

Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

December 7, 2021

Growing in faith, wisdom, and love!



Important Dates

December 7: 2nd Quarter Progress Reports Posted on Portal (grades 4-8)

December 8: Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass

December 10: Santa Shop

December 12: Cookies with Santa

December 15: Confessions for Advent

December 16: Christmas Pageant (Grades PK-5)

December 17: Early Dismissal (12:30pm) - NO AFTERCARE

December 18, 2021 - January 2, 2022: No School - Christmas Break

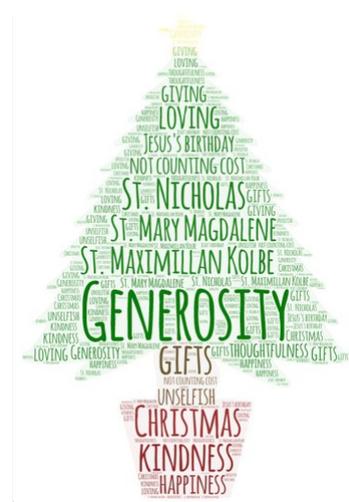


Advent

We will continue to light a candle on our Advent Wreath as part of morning prayers each day. We will also use a Christmas Tree and decorate it with the Saint of the Day. We will learn about the 12 Saints of Advent. We hope our families will emphasize Advent in their homes as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth.

The Virtue of Generosity

Our school continues to participate in the Virtues in Practice program this year. Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as we hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. We also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students and families are learning about the virtue of generosity. Please be sure to model how you give without counting the cost during the month of December.





SCRIP Gift Card Program

Check out <https://www.shopwithscrip.com> for a list of all of the gift cards we can order for you. We will place our last order **this Friday, December 10th** to ensure the cards you would like to order are available for delivery before school gets out for Christmas. After that we will only be able to fill orders with any remaining unsold cards we have in stock.

Progress Reports

Mid-quarter progress reports for students in grades 4-8 will be posted on Parent PlusPortals, today, **Tuesday, December 7th**. Please login to check your child's progress. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. To find the report, click the child's picture, then "Classroom," then "Progress Reports," then "Combined Reports." Please go over the reports with your children and encourage them to keep working hard through the last half of this quarter!

<https://www.plusportals.com/FatherAndrewWhiteSchool>



**Santa Shop
is Coming!**

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December 10, 2021

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Please return your envelopes!

All gifts are \$3 each

Gifts will come home wrapped and ready to be placed under the tree!

Santa Shop Envelopes are due!

This Friday, December 10th, our children will be able to experience the joy of choosing their own Christmas presents for family members and pets. Each gift is \$3. **Most students participate in this event, so be sure to return your [envelope](#) with payment for the gifts NO LATER THAN TOMORROW**

so your child can join in on the fun!! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Linda Greer at Lindagreer@gmail.com.



Cookies, Cocoa and Pictures with Santa!!

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus will be making a special visit to Father Andrew White School **this Sunday, December 12, 2021** from 9am-11am for an International Christmas!

Celebrate Christmas traditions from all around the world during this fun event:

- Cookies, coffee and a hot chocolate bar
- Crafts and games for all ages
- Santa Shop open for children to shop for gifts (\$3/gift)
- SCRIP Gift Card sales
- Meet Santa and take a photo!

Admission is \$5 per child 12 and under. Please wear a mask inside the building at all times, except when you're seated to enjoy the cookies! We look forward to spreading Christmas cheer with you!

Please see the flyer [HERE!](#)



We are looking for a headcount to ensure we are planning appropriately - let us know you are coming!

Yes, we plan to attend _____ Adults _____ Children

We are also in need of volunteers!!

- I am unable to volunteer for this event.
- I am interested in helping to make this event a success!
- I plan to donate 36 Cookies (prepackaged store bought) on **Friday morning (12/10)** for a service hour. *(Please tape note to the box of cookies with your family's name/grade for credit!)*
- I am interested in setting up for the event.
- I am interested in assisting with activities the day of the event, **Sunday, December 12th 9-11 AM.**
- I am interested in assisting with the clean-up of the event.

