

FAW Friday News
February 3, 2023



Dear Father Andrew White Families,

From strong academics, to a focus on faith and service, Catholic schools offer something truly unique. This week, we celebrated and recognized the hard work and dedication of all our teachers, students, and staff that goes into making our schools special.

The primary students wrote about why they love attending Father Andrew White School! Here are some of their responses: P.E., Art, friends, I like my teachers, we sing a lot, we can pray the rosary, we are learning about the saints, there is a lot of joy, great friends, great teachers, everyone is a follower of God! We love having your children here and are so blessed to work with such wonderful families!

Our students spoke at all Masses in the participating parishes this weekend and our choir sang at St. Aloysius Church on Sunday! Many parishioners commented on how well the students presented themselves!

Meeting the sisters on Vocations Day was so much fun! The girls in the sixth grade class spoke about how the sisters play soccer, eat junk food and are regular people just like us! Each class wrote letters asking questions of the seminarian they adopted and one class even had a Zoom meeting with their seminarian. Fr. David explained icons to the 3rd-8th graders!

Celebrating our Nation was an amazing day as the entire student body was dressed in red, white and blue! Our motivational speaker, Mrs. Deb Vavrus, explained how we can serve God and serve our country in everything we do! We watched a moving presentation of all of our FAW families that have connections to the military as students waved flags! We truly appreciate all of the dedication and sacrifices that all of our military families make to protect our freedoms.

Students were welcomed to balloons, streamers and bubbles on Student Appreciation Day! The HSA was so kind to make popcorn and have movie theater treats for our students as they enjoyed lounging with their classmates and watching a movie (voted on by the class)! The celebration of our communities was so moving! The students were so proud of their donations of baby gifts, contributions to Finns Fierce Fight and the soup for the St. Aloysius food pantry. The middle school students created notes of kindness, checked expiration dates and sorted the soups to assist the pantry and spread cheer for others less fortunate.

Today, we celebrated our volunteers, parents and teachers! The bus drivers and parents were met with students waving signs of appreciation, the HSA provided a wonderful lunch for our staff and the students helped clean their classrooms to give Mr. Ty and Mr. Elvis a helping hand. We celebrated Mass as a Catholic school family!

We hope that you are able to drop by the gym tomorrow evening (2:30-4:00) for a white out event, celebrating our families and our sports teams! The HSA has worked hard to plan this event and we are appreciative of the many ways they support the FAW community!

We are so grateful for each and every one of you. We thank you for allowing us to partner with you in your child's education; not only in academics but in faith and character formation as well! May all of our students learn to let their lives shine with the love of Christ!!

Have a blessed weekend! Remember to go to Church to thank God for all of your blessings!!!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Szoch
Principal