



Father Andrew White S. J. School

National Blue Ribbon School



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 3, 2017

Important Upcoming Dates

Oct. 3: Progress Reports Posted on Parent PlusPortal

Oct. 5: Environmental Field Trip (grade 4) & Basketball & Cheerleading Meeting (7pm)

Oct. 6: First Friday Mass (9am, hosted by Student Council & Chorus)

Oct. 11: School Picture Day & Early Dismissal (12:30pm) & Ledo's Spirit Night (4-8pm)

Oct. 17: St. Aloysius Confirmation

Oct. 18: School Retreat at Camp Maria

Oct. 20: Environmental Field Trip (grade 7)

Oct. 26: Book Fair Begins & Fall Fun Day (12-2pm) NO AFTERCARE

Oct. 26 - Nov. 3: Book Fair

Oct. 27: No School - Professional Day

Please Note: We DO have school on Monday, Oct. 9th (Columbus Day).

Progress Reports: Mid-quarter progress reports for students in grades 3-8 will be posted on Parent PlusPortal, **today, October 3rd**. Please login to check your child's progress. If you need the login information resent to you, please contact Mrs. Greer at fawscomputer@fatherandrewwhite.org. The progress of students in Pre-K – grade 2 will be discussed with parents at report card conferences in November. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Family Faith Calendar: Each month, we will focus on a key ingredient to being respectful. Last month a calendar was sent home in your child's Tuesday envelope. It included ideas and activities to complete at home. Please return

the calendar with the completed activities tomorrow. Younger students will receive a Tag Day and older students (middle school) will receive a homework pass.

Basketball & Cheerleading Meeting: We invite boys and girls, grades 5 – 8, and their parents to attend the meeting **this Thursday, Oct. 5th** at 7pm, to hear about our plans for our JV and Varsity basketball teams and cheerleader squad for this coming season. Come and meet our coaches and sign up for our teams. We will meet all together in the gym for basic information, followed by break out meetings for boys and girls, JV, Varsity, and cheerleading teams. We hope to see many interested students and parents.

First Friday Mass: This **Friday, October 6th** our SCA & Chorus will host the 9am Mass. All families are not only welcome, but are encouraged to come. Please join us.

National Jr. Honor Society: On Friday September 29, 2017, the following students were inducted into the Linda Maloney Chapter of the Father Andrew White, S.J. National Junior Honor Society: Zachary Longmore, Emma Taylor, Emma Ashley, Madison Bishop, Katelyn Freese, Alexandra Leake, Parker Parris, Kylie Perraut, Katie Richardson, Andrew Stickney, and Owen Tippett.

Current Members Brie-ann Beavan, Elise Cecil, Abigail Cosgrove, William Evans, Jack Guerre, Alyssa Johnson, Ty Jubeck, Catherine Kinslow, Kaitlyn Lamb, Elizabeth Norris, Thomas White, Delayne Wood, and Sarah Vavrus assisted with the candle lighting ceremony and celebration. A special thank you to Father David Beaubien, Ms. Heather Francisco, Mrs. Maureen Detrick, Ms. Shannon Rowland, and the NJHS advisory committee for a wonderful ceremony.

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded. The NJHS has worked hard across the nation in 12,000 junior high chapters to bring practical meaning to the Society's goals of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. The Linda Maloney Chapter of the FAW, S.J. NJHS works hard to fulfill these goals each year.

Thanksgiving Luncheon Survey: On Friday, September 29th, Ms. Francisco sent an email with a link to a survey to ask for input to make a decision on our traditional Thanksgiving Luncheon. Please take the time to complete this survey today. Thank you.

Picture Day: Individual school pictures will be taken next Wednesday, October 11th. An envelope must be returned for each child with payment for each child

individually. Please be sure to designate on each envelope which package you have chosen for each child. Children do not have to wear their uniforms for their pictures, but dress must meet the appropriate tag day standards. Check the school handbook for tag dress code.

Home and School Association: Looking for ways to fulfill your volunteer hours while having fun? Contact a fundraiser coordinator to say you can help at one of our wonderful events. Attached you will find a list of fundraisers and the point of contact for each one. Volunteer today!

Spirit Gear! Show your FAW spirit around town with our new Under Armour spirit shirts, Tervis tumblers, and car magnets. A flyer with an order form is in this week's Tuesday's envelope. For questions or to place an order, please contact Diann Tharp at diantharp@gmail.com.

School Retreat: Our staff and students in grades K-8 will go to Camp Maria on Wednesday, October 18th, for our 9th annual whole school retreat. Students are to wear their P.E. uniforms and tennis shoes. Everyone will need to bring a bag lunch and a drink (no soda or glass bottles please). A permission slip is in your child's Tuesday envelope today. Please return the signed form by October 11th.

SCRIP: We're one month into the school year already! Have you started your SCRIP purchases? Buying gift cards now is a great way to budget for Christmas or even start your shopping early. Don't forget - you can use your cards for your own shopping at many of the retailers you frequent. We have cards for our local grocery stores, Target, Walmart, BJ's, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Old Navy and Michaels. We have Amazon cards as well - just enter the gift card number into your Amazon account and it will store the credit for you until you are ready to use it. No need to keep track of your gift card!

Book Fair Volunteers Needed: Our Book Fair is coming and Mrs. Pietsch is in need of volunteers on October 26th, 30th and 31st and November 1st - 3rd, during school hours. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Pietsch at fawlibrary@fatherandrewwhite.org. This is a great way to earn volunteer hours and NO experience is required !!!

Fall Fun Day: Our annual Fall Fun Day will be held on Thursday, October 26th from 12 - 2pm. Flyers have been sent home with information on this exciting event. Please consider volunteering your time during the 12- 3pm time frame. Return your Fun Day volunteer slip (by Oct. 13th). Email any questions to

Courtney Cain at Courtney_Cartier@Yahoo.com or Lisa Beavan at LMBeavan@hotmail.com.

"Saturday Night Lights" Social and Auction: Join us at our next Auction and Social Committee meeting next Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6pm in the Olde Town Pub poker room. Share your ideas and help us get the ball down the field. In particular, we're looking to draft team members to help with soliciting businesses for sponsorships, advertisements, and auction item donations in the coming months.

Speaking of sponsorships, this year by referring a NEW sponsor to our event you can earn volunteer hours in return. Refer a top level, \$1,000 sponsor and earn 3 hours, a mid-level, \$500 sponsor earns 2 hours, and a \$250 level sponsor earns 1 hour. Just be sure your family name is listed on the "referred by" line of the sponsorship form when it is submitted to the school and the appropriate number of hours will be credited your way! Sponsorship and Auction Program Advertisement forms are attached. Help us by reaching out to those business owners you know and help yourself meet your volunteering hour requirement in the process!

Don't forget 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/>

Weekly Checklist

- Log in to ParentPortal to view student Progress Reports (today)
- Complete the Thanksgiving Luncheon Survey (today)
- Return Faith Calendar (tomorrow)
- Attend Basketball and Cheerleading Meeting (Thursday)
- Attend First Friday Mass (Friday, 9am)
- Return School Retreat Permission Slip
- Complete individual Picture Day order form envelopes
- Consider contacting a coordinator of one of our fundraisers
- Support our Spring Social by referring a sponsor
- Order Spirit Gear