

CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

FATHER ANDREW WHITE S.J. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAY 3, 2022

Growing in faith, wisdom, and love!



IMPORTANT DATES

- May 2 - 6:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 3:** Progress Reports Posted to the Portal (grades 4-8)
- May 5:** 8th Grade Day Out (virtual) + National Day of Prayer
- May 6:** May Crowning
- May 10:** Field Trip (grade 1)
- May 11:** Math Scantron (grades 2-8)
- May 12:** Band + Chorus + 3rd Grade Recorder Concert (6:30pm)
- May 13:** Early Dismissal, 12:30pm + No Aftercare
- May 17:** Reading Scantron (grades 2-8)

May 20: 8th Grade Class Trip

May 21: First Holy Communion at St. Aloysius

May 22: First Holy Communion at St. Aloysius + Confirmation at Our Lady's

May 24: Science Scantron (grade 5)

May 26: Last Day for Pre-K + Pre-K Promotion Ceremony

May 27: Early Dismissal, 12:30pm + No Aftercare

May 30: No School - Memorial Day

May 31 - June 8: Book Fair

May 31: Field Day (grades 6-8), 8:30 - 11:30am (Rain Date: June 1st)

WE APPRECIATE OUR TEACHERS!!

It's Teacher Appreciation Week! We are blessed to have some FAWsome teachers! We hope they feel appreciated every day but especially this week! Teachers, please accept some surprises each day as our way to say THANK YOU!



PROGRESS REPORTS

Reports for grades 4-8 will be available online **today, Tuesday, May 3rd**. We ask you to please keep in mind that we still have new lessons to teach and work to accomplish. We hope you will support us in encouraging the children to keep studying and to continue to make their school work a priority.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The **National Day of Prayer** is **this Thursday, May 5th!** Let's join together with groups all around the nation to pray for our country, leaders and school! "Meet me at the flagpole" before school at 7:15am on May 5th. All students and parents are invited to join in this time of praying as you feel led!

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Meet Me at the Flagpole



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THURSDAY, MAY 5**



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around the country to pray for our nation, our
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**THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022
7:15AM**

All students and families are welcome!

MAY CROWNING

Our annual May Procession and Crowning of Mary will be held **this Friday, May 6th** after our 8:30am Mass, hosted by our 1st grade. It will take place in the Marian Garden between the church and the rectory.



PARTNERS IN FAITH NEWSLETTER

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!



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

May 2022

Father Andrew White, S.J. School



Talk about God

Children are naturally curious about God. Discuss your child's concept of Him. Does he see God as a loving parent or a harsh police officer, for example. Children are more likely to want to spend time with someone who is kind. Remind them that Jesus wants us to know God as our Father who loves and accepts each of us unconditionally.

A family novena

Introduce your children to the power of the novena. Together choose an intention and spend the next nine days praying about it. You can pray the Rosary for nine days, recite the Divine Mercy chaplet, or even write a novena service of your own. Even better, find out if your parish has a novena service you can attend as a family.

"And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51).



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Help children love the Mass

At each Catholic Mass, Jesus Christ becomes sacramentally present among us, feeding us with the fullness of love. Helping children know and love the Mass will help them experience His love throughout their lives.

Prioritize. A busy family can have competing activities throughout a weekend. Yet, going to church together sends a strong message to children that Mass is more important than any of them. Don't miss Mass on Sunday or Holy Days. If you know you'll be traveling for vacation, research nearby Catholic churches and Mass times beforehand.

Prepare. Discuss the Gospel before Mass and read Scripture together often. Help children perform a daily

examination of conscience and go to Confession regularly to ensure everyone eligible can receive Communion.

Pray. Praying as a family is one of the ways to activate the graces we receive through the Sacraments. Start with a decade of the Rosary or traditional prayers before meals or bedtime. Our sacramental life sanctifies our everyday life. **Sing.** Children (of all ages) can connect with the celebration of Mass through the hymns. See who can sing the loudest.

Celebrate! The Sacraments are channels of God's life, love, and grace. Write a special family prayer you can pray together to thank God for His many gifts after Mass. Afterwards, celebrate with a special dessert or fun family activity.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

The world's religions bear witness to the truth that God's children yearn for the One who created us. In turn, He draws us to the mysterious encounter known as prayer.

