

# Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

May 23, 2023



Second Grade has been working hard to make a change! After several trips to the school library, they noticed a shortage in certain genres and topics. Together, they developed a plan to campaign for books! Throughout the process, they learned the importance and need for government, they practiced public speaking, campaigning, researching, planning, creating and putting all the practice into action! They even had a special guest speaker, State's Attorney, Jaymi Sterling! While hosting a

Reading Rally, Second Grade welcomed all grades into their "Camp Read a Lot" to celebrate the love of reading! They made binoculars to go "bird word watching," explored different animal tracks, and even made a pet rock where they celebrated the differences that each rock displayed (no two rocks were alike!). The fun continued with playing games, relaxing, and of course... reading!!!!

They are still taking donations... Amazon Book Wish List → <https://tinyurl.com/7nd59phu>  
Because they received so many wonderful books, they will be going through them over the next few days to organize and prepare for the official donation to the school library!

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## Important Dates

**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 1:** Field Trip (grade 8)

**June 2:** Class Picnic (grade 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

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## Pre-K Information

The last day for Pre-Kindergarten children will be **this Thursday, May 25th**. They will be dismissed after a celebration in the St. Aloysius Hall for their parents, which will begin at 10:00am.

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## Schedule Reminders

**Early Dismissal:** This **Friday, May 26th** is a 12:30pm early dismissal day. Please be sure to send in a healthy snack as lunch is not served on early dismissal days.

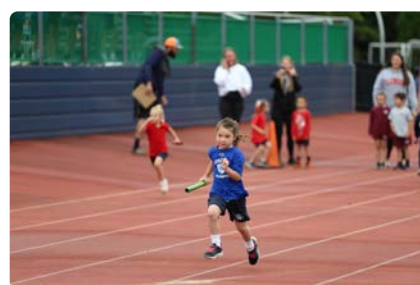
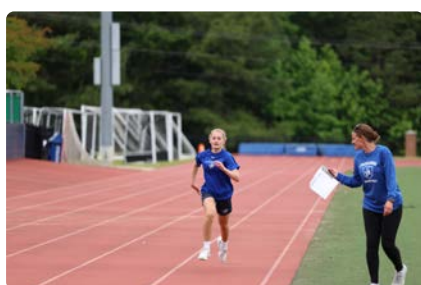
**No School:** On **Monday, May 29th** there is no school due to the Memorial Day holiday.



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## Catholic School Relay Races

Thanks to our Athletic Director, Katy Burfield, the Catholic School Relay Races are back after a 10 year hiatus! Lots of medals were won by each school and everyone had a very fun time!



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## Destination Imagination Global Finals 2023

The DItermined (Fuzz) Wonders and The Things are currently attending the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Kansas City, Missouri!! They are competing against teams from around the world. Go Crusaders!



Our Book Fair will be here soon and we are looking for volunteers. We would love to have volunteers for a few hours each day from May 26th through June 7th. If you are available for a few hours, or a few days, or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hinkle or [sign up here](#).

## Book Fair Volunteer Signup

### Lunch Change Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that our Chick-fil-A day has been rescheduled for **this Thursday, May 25th**.



## Farewell Cereal Drive - This Week!

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAREWELL CEREAL DRIVE

*As we bid **CHEERIO** to our beloved FAW,  
would you be our **LUCKY CHARM**  
by helping us **SNAP, CRACKLE, and POP** our way  
to increase the cereal **TOTAL**?  
You would be the **APPLE JACK** of our eye,  
by lighting up someone's **LIFE**.*

Collection Dates:

May 22 - May 26



*All items collected will be donated to the  
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Aloysius Church*

**\*\*As of 5/15/2023, the Food Pantry has only 17 boxes of cereal. On average, the Pantry serves about 60 families a month. Please help us sustain the Pantry throughout the entire Summer!\*\***

### Celebrating Sacraments

Congratulations to all of our students in the 2nd and 8th grades who have received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this spring. May God bless them and their families. A

special thank you is extended to our catechists who have helped prepare them. Many thanks!

