

Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

May 2, 2023



Important Dates

May 2: MAP Growth Testing Continues (grades 2-8)

May 3: Field Trip (grade 1)

May 5: May Crowning after First Friday Mass (hosted by grade 1)
May 8 - 12: Teacher Appreciation Week
May 9: Progress Reports Posted (grades 4-8) and MAP Growth Testing Continues
May 11: Spring Band/Chorus Concert (includes 3rd & 5th graders), 6:30pm
May 12: Destination Imagination Day Celebration + Talent Show Acts
May 13: Catholic Schools Relay Races (at SMR), 12-4pm
May 15: MAP Growth Science Test (grades 5 & 8)
May 16: Rally for Reading (grade 2)
May 18: Field Trip (grades K-8)
May 19: Field Trip (grade 7) and Willy Wonka Day (grade 3)
May 20: Crusader Fun Run (at SMR)
May 20-23: Destination Imagination Global Finals Competition
May 21: FAW Athletic Awards Banquet, 2pm and Confirmation at Our Lady's Church
May 23: Field Day (grades K-5)
May 25: Last day for Pre-K, Pre-K Graduation, and Middle School Monthly Activity
May 26: Early Dismissal, 12:30pm and Book Fair Begins
May 27: 1st Communion at St. Aloysius Church, 5pm
May 28: 1st Communion at St. Aloysius Church, 11am
May 29: No School - Memorial Day
May 30: Field Day (grades 6-8)
June 3: 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 10am
June 7: Early Dismissal, 12:30pm and Book Fair Ends
June 8: End of Year School Mass and Awards (hosted by grade 2), 10am with Early Dismissal immediately following, LAST DAY for Students

May Crowning

Our annual May Procession and Crowning of Mary will be held **this Friday, May 5th** after our 8:30am Mass, hosted by our 1st grade. It will take place in the Marian Garden between the church and the rectory.



If you'd like to send in flowers to be presented to our Blessed Mother, please have your child bring them in to school this Thursday, May 4th so we can prepare bouquets. Thank you for your help!