Prayer is the raising of our minds and hearts to God, or the petition of good things

Why do Christians pray?



from Him that are in harmony with His will. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father, with His Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit. It's how we stay connected with the One who loves us most.

Encourage children to embrace Mary's virtues

May is a month in which we honor our Blessed Mother in gratitude for leading us to her Son. She shows us how to follow Him by sharing the practice of virtues, such as:

Humility. Even when Mary learned she would be the mother of the Savior, she still considered herself a "lowly handmaid" (Luke 1:48). She surrendered to God's will. Children can practice humility by doing what they're asked willingly and quickly, and by waiting their turns patiently.

Generosity. After the Annunciation, Mary



hurried to Elizabeth's house knowing that her cousin would need help when St. John was born. Children can look for ways to help at home. They can also be merciful by letting go of grudges and choosing forgiveness instead.

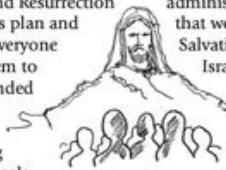
Gratitude. Mary's Magnificat is a prayer of praise, joy, and thanksgiving to God for blessing her and fulfilling His promises. Tell children to say "thank you" when someone does something nice for them. Encourage them to look for ways to share their gifts with others in need.

Scripture LESSON

Luke 24:46-53, Know Him, love like Him

The disciples' heads had to have been spinning. Jesus reminded them that His suffering, death and Resurrection had been part of God's plan and that they should tell everyone about it and invite them to repent. Then, He ascended and was taken from their sight.

As they stood staring at the heavens, two angels appeared to clarify matters for them. Jesus was enthroned in Heaven, but He had left them with a mission. They had to build up and maintain the Church and tell everyone the Good News. The blessings of



the New Covenant come through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments that were entrusted to the Church. Salvation now extends beyond Israel to encompass all nations. Then other generations after them would encounter Christ and believe in Him.

What can a parent do? Tell children about Jesus and how He wants us to live. Tell them His story, spend time with Him in prayer, and receive the Sacraments regularly. Then people will know we belong to Christ if we treat them like He did.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker (1st century). Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a humble carpenter who was dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima (1917). The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, and asked that they pray the Rosary for peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia.

May 19 – St. Celestine V (1296). Born in Italy, Peter di Morrone was a

monk and hermit who founded the order of the Celestines as a branch of the Benedictine order. He was elected pope and accepted because the papacy had been vacant for two years. He resigned to return to his humble, pre-papal life but was imprisoned by his successor and died in prison.

May 30 – St. Joan of Arc (1431). Patron of France, St. Joan was inspired by God in a vision to lead the French to victory during the Hundred Year's War against England. She was captured and falsely accused of sorcery. She was canonized in 1920.



Parent TALK

It is important to me that we eat together as a family but every night I had to call Tobin three or four times for dinner. The food would get cold and my temper hot while we waited for him to join us. Finally, I decided to try something new.

The next night I announced that I would ring a bell at 6:00pm each night when dinner was ready. Whoever wanted to eat was welcome. An hour later, dinner would be over and the kitchen would close until breakfast the next day.

The next night I rang the bell and everyone came ... except Tobin. We said grace and enjoyed a nice, hot meal.

An hour later, Tobin came down looking for supper, puzzled that I didn't call him again. I reminded him that dinner was at 6:00pm and he missed it. "But I'm hungry," he said. "Then you'll really enjoy breakfast. We're having pancakes," I replied calmly and walked away. He was never late again.



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THE VIRTUE OF ZEAL

We are participating in a Virtues in Practice program again 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 we are learning about the virtue of zeal. During the month of May let's model how you are driven by an intense love for God.





SUMMER SKILLS BOOK

For years we have offered paper order forms for Summer Review Books. now ordering will be completed online. To view all the options and to place your order, click here -->

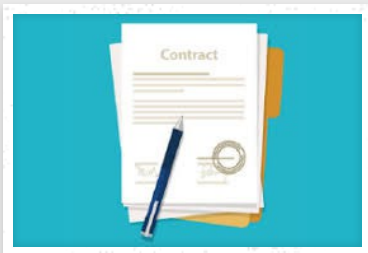
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SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Thank you to all who completed this so far! *We still have 45 families who need to take action!* Please take a moment to let us know your preference as to if you'd like to take the Service Scholarship in return for \$350 reduced tuition per child for the 2022-2023 school year. **We are looking for 100% participation for all families to complete this form - regardless of your preference - by tomorrow! (It takes less than two minutes.)**



[2022-2023 Service Scholarship Status Form](#)



2022 – 2023 CONTRACTS

Tuition agreements will be completed electronically via your TADS account. You should have received an email from TADS with a link to login to TADS. There you will complete the tuition agreement, select your payment plan and “sign” your contract. We kindly request you complete your tuition agreement by **this Friday, May 6th**. Thank you!