## School Supply Boxes



**School Tool Box School Supplies:** We are happy to announce we will again offer pre-made school supply kits for your children next year! We will continue to partner with School Toolbox. These are brand name only supplies complete with the exact specifications of every teacher. No more hunting for the right color, correctly pronged folder! Order online and your school kit will be in your teacher's classroom at the Back to School Night, prior to school starting. Please visit the School Toolbox website

[https://schooltoolbox.com/school-supplies/school/list-boxes/?](https://schooltoolbox.com/school-supplies/school/list-boxes/?schoolId=45764)

[schoolId=45764](https://schooltoolbox.com/school-supplies/school/list-boxes/?schoolId=45764) to place your order. Please contact Katie Bailey at [bailey.katie.lynn@gmail.com](mailto:bailey.katie.lynn@gmail.com) if you need any assistance.

# Order online today!

**Dear parents,**  
We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box. **It doesn't get any easier than this!**

- Put your zip code in the box at [SchoolToolBox.com](http://SchoolToolBox.com)
- Find the school, then choose your child's new grade
- Each supply box matches your teacher's approved list
- Supplies are name-brand and guaranteed all school year

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800-952-1119

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**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**  
One Box, One Meal

**School Name:**  
Father Andrew White School  
Leonardtown, MD 20650

**Ordering Available:**  
May 15th - June 4th

**Pick-up date at school:**  
Open House

**Notes**

Scan here to view your school's boxes and place your order today!



**Click HERE to order online today!**

## 2022-2023 Yearbook --> Last chance to order yearbooks!

If you were unable to order a yearbook, we have a limited amount of extra available. This will be on a first come, first served basis until they are sold out.

If you would like to get a yearbook, please email Mrs. Rutherford at [rutherford@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:rutherford@fatherandrewwhite.org) for details.

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### Middle School Field Day

Students in grades 6-8 will enjoy their Field Day when we return from our Memorial Day weekend. On Tuesday, May 30th, please have your middle school children wear Tag Day clothes with a colored (non-white) shirt and sneakers (flip flops and crocs are not permitted). Students will be participating in water activities so PE uniforms must be sent in so students can change and then participate in their classes for the remainder of the day. \*\*Wheeled

Coolers are needed (to borrow) for the May 30th Field Day. Thank you for sending yours in labeled with your name for us to use that day. \*\*

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### Return Library Books

It's time to start looking for all Father Andrew White School library books so they can be returned by the end of the school year. Sometimes our school library books get mixed in with your home library ones, so be sure to check all around your house. Thank you for helping your children find these books!



### Annual Giving Campaign

Our Annual Giving Campaign this year will focus on our building safety and the installation of safety film. We will combine giving campaign funds with grant funding to achieve this goal. We have several other safety projects as well (door alarms to notify us if a door is ajar, modifications to our vestibule window, and an additional security camera). Please assist us in any way that you are able. A letter will be forthcoming. We appreciate your support in our continued efforts towards safety.

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### 2023 FAW Crusader Cup - SAVE THE DATE!

Attention 2023 FAW Crusader Cup Golfers, Sponsors, and Committee Members!

## SAVE THE DATE!!

The 14th Annual 2023 FAW Crusader Cup will be held on September 29, 2023 at Breton Bay Golf and Country Club. Join us for a day of golf and contribute to a good cause - our very own FAW! Each foursome is provided a round of golf and good times with prizes, breakfast, lunch, cocktails, refreshments, and a catered awards ceremony. Don't miss the opportunity to get in on this event as it sells out every year!!

Not a golfer? No worries! Join the fun as a planning committee member or day-of volunteer (or both!) to get a jump on your volunteer hours for the 2023-2024 school year. Committee meetings are held virtually once a week for an hour beginning in July.

Interested in sponsoring, or know someone who may be? Please reach out for more details! The community's support is invaluable to making the event a success!

