



Father Andrew White S. J. School

National Blue Ribbon School



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 12, 2017

Important Upcoming Dates

Dec. 13: Penance Service (grades 3-8) & Ledo's Spirit Night (4-8pm)

Dec. 21: Early Dismissal (Christmas Break begins at 12:30pm) - NO AFTERCARE

Dec. 22 – Jan. 1: No School – Christmas Holiday

Penance Service: A penance service for students in grades 3 – 8 will be **tomorrow Wednesday, December 13th**, starting at 9:30am.

Ledo's Spirit Night: Our next Ledo's Spirit Night **tomorrow Wednesday, December 13th** will be a Buddy Night for grades 3 and 8. The back of the restaurant will be set up for 3rd graders and their 8th grade buddies. Our Spirit Night for everyone is from 4-8pm. If you have students in grades 3 and 8, we hope you will enjoy dinner together at 6pm.

SCRIP: Still looking for Christmas gifts? We have lots of gift cards in stock. We can also order American Express gift cards in \$25 increments. and Visa and Discover in \$50 increments. Orders received by close of business **tomorrow Wednesday, December 13th**, will be guaranteed by Christmas. Orders received after tomorrow will be filled until our inventory is depleted.

Advent Service Project: This year as our school wide service project for Advent, we are going to be making blessing bags for people in need who visit Camp Maria as part of the WARM program this holiday season. Thank you for sending in items by **this Friday, December 15th**.

Pre-K - toothpaste/toothbrushes

K - Christmas candy

1st Grade – gum/chapstick

2nd Grade – Hot hands hand warmers

3rd Grade – Men's and Women's deodorant

4th Grade – Men's and Women's hats/scarves

5th Grade - Men's and Women's gloves

6th Grade - Women's socks

7th Grade - Men's socks

8th Grade - Men's white undershirts

Christmas Concert: Thank you to all of you that attended our beautiful Christmas Program. Many hours of planning and practicing were spent preparing for this show. Huge thank yous go out to all the students and staff who participated in and helped out in any way with the Christmas Program. This annual gift to our families takes a lot of work behind the scenes and we'd like to show our gratitude to all of those people. First, thank you to both Mrs. Armsworthy and Mrs. Cacko for their many hours of rehearsal with and without the students. This year's repertoire was a challenge! A big thank you to Mrs. Black for helping the students with their readings, costumes, and general backstage and onstage performances! Thank you to Liz Norris, Cate Kinslow, and Lizzy Wood for their help with creating the Christmas Program. Good job, ladies! Thanks to Isabelle Wood for her help with being the "backstage assistant" and "page turner." Excellent work! Thanks to Lizzy Wood, again, for being our Pageant Photographer! Thanks to our class runners: Sarah Vavrus, Delayne Wood, Leah Quade, and Reagan Stanalonis! We kept them on their toes this year, and they did a great job! And, of course, thank you to our staff for the support during rehearsals and the pageant on Sunday! We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas gift from the students! Merry Christmas from FAW to you!

Car Magnets: We have "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for sale! The magnets can be placed on vehicles and refrigerators. Consider buying one for you and one for someone else. Magnets are \$5 each. Orders will be filled immediately. Please see the attached order form for more details.

Candy Grams: This Christmas season, Student Council is selling candy grams. You can buy a candy gram to send to your child, their friends, or their teachers. Candy grams can be purchased for \$0.50 each and will be distributed on Wednesday, December 20th. A candy gram sheet is in your child's Tuesday envelope today for your convenience.

Coat Drive: We are appreciative of all the coats that were donated for our Archdiocesan Coat Drive. About 100 coats were collected to help both children and adults stay warm this winter. Thank you for your kindness.

White House Christmas Ornaments: Thank you to Kelly White for coordinating our annual White House Christmas ornament sale. Once again, we had a successful sale and appreciate all of Kelly's work coordinating and delivering these beautiful ornaments.

Labels for Education: As many of you know, the Campbell's Labels for Education Program is coming to a close. We ask that you **kindly send in any UPC with the Labels for Education logo by Thursday, December 21st**. To be clear, this program is ending for good, so please don't hold on to any of our labels for future contests. Be sure to check with family members who may be collecting labels for your family. Thank you!

Cookie Walk: Our 8th graders hosted a Cookie Walk fundraiser to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society Giving Tree. They raised \$300 to help those in need. Thanks for participating.

FAW Annual Giving Campaign: Letters were mailed out to all current families as well as alumni and local parishioners. Our goal for this year's Father Andrew White School Annual Giving Campaign is to raise funds to improve our technology. **Our first cart of 30 laptops has arrived and our students are very excited.** We thank you in advance for prayerfully considering donating to this important fund that directly benefits our children so that we are able to continue to provide the needed technology upgrades to keep our students safe on a monitored system.

Amazon: Remember to start your Amazon shopping at www.smile.amazon.com. The first time you shop, select Father Andrew White as your charity of choice and Amazon will send us a small percentage of your purchase! There's no cost to you and all of your Amazon benefits continue to apply.

Flu Clinics: St. Mary's County Health Department has added two more flu clinics to its schedule. Please mark the following dates: Wednesday, December 20th and 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 that if you cannot make these dates, 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).

2018 Brown Bag Auction: Mark your calendars for one of FAW's most exciting events! The annual Brown Bag Auction is set to occur during the Italian Dinner on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018. Join us for a great family dinner and take a chance on one, or many, themed baskets of goodies. In order to prepare these marvelous baskets, we need your generosity of newly donated items, or a themed basket full of fun and exciting items. Anything that you can give would be greatly appreciated in order to make this event a huge success. While you are out shopping before and after the holidays, please keep in mind that we will be accepting donations after the new year in order to create some great baskets. Should you receive anything at Christmas that you may not want, simply "regift/donate" that item and we will create a basket for the event. In addition to the items needed to fill the baskets we will also require the actual baskets to put the items in and/or plastic wrap to wrap the baskets. If you have any questions about this event please feel free to contact Amy Ashley at ashley@md.metrocast.net or Wendy Perraut at wllewis23@hotmail.com.

Lunch Menu: Lunch menus for January and February are up and available for ordering on [orgsonline](#). You can order for both months at once and pay one convenience fee or order individually and pay two. The cut off date for the January menu is Sunday, December 31st and the cut off date for the February menu is Sunday, January 28th. Kindly remember that no late orders will be accepted. Thank you!

Uniform Code Reminders: Please take note of the following uniform regulations as stated in the Parent-Student Handbook:

1. Navy blue or white tights (**NO LEGGINGS**) or knee socks may be worn with skirts and jumpers.
2. Only FAW sweatshirts may be worn on gym days if a sweatshirt* is needed.
*The navy blue crewneck sweatshirt with the school insignia; not the Under Armour Spirit Gear hoodie. The hoodie can be worn for warmth if PE class is held outside, but must be removed when returning to the classroom.

Weekly Checklist

- Attend Ledo's Spirit Night (tomorrow)
- Order SCRIP before holiday shopping
- Send in items for our Advent Service Project (by Friday)
- Buy a "Keep Christ in Christmas" Magnet and Candy Grams
- Find items for our Brown Bag Auction
- Donate to our Annual Giving Campaign