Name and Email (Contact Information) of Potential Volunteer(s):

Questions: Contact the Event Coordinators
Katie Bailey at (301) 904-5157 or bailey.katie.lynn@gmail.com or
Brittany Raley at brittany.raley313@gmail.com

Father Andrew White School



2021

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

We are grateful for our judges:

Stacey Mae Tafur

Carla Estocsin

Tamathea Hayward

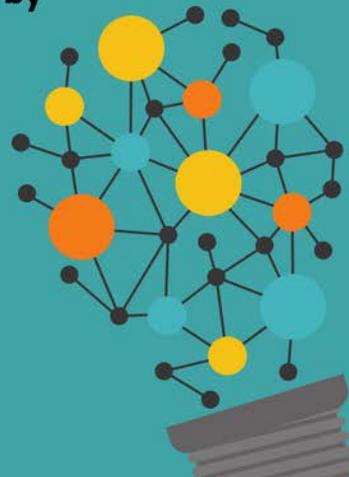
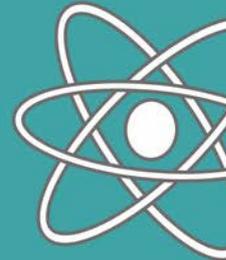
Patricia Graves

Jackie and Todd Greenwell

Frank Olic

SMR Students accompanied by

Mrs. Angie Swann



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2021 SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS



Environmental Science

1st Sophia Lopez
2nd Kyle Franklin

Sparkle

Sophia Lopez

Medicine and Health

1st Oliver Stevens
2nd Sarah Lowe
3rd Jesse Thompson

Sparkle

Oliver Stevens

Animal Science

1st Adelaide Fletcher

**Energy and
Transportation**

1st Zach Greer
2nd Carley Greenwell
3rd Pace Parris

Sparkle

Zach Greer
Pace Parris
Emmie Hanks

Plant Sciences

1st Noah Russell
2nd Kylie Parlett

Sparkle

Chloe Russell

Biochemistry

1st Anna Tritschler
2nd Ava Bernth
3rd Amber Young

Sparkle

Ava Bernth

Chemistry

1st Natalie Stevens
2nd Collin George
3rd Lillian Maldonado

Sparkle

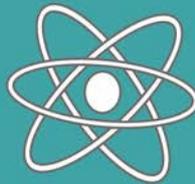
Lillian Maldonado
Cora Pilkerton
Kate George

Engineering

1st Ava Chadwick
2nd Lindsey Burfield
3rd Sam Wathen

Sparkle

Lindsey Burfield



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2021 SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS



Behavioral Sciences

1st Finley Downey
2nd Mia Hayward
3rd Evan Pickeral

Physics

1st TJ Weaver
2nd Evan Chadwick
3rd Grace Robusto

Sparkle

Reed Stencil
Tyler Ervin

5th Grade Individual Category

1st Katelyn Sirmons
2nd Ella Hamm
3rd Dustin Vallandingham

Sparkle

Anna Carrillo
Emma Tennant
Zac Rutherford
Katelyn Sirmons



5th Grade Group Category

1st Elaina Zimmerman & Ava Francis
2nd Nik Weber & Grace Cosgrove
3rd Bella Beavan & Matti Jane Johnston

Sparkle

Nik Weber & Grace Cosgrove



Poinsettia and Wreath Sale - Thank You!

We are grateful to all who supported our Poinsettia and Wreath Sale. A big thank you goes to our coordinators, Katy Burfield, Mindy Stevens, and Kim Voigtlander.



Candy Grams

FAW STUDENT COUNCIL IS SELLING CANDY GRAMS!
FORMS ARE DUE DECEMBER 15TH



To _____
Grade _____
Message _____

From _____



To _____
Grade _____
Message _____

From _____



To _____
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To _____
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White House Ornaments Sale - Thank You!

Thank you to Sue Robusto for placing, organizing, and delivering our White House Ornament orders. We appreciate your hard work!

Did someone say Christmas cards?