TUITION AID

FAW Multi-Child Tuition Grants are available for families who submitted an application for archdiocesan tuition assistance through TADS. These grants are for both families with multiple children enrolled at FAW as well as those families with one enrolled child and demonstrated need. Please contact Mrs. Szocho or the school office for a grant application, and submit the completed form by **this Friday, May 6th**.





SCHOOL TOOL BOX SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are happy to announce we will again offer pre-made school supply kits for your children next year! We will continue to partner with School Toolbox. Please be on the lookout for order details coming soon!

2022-2023 SCHOOL DIRECTORY

We are getting a head start so that we can begin preparing for our upcoming 2022-2023 School Family Directory! Please complete this [2022-2023 FAW School Directory Data Form](#) today!



SCRIP GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Did you know that SCRIP offers many bonuses? This week there are 30 different vendors who are offering additional bonuses. Check out the list [here!](#)

ARTOME ART FRAMES: SHIPPING DELAYED

We have received an update regarding the delay in getting our special framed artwork for those that ordered from our Art Show online. Currently, the company is experiencing staff shortages and supply chain issues with their frame production. The raw material they use to build the frames at their facility are in short supply. They are purchasing material through different vendors to keep the frame production moving. They are working hard to ship out orders as fast as possible and we will keep you posted on when we receive the orders. They extend their sincere apologies to all parents and family members who purchased their children's beautiful artwork. Thanks for your understanding.





SHED NEEDED

If anyone is getting rid of a shed (approximately 8 feet x 8 feet) in good condition we would love to have it to house our new Art Kiln. Please contact our Art teacher, Mrs. Gavin at fawsart@fatherandrewwhite.org to let her know!

FAW ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Father Andrew White School has an Annual Giving Campaign, where we reach out to families, alumni, and local parishioners to raise funds for the school. This year, we are raising funds to "Pave the Way for Kids to Play" as we transition the rear parking lot into an enjoyable recess area for our students. Thank you for prayerfully considering donating to this important fund that directly benefits our children.



Let's "Pave the Way for Kids to Play!" at Father Andrew White School! Find out details here <https://fatherandrewwhite.org/annual-giving-campaign> Thank you!!

Learning Today...



Leading Tomorrow...



Living our Faith!



Volunteer opportunities



PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

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

[NEW TO VOLUNTEERING? CLICK HERE!](#)

[RECORD VOLUNTEER HOURS HERE!](#)