For more details, or to sign up to be on the distribution list as a volunteer or committee member - please contact Katie Bailey ([bailey.katie.lynn@gmail.com](mailto:bailey.katie.lynn@gmail.com)). We promise it will be a great time!!

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## RaiseRight Gift Card Program UPDATE

We are officially underway in the next *RaiseRight* year, that started on April 1st. For all returning families for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, there is a *RaiseRight* requirement to earn a minimum \$50. For those that are unfamiliar with this program we will be sending more information on how you can get started.

In summary it is a gift card program in which you buy gift cards for your everyday shopping: that coffee addiction, vacation, cruises, dining out and gas! Each card has a rebate amount that you can earn and those earnings go back to the school until you have met your \$50 minimum requirement. After that \$50 minimum requirement is met, anything you earn over and above gets a 75/25 split between you and the school respectively. The earnings that go to you can be applied for next school year's tuition or to the eighth grade field trip. This past school year we had multiple families earning back a collective total of \$4,600 that will be applied to next school year's tuition.

Gift card fundraising is an excellent fundraiser because there's no selling, no extra time and no extra money. It is simply changing the way we pay for our purchases. The best part is that there is endless earning potential as there is no limit to how much money we can raise. You make money for the school and yourself. I call that a win win!!

Happy Shopping,  
Jessica Casto  
FAW RaiseRight Coordinator

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## Log Your Volunteer Hours



Please remember to [keep your logged volunteer hours](#) up to date! Any Service Scholarship families that have not fulfilled their 25 volunteer hour commitment will be billed for the difference. Thank you for your diligence in submitting your volunteer hours in a timely manner!



### 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](mailto:office@fatherandrewwhite.org).



Staying hydrated is so very important. While there are countless drink options available, nothing beats just plain water. The water fountains in our gym are turned on again, and there are two water dispensers in the school. Please remember to send in a refillable water bottle with your child every day, as we all strive to stay happy, healthy, and hydrated.

## 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](#).

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## Looking for Service Hours?

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# Volunteer opportunities



### SUMMER MAINTENANCE

#### Summer Maintenance Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to work on some maintenance jobs over the summer. Please contact Rachel Richards at [cptrbrown@aol.com](mailto:cptrbrown@aol.com) if you are interested in helping this group. Thanks for considering!

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#### 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 Tomaszeski. Please reach out via phone 240-808-3560 or email [steven.tomaszeski@gmail.com](mailto:steven.tomaszeski@gmail.com). Thank you for considering helping this wonderful organization who does so much for our community!



