



# *Father Andrew White S. J. School*

**National Blue Ribbon School**



## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

October 31, 2017

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Oct. 31: Pumpkin Farm Field Trip (grades PK & K)

Nov. 1: 8:30am All Saints Day Mass (3rd Grade will host)  
Winter Uniforms Begin  
End of 1st Quarter

Nov. 3: 9am First Friday Mass (7th Grade will host)  
Last Day for Book Fair

Nov. 4: Basketball Tip Off Tournament (3:15pm & 4:30pm)

Nov. 8: Ledo's Spirit Night (4-8pm)

Nov. 8-9: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. 9: Early Dismissal (12:30pm)

Nov. 10: No School: Veteran's Day Observed

Nov. 20: School Picture Make Up Day

Nov. 21: Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon  
No Aftercare

Nov. 22 - 24: No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 30: Science & History Fair

**All Saints Day Mass:** We will be celebrating All Saints Day with an 8:30am Mass hosted by 3rd grade. Please join us!

**Winter Uniforms:** Our winter uniforms are to be worn starting **tomorrow, Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please check the uniform section in our School Handbook if you have questions about the proper winter uniform for all grade levels. If you have any uniforms that your children have outgrown, please

consider dropping them off in the school lobby. Looking for used school uniforms? We have a large inventory of items. Please contact our coordinator, Amanda Evans at [tawevans@mac.com](mailto:tawevans@mac.com) to see if we have what you need.

## **WINTER UNIFORM AS OF NOVEMBER 1st**

Boys: long navy blue permanent press pants belted at the waist, white dress shirt or golf shirt with school insignia.

Girls: skirt (6-8) or jumper (K-5) white peter pan collar blouse or golf shirt (K-5) white button down collar oxford cloth short or long sleeve blouse or golf shirt with school insignia (6-8).

Girls and boys in grades 6, 7 & 8 must wear the navy sweater vest with school insignia as part of the winter uniform.

If students in grades K-5 need a sweater for warmth during the school day, it must be the long sleeve, v-neck or cardigan sweater with school insignia. White or navy blue tights (not leggings) or FAW sweatpants may be worn under skirts or jumpers on cold days. During the winter uniform period, girls also have the option of wearing navy blue permanent press dress pants with stitched belted waistband and a plain brown or black belt in place of the skirt or jumper.

**First Friday Mass & All Saints Wax Museum: This Friday, November 3rd**, our 7th grade will host Mass. All families are not only welcome, but are encouraged to come. Please join us! After Mass from 10 - 11:15am, feel free to stop by the gym where you will see our 3rd grade class presenting an All Saints Wax Museum. Our students and families will enjoy meeting many saints (dressed in character) who will share interesting facts about themselves.

**Faith Filled Family Calendar:** Each month Father Andrew White sends out a calendar of possible activities for your family to enjoy together. We believe that by participating in these activities, your family's faith will be enhanced. The goal is to grow closer to God together as a family. Please understand that you are not expected to do every activity in order to participate, but of course, the more, the better. Families who participate are to turn a calendar back in to the school at the end of the month. Please make certain that your family's name is on the calendar. Each student who participates will get a treat as a thank you from us! Please turn in your October calendar **no later than Friday, November 3rd**.

**Book Fair:** Our annual Fall Book Fair (which is set up in the library) will continue until **this Friday, November 3rd**. Children will be able to purchase items during their library time at school. This is a Scholastic Book Fair with many wonderful

books for all interests. There are also other items such as posters, pens, erasers, etc. Remember that books make great Christmas gifts! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pietsch at [fawslibrary@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:fawslibrary@fatherandrewwhite.org).

**Casino Night:** Due to an unforeseen circumstance, **we will need to postpone Casino Night** until this spring. Please be on the lookout for the updated date and details later. Thanks for your understanding.

**Basketball Tip Off Tournament:** Our first games in the Tournament will be this **Saturday, November 4th** at Kings Christian Academy. Our boys varsity team will play at 3:15pm (against St. Michael's) and the varsity girls will play at 4:30pm. Our cheerleaders will be there with lots of school spirit and we hope students and parents will support the teams also. **Good Luck Crusaders!**

**Report Card Conferences:** It is important that all parents meet with your child's (children's) teacher(s) to receive their first quarter report card. Every family received a letter stating the day and time for your conference(s). Please contact Mrs. Bowles if you do not have your appointment time. The teachers are anxious to discuss the good work your children have accomplished! We look forward to seeing you Wednesday, November 8th or Thursday, November 9th.