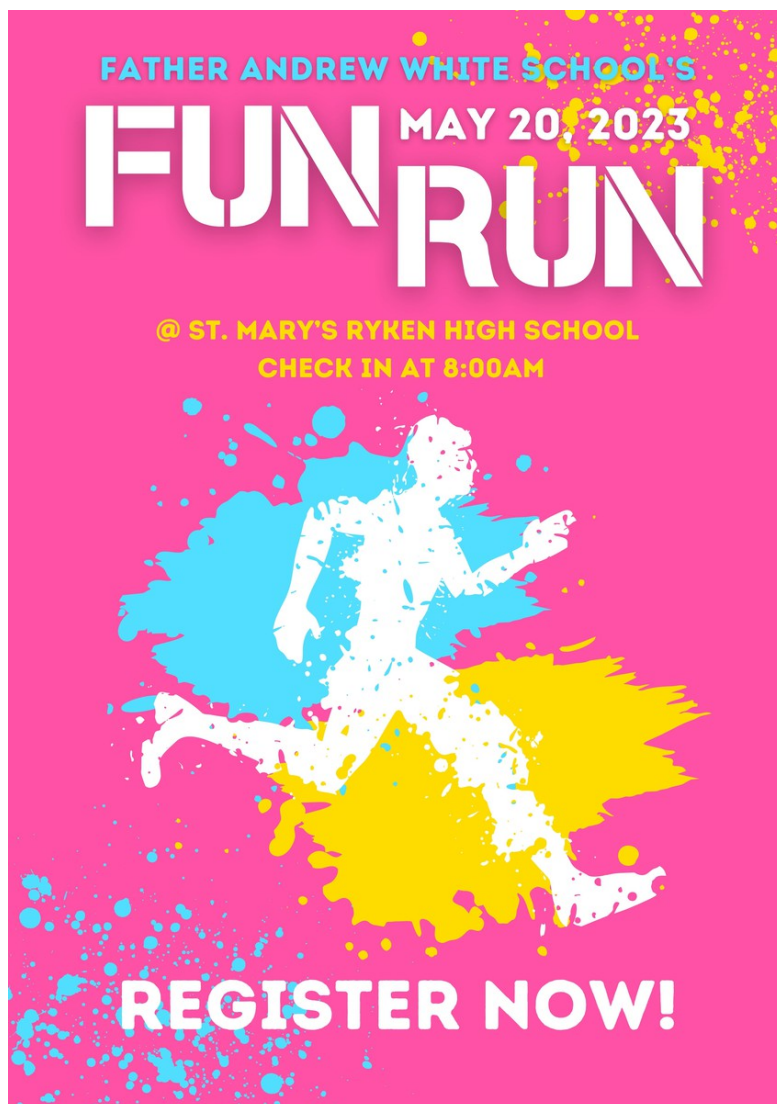


Band/Chorus Concert

Concert alert! Third graders will have their recorder debut on Thursday, May 11th on the FAW Stage. Mrs. Cacko will have music ready for the students. Third graders just need to arrive, wearing their Sunday best, to the FAW gym no later than 6:30pm for the start of the concert. We can't wait for the 3rd graders to show off their recorder skills!

Register for our Fun Run!

Our upcoming Crusader Fun Run will be Saturday, May 20th at St. Mary's Ryken High School!



Get ready for the FAW Crusader Fun Run on the St. Mary's Ryken campus **Saturday, May 20th!** The Fun Run will kick off at 9am with the One Mile Run followed by the 5K at 9:30am. Gates open at 8am and warm-ups by 8:45am! We will have music, food, and a Fun Run on the St Mary's Ryken Campus!

Online registration is still available; sign up at

<https://bnfct.co/2023-faw-fun-run>. Registration fees are \$20 per participant for the first four members of a family, and then \$10 per participant after that. By signing up for the run, you'll get a goody bag with all the Fun Run essentials- a Fun Run t-shirt (sizes not guaranteed if ordered after May 10, 2023) and other goodies.

Everyone who signs up will have a free tag day **Friday, May 19th**, the day before the run, to wear your shirt to school.

Prizes to the class with the highest percentage of students that register, to the class with the highest percentage of students that participate in the run, and to the winner of a raffle for all the

Register to Run!



students who register!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at FAWCrusaderFunRun@gmail.com and consider signing up to help the day of the event!

May Virtue: Diligence



Our school is participating in a Virtues in Practice program this year. Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as they hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. We also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students are learning about the virtue of Diligence. During the month of May, please model how you do your best and work hard until you're finished.



Multi Child Scholarships / Tuition Aid

FAW Multi-Child Tuition Grants are available for families who submitted an application for archdiocesan tuition assistance through TADS. These grants are for both families with multiple children enrolled at FAW as well as those families with one enrolled child and demonstrated need. For those who are seeking a multi child scholarship, forms are available on our website. Please click [HERE](#) to access them. **Multi child scholarship paperwork is due by this Friday, May 5th.**

Let's

GLOW

OUR LADY STAR OF
THE SEA SCHOOL

BLACK LIGHT
MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE
for Catholic school students

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 7-10pm

OLSS School
90 Alexander Ln.
Solomons, MD
20688
(410) 326-3171
olsss.org

- * Admission \$5 cash at the door
- * Signed permission form required
- * Cell phones will be held in office
- * Wear neon or white to GLOW!

**Our Lady Star of the Sea School
Middle School Dance
Friday, May 5, 2023
7 - 10pm**

Permission Form - Required for Entrance

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

My child has my permission to attend the OLSS Middle School Dance on May 5. I understand that any inappropriate conduct will result in a parent/guardian being called to pick up their child immediately from the Dance.

Parent Signature: _____

Thank you Bakers!

Thank you to all of our fabulous bakers who supplied treats for the bake sale after Masses at St. Aloysius Church. It led to many generous donations to help our Destination Imagination teams in their efforts to make it to the Globals competition later this month.