### **Support our KofC who support FAW!**

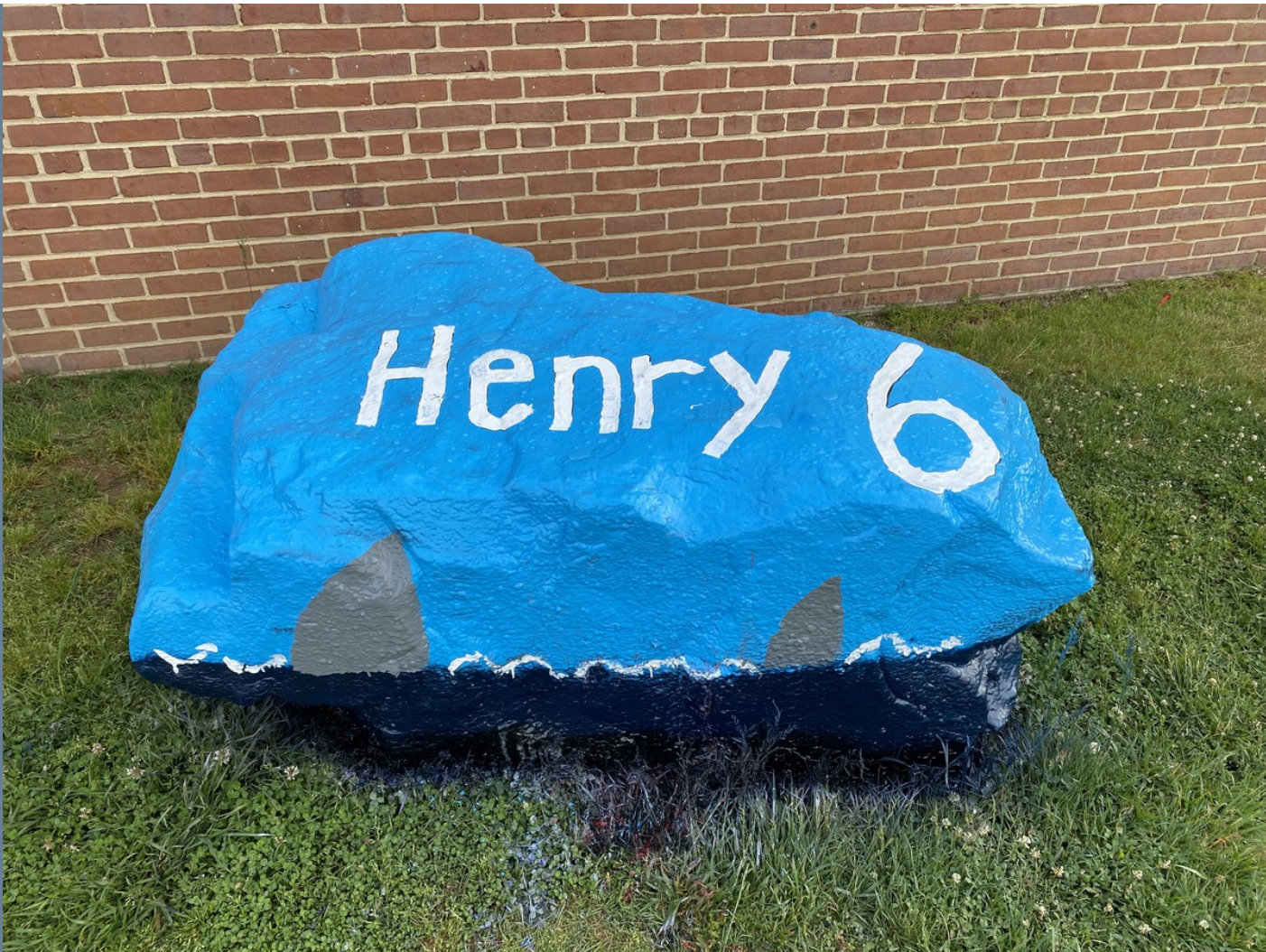
How has the Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #1470 supported FAW?

- 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!

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## Sign Up to Reserve the Spirit Rock!





**Spirit Rock Sign Up**

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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
7	8 ←-----	9 MAP Growth Testing Language Usage (Grades 2-8) Progress Reports Posted (grades 4-8)	10 Grades K & 1 Field Trip	11 Spring Band & Chorus Concert 6:30pm	12 Destination Imagination Day Celebration & Talent Show Acts	13 ----->
14	15 MAP Growth Testing - Science (Grades 5 & 8)	16 Rally for Reading Grade 2	17	18 Grades K-8 Field Trips	19 Grade 7 Field Trip	20 Catholic Schools Relay Races at SMR, 8am - 12pm Destination Imagination Global Finals
21 Athletics Awards Banquet, 2pm Confirmation at Our Lady's Church Destination Imagination Global Finals Competition	22 Wonka Day Grade 3	23 Field Day Grades K-5	24	25 Last Day for Pre-K Pre-K Promotion Middle School Monthly Activity	26 Book Fair Begins 12:30pm Early Dismissal	27 First Communion at St. Aloysius Church
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### Weekly Reminders:

- Send in Cereal for Farewell Cereal Drive (by Friday)
- Sign up to help at the Book Fair
- Look for and return School Library books
- Order your School Supply Boxes
- Double check to make sure you ordered a Yearbook
- Send in a cooler for Field Day
- 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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