

FAW Friday News  
September 2



*“He existed before anything else and He holds all creation together.” Colossians 1:17*

Dear Father Andrew White Families,

We enjoyed a second week at school and the students were engaged in many new learning experiences! There were many Science activities and the Middle School students met with their Electives for the first time.

Eighth grade Science students had a Science lab with Mrs. Sarlo where they were graphing motion. They were timing themselves and measuring the distance they could walk in two seconds, four seconds and more. They then created graphs measuring distance over time. Fifth grade students studied the parts of a cell and worked on an interactive chrome book activity labeling the cell parts, matching the cell part with a description of the cell and finally writing about their knowledge in their own words. Second graders created greenhouses with three different kinds of beans. They will make predictions about which bean they think will grow first, longest and shortest. Some Middle school students enjoyed meeting a real beekeeper who will be sharing her expertise during Elective time. (You can also learn about the bees at the St. Mary's County Fair on September 23!) All students are enjoying our Saltwater aquarium that has been created by Mr. George. He has been catching fish to stock the aquarium and even placed a crab in the tank that has already molted once! The students in grades 3 - 8 began meeting for their dedicated STEM time this week! We are looking forward to seeing the many activities that they do at this time!

We also worked on Math skills! Kindergarten and first graders practiced writing numerals correctly and counting groups of objects! Fourth graders were very impressive with their knowledge of multiplication facts when Mrs. Szoch challenged them! Ms. Rowland created a

bulletin board for middle school students describing all of the ways that students will use math in real life!

We celebrated our Opening Day Mass with Fr. David and the NJHS students served as lectors, greeters, altar servers and gift bearers. Several classes had already made a visit to the church and the entire student body did a wonderful job participating! The choir was amazing!! Of course there was lots of time for plain fun as students continued to make new friends, enjoy outdoor activities and the 2nd graders participated in their Dance Party on Friday afternoon!

We learned about the creation of man in Morning Prayer this week. Deacon Joe reminded us that all of us are made in the image and likeness of God with dignity that comes with being human. God blesses us so much and He made us out of love. He simply wants our love in return! How can we show Him our love? Treating others with dignity and respect, using our talents to help others, being hard workers. Fr. David spoke to us about the vastness of the universe and how contemplating the wonders of the stars and galaxies leads us to a knowledge of God. Plan to attend Mass this weekend to thank God for who He is and for how He has blessed you and !!

We welcome our PK students next week! We also welcome Fr. Alex Wyvill, a Father Andrew White graduate and newly ordained priest, who will celebrate our Friday Mass! Father Wyvill will take some time after Mass to share his vocation story with the middle school students!

Mark your calendars for our annual Grandparents Day which will be held on Thursday, September 22! More information will be forthcoming.

I wish you a restful Labor Day Weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!

God Bless You!

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