May 8th-12th: Pie and Dollars for DI

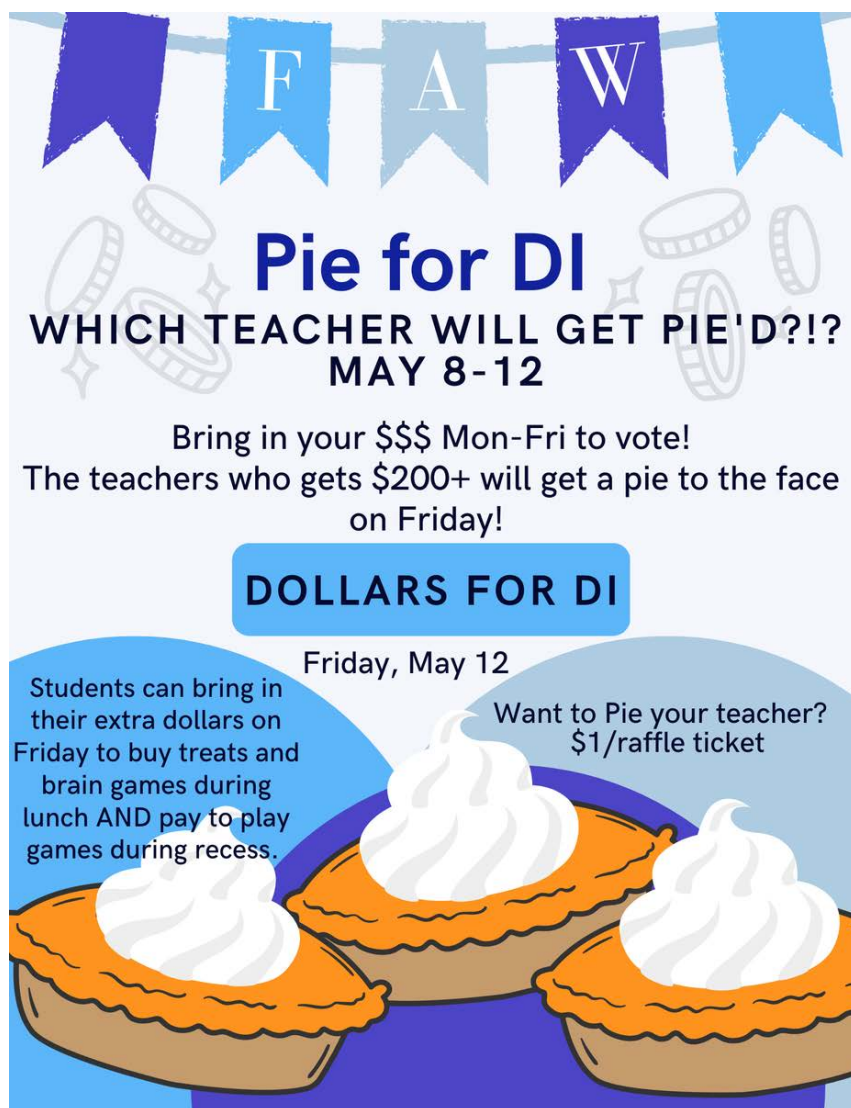
Destination Imagination is hosting a week of fun culminating in their Pie for DI along with their Dollars for DI event! Starting Monday, May 8th, students can bring in their coins/cash to vote on the teachers that they want to see get a pie to the face on Friday May 12th during an epic Pie for DI assembly! Twelve teachers are ready to take their chances! Any teacher that collects \$200 (or more) will get pie'd! Students can also purchase raffle tickets (\$1/each) to try to win the chance of throwing a pie in their teacher's face! Money can be brought in any day next week.

On Friday, May 12, during Dollars for DI, students will get a chance to buy treats and goodies during lunch for our special Dollars for DI day! Students can also buy chances at some fun brain games during recess. All treats and games are \$1/each. We are looking forward to culminating our week

in a big way with Pie for DI and our Dollars for DI! The Destination Imagination Global Finals teams thank you very much!

