



Father Andrew White S. J. School

National Blue Ribbon School



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 28, 2017

Important Upcoming Dates

Nov. 30: Science & History Fair (6:30pm Viewing w/ Awards at 7pm)

Dec. 1: First Friday Mass (9am - hosted by 6th Grade) & Santa Shop

*** LAST DAY for TADS Tuition Aid Applications Submission ***

Dec. 3: Advent Begins & Stage Set up at 6pm

Dec. 5: Progress Reports Posted Online

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

Dec. 7: Performance by the Jazz Band from SMR

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

2018-2019 ADW Tuition Assistance Program: Applications for next year's Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is due in less than 4 days! **Please remember to apply by this 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.**

Giving Tuesday: As we enter this season of giving, we hope that you will participate in #GivingTuesday. This is a nationally celebrated day devoted to giving back, where people open their hearts and wallets to various organizations. We hope you will consider donating to our amazing school, especially **today, Giving Tuesday.** Please see the attachment and social media for more information.

Thanksgiving Luncheon: Thank you to Mrs. Robusto, Mrs. Guy, and all those that helped with our Thanksgiving Feast. Over 500 people enjoyed the delicious food that was served. We are grateful for the many blessings God bestows on our FAW family.

Thanksgiving Food Collection: Thank you to all that donated to our Food Drive. We were able to help many needy families in our community by your donation of 650 items. God bless you for your generosity.

Reminder: All Yankee Candle orders have arrived. Please pick up your orders ASAP (from the school gym) during regular school hours. Thank you!

DI Fundraisers: Tired of Thanksgiving leftovers? Don't feel like cooking? Let Kevin's Corner Kafe do the cooking! **Tomorrow, Wednesday, November 29th**, be sure to order the chicken dinner special at Kevin's (order in or carry-out). Proceeds will benefit FAW Destination Imagination teams. See the attached flyer for details.

FAW DI is ready to help you with your Christmas wrapping this year! Please come on out to Heavenly Presents on the Square **this Friday, December 1st** from 6-9pm and let us wrap your Christmas gifts. Bring previously purchased gifts or buy something there at the store. There is no fee, but donations are gladly accepted. See flyer for details and feel free to spread the word!

Science & Social Studies Fair: This **Thursday, November 30th**, this combined Academic Fair will be open for families and friends to view the projects at 6:30pm. Awards will be announced at 7pm. Come and see the excellent work of our students!

Santa Shop: We have had a wonderful response to our upcoming Santa Shop. If you would like to participate, but haven't returned your envelope, please do so ASAP. During school hours **this Friday, December 1st**, our children will be able to experience the joy of choosing their own Christmas presents for family members and pets. The Santa Shop will be held in the gym and your children will be able to select from an inventory of pre-purchased gifts for those on their shopping list. Gifts will be set up on tables and displayed by category (Moms, Grandmas, Dads, Grandpas, Brothers, Sisters, and Pets). Each gift is \$3. Parent volunteers will assist the children during their shopping experience and gifts will come home wrapped and ready to be placed under the tree! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Linda at Lindagreer@gmail.com.

First Friday Mass: This **Friday, December 1st** our 6th grade will host our 9am Mass. As always, families are not only welcome, but encouraged to join us.

Festival of Trees: Our National Junior Honor Society is decorating a 7.5 foot tree. Our theme is Sunshine and Stars and it is in memory of the hurricane victims in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. Please come to the Festival of Trees **this Saturday, December 2nd**. All proceeds support St. Mary's Hospice Care.

Advent Begins: Advent begins **this Sunday, December 3rd**. We will light a candle on our Advent Wreath as part of morning prayers each day as well as use an Advent theme, "Angels We Have Heard on High" for our prayers throughout the season. I hope our families will emphasize Advent in their homes as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth.

Stage Set-up: We are in need of some strong people to help get the stage out of the shed and set up in the gym **this Sunday, December 3rd, about 6:00pm**. The stage pieces are heavy and need to be wired together underneath once the pieces are in place. Please call Mrs. Bowles to let her know if you can help. Without a stage, there can be no program!

SCRIP: We would like to sell scrip cards after all of the Masses between Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you are available for even one or two Masses during that time, contact Karen Farr for a brief training. You earn 1 hour 15 minutes of volunteer time for each Mass, which includes the time you are in Mass! Contact Karen at karenafarr@yahoo.com or at [240-298-3520](tel:240-298-3520).

In today's Tuesday folder you will find a report of your scrip rebate earnings as of November 16th. Remember, families who accept reduced tuition in exchange for volunteer hours are required to earn \$75 in scrip rebates by the end of May. If you don't earn \$75, you will be required to pay the difference. Using scrip for your Christmas shopping and for gift giving is a great way to reach your scrip requirement!

Active Duty Names Request: Our students are interested in making cards of appreciation for our military. We are specifically asking for names and addresses of service members actively serving overseas. Please send this information to Mrs. Sarlo at faws8@fatherandrewwhite.org.

Spring Auction & Social: Mark your calendars and join us at our next Auction and Social Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 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.

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/>

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. Please turn in your November calendar no later than **Monday, December 4th.**

Mass and Penance: The students will attend 8:30am Mass on Friday, December 8th for the Holy Day of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. As always, family members are welcome to join us! 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 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.

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 to turn in by Monday, December 11th! Thank you for your kindness!

Save the Date: Our next Ledo's Spirit Night on December 13th will be a Buddy Night for grades 3 and 8. Be on the lookout for more details soon.

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).

Weekly Checklist

- Complete the financial aid application online (by Friday)
- Return Santa Shop envelopes with payment
- Celebrate Advent
- Donate coats
- Volunteer to be a SCRIP Mass Seller & part of the stage set up crew
- Order SCRIP before holiday shopping

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