

Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

May 30, 2023



Destination Imagination Global Finals 2023

Our Two Destination Imagination teams, The Things and the D!etermined (Fuzz) Wonders have safely returned from their trek to Kansas City for the DI Globals Competition. These 11 students met up with almost 500 other top scoring teams from 42 states and 26 countries around the world. Our students presented their solutions successfully, met with buddy teams from distant states to trade notes, participated in instant challenge games, cheered on their fellow Marylanders, and even got to march in the opening ceremonies! Our students experienced four jam-packed days of all things DI. We can not thank you enough for all of the support from our school, friends, family, and community! This engaging, fun-filled educational experience could not have happened without all of your support! Many thanks!

Important Dates

May 30: Field Day (grades 6-8)

June 1: Field Trip (grade 8) and Farewell Picnic for Mrs. Pietsch and Ms. Rowland, 5-7pm

June 2: First Friday Mass (hosted by Kindergarten), 8:30am and Class Picnic (grade 8)

June 3: 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 10am

June 7: Field Trip (grade 7), Early Dismissal, 12:30pm and Book Fair Ends

June 8: End of Year School Mass (hosted by grade 2), 10am and LAST DAY for Students

MEMORIAL DAY

Remember And Honor



We remember and honor all those who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect our great country. May God bless their families extra special this Memorial Day and beyond.



VOLUNTEER At The Book Fair



Our Book Fair is here!! Our students are very excited about shopping. We encourage you to stock up for summer reading!

We are still looking for volunteers. We would love to have volunteers for a few hours each day 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

Join us to wish a
fond farewell to two beloved FAW teachers...



Mrs. Denise Pietsch *Ms. Shannon Rowland*

Over the past 20+ years these two ladies have greatly impacted our Father Andrew White School community.



THURSDAY
JUNE 1ST 5-7 PM

We invite all current and former students and families to stop by the back school field for a fun evening!
There will be Food Trucks (cash/credit accepted), Yard Games, and Fellowship to show our appreciation and to bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Pietsch and Ms. Rowland!



BYO lawn chairs!

**RAIN LOCATION:
FAW SCHOOL GYM**

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. We appreciate your support in our continued efforts towards safety.



Dear Friend of Father Andrew White School,

On behalf of the Father Andrew White (FAW) School Family, we thank everyone who generously donated to last year's Annual Giving Campaign. Your gracious contributions helped raise over \$18,000 that directly went to overhaul the rear parking lot where the kids spend much of their recess time every day. With your help, we were able to resurface the rear lot. We have a plan with a professional artist, who will paint fun and creative activities for all the students to enjoy!



This year's 2022-2023 Annual Campaign slogan is, "Safe and Sound." Over the last decade, it's no secret that schools around the country have fallen victim to violence. While we lean on our faith to overcome any fear or worry, we want to remain diligent in our efforts to ensure all of us feel safe and secure. Our goal is to raise the funds necessary to make additional safety upgrades to the Father Andrew White School building, which will include the installation of 3M Safety Film to the windows and glass around the school. These funds, along with grant funding, will be used to achieve our goal of improving the overall safety of our facility, allowing everyone inside to feel "safe and sound."



To accomplish our goal of raising \$25,000 for the 2022-2023 school year, we are asking you to consider a tax-deductible gift of \$250 or more to the Annual Campaign. We truly hope that you can help us achieve this important update and help us all feel "Safe and Sound!" If that amount does not currently fit into your family's budget, any amount within your means would be sincerely appreciated. We are hoping to have all donations in by July 31, 2023.

For your convenience, there are several ways to make your donation:

- By check via the enclosed, pre-paid donation return envelope
- Pay online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this letter, or going to the link and following the instructions <https://bnfct.co/donate/FAWgiving>

Meanwhile, we extend our most sincere gratitude for your participation in the Annual Giving Campaign and most of all, for continuing to support the great mission of Father Andrew White School. We remain committed each and every day to ensuring that children excel with strong minds, a safe learning environment, and of course, a living faith.

May God's blessings be with you, your family, our children, our alumni and the devoted school friends throughout the coming year!

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,


Janet Szoch, Principal


Fr. David Beaubien, Administrator



Hover your phone camera over this code to donate online!

P.O. Box 1756, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 + fatherandrewwhite.org + office@fatherandrewwhite.org + (301) 475-9795

Click HERE to Donate Today!

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. We are in the process of creating bills. Thank you for your diligence in submitting your volunteer hours in a timely manner!



School Supply Boxes

Order by this Sunday to receive free shipping!