Sincerely,

The DItermined (Fuzz) Wonders and the Things

A promotional poster for the 'Pie for DI' event. At the top, a banner with blue and white pennants spells out 'FAW'. Below the banner, the text reads 'Pie for DI WHICH TEACHER WILL GET PIE'D?!? MAY 8-12'. It encourages bringing in \$\$\$ Mon-Fri to vote, with a prize of \$200+ and a pie to the face on Friday. A blue button says 'DOLLARS FOR DI'. The date 'Friday, May 12' is centered. On the left, text says 'Students can bring in their extra dollars on Friday to buy treats and brain games during lunch AND pay to play games during recess.' On the right, it asks 'Want to Pie your teacher? \$1/raffle ticket'. The bottom features three pies with white whipped cream on a blue surface.

Pie for DI
WHICH TEACHER WILL GET PIE'D?!?
MAY 8-12

Bring in your \$\$\$ Mon-Fri to vote!
The teachers who gets \$200+ will get a pie to the face
on Friday!

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Friday, May 12

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\$1/raffle ticket

Destination Imagination Global Finals 2023!

We are excited to announce that two of our Destination Imagination (DI) teams from Father Andrew White School are two of the top-scoring DI teams in the state of Maryland and now have the opportunity to present their Challenge solution at the DI Global Finals in Kansas City, Missouri –an international competition where they will compete against teams from around the globe.

Please consider donating to help these teams get to the Globals competition!! Destination Imagination is an educational, academic program that has helped our students learn and practice valuable skills like creative and critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork through different competitive, STEAM-based (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) Challenges. The teams are working hard to raise the \$5,500/team registration fee plus the almost \$1,000/student it will take to get them there to experience this amazing opportunity! Raising \$20K in only one month's time is daunting, but they are DItermined!!! Every gift is a blessing and we truly appreciate your support! Thank you so much for your contributions.

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/DIGlobals2023>



Check out other upcoming events and ways to support our DI teams headed to Globals by visiting our website here: <https://fatherandrewwhite.org/destination-imagination/>

Please help FAW
Destination
Imagination

GO TO GLOBAL FINALS IN
KANSAS CITY, MO!

THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

To learn more or to donate, go to
[https://fatherandrewwhite.org/
destination-imagination](https://fatherandrewwhite.org/destination-imagination)



Volunteer Opportunity

To raise some DI funds, we are looking for volunteers to run a Spirit Station (to sell a few items) at the Catholic Schools Relay Races at SMR on Saturday, May 13th from 12 - 4pm. Email Mrs. Cacko if you can help: cacko@fatherandrewwhite.org. Interested in more hours? Check out our Volunteer Sign Up [HERE!](#)



Log Your Volunteer Hours

Please remember to [keep your logged volunteer hours](#) up to date! You should have about 20 hours by this point to be on track for your 25 hour requirement (for Service Scholarship families).

Prizes Wanted

First Grade is looking to restock their "Cash In" stash! If you have any gently used toys, stuffed animals, stickers, party favors, or anything else you think a first grader would enjoy, please feel free to donate them to our First Grade classroom.



Now Enrolling

<http://mytads.com/a/fatherandrewwhiteschool>

Father Andrew White Catholic School has opened enrollment to new families for the 2023-2024 school year. We welcome you to consider becoming a part of this amazing, award winning school. Schedule a private tour to discover how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith." Call the office at (301) 475-9795 or email office@fatherandrewwhite.org.

