



Father Andrew White S. J. School

National Blue Ribbon School



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 5, 2017

Important Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 5: First Day for Pre-Kindergarten Students - **Welcome Pre-K!**
- 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: Middle School Parent Meeting (6:30pm)
Home and School Association (HSA) General Meeting (7pm)
- Sept. 29: National Junior Honor Society Induction

Important Survey!: In your child's Tuesday envelope, you should find a very important yellow survey sheet. **We need each family to complete it and send it back to school by Friday, September 8th.** 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder: Next **Wednesday, Sept. 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** on Sept. 13th. All students must leave at the 12:30 dismissal.

FAW Spirit Night at Ledo's Pizza: We will have our first Ledo's Spirit Night of the school year on Wednesday, Sept. 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.

Giant Rewards Program: Please see the Giant A+ School Rewards Program flyer in your child's Tuesday envelope. 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.

AmazonSmile: When you are shopping at Amazon, start at www.smile.amazon.com. There's no charge to you, and all of the regular Amazon and Amazon Prime benefits apply. The difference is, Amazon will give the school a percentage of your purchases! Once you designate FAW, when you are logged in to Amazon, it will remind you to start at www.smile.amazon.com. You can also use SCRIP for your Amazon purchases!

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.

Mandatory Scrip Gift Card Purchases: Each family who has accepted the Service Scholarship must purchase enough Scrip gift cards to raise \$75 for the school. This will require the purchase of about \$1,500 to \$2,000 in gift cards. Start your purchases early to avoid being surprised by a bill at the end of the school year. Our most popular cards include our gift cards to Giant, Weis, Food Lion, and McKays. We also have cards for a number of local restaurants, gas stations, BJ's, Target, and Walmart in stock and we can order cards for hundreds more retailers. You can e-mail faw.scrip@gmail.com for an order form or place your order online at www.shopwithscrip.com.

Looking for an easy way to earn volunteer hours? Sign up to sell Scrip gift cards after Mass at St. Aloysius. You will earn 1 hour and 15 minutes of volunteer time by picking up the Scrip binder before Mass and being available in the vestibule after Mass for anyone who wishes to buy gift cards. For more information and to arrange a very brief training session, e-mail faw.scrip@gmail.com.

Used Uniforms: Looking for used school uniforms? We have a large inventory of items. Please contact our coordinator, Amanda Evans at taweans@me.com to

see if we have what you need. For your convenience, she can send the uniforms to school for you to collect. Additionally, if you have used uniforms to donate, you are welcome to drop them off in the school lobby.

Box Tops Contest: Please send in any Box Tops that you collected over the summer labeled with your family name by 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.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser: Our Yankee Candle Sale starts today! Be on the lookout for an envelope with a catalog and important information. 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.

Emergency 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 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.

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.

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.

School Website: Our school webpage is a good source for current information. It is updated often and will have school and classroom news available for our families. Please visit www.fatherandrewwhite.org. In order to save on paper costs, we will post communications on the school webpage and also send messages through our family group email. Our weekly Tuesday announcements will be e-mailed and posted on our website. If you wish to receive a paper copy, please send a note to Mrs. Bowles.

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

Weekly Checklist

- Sign up for Sneakers Running Club (grades 3-6)
- Send in your Box Tops & Labels for Education
- Start your shopping at www.smile.amazon.com
- Consider volunteering for hot lunch
- Complete steps to become a volunteer
- Get a jump start on your scrip gift card purchases
- Donate used uniforms your child has outgrown

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Friday Mass (Gr. 8) 9:00	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	5 Pre-K First Day	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 12:30 Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE, Ledo's 4-8pm	14	15	16
17	18	19 Sneakers Running Club begins after school	20	21 Grandparents' Day	22 NO SCHOOL St. Mary's County Fair	23
24	25	26	27	28 Middle School Meeting, 6:30 HSA General Meeting, 7:00	29 National Junior Honor Society Induction	30

NOTES:

Dear Father Andrew White Families,

The Home and School Association (HSA) would like to welcome current and new Father Andrew White (FAW) families to the 2017/2018 school year. The goals of the HSA are to raise funds to supplement the operating expenses of the school and to plan and support events that foster school community, social interaction and Catholic stewardship. The HSA has committed to raising \$60,000 through fundraising events throughout the year. The success of the events depends on the active participation of the FAW community.

