accepted. If you're interested, please contact Mrs. Sarlo - [faws8@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:faws8@fatherandrewwhite.org).

**Italian Dinner & Brown Bag Auction:** Our Italian Dinner and Brown Bag Auction will be on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 5 - 8pm in the school gym. The menu includes spaghetti, homemade marinara sauce, homemade meatballs, Italian sausage, garlic bread, salad, and desserts. Tickets will also be on sale for a variety of filled themed baskets that will be raffled at the dinner. Dinner prices are \$10 for ages 13 and older, \$5 for ages 4-12, and children ages 3 and under are free.

**Brown Bag Auction:** The annual Brown Bag Auction will be occurring during the Italian Dinner on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Donations for the various baskets are now being accepted. If you have anything that you would like to donate, or you would like to put together a basket of your own, we will be collecting all items or finished baskets through January 31, 2018. Anything that you can give would be greatly appreciated in order to make this event a huge success. You can either drop the items off at school in the front office with Mrs. Bowles or you can contact Amy Ashley or Wendy Perraut for pick-up: Amy - [Ashley@md.metrocast.net](mailto:Ashley@md.metrocast.net) or 240-577-5559, Wendy - [wllewis23@hotmail.com](mailto:wllewis23@hotmail.com).

**Gym Floor Dedication:** Prior to our 6:30pm Girls Varsity basketball game on Saturday, January 20th, we will be holding a Gym Floor Dedication ceremony to celebrate our Mrs. Linda Maloney Court. Please plan to join us!

**8th Grade Cinch Bags:** The 8th grade class is seeking sponsorships within our community to help cover the cost of their end of the year class trip. They are selling cinch-bags with the school logo and community business logos on them. Attached you will find an order form with more details. Please pass this form on to any local businesses that may be interested. These bags will be available for anyone to purchase at the end of January. Thank you for your support.

**SCRIP:** Thank you for using scrip for your Christmas gifts and shopping! We had a tremendously successful Christmas season. In one month, we sold \$45,000 worth of gift cards with a profit to the school of over \$2,000! Members of the scrip team were at school just about every day in December processing and filling orders to ensure everyone had what they needed, when they needed it. The scrip team would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those individuals who have helped to sell scrip at Mass and in the car rider line. A **huge thank you** goes out to Karen Farr who worked tirelessly to order and distribute an incredible amount of gift cards in time for the holidays. She was working overtime each day to make sure you received your gift cards in time. Thank you Mrs. Farr! In January, we will resume our usual delivery schedule. Orders placed by Monday are typically sent home by Friday. However, because we have to pay for shipping for our cards, in some instances we do not need enough cards to place an order each week. In those cases, the wait time for custom or out-of-stock orders could be two weeks. Please contact the scrip team at [faw.scrip@gmail.com](mailto:faw.scrip@gmail.com) if you have questions about the delivery time of a particular order or if you need gift cards by a particular date. And remember, gift cards are not just for gift giving! We maintain a robust inventory of cards for our local grocery stores, gas stations, household goods retailers and restaurants.

**FAW Annual Giving Campaign:** Thank you to all that have contributed! Our goal for this year's Father Andrew White School Annual Giving Campaign is to raise funds to improve our technology. **We are still looking for donations to help us purchase more equipment that directly benefits our students.** We thank you in advance for prayerfully considering donating to this important fund. For your convenience, you are welcome to pay using a credit card via Paypal. For the Paypal link and more information, please visit our website: <http://fatherandrewwhite.org/annual-giving-campaign/become-a-technology-sponsor/>

**Flu Clinics:** St. Mary's County Health Department has one more flu clinic on Friday, January 19th. Clinic times are: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Flu shots are free to children 6 months through 18 years old. Please also note you can also call the Health Department and set up individual appointment times to bring your children to the clinic. You can contact them at [301-475-4330](tel:301-475-4330).

**Catholic Schools Week** starts January 28th. To kick off the weeklong celebration, each of our three parishes will highlight our school at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, January 28th. Our students will serve as lectors, gift bearers, and altar servers at each parish. Forms for children to volunteer in their parish are included in today's Tuesday's envelope. Please check your calendars for availability and

return the completed form no later than Tuesday, January 16th. We hope all of our families will make an effort to attend the 11:00 masses on this day. All students are asked to wear their school uniforms to Mass on January 28th. Out of parish families are cordially invited to share in the liturgical celebration at St. Aloysius (Leonardtwn), St. Francis Xavier (Compton), or Our Lady of Medley's Neck. More information and a schedule of all the week's events will be sent home soon.

**Save the Dates:** Our Open Houses to invite interested new families to visit our wonderful school will be held on Friday, February 2nd, 10:00 – 11:30am and Sunday, February 25th, 12:00 – 1:00pm. We appreciate that our families are the best ambassadors for FAW and your word of mouth about our school is the best PR we have! Please help us get the word out about our Open Houses to all prospective family and friends, especially for grades PK – 3.

**Inclement Weather:** All Catholic Schools will follow St. Mary's County Public School closings and delayed openings due to inclement weather. There will be NO separate notice for Catholic schools. Closings are announced on radio stations especially WMDM-FM 97.7, WKIK-FM 102.9, WSMD-FM 98.3. Also TV Channels 4, 5, 7, & 9. You will also be notified by School Messenger with a telephone call from Ms. Francisco. EXCEPTION TO THIS: If there is a delay in starting school on a day we are scheduled for a 12:30 dismissal, we will start school 2 hours late and dismiss at 2:30. On these days all children must bring a lunch as hot lunch will not be served.

**FAW News Email:** Do you have an announcement you'd like to put in our weekly bulletin? Or perhaps you went to a FAW game or event and you'd like to share some information. We have created an email where you can send pictures, blurbs, etc. This will help us get new items in our bulletin and local newspapers. Email: [FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org)

### **Weekly Checklist**

- Attend the Auction/Social Committee meeting (tonight)
- Attend Ledo's Spirit Night (tomorrow)
- Volunteer for our Italian Dinner
- Check your tuition payment schedule
- Spread the word regarding our Open Houses
- Send FAW news to [FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org)
- Find items for our Brown Bag Auction
- Donate to our Annual Giving Campaign