



Father Andrew White S. J. School

National Blue Ribbon School



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 19, 2017

Important Upcoming Dates

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

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

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

Oct. 18: School Retreat at Camp Maria

"Saturday Night Lights" Social and Auction: Kick-Off Time! Join us for our first Auction and Social Committee meeting **TODAY, September 19, 2017, 6:00pm** 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.

Our Facebook page is now live! Be sure to like and follow us 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/> .

Grandparents' Day: This **Thursday, September 21st**, we will celebrate Grandparents' Day. This is one of the highlights of the year for our children and they love to share this day with their grandparents. **We are still collecting 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 this Thursday, **beginning at 9:30am** for a Prayer Service and from 10-11am for classroom visits.

Reminder: There will be no school for students **this Friday, Sept. 22nd**, so families can enjoy the St. Mary's County Fair. Students have been given tickets to be used on Friday at the Fair.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser: The deadline for our Yankee Candle Sales is approaching quickly. Please be sure to turn in your order packet by **Monday, September 25th**. There will be prizes for the top 3 selling families! Contact Becky Guerre at becky.guerre@gmail.com or 904-891-3644 for more details.

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 is available nearby at Our Lady, Star of the Sea in Solomons on September 26, 2017.

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 DeLucco at jason.delucco@smrhs.org if you or your child can babysit.

SCRIP Volunteers Needed for Mass on First Sundays of the Month: We are in need of volunteers to sell SCRIP after weekend Masses on the first Sunday of the month. If you would be interested in earning volunteer hours on those Sundays (or any Sunday Mass), please contact the scrip team at faw.scrip@gmail.com. This is an easy way to earn volunteer hours - simply arrive at church a few minutes before Mass to collect the SCRIP box from the sacristy, be available in the vestibule for anyone who is interested in gift cards, and return the box after Mass! Each Mass counts as 1.25 hours of volunteer time.

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.

St. Mary's Ryken Youth Honors Fine Arts Showcase: Are you currently singing in the church choir or choir at school? Are you currently enrolled in dance class or love to draw and paint? Then, the SMR Youth Honors Fine Arts Showcase is for you! Students in grades 5-8 are invited to SMR for an opportunity to take your talent to the next level. The showcase is hosted by the SMR Fine Arts Department. Registration is now open! Visit www.smrhs.org/YouthFineArtSshowcase to sign up today.

Weekly Checklist

- Attend the Auction/Social Committee Meeting (tonight)
- Invite grandparents to our Grandparents' Day held Sept. 21st
- Return Yankee Candle Fundraising Packet (by Sept. 25th)
- Enjoy a day at the County Fair with your family (Sept. 22nd)
- Complete steps to become a volunteer



St. Mary's Ryken

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(Formally Middle School Honors Chorus)

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Program and rehearsals dates are as follows:

Chorus & Dance Registration: Sept 1 – 20

Chorus & Dance Auditions: Week of Sept 11 - More details to follow.

Chorus & Dance Practices: 4 – 6 p.m. Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Oct. 18, Nov. 1 & Nov. 15

Visual Art Registration: Mid October – Stay tuned for additional details.

Dress Rehearsal: 4 – 6 p.m. on November 29

Performance: 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 30

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