Service Scholarship Requirements

Families choosing to receive the Tuition Service Scholarship are required to perform 35 hours of volunteer service during the school year that runs June 11, 2017 to June 7, 2018. A portion of these volunteer hours must be earned at one of our three largest fundraising events (Casino Night, Golf Tournament and the Spring Gala). In addition, Service Scholarship families are required to generate \$75 in profit through the purchase of gift cards through our SCRIP program. A flyer describing this program in more detail is attached. (Alternatively, families may choose to simply pay the \$75 directly to the school.)

HSA Events and Volunteer Opportunities

At our first HSA meeting, you will be given a list of HSA Events and Coordinators. Please contact the event Coordinator if you would like to assist with a particular event. Notices for volunteer needs on an event-by-event basis will be sent home via email and the Tuesday school communication envelope. We are in need of coordinators for our Casino Night and are always in need of volunteers on the committees for our fundraising efforts. If you are interested in coordinating any of these events or you would like more information, please contact Jason DeLuco. For more information, please refer to the Volunteer Guidelines that are attached to this letter.

In addition to our fundraising events, we have many opportunities for volunteer hours working the hot lunch program. Not only does it reward our children by supplying hot lunch to them 5 days a week, but it's rewarding as a parent. During your shift, you are able to sit with your child/children during part of their lunch to visit with them. Most children are very excited to see their parents behind the cafeteria line and save a special seat for their mom or dad to come join them. Please contact Ali Hinkle with your availability as soon as possible. You can volunteer for a number of options. You can specify which weekday works best for you and how many days a month you would like to volunteer. We try to plan the hot lunch volunteer schedule a few months at a time.

We would like to congratulate and thank our families for helping us to exceed last year's fundraising goal. We realize that our goals cannot be accomplished without your time, talents and treasure and we are truly grateful for all you do to support FAW. If you have questions regarding the HSA, the volunteer hour structure, SCRIP or any other HSA matter, please contact any of the board members listed below.

Respectfully,

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Guidelines Regarding Volunteer Hours

- It is your responsibility to obtain your hours. Please sign in and out at each event and plan on working the entire shift you volunteered for, even if you have reached your 35-hour minimum during the shift.
- 8th Grade students may work events for their own required service hours.
- Any person 14 years of age or older may work to fulfill volunteer hours. They must indicate which family they are working for on the sign in sheet so that the family can receive credit.
- No one under the age of 21 can volunteer at an event that is serving alcohol.
- Event Coordinators and Chairpersons must track their own hours and report them to the Volunteer Hours Coordinator, Julie White (juliemariwhite@outlook.com)
- The Volunteer Hours Coordinator, Julie White (juliemariwhite@outlook.com) will send home Quarterly Volunteer Reports. Please contact her directly for any discrepancies.
- Be careful not to wait until the last month of school to complete your 35 hours. Those who do not meet this obligation will be billed additional tuition and may be barred from using the Tuition Service Scholarship in future years.
- Any questions or concerns about volunteer hours should be directed to a member of the HSA Board.
- Volunteer Hours **may not** be claimed for the following (may be revised at anytime):
 1. Individual class fundraising events
 2. 8th Grade Graduation Brunch
 3. Field trip chaperones
 4. 8th Grade service hours
 5. Paid classroom substitutes
 6. Sponsored or donated items
 7. Donated baked goods or preparation of baked goods

The Virtus training: Protecting God's Children will be offered throughout the diocese, please visit Virtus.org to register.

GATHER UP THOSE BOX TOPS, LABELS FOR EDUCATION And Tyson Project A Plus labels!



Our contest to see which family collected the most Box Tops for Education over the summer ends September 13th.

Please send your Box Tops in a baggie labeled with your family name by **September 13th**. Although they don't count towards the contest, you can send in Tyson labels as well.

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.

Thanks for all your support and good luck to all of you. Please continue to save your Box Tops and Labels for Education. Please note that Labels for Education has extended their deadline to January 2018. We will have classroom contests throughout the year. This is a great fundraiser for our school - last year we made over \$2,100 from Box Tops!