It is time to order your Christmas and Holiday cards!! Please consider using Minted.com... you save 20% and Minted donates 15% back to Father Andrew White by using code **FUNDRAISEWHITE**. Please share the code with friends and family members as they can also use it to save and raise money for our school!!

you save 20%

minted donates 15%

This holiday season, we're partnering with Minted to help us fundraise.
Shop holiday cards and gifts on [minted.com](https://www.minted.com) using our promo code

FUNDRAISEWHITE

to give 15% back to our program—and enjoy 20% OFF your
Minted order!



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Christmas Pageant 2021 Form

Please complete [this Form](#) to reserve your seat at the Christmas Pageant.

BRINGING PEACE AND JOY WITH
THE SAINTS OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 16, 2021
PK/5 GR. & ADV. BAND
10:15-11:15AM
K/4 GR. 12:30-1:15PM
1/3 GR. 1:30-2:15PM
BRING CASH FOR THE COOKIE WALK
HOSTED BY THE 8TH GRADE

FAW Christmas Pageant 2021

Bringing Peace and Joy with the Saints of Christmas!

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

* Required

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Brown Bag Auction



Mark your calendars for one of FAW's most exciting events! The annual Brown Bag Auction, a basket raffle of all donated items, is coming up in early February! To prepare these fun, themed baskets, we need your help! Please keep the Brown Bag Auction in mind when Christmas Shopping! If you would like to donate a completed basket, please click the [link](#) to sign up.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

ANNUAL
**BROWN
BAG**
AUCTION

DONATIONS ARE BEING
ACCEPTED



**FUN, THEMED BASKETS ARE ASSEMBLED WITH YOUR HELP!
HERE ARE SOME DONATION IDEAS:**

- COMPLETED, THEMED BASKETS
- NEW, IN-PACKAGE ITEMS
- GIFT CARD DONATIONS
- MONETARY DONATIONS FOR BIG-TICKET ITEMS
- BASKETS & BASKET PLASTIC WRAP



**PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO SCHOOL
LABELED "BROWN BAG AUCTION" BY**

JANUARY 26, 2022

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ANY OF THE BROWN BAG AUCTION CO-CHAIRS
SHANNON DENT - SHANNONADENT@GMAIL.COM
JESSICA PHILLIPS - JESSICA@PHILLIPS5.COM
KRISTEN HALEY - KRISTENHALEY11@GMAIL.COM



Christmas Toy Drive

Looking for a way to spread Christmas cheer to families in need? Well, here's your chance! From now to December 15th, we will be collecting unwrapped, new and gently used toys for ages toddler to ten years old. This Toy Drive will benefit needy families in our area who may not have any gifts to give to their children. Please bring your new and gently used toys to school and deposit them in the marked box located in the FAW School lobby. For any questions please contact our 2020 FAW graduate, James O'Hara by emailing him at james.ohara@smrhs.org. Thank you for your generosity!



Christmas Toy Drive

**Looking for a way to spread Christmas
cheer to a family in need?**

Here's your chance!

Please bring in new or gently-used,
unwrapped toys and drop them off in the
designated box in the FAW School lobby.



When: November 30th - December 15th

Why: To benefit the Caritas Resource Center
at St. Mary's Ryken

Who: Toys collected will go to less fortunate
families in our area

**For any questions, please email
james.ohara@smrhs.org**

Partners in Faith

Be sure to read this month's Partners in Faith newsletter to find ideas to use at home to build a Christ-centered family life. It is our hope that your knowledge about Catholicism will grow and that you will find valuable tips that are useful. We are proud to be your partners in faith!

Partners in FAITH™

Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

December 2021

Father Andrew White, S.J. School



Thoughtful Moments

Immaculate Conception

On December 8th, we celebrate the conception of Mary in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. This is the patronal feast of the United States. In addition to attending Mass (it's a Holy Day of Obligation), pray a joyful Rosary to celebrate.

The Magi's Gifts

To help combat consumerism at Christmas, some families limit the number of gifts to three in honor of the gifts of the Magi. Consider giving children one gift that is their heart's desire, a piece of clothing that is not just sensible, and one gift that will help them grow (a book or sports accessory, for example).



