



# *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 8<sup>th</sup>.** 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. 13<sup>th</sup>** 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. 13<sup>th</sup>. 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. 13<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> at the Slack and Field 5K. Registration is open now. E-mail [sneakersrc@gmail.com](mailto: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, BJs, Target, and Walmart in stock and we can order cards for hundreds more retailers. You can e-mail [faw.scrip@gmail.com](mailto:faw.scrip@gmail.com) for an order form or place your order online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto:fawslunch@fatherandrewwhite.org)) or Sandi Burns ([lofflerfam@gmail.com](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers from 7 to 8pm. Please contact Jason DeLucco at [jason.delucco@smrhs.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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