

FAW Friday News
September 23, 2022



Good afternoon, Father Andrew White Families! What a blessed week we have had at school!

This week, Morning Prayer was led by Mrs. Pietsch. She shared the account of Abram and how he was called by God to leave the land of his family at age 75. She let the students know that Abram had a relationship with God and was able to discern God's directions to him. Abraham believed in God's promises so much that he was willing to sacrifice his own son. Does that sound familiar? God Himself, sacrificed His only Son for us, so that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life (John 3:16). How do we show our faith in God? Do you and I spend enough time with God that we can hear the words He has for us? Do we read His word so that we know what He desires of us? I encourage you to read from your Bible the account of Abraham, our patriarch in faith, beginning in Genesis 11:27. It is a fascinating account and helps us to ask ourselves many questions about how we are living our faith. What is God calling you and I to do? How can we continue to encourage our children to live for God?

The students learned about hearing and listening to God's word and also learned about their physical hearing this week!

The PK students learned all about owls in their class this week! In Science Lab, Mr. George taught them how to listen to a bird sound with owl ears and asked the students what the

difference was between their ears and “owl ears”. The students quickly noticed that when using their owl ears (opened hands behind their ears), that they could hear more distinctly and louder!

The fourth graders worked on team building in PE class. They used six hoola hoops to create a circular castle and then had the opportunity to target the castles with ball handling skills! The first graders graphed weather and applied concepts of most, more than and less than to their graphs. They then practiced reading and spelling with the short “a” vowel sound.

The entire student body enjoyed a concert performance by Joe Melendrez. They sang, danced and heard Joe describe how he came to make a firm commitment to Jesus as a 15 year old. He learned that Jesus wanted to have a relationship with him and that he chose to respond and say yes to Him. He encouraged our students to do the same. I hope that you are able to take your Middle School Student to the concert at St. Clements Museum this weekend, to praise and worship our God!

Lastly, we welcomed our Grandparents and Special Persons to a most treasured and traditional day of the year! Our student body sang about how we are all a family and ended their performance with a beautiful singing of “God Bless America” accompanied by sign language! We thoroughly enjoyed being able to meet together, in person, all at the same time! Seeing the love that is shared among children and their grandparents/special persons is priceless!

One quick reminder! Please refrain from using the bus lane during arrival (7:15 - 8:15 am) and dismissal times (2:00 - 3:00 pm). If you need to escort a student to or from the school, please park in one of the side parking lots. We appreciate your cooperation!

Next week is the FAW Crusader Cup! Thank you for all of your hard work in putting together this event and thank you to all of our sponsors for their support of Catholic Education and Father Andrew White School.

I hope that you are able to enjoy the St. Mary’s County fair this weekend! We have many student projects displayed and students participating in various activities!

God Bless You!

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