"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength" (Isaiah 40:28-29).



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Is Heaven worth the wait?

To many children, a day off from school or a family vacation is like heaven in itself. Sacrificing and doing penance to work toward Heaven after death is too abstract a concept to motivate them toward holiness. Yet, the season of Advent is designed to turn our eyes to Heaven so we can be ready when Jesus comes to bring us there. So how can we help youngsters understand how great Heaven really is?

All good things start there. "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). If all good things on Earth come from Heaven, imagine how great it is at the source.

Our life in Heaven will be more wonderful than the most wonderful experience on Earth.

The company is best there. When we get there, we will have joyful reunions with beloved grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends who have died before us.

We get to mingle with the saints and angels.

Best of all, we get to be with Jesus and His Father forever.

The one who loves us best is there. As much as earthly parents love their children, it's nothing compared to the love God has for each of us. He is the perfect parent - our true Father - and He is waiting for us in Heaven.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Advent is a season of waiting and preparation for the Savior who comes on Christmas. It is a reminder that there is a greater purpose to our lives. So, the Church encourages us to make our hearts

Why do Catholics celebrate Advent?



ready during Advent.

We know that Jesus will come at our death and he will come at the end of time. The season of Advent encourages us to make the necessary preparations so we can joyfully greet Jesus whenever we meet Him next.

Make your family Christmas sparkle with Jesus

What mother or father doesn't cherish the sparkle of excitement in a child's eye at Christmas? As Catholic parents, though, we want our children to have real joy, not just the anticipation of receiving gifts or getting out of school. Try these tips to help children turn their eyes to Jesus on this special day:

Focus on Jesus: On Christmas Eve, read the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 1:5 – 2:39 or Matthew 1:18 – 2:23. Sing your favorite religious Christmas carols. After attending



Mass on Christmas Day (a Holy Day of Obligation), light a candle and sing, "Happy Birthday" to remember the meaning of the day.

Make it come alive. The true joy of the holiday comes from knowing that God really came. Gather around your family nativity scene and act out the story of Jesus' birth by moving the figures. Imagine what a legion (army) of angels looks like and how the shepherds felt when they saw that God was born. Help children experience the wonder of the miraculous birth.

Scripture LESSON

Luke 2:41-52, Jesus led the way

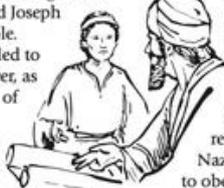
On December 26th, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family during which we recall when Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple.

The Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover, as was the custom for Jews of that time. When they started the return trip in their large group, each parent thought Jesus was with the other one and traveled for a day before realizing that He had stayed behind. Upon finding Him missing, they hurried back to Jerusalem.

They found Jesus in the Temple talking with the priests who were

amazed by the boy's wisdom and understanding. But to Mary's stunned query about why He remained behind without permission, Jesus' mystifying reply was, "Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" The boy returned with his parents to Nazareth where He continued to obey them.

What can a parent do? Explain to children that Jesus himself had a mission He was eager to begin but was obedient to his parents. He wants us all to respect our parents and those in authority over us.



Feasts & Celebrations

December 6 – St. Nicholas of Myra (4th century). St. Nicholas had a very generous heart and always gave to the poor. He is credited with saving three girls from being sold to pay their father's debt. St. Nicholas is also the patron saint of children.

December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared as a Native American maiden to St. Juan Diego. She had St. Juan carry roses to the bishop as proof. When the roses were emptied from his tilma it retained the

image of the Blessed Mother.

December 13 – St. Lucy (304). Amidst pagan Sicily, St. Lucy vowed to remain chaste for Jesus. A disappointed suitor turned her in for being a Christian and she was executed for her faith.

December 27 – St. John the Apostle (1st Century). An apostle and friend of Jesus, St. John was known for his fiery temper. Scholars believe he is the "beloved disciple" who sat by Jesus at the Last Supper in John's Gospel.



Parent TALK

In early Fall one year, I got laid off and subsequently started my own business. That meant money was super tight. I wasn't sure how we would buy



Christmas gifts for the children, so we turned to St. Nicholas for help.