After School Math Tutoring Program

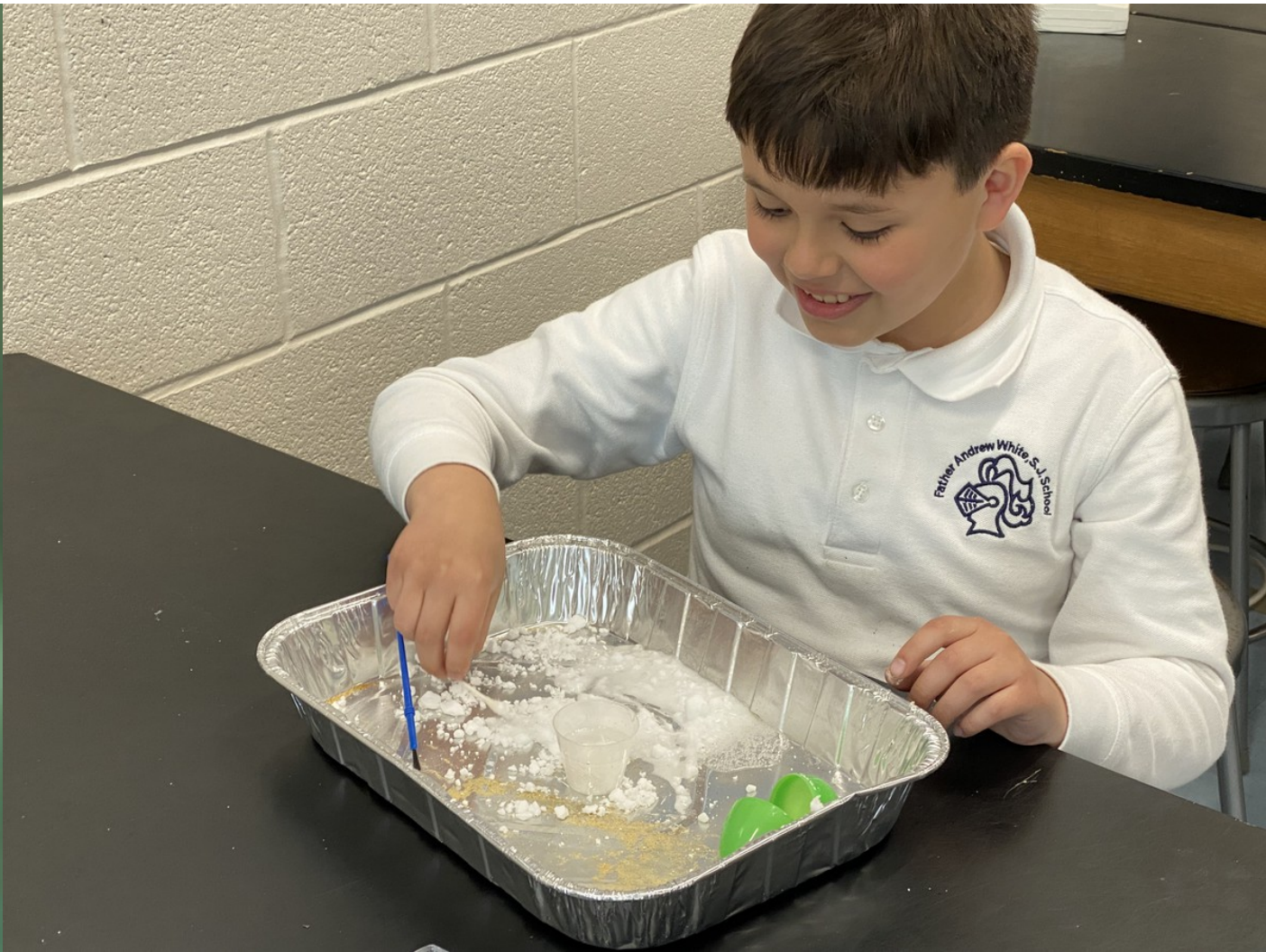
The after school Math tutoring offered by St. Mary's Ryken students is cancelled for Tuesday, May 2nd and Tuesday, May 9th. The students hope to resume tutoring on Tuesday, May 16th.



Do you ever find yourself searching for ways to strike up a conversation with your children? Or when you try to talk to them, you're met with resistance and one word answers? Trust me, you're not alone! As children go through different developmental stages (and actually throughout life), their ways of communicating also change. It's often hard for them to put things into words, whether it's initiating a conversation or responding to things being told to or asked of them. Every Friday Principal Szoch sends out an email reviewing highlights of the week for each grade. This is a great way to check in with your children about things going on in their lives. I have recently been visiting students in some of the grades and discussing how to take care of ourselves and stay healthy. If you get a chance, maybe you ask them to see what things they suggest - you might even learn something!

