



Father Andrew White S. J. School

National Blue Ribbon School



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 12, 2017

Important Upcoming Dates

Sept. 13: Early Dismissal (12:30pm) – NO AFTERCARE
Ledo's Spirit Night (4 – 8pm)

Sept. 19: Sneakers Running Club begins after school

Sept. 21: Grandparents' Day

Sept. 22: No School – St. Mary's County Fair

Sept. 28: Band Begins

Middle School Parent Meeting (6:30pm)

Home and School Association (HSA) General Meeting (7pm)

Sept. 29: National Junior Honor Society Induction

Important Survey! Last week a very important yellow survey sheet was sent home. We need each family to complete it and send it back to school ASAP. This information is very important in helping us to participate in federal programs, grants, and other funding opportunities. We have benefitted greatly from participation in some of these programs such as the Nonpublic Aging Schools program and the MD State Student Textbook program. Please complete one form for your family and return it as soon as possible. Thank you to those that have already responded. We are still missing 32 surveys. Please contact Mrs. Bowles for a 2nd form if needed.

Reminder: Tomorrow, **Wednesday, September 13th** we will have a 12:30pm Early Dismissal. Lunch is not served on early dismissal days so please send in a healthy snack for your child. Also, there is **NO AFTERCARE** tomorrow. All students must leave at the 12:30 dismissal.

Tag Day: Tomorrow, **Wednesday, September 13th** we will have a Texas themed Tag Day for Hurricane Harvey relief. Please see the attached flyer to find out

how you can enjoy a tag day while helping all those that were affected by Hurricane Harvey.

FAW Spirit Night at Ledo's Pizza: We will have our first Ledo's Spirit Night of the school year **tomorrow, Wednesday, September 13th**. Mention "FAW Spirit" when ordering and a portion of the sale will be donated to the school! This offer begins at 4pm and includes sit down or carry out service.

Box Tops Contest: Please send in any Box Tops that you collected over the summer labeled with your family name by **tomorrow, September 13th**. The family that sends in the most qualifying Box Tops by the deadline will win \$100 worth of gift certificates to be used at area stores! All families who turn in Box Tops will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card. The winners will be announced on Tuesday, September 26th. Although they don't count towards the contest, please send in Labels for Education and Tyson labels as well.

Child Protection: We remind all adults who wish to volunteer for activities that involve our children that you must complete all steps of the Virtus Child Protection Program. A packet with all necessary forms and information may be picked up in the school office. A Virtus course has been added at St. George in Valley Lee scheduled for **tomorrow, September 13th**.

October Lunch Menu: The October Lunch Menu is available on www.orgsonline.com. Menus are due by **this Sunday, September 17th**. If you need to create an account, instructions are listed here <http://fatherandrewwhite.org/school-forms/hot-lunch-program/>.

Family Faith Calendar: Each month, we will focus on a key ingredient to being respectful. Last week 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 by Oct. 2nd. Younger students will receive a Tag Day and older students (middle school) will receive a homework pass.

Grandparents' Day: Please read the information attached about our Grandparents' Day celebration. This is one of the highlights of the year for our children and they love to share this day with their grandparents. We have enclosed an invitation and a request for pictures of children with their grandparents or their grandparents by themselves to display in the gym. We hope to have a wonderful response with many very special guests joining us on September 21st.

Giant Rewards Program: We are participating in A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through our local Giant! This is an easy way for you to help our school earn CASH each time you shop at any Giant Store. Please help our school and register your Giant Card to our **SCHOOL ID# 03889**. Please visit www.giantfood.com and select **Savings & Rewards**. Follow the prompts to create your online account. *You will need your 12-digit Giant Card number and the School ID #.* This is a wonderful program that brings in thousands of dollars each year for our school. Thank you in advance for supporting our school in this way.

SCRIP: Visit shopwithscrip.com on **Monday, September 18th**. Our scrip supplier will be offering bonuses on many retailers for electronic gift cards and reloads. Set up a Presto Pay account to take advantage of these great bonuses!

Amazon Smile: Using Amazon Smile is an easy, FREE way to earn money for our school. Visit www.smile.amazon.com. You will be asked to select a charity to support with your purchases. Select Father Andrew White. Amazon will donate a portion of the price of your purchases to our school! There's no cost to you!

