

FAW Friday News
January 27, 2023



Dear Father Andrew White Families,

This week, we celebrated Catholic Schools Mass for St. Mary's County, with nine priests, three deacons and six Catholic schools in attendance. St. Mary's Ryken choir did a beautiful job with their songs. We were so proud of our Father Andrew White students' participation!

The Father Andrew White First Lego League Team won first place in their regional competition last Saturday! Thank you to our coach, Mrs. Rowland and mentors, Mrs. Sarlo and Mr. George, who put in many hours to assist these students in their project and the engineering design process. We also thank our sponsors, the M.I.L. foundation! They move on to States next!

The first grade class was fortunate to have a parent come in to share about her family's heritage and celebrations of Chinese New Year. They read a story and got to see different clothing and items from China! First grade students also visited *Slice House Pizza*, learning how pizzas are made, divided into fractional parts and then enjoyed eating the delicious pizza! Fifth grade students also studied fractions this week. They generated many ideas of how we utilize fractions in everyday life such as cooking, measuring, sports and even shoe sizing! Third graders are practicing multiplication facts and trying to beat the clock with their memorization!

Writing personal narratives was a learning focus for second and fourth grade students. They learned that a personal narrative means writing a story about something they experienced. The fourth graders are writing about a memorable event they have had at Father Andrew White!

These will be on display for Catholic Schools Week, so come take a peek during STEM night on Wednesday, February 1!!

Kindergarten students experimented with sound in the Science lab with Mr. George and some PK students practiced reading three word sentences with Ms. Johnson!

Eighth grade students worked on the three branches of government and how the Constitution is organized. Several eighth graders have volunteered to assist with school tours this upcoming week! How wonderful for future families to hear of the personal experiences of our students!

Chorus students enjoyed a bagel bites/soda tasting party (as did fourth grade) as a reward from Mrs. Cacko for their winter performance! They have done such a wonderful job in school Masses and will sing for St. Aloysius at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday!

Lastly, we began our study of the New Testament during Morning Prayer. We learned about the four gospels and how they are each written for a different audience. We discussed how Jesus began his ministry by getting baptized as he calls each of us to repentance and to be his child. Reading his word helps us to make good choices and grow closer to Him.

Please join us for Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass this weekend as we celebrate all that Catholic school education has to offer! Third graders have the most representation as speakers at our Masses! We are thankful for all students that will share their experience of Catholic education at Mass! Have your student(s) wear their uniform so that you can represent our school! We are so blessed to educate the spirit, the character and the minds of our students!

Looking forward to celebrating Catholic education next week! Thank you for your support of our school! We are blessed to have your family as part of our school family!

May God bless you and your family,

Mrs. Szoch

Principal