If you would like to discuss your child's progress with any of the specials class teachers, please contact them directly to request a day/time to meet.

**Report Card Conference Bake Sale:** Our 2nd and 3rd grade classes along with the Student Council will be sponsoring a bake sale to raise money for a FAW extended family member's battle with leukemia. A table with goodies will be set up in the main lobby during report card conferences on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to make a donation and grab a treat while waiting for your conferences or take some on your way out to share with your family.

**Fall Fun Day:** Thank you to the many volunteers that made our Fall Fun Day a success. A special thanks goes to Lisa Beavan and Courtney Cain for coordinating the event. The children had an enjoyable afternoon!

**White House Christmas Ornament:** The HSA is selling the White House Christmas Ornament again this year. The ornaments are \$22.50 each, or for orders of 12 or more, \$19. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Please note: orders should be placed no later than November 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kelly White at [kellykwhite@msn.com](mailto:kellykwhite@msn.com) or 240-434-2202 with any questions.

**Thanksgiving Luncheon:** This year we will have our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, November 21st. Family members are invited to have lunch with the children on this day. The children in PK-K-1-2 will eat at 11:30, 3-4-5 will eat at 12:00 and 6-7-8 will eat at 12:30. When parents arrive for lunch, all the children in your family will be called to eat with you. Please notify us in the office

when you arrive and we will call the students. Families may pay online (with the regular lunch menu ordering system) or you may choose to pay for this luncheon at the door. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Also many volunteers are needed to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. All volunteers will be able to eat with their family. We will also need families to donate desserts. If you would like to volunteer or can donate something sweet please contact Sue Robusto ([suehensley@hotmail.com](mailto:suehensley@hotmail.com)) or Kristin Guy ([jamey.kristin@gmail.com](mailto:jamey.kristin@gmail.com)).

**SCRIP:** As the end of the Fall sports season approaches, remember scrip if your team is looking for a coach's gift. We carry cards for Dick's sporting goods, Under Armour and Cabela's in stock, and can order cards for Bass Pro Shops, Nike and REI. These cards offer rebates between 8 and 11%, so organizing your team's coach's gift is a great way to earn a portion of your required scrip purchase.

**Coat Drive:** 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. Please check your closets for coats of all sizes! Thank you for your kindness!

**2018-2019 ADW Tuition Assistance Program:** Applications for next year's Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is now available. The deadline date for returning families to apply is Friday, December 1, 2017. Families may apply online by logging onto <http://adw.org/tuition-assistance/> and then click on the "TADS – Financial Aid Application" link. Any families who think they will need tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year MUST APPLY THROUGH THIS ADW PROGRAM FIRST, before asking for aid from FAW.

**First Friday Mass Schedule:** On the First Friday of each month, our classes take turns hosting the Mass, which begins at 9am. The students from the host class are greeters, readers, and cantors and bring the gifts up. Even Kindergarten has a chance to host Mass! Our families are always welcome to join us for Friday Mass, but are especially encouraged to join us for their child's First Friday class Mass. The children love seeing their parents at their special Mass. Our 8th grade, Student Council and Chorus all did a great job hosting our September and

October First Friday school Masses! The class schedule for First Friday Mass is as follows:

### **First Friday Mass Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>
November 1st	3rd grade (All Saint's Day)
November 3rd	7th grade
December 1st	6th grade
December 8th	5th grade (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)
January 5th	8th grade
February 2nd	4th grade
February 14th	3rd Grade (Ash Wednesday)
March 2nd	Kindergarten
May 4th	National Junior Honor Society
June 1st	2nd grade
June 8th	1st grade (Last day of school)

### **Weekly Checklist**

- Unpack, wash and try on winter uniforms (tonight)
- Attend 8:30am All Saints Day Mass (tomorrow)
- Attend First Friday Mass (9am) & the All Saints Wax Museum (Friday)
- Donate used uniforms
- Attend the Book Fair
- Donate coats