Box Tops for Education
Jaclyn Bowen
jaclynb417@gmail.com



FATHER ANDREW WHITE ID# 03889

Dear Family & Friends,

My child's/children's school is 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**.

Here's How You Can Help Beginning September 11, 2017:

- 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 #.*

IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR GIANT CARD NUMBER CALL 1-877-366-2668 OPTION #1

REMEMBER...if you supported our school last year, you DO NOT need to register your card again!

To earn points:

- Use your GIANT CARD each time you shop at Giant, and you will earn CASH for my school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt starting October 6, 2017 through March 15, 2018.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated monthly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.
- Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of its educational needs. **LAST SCHOOL YEAR WE EARNED 2,162.16**

Our school needs your support! Please take a moment to register your GIANT CARD today! And don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors to do the same. It could mean the world to our school.

Thank you!

FAW Students

1-877-ASK-APLUS – 1-877-275-2758
www.giantfood.com/aplus
askaplus@cranecommunications.com

MANDATORY SCRIP PURCHASE

2017/18 school year



1. What is SCRIP?
SCRIP means gift card.
2. How much will I have to purchase?
Each family will have to purchase about \$1,500 to \$2,000 in face value in order to generate \$75 in profit.
3. How does this work?
FAW purchases gift cards at a discount and sells them at face value which allows the school to make a profit on each gift card.
4. How do I use the gift cards?
For every day purchases like gas, groceries, dining, household supplies, movies, hotels, Amazon and more.
5. How will this be tracked?
A report of each family's SCRIP profit will be sent home at the end of the first and third quarters. You can also look up your family's SCRIP purchases in your own on-line SCRIP account.
6. How long do I have to make these purchases?
The reporting period is June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018.
7. Where do I buy SCRIP gift cards?
You can send an order form and check to school; order on-line and pay by check or Presto Pay at www.shopwithscrip.com; purchase after Mass at St. Aloysius; or purchase on Friday afternoons in the car rider line. We have a number of gift cards from local retailers in stock, and can order many more, including national chain retailers.
8. Can I opt out?
Yes. You can write a check for \$75 to cover this requirement without buying gift cards.
9. Questions?
Contact faw.scrip@gmail.com or view our presentation on the FAW website. You will need an enrollment code to set up your online account. E-mail faw.scrip@gmail.com for the code.



SNEAKERS

Running Club 

Hosted by Father Andrew White Elementary

- When** **Tuesday** from Sep. 19th - Oct. 31st, following dismissal, 2:45 - 4:00. The season finale will be the **"Slack and Field Fun Run" Sunday, November 5th.**
- Who:** Open to runners of all abilities in grades 3 - 6 with team instruction. "Buddy" runners encouraged to join us at the race!
- What:** Sneakers Running Club is a 5K training program designed to teach young people self-confidence and personal empowerment through health and fitness. We believe that the sport of running is not just about racing or competing. It's a great teaching tool for life skills like personal commitment, individual growth, goal setting, teamwork and sportsmanship. And, it's a sport that can be done anytime, anywhere - for life! All that's needed is a pair of SNEAKERS!

Sneakers Running Club provides 7 weekly training sessions that will include:

- Individual and group coaching by seasoned, certified coaches.
- Interactive games and drills to introduce and reinforce concepts needed for trail running such as balance, strength and agility. **New Trail Run Curriculum!**
- Introduction to major muscle groups most important to runners and key exercises to strengthen them.
- Team warm up, increasing mileage workouts and team cool-down/stretch.
- Tips and tricks for successfully navigating a 5K trail race from start to finish.

Parent volunteers are invited to participate at practice sessions and are highly encouraged to register for the "Slack and Field 5K" in support of See the Ability Non-profit. (www.seetheability.org)

Open to Grades 3 through 6. Tuition includes: 7 training sessions, mileage tokens, 5K registration, personalized race shirt, medal, and post-race refreshments.

No previous experience is necessary. Registration now open!

Tuition: \$90 postmarked by Sep. 9th (extended registration due to later SMCPs start)

\$100 postmarked after Sep. 9th*

***Registration Closes Sep. 15th**

For registration application email us at [**SneakersRC@gmail.com**](mailto:SneakersRC@gmail.com)