



# *Father Andrew White S. J. School*

**National Blue Ribbon School**



## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

December 5, 2017

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Dec. 5: Progress Reports Posted Online

Dec. 6: Early Dismissal (12:30pm)

Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass (8:30am - hosted by 5th grade)

Dec. 10: Christmas Program (2pm)

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

**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.

**Progress Reports:** Mid-quarter progress reports for students in grades 3-8 will be posted on Parent PlusPortal, **today, December 5th**. 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 "Reports" tab, then select "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>

**Spring Auction & Social:** Please join us at our Auction and Social Committee meeting **today, December 5th** at 6pm in the Olde Town Pub poker room.

Could you use an extra \$1,000 cash? Yes? Then be sure to purchase your spot for a chance to win our 50/50 football pool! There are 100 \$20 squares available

for purchase. The final "score" will be drawn at the auction and the winner will walk away with 50% of the proceeds! We will be selling squares before Sunday's Christmas program so be sure to bring along some cash or a check made out to FAW and secure your chance to win!

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. Search @FAWAuctionSocial or click the following link to access our page <https://www.facebook.com/FAWAuctionSocial/>

**Early Dismissal:** This is a friendly reminder that students have a 12:30pm Early Dismissal **tomorrow, December 6th.**

**Mass:** The students will attend 8:30am Mass **this Friday, December 8th** for the Holy Day of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our 5th grade class will be hosting this Mass. As always, family members are welcome to join us!

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

**Christmas is coming!** And, so is the Christmas Concert! Attention all families with students in Pre-K through 5th grades, our Annual Christmas Pageant will be held **this Sunday, December 10th** at 2pm. All students should report to their classrooms at 1:30pm dressed in their Christmas Best. Please no t-shirts, jeans, or sneakers. Students will stay in their classroom until they perform and then return to their classes with their teacher(s) until they are released to you at the end of the program. The students have been working hard preparing their song as a gift to you for Christmas. We appreciate your commitment and support to this wonderful FAW tradition! We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you on Sunday the 10th.

**Cookie Walk:** Our 8th graders will be hosting a Cookie Walk fundraiser to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society Giving Tree. The Cookie Walk will be held in the 8th grade classroom right before the Christmas Performance next Sunday. Be sure to stop by for some delicious treats!

**Coat Drive:** Please check your closets for coats of all sizes to turn in by **Monday, December 11th!** The Diocesan "Coats of Many Colors" Drive is once again underway! Every school and parish in the diocese has been asked to collect coats that will be distributed to those in need throughout all counties. Coats for men, women, and children of all ages will be very much appreciated. There is a

need for XXL size coats and larger. A prayer card or written note placed in a coat pocket has been requested. We will have boxes in the school lobby for the collection. The coats must be clean and in good condition. Thank you for your kindness!

**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. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**Science & History Fair:** Once again, we had a successful Science and History Fair. Many thanks to all of our judges who took the time to review each project. We also appreciate the hard work of our teachers, Mrs. Sarlo and Mr. George. Attached you will find the list of winners. Congratulations to all of our students!

**Santa Shop:** We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our Santa Shop volunteers. The children purchased over 1,100 gifts for their parents, grandparents, siblings and even pets. The children were truly excited and joyful as they arrived in the gym to select special presents for their loved ones.

**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 improve our technology. Thank you for prayerfully considering donating to this important fund that directly benefits our children.

**SMR Basketball:** St. Mary's Ryken invites the FAW basketball players and their families to join us for the first home games of the season! Both games start at 5:15 p.m. for JV and 7 p.m. for varsity.

December 7th - SMR boys basketball vs. LaPlata High School - Free admission for FAW players in their FAW uniform or basketball jersey!

December 12th - SMR girls basketball vs. Holy Cross - Free admission for FAW players in their FAW uniform or basketball jersey!

GO Knights!

**Save the Date:** Our next Ledo's Spirit Night on 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:** Our scrip supplier has recently added the online electronics superstore Crutchfield to our list of available retailers! They offer e-cards in denominations ranging from \$25 to \$250. Order through your online account and pay by check or with Presto Pay. If you need help setting up an online account, contact Karen Farr at [karenafarr@yahoo.com](mailto:karenafarr@yahoo.com)

We have lots of unique retailers for whom we can order gift cards. They include Guitar Center, Google Play, Audible.com, Stitch Fix, Ebay, Groupon, Top Golf and Xbox. If you are planning on giving a gift card this season, consider ordering from us!

**Amazon:** Remember to start your Amazon shopping at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:ashley@md.metrocast.net) or Wendy Perraut at [wllewis23@hotmail.com](mailto:wllewis23@hotmail.com).

### **Weekly Checklist**

- View Progress Reports (today)
- Attend Spring Social Meeting (today)
- Attend Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Friday, Dec. 8th (8:30am)
- Enjoy our Christmas Program (Sunday)
- Donate coats (by Monday)
- Order SCRIP before holiday shopping