We learned that St. Nicholas was born in the third century in Asia Minor. His

wealthy parents died while he was a child and he subsequently used his fortune to help the needy. When he became a bishop, he was a vigorous defender of the truth and was persecuted for his faith.

Immediately, we started a family novena to St. Nicholas. During the first week of December, I received a check for unused vacation pay from a former employer – more than enough to buy some gifts and make a nice Christmas dinner. There is no doubt in our minds that St. Nicholas brought our Christmas gifts that year.

Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children
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Youth News

Southern MD Roots

Invites you!



Upcoming Events:

**December 8th-Christmas Party & mass (Holy Day)
Holy Angels School, Youth Group room**

December 15th-Making fruit baskets for those in need &
Christmas potluck celebration
5:30, Holy Angels School, Youth Group room



Families with youth K-12th grade

- Serving the St. Francis Xavier, Sacred Heart, Holy Angels, and Our Lady of the Wayside parishes and community families
- Monthly meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 5:30pm @ Holy Angels (Starting 10/13/21)
- Monthly Weekend activities include: service projects, field trips, fellowship, and more!
- Join Us!

www.southernmarylandroots.org

facebook page: Southern Maryland Roots

- Wednesday, December 8, 2021 (Holy Day): (K-12th grade) Christmas Party & Pizza at 5:30pm and Mass at 7pm - hosted by Southern Maryland ROOTS Youth Group at Holy Angels School Youth Group Room

- Wednesday, December 15, 2021 - 5:30pm: (K-12th grade) Making Fruit Baskets for the needy and Christmas Potluck Celebration - hosted by Southern Maryland ROOTS Youth Group at Holy Angels School Youth Group Room (This event counts as service/volunteer hours.)

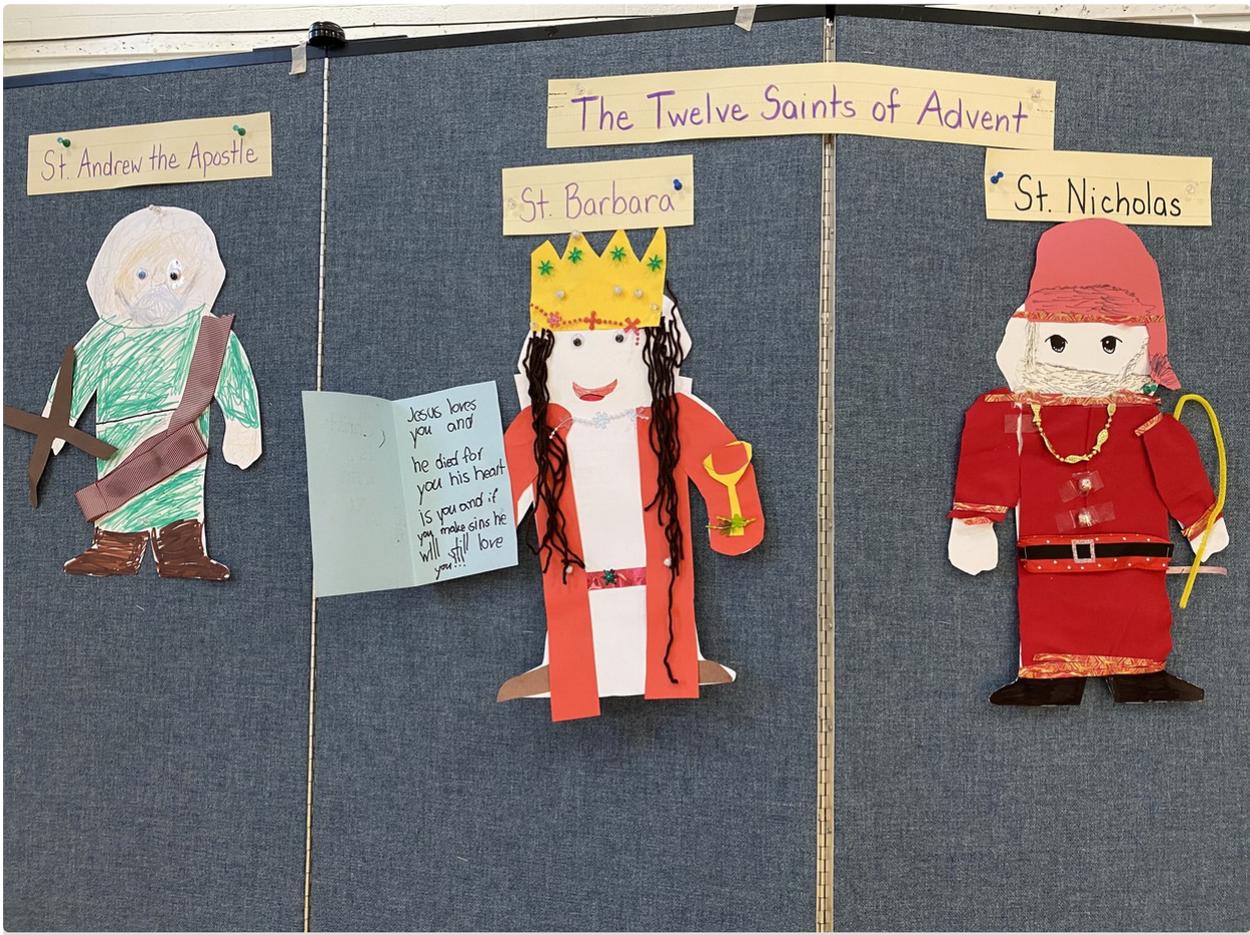
Learning Today...