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



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/?schoolId=45764> to place your order by this Sunday, June 4th to ensure it will arrive at our school for Open House. Please contact Katie Bailey at 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**
- 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



SCHOOL TOOL BOX
schooltoolbox.com
800-952-1119

Your order supports



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!

Click HERE to see our 2023-2024 School Supply Lists

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 for details.

Return Library Books

All Father Andrew White School library books must 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!



Bus Transportation Form 2023-2024

If you are a new bus rider or have moved/changed addresses, please complete the Request for Bus Transportation Form for next year.



**Saint Mary's County Government, DPW&T
Non-Public School Transportation Division**
Thomas Thompson, Transportation Supervisor
P.O. Box 409
44829 St. Andrew's Church Rd.
California, MD 20619
Phone: (301) 475-4200 *1124 * Fax: (301) 866-6797
Email: Thomas.Thompson@stmaryscountymd.gov

Transportation Office Use Only	
Regular Bus No.:	_____
Transfer Bus No.:	_____
Added to manifest:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initials:	_____

REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION

Academic Year: 2023 – 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deadline to return this form to the Transportation Office is: August 1, 2023. The bus driver(s) or contractor(s) will contact the parent/guardian to confirm the bus stop location and times of pick up / drop off within a few days prior to the student(s) riding the bus. Complete all fields for student / school information All requests may have a processing time of up to two weeks. Additional information can be found on the S.M.C.G. website at: www.stmarysmc.com/dpw/nonpublicschools.asp 	
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/> New Student/School <input type="checkbox"/> Riding with another student <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
STUDENT / SCHOOL INFORMATION	
Student Name: _____	Student Name: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	School: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
Is student under 8 years old? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Is student under 8 years old? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Medical Conditions: None	Medical Conditions: _____
PARENT /LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
Parent / Guardian Name(s): _____	
Primary Phone: _____	Secondary Phone: _____
Street Address: _____	P.O. Box: _____
City / Zip: _____	County of Residence: <input type="checkbox"/> St. Mary's <input type="checkbox"/> Charles <input type="checkbox"/> Calvert <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Email Address (print clearly): _____	
BUS STOP INFORMATION	
Requested Bus Stop Location (a.m.): _____	Requested Bus Stop Location (p.m.): _____
Assigned location (Transportation office use only): _____	
SIGNATURE / CONSENT	
Requestor's Name (please print): _____	
Signature: _____	Date: _____
CONSENT & RELEASE STATEMENT:	
<p>By signing this request I affirm my understanding that: (1) any children under the age of 8 years must be received at the bus stop location by an adult, and that if no adult is present the bus driver will return the child(ren) to the school upon completion of the assigned bus route; (2) any medical conditions stated on this form may be released to the contractor and/or driver of my child(ren)'s bus route, with the understanding that such information will be kept strictly confidential; and (3) the Saint Mary's County Non-Public School Transportation Office is authorized to release any and/or all information contained in this application to relevant Patuxent River Naval Air Station employees for emergency planning purposes, and that such information will be kept strictly confidential by designated personnel on the Base.</p>	

Request for Bus Transportation 2023-2024

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). We promise it will be a great time!!

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



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.



Unofficial summer has begun and it's time to review summer safety. The warm weather means more time outdoors and near the water. While fresh air and sunshine are vital, too much can lead to heat exhaustion, dehydration, and sunburn. Other summer concerns are bicycle safety, bug bites, and water related safety. Please keep these things in mind when planning summer activities and prepare accordingly. As the saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

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?

Volunteer opportunities



Would you like to earn volunteer hours by helping organize our old and new technology? Thanks to a grant, we have received over 250 new devices. We need help unpacking and organizing our devices. If you are available during the school day on Monday, June 5th, contact Mrs. Greer at greer@fatherandrewwhite.org to let her know!



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 if you are interested in helping this group. Thanks for considering!

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.tomaszeski@gmail.com. Thank you for considering helping this wonderful organization who does so much for our community!