Sneakers Running Club: Students in grades 3 through 6, of all fitness levels and abilities, are invited to join our running club, Sneakers! Sneakers will be offered after school on Tuesdays from 2:45 – 4pm beginning September 19th for 7 weeks. The program will include interactive games and drills to introduce concepts needed for trail running, such as balance, agility and strength. The Season Finale run will be held on November 5th at the Slack and Field 5K. Registration is open now. E-mail sneakersrc@gmail.com for a registration packet or more information. Registration is \$90 and includes 7 weeks of instruction, registration in the 5K, and a t-shirt.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser: Last week you should have received an envelope that contained important information regarding this fundraiser. This is a great fundraiser for our school - you pay retail prices and 40% of all sales comes right back to FAW! Online sales are available as well as catalog sales. These make great gifts for any holiday. Prizes for top 3 selling families! Contact Becky Guerre at becky.guerre@gmail.com or 904-891-3644 for more details.

"Saturday Night Lights" Social and Auction: Are you ready for some football? A Saturday night party with all your rowdy friends? Then be sure to save the date for this year's annual auction and social; Saturday, April 14, 2018 and check here in the Tuesday newsletter for further details as planning gets underway.

Speaking of planning, join us for our first Auction and Social Committee meeting Tuesday, September 19, 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.

Hot Lunch Announcement: Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help in our hot lunch program. If any other family members would consider doing a day once or twice a month, we would be very grateful for your help. Please contact Ali Hinkle (fawslunch@fatherandrewwhite.org) or Sandi Burns (lofflerfam@gmail.com) or send a note to the office marked "lunch volunteer" as soon as possible to help in our hot lunch program.

HSA and Middle School Meeting: Our first general HSA meeting will be Thursday, September 28th at 7 pm. Our middle school grades will host a meeting immediately preceding at 6:30 pm. We will discuss some of the wonderful projects completed over the summer and upcoming plans for the new school year.

We would like to offer babysitting for the general meeting and are still in need of one parent volunteer and several 8th grade volunteers from 7 to 8pm. Please contact Jason DeLuco at jason.delucco@smrhs.org if you or your child can babysit.

Substitutes: We need to compile a list of people who would be available to substitute for teachers. Please contact the office, 301-475-9795, for a substitute application and information about what days you would be available.

FAW News Email: Do you have an announcement you'd like to put in our weekly bulletin? Or perhaps you went to a FAW game or event and you'd like to share some information. We have created an email where you can send pictures, blurbs, etc. This will help us get new items in our bulletin and local newspapers. Email: FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org

10th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk: The St. Vincent de Paul Society will host its Tenth Annual Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 30th at 9am (rain or shine) at our school. The Friends of the Poor Walk is a National fundraising effort organized locally by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Many of our neighbors struggle to make ends meet. All funds raised locally will be used to assist those in need in our community. Last year, with the proceeds from the

Ninth Annual Walk, we were able to assist families and individuals in our community with electric, oil, water bills, medication, rent and food. The Walk will begin at our school and the course will take walkers through the streets of Historic Leonardtown. There will be a post walk brunch, live music, a silent auction, face painting and balloons for children and door prizes. There is no registration fee, but walkers are encouraged to collect pledges or donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Walkers can also invite family members and friends to sponsor them. You can preregister now at www.fopwalk.org. Same day registration begins at 7:30 A.M. This year, the Walk is dedicated in the memory of Meta Wilt. For further information, contact Patty Belanger at 301-904- 7990 or Joan Goyco at 240-256-5792.

Weekly Checklist

- Participate in Tag Day (tomorrow)
- Send in your Box Tops & Labels for Education (tomorrow)
- Attend Ledo's Spirit Night (tomorrow)
- Start your shopping at www.smile.amazon.com
- Complete steps to become a volunteer
- Sign up your Giant Rewards Card
- Submit October Lunch Menu by Sept. 17th
- Order scrip gift cards for bonus rebates (Sept. 18th)
- Invite grandparents to our Grandparents' Day held Sept. 21st