Leading Tomorrow...



Living our Faith!





Volunteer opportunities



Help Wanted!

God has blessed each of us with various talents. Are you able to share yours with Father Andrew White School? We are looking for some help from individuals and/or businesses to improve our physical campus. Also, if you or your business would like to sponsor/fund any of these projects we would be forever grateful! If you are willing to help with any of the following, please contact Jaime Weber at jaimeweber11@gmail.com



- replace cracked floor tiles
- replace ceiling tiles
- repair drywall
- remove parking lot near back playground area

- tidy wiring in gym
- create a patio for picnic table area
- make cupboards to cover open shelving in classroom
- landscaping
- paint hallways and bathrooms
- install gate/fence around propane tank
- fix window closures
- replace playground benches
- install taller/stronger net behind soccer goals
- fix leaky roof



Playground Volunteers

We have open time slots available for recess monitors during the second quarter. If you are available, please consider signing up. Your child will love to have you here!! Access the sign-up [here](#).

2021-2022 Volunteer Opportunity Form

Take a few minutes to let us know what you are interested in volunteering your time for this school year!

NEW to Volunteering? Click here!

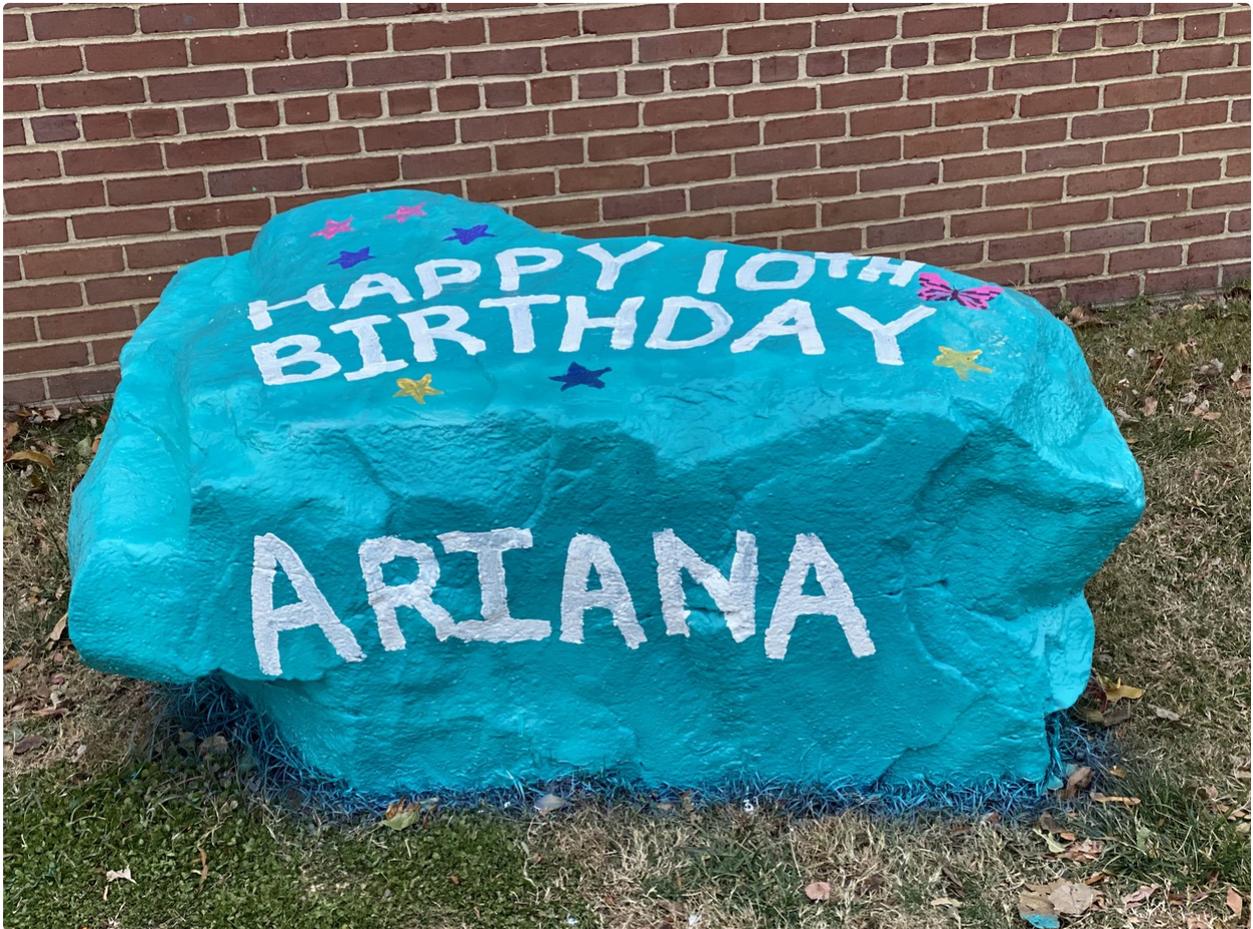
Record Volunteer Hours Here!

Substitute Teachers Information