Learning Today...





Leading Tomorrow...





Living our Faith!



Faith Rally 2023!

We had a wonderful, fun, faith-filled day for this year's Faith Rally! Students started the day with classroom crafts. Middle schoolers created sidewalk chalk messages to line the path to the Food Pantry. The younger students enjoyed reading the messages and art on their way to deliver their food pantry items. (Thank you to all the generous donors who brought over 200 items!) All students were able to participate in our joyful Adoration where Father David explained how the Holy Eucharist is the sweetest bread. Students took a journey through our "Living Jerusalem" where they experienced authentic food and visited with 8th graders who portrayed the people of

Jerusalem. They also interacted with live animals. Upon leaving Jerusalem students got to walk past a replica of the empty tomb. We ended the day with a whole school assembly where students showed off their faith t-shirts and listened to Fr. Wyble's testimony. Students learned an Easter call and response from Fr. David and a chant from the Sisters from the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin Matara. Mrs. Vavrus's love for the Lord shined through as she emphasized our theme, "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet." We finished the Rally with a "Know your Faith" game where students answered faith questions and tried their hand at throwing water balloons at students and Sisters. We sure had an enlightening and fun day!





TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 8-12, 2023



SUNDAY

Chalk Party!

Meet in the front of the school at 4pm and BYO chalk to decorate the sidewalks and parking lot for the teachers!

MONDAY

"Monday Funday"

Teachers get a Tag Day! Each teacher will have a fun surprise delivered to their classroom!

TUESDAY

"Taco Tuesday"

Taco about how much we love our FAW Teachers! HSA provides teachers and staff with a catered lunch from Chipotle.

WEDNESDAY

"WAY TO GO Wednesday"

Teachers wear Spirit Gear. Students make Thank You cards for all of their assigned teachers and bring them to school today.

THURSDAY

"Thirsty Thursday"

Old Tiger Espresso Truck will serve our teachers a hot beverage before school! The Teacher's Lounge fridge will also be stocked with fun drinks to enjoy.

FRIDAY

"Flower Friday"

Students in each class will bring in a cut flower for each teacher which will be assembled into a bright and colorful bouquet!

****To help the HSA cover the costs for Teacher Appreciation Week, we are asking each student to send in \$5.****

Please send in cash or pay online: <https://bnfct.co/23-faw-taw>



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK 2023



CLASSROOM TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

PLEASE ENSURE
THAT EACH STUDENT
BRINGS AN ITEM FOR
ALL TEACHERS
ASSIGNED! THIS WILL
HELP MAKE SURE
ALL TEACHERS AT
FAW GET SOME
LOVE!



Pre-K

Ms. Mesmer, Mrs. Greene, Ms. Johnson

Kindergarten

Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Kavanagh, Mrs. Greer

1st Grade

Mrs. Guerre, Mrs. Witt, Mrs. Gavin

2nd Grade

Mrs. Valeski, Mrs. Raley, Mrs. Breedlove

3rd Grade

Mrs. Downey, Mrs. Cacko, Nurse Rose

4th Grade

Mrs. Armsworthy, Mrs. Sears, Mr. George

5th Grade

Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Stewart, and Ms. Pusloskie

6th Grade

Mrs. Young, Mrs. Rutherford, Ms. Etter

7th Grade

Ms. Rowland, Mrs. Hinkle, Deacon Vavrus

8th Grade

Mrs. Sarlo, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Pietsch

Community News

Praying for a Student

Please join us in prayer for a fellow Catholic school student from St. Mary's Bryantown. You can follow his journey at [Finn's Fierce Fight](#).

Southern MD 28th Annual Spring Festival

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, Leonardtown, MD

May 4th thru May 7th

Family fun for everyone!