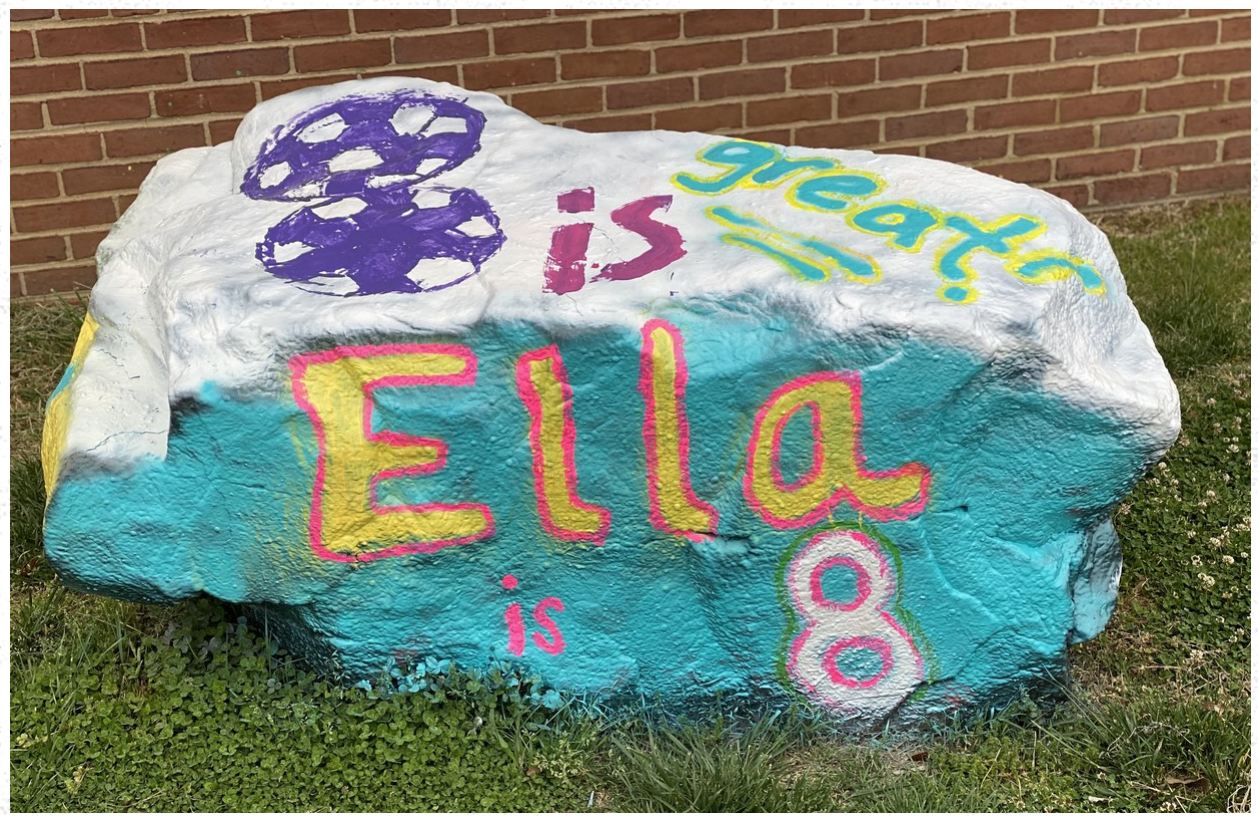
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Great news! We can now place FAW Spirit Gear orders throughout the year! Click on the link to shop today!

[SPIRIT ROCK RESERVATIONS](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS



YOUTH SUNDAY

May 15, 2022

12 PM to 2 PM



Venue: *Holy Angels School*



Come and enjoy Pizza, treats, Beautification of Holy Angels Blessed Mother flower bed, planting new flowers and mulch.

Priest presentation on praying the Rosary at the church.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information on youth ministry and how to join visit:

SouthernMarylandRoots.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Progress Reports Posted (Grades 4-8)	4	5 8 th Grade Day Out (virtual) National Day of Prayer	6 May Crowning	7
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29	30 No School Happy Memorial Day!	31 Field Day Grades 6-8 Book Fair Begins	June 2: Field Trip – Grade 8 June 3: Class Picnic – Grade 8 June 4: Class of 2022 Graduation		June 7: Field Day - Grades K-5 June 8: Book Fair Ends June 9: Last Day of School	
June 6-9: Early Dismissals						

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WEEKLY REMINDERS:

- Thank a teacher
- Check PlusPortals for Grades 4-8 Progress Reports (today)
- Meet us at the flagpole for our National Day of Prayer event (Thursday)
- Complete [Service Scholarship Preference Form](#)
- Complete the [2022-2023 FAW School Directory Data Form](#)
- Complete Tuition Agreements through TADS (by Friday)
- Donate to our Annual Giving Campaign
- Volunteer to be a Recess Monitor
- Send in Used Uniforms in great condition

2021-2022 YEARLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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




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SOMD FAVORITES 2021
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The image features a dark blue background with a radial sunburst pattern. In the top left and bottom right corners, there are bursts of blue and white confetti. Two white four-pointed starburst graphics are positioned on the left and right sides. The central focus is a white rounded square containing a circular badge. The badge has 'SOMD NEWS' at the top, '2021 Reader' in the center, and 'SOUTHERN MARYLAND' at the bottom. A blue banner across the badge reads 'APPROVED' in white, with a black crab silhouette in the background. Below the badge, the word 'WINNER' is written in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the badge is a white line-art icon of a person reading a book. Below the main text, there are decorative purple flowers on the left and right edges of the page.