Used Uniforms

FAW Crusaders Spirit Store

Great news! We can now place FAW Spirit Gear orders throughout the year! Click on the link to shop today!



Spirit Rock Reservations

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HSPT Test (8 th Grade)	2 Science Fair	3 First Friday Mass LAST DAY to submit TADS Tuition Aid Application	4
5	6	7 Progress Reports Posted (grades 4-8)	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass	9	10 Santa Shop	11
12 Cookies with Santa 9 – 11am	13	14	15 Advent Confessions	16 Christmas Pageant	17 Early Dismissal, 12:30pm NO AFTERCARE	18
19	20 No School Christmas Break	21 No School Christmas Break	22 No School Christmas Break	23 No School Christmas Break	24 No School Christmas Break	25 Merry Christmas
26	27 No School Christmas Break	28 No School Christmas Break	29 No School Christmas Break	30 No School Christmas Break	31 No School Christmas Break	

Weekly Reminders:

- Order SCRIP (by Friday)
- Complete Christmas Pageant Form (by Friday)
- Attend Cookies with Santa (Sunday)
- Order Candy Grams
- Find items to donate to the Brown Bag Auction
- Order Christmas Cards through Minted.com
- Volunteer to be a Recess Monitor or to help with Cookies with Santa
- Consider Volunteering your Talents to help improve our Campus

2021-2022 Yearly School Calendar

"FAITH AS SMALL AS A
Mustard Seed
CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS"
- Matthew 17:20 -



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