Spring Festival Gate Hours	
Thursday May 4	5 pm - 10 pm
Friday May 5	5 pm - 10 pm
Saturday May 6	10 am - 10 pm
Sunday May 7	10 am - 6 pm

www.southernmdspringfestival.org

Admission	
Thursday:	FREE ENTRY
Friday - Sunday:	
Adults	\$6
6-12 years	\$3
Under 6	FREE

Bring a non-perishable canned food item per person and receive \$1 off admission



Festival Ride Bracelets

Thursday 5-10pm only:

Ride Bracelets cost \$25

Saturday 11am-3pm only:

Ride Bracelets cost \$25

Carnival Ride Tickets cost \$1.25 each,
20 tickets for \$20 or 40 tickets for \$38



ATTRACTIONS

- Midway Rides and Games
- Joe Wenal Chainsaw Carver
- Tractor Pull (Sat & Sun)
- Car Show (Sat)
- Live Entertainment
- SOMD Laser Tag
- Viking Axe Throwing
- Kid's Games Area
- Raffle and Pull Tabs
- Artists & Crafters
- Indoor Yard Sale
- Great Food
- Hay Ride
- Face Painting
- Flower Sale



Southern Maryland Spring Festival is Sponsored by: Holy Face Church, Great Mills, MD

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Looking for Service Hours?

Volunteer opportunities



Fun Run Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering for the Fun Run, please contact us at FAWCrusaderFunRun@gmail.com and consider signing up to help the day of the event - Saturday, May 20th!



Summer Maintenance Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to work on some maintenance jobs over the summer. Please contact Mrs. Szoch principal@fatherandrewwhite.org if you are interested in leading this group. Thanks for considering!

Relay Race Volunteers Needed

This year the Catholic schools are participating in relay races on May 13, 2023 at St. Mary's Ryken. VIRTUS cleared parent volunteers are needed to assist during the training sessions (Tuesday/Thursday from 2:30 - 4pm). Additional volunteers are needed on the day of the event from 12 - 4pm. Please let Katy Burfield know you'd like to help by emailing her at kateburfield@gmail.com or sign up [HERE!](#)



Help Needed at Knights of Columbus Bingo on Friday evenings!

Our Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council #1470 is in need of our help! They are looking for adults who are able to be Floorwalkers. The primary job is to walk up and down the tables and sell Holders to the bingo players. Volunteer hours can be earned from 6pm to about 9 or 9:30pm on Fridays at Father Andrew White School. The point of contact is Steve Tomaszkeski. Please reach out via phone 240-808-3560 or email steven.tomaszkeski@gmail.com. Thank you for considering helping this wonderful organization who does so much for our community!



Support our KofC who support FAW!

How has the Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #1470 supported FAW?

- The Knights donated the sign in front of the school which costed over \$6,500.
- The Knights have donated \$7,500 to FAW so far this year.
- The Knights sponsor the Keep Christ In Christmas contest and award cash prizes each year to the winners at FAW School.
- The Knights rent the Gym for Bingo.
- Many Knights send their children to FAW School and encourage other families to do the same.
- The Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #1470 are always ready, willing, and able to help the FAW School and Faculty with their requests for assistance.
- ALL of the donations that the Knights make to FAW come from the income they receive from Bingo!
- Thank you for considering volunteering to help our Knights!

Sign Up to Reserve the Spirit Rock!



[Spirit Rock Sign Up](#)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ARK Testing - Religion (Grades 3-8)	2 MAP Growth Testing - Reading (Grades 2-8)	3 Grade 1 Field Trip	4	5 First Friday Mass 8:30am (hosted by 1st Grade) May Crowning	6
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Weekly Reminders:

- Attend First Friday Mass and May Crowning (Friday)
- Complete Multi-Child Scholarship Paperwork (by Friday)
- Register for the Fun Run
- Volunteer!
- Submit and Check Volunteer Hours

LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Click here to view more details from last week!](#)

Principal Szoch's Friday News

Record Volunteer Hours Here!

RaiseRight Gift Card Program

Used Uniform Information

Staff Email Addresses

2022-2023 Yearly School Calendar



Father Andrew White, S.J. School
LEADERSHIP ✦ FAITH ✦ ACADEMICS



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