

FAW Friday News  
December 2, 2022



Dear Father Andrew White Families,

Happy Advent Season! We are busy preparing our hearts for Christmas at Father Andrew White School! The students have learned about the Advent wreath during Morning Prayer this week. Mrs. Armsworthy shared that each candle represents a different aspect of our Christian faith. This week the candle represents Hope. Next is Peace, then Joy and then Love. The fourth graders each made their own advent wreaths and then shared them with other classes in the school so that everyone could focus on our preparation for Christmas! Next week our students will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation so we can clean our souls for welcoming Jesus.

We also had many other great activities that students participated in this week! PK students created the letter "I" with marshmallows and were very eager to tell that "I" is the beginning sound for igloo and iguana! Kindergarten students created a special gift for their parents! If they came home with paint on themselves this week, you may have a hint! Students created "Keeping Christ in Christmas" posters! There were many beautiful pictures and Nativity scenes! We have some very talented artists. Second graders made an advent giving chain so that beginning on December 1, they would do an act of kindness for someone else.

The academic learning continues as well! Third grade students are creating their own Jesse tree ornaments as they research a Biblical account and also create a prayer for the day.

Fourth grade students used formulas for area and perimeter to create a Christmas tree lot! They also learned about parallel and perpendicular lines and different classifications of angles! The fifth graders reviewed for their Math test playing "The Unfair Game" and along with the middle school students, participated in the Science and History Fair! There were so many amazing projects! These are areas of study that the students will remember for the rest of their lives! This is an arduous process, but a great learning experience! We also welcomed twenty students into the National Junior Honor Society during Mass on Friday!

We look forward to next week when the PK-5 students will perform in our annual Christmas pageant on Thursday, December 8. This year, our songs will focus on Mary, our Blessed Mother, since it is the feast day of her Immaculate Conception. The very first disciple of Jesus, Mary serves as a role model for us all! The eighth graders will have their cookie walk the evening of the pageant and Mrs. Greer will have gathered her many helpers for the Santa Shop on Friday, December 9!! We appreciate that she offers the students an opportunity to give to others!!

We hope that you are able to enjoy all of these special moments with your children! Time goes so quickly and we need to take every opportunity we can to spend with our children, marveling at the beauty of this time of year, and the wonderful gift that God has shown us by sending His Son to earth!

Wishing you a happy and prayerful Advent!

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