



Father Andrew White S. J. School

National Blue Ribbon School



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 7, 2017

Important Upcoming Dates

Nov. 8: Ledo's Spirit Night (4-8pm)

Nov. 8-9: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. 9: Early Dismissal (12:30pm)
No After School Band

Nov. 10: No School: Veteran's Day Observed

Nov. 16: Dedication & Memorial Service for Mrs. Gaston (9am)

Nov. 20: School Picture Make Up Day

Nov. 21: Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon
No Aftercare

Nov. 22 - 24: No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 30: Science & History Fair

Reminder: This Thursday, November 9th is a 12:30pm Early Dismissal Day. There is no school on Friday, November 10th.

Spring Auction & Social: Mark your calendars and join us at our next Auction and Social Committee meetings **today, November 7, 2017** and 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/>

Band: Students should bring their instruments to school on Thursday, November 9th for their lessons, but due to the 12:30 early dismissal there will be NO AFTER SCHOOL band.

Spirit Night at Ledo's Pizza: Looking for somewhere to eat after your Parent Teacher Conference? Join us for dinner at Ledo's **tomorrow, Wednesday, November 8th**. When you mention "FAW ", Ledo's will donate 20% of the sale to the school! This offer runs from 4pm – 8pm and includes sit down or carry out service.

Report Card Conferences: It is important that all parents meet with your child's (children's) teacher(s) to receive their first quarter report card. Every family received a letter stating the day and time for your conference(s). Please contact Mrs. Bowles if you do not have your appointment time. The teachers are anxious to discuss the good work your children have accomplished! We look forward to seeing you **this Wednesday, November 8th or Thursday, November 9th**.

If you would like to discuss your child's progress with any of the specials class teachers, please contact them directly to request a day/time to meet.

Report Card Conference Bake Sale: Our 2nd and 3rd grade classes along with the Student Council will be sponsoring a bake sale to raise money for a FAW extended family member's battle with leukemia. A table with goodies will be set up in the main lobby **during report card conferences on November 9th and 10th**. Feel free to make a donation and grab a treat while waiting for your conferences or take some on your way out to share with your family.

Tip Off Tournament: Congratulations to our boys varsity basketball team who won their game against St. Michael's. They play again next Saturday, November 11th at Kings Christian Academy. Come cheer them on at 5:45pm against ANS! Go Crusaders!

Mrs. Gaston's Dedication & Memorial Service: As many of you are aware, we lost our beloved 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Gaston this past summer. On her birthday, November 16th, we want to honor her beautiful life. Students will participate in a memorial prayer service with a special dedication. Please help us celebrate by allowing your child to participate in a tag day. See the attached flyer for more details. Also, if your children still have their mini class mascots, we encourage them to bring them in on that day as well.

Volunteers Needed: We need your help for two important events:

1.) The Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 21st will be a wonderful family gathering if we have enough helpers to serve the food and help in the kitchen. All volunteers will have time to eat with their families. There are multiple times and jobs to choose from; if you can fill more than one, please consider. We will be serving over 500 people and would be very grateful if you can offer some time before or after you eat with your family. We will also need families to donate desserts. Please consider volunteering for this event. If you can help in any way, please contact Sue Robusto at suehensley@hotmail.com. Thank you!

2.) We also need judges for our Science Fair and History Fair on Thursday, November 30th! The projects will be set up in the gym and score sheets will be ready for both subject areas. This combined Academic Fair will need judges between 9:00am – 12:00pm. Please check your calendars and offer some time if possible to see the great work our students are presenting. Please contact Mrs. Sarlo to designate the area you wish to judge. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Luncheon: This year we will have our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, November 21st. Family members are invited to have lunch with the children on this day. The children in PK-K-I-2 will eat at 11:30, 3-4-5 will eat at 12:00 and 6-7-8 will eat at 12:30. When parents arrive for lunch, all the children in your family will be called to eat with you. Please notify us in the office when you arrive and we will call the students. Families may pay online (with the regular lunch menu ordering system) or you may choose to pay for this luncheon at the door. Please see the flyer attached to last week's announcements for more details. For questions, or to be a volunteer, please contact Sue Robusto (suehensley@hotmail.com) or Kristin Guy (jamey.kristin@gmail.com).

Santa Shop: During school hours on 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). In today's Tuesday envelope there will be a Santa Shop flyer with an envelope attached to the back of the flyer. On the front of the envelope, children will be able to list the names of the people they are shopping for and how many gifts they are buying. Each gift is \$3. Please return the envelope with payment for the gifts by Wednesday, Nov. 15th. 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.

Book Fair: THANK YOU for your support of our Fall Book Fair. Our total sales were approximately \$7,800! The school earned over \$1,600 in cash and over \$700 in new books for our library. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Pietsch and all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make this Book Fair such a success.

Winter Uniforms: If you have any uniforms that your children have outgrown, please consider dropping them off in the school lobby. Looking for used school uniforms? We have a large inventory of items. Please contact our coordinator, Amanda Evans at tawevans@mac.com to see if we have what you need.

White House Christmas Ornament: The HSA is selling the White House Christmas Ornament again this year. The ornaments are \$22.50 each, or for orders of 12 or more, \$19. Please see the the flyer attached to last week's announcements for more information. Please note: orders should be placed no later than November 17th. Contact Kelly White at kellykwhite@msn.com or 240-434-2202 with any questions.

SCRIP: Do you grocery shop at Food Lion? We have good news! You can now order e-cards for Food Lion and your cards are reloadable through your online scrip account! Order a card, pay by check or Presto Pay, and store the account number on your phone. Add more money when you run low. No need to keep track of plastic cards!_

Flu Shots: St. Mary's County Health Department will be holding 2 flu clinics at their facility in November. The dates are: November 9th from 12:00pm - 4:00pm and November 15th from 8:00am - 12:00pm. No appointments are needed. Flu shots will be given on a walk-in basis. Flu shots are free for children ages 6 months to 18 years old old. Adults are a \$25 fee. St. Mary's Health Department is located at [21580 Peabody Street, Leonardtown, MD](#). This will be our only opportunity for Flu clinics through the health department. They have already held their clinics at the local public schools.

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! Thank you for your kindness!

2018-2019 ADW Tuition Assistance Program: Applications for next year's Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is now available. The deadline date for returning families to apply is 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.

Weekly Checklist

- Attend the Auction/Social Committee meeting (today)
- Return Thanksgiving Luncheon RSVP (tomorrow)
- Attend Ledo's Spirit Night (tomorrow)
- Attend Parent Teacher Report Card Conferences
- Grab a treat at our Bake Sale
- Celebrate and Pray for our Veterans
- Cheer on our boys basketball team (Saturday)
- Return Santa Shop Envelopes and Volunteer Form
- Volunteer for our Thanksgiving Luncheon and/or Academic Fair
- Consider ordering a White House Christmas Ornament
- Donate used uniforms
- Donate coats