BINGO
Friday Nights

Help Needed

*Floorwalkers needed to walk up and down the tables and sell Holders to the bingo players.
Earn volunteer hours !*

**FRIDAYS
6-9PM**

CONTACT STEVE TOMASZESKI TO VOLUNTEER
240-808-3560 steven.tomaszeski@gmail.com

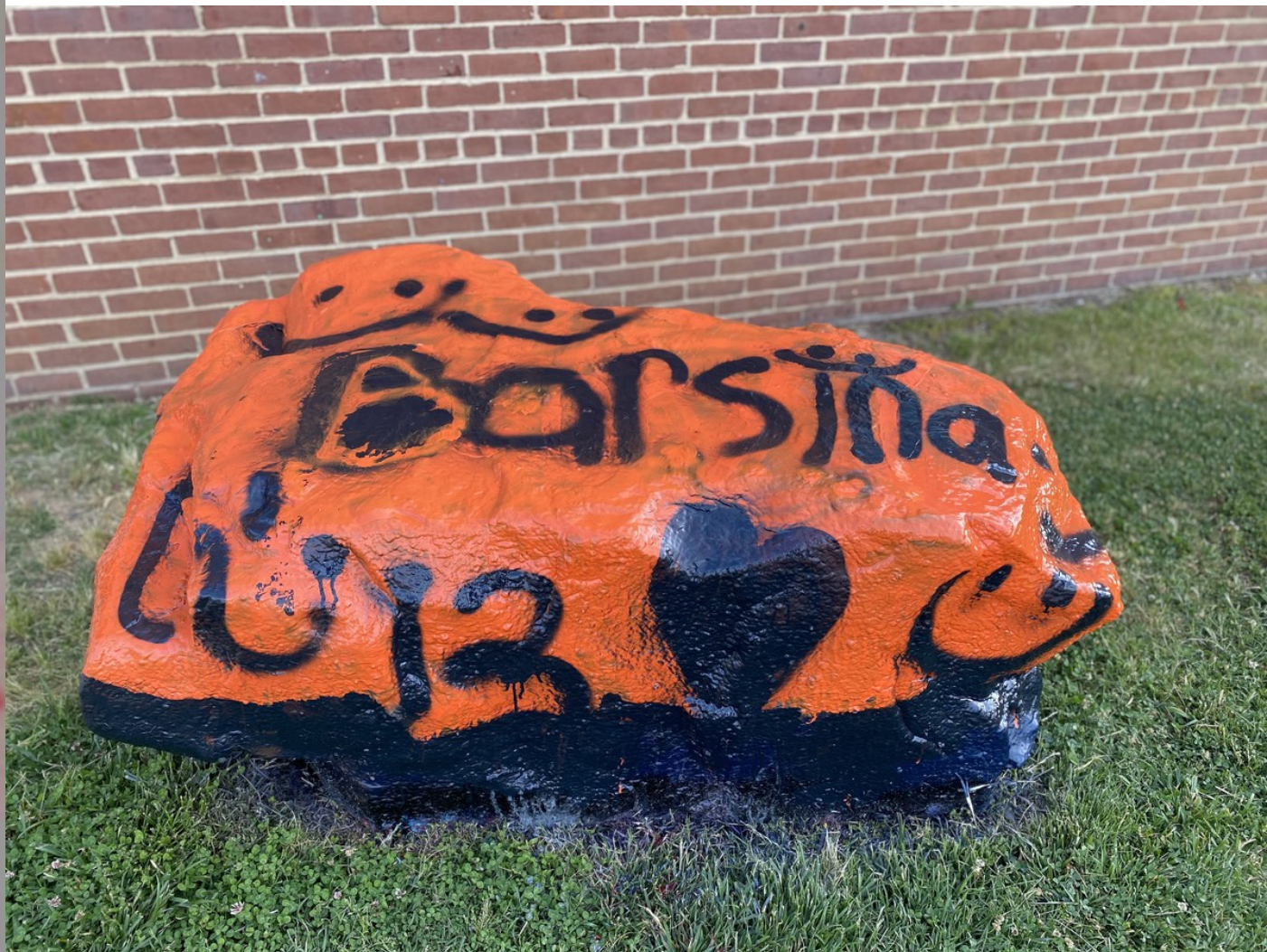
Support our KofC who support FAW!

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 Binao!

- Thank you for considering volunteering to help our Knights!

Sign Up to Reserve the Spirit Rock!





Spirit Rock Sign Up



JUNE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Farewell Picnic for Mrs. Pietsch & Ms. Rowland ←-- Book Fair --→ Grade 8 Field Trip	2 First Friday Mass 8:30am (hosted by Kindergarten) Grade 8 Class Picnic	3 FAW Class of 2023 Graduation 10am
4	5 ←-- Book Fair --→	6	7 Grade 7 Field Trip Early Dismissal 12:30pm	8 Mass, 10am (hosted by 2nd Grade) Early Dismissal 12:30pm LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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Weekly Reminders:

- Sign up to help at the Book Fair
- Attend the Book Fair
- Wish a fond farewell to Mrs. Pietsch and Ms. Rowland (Thursday)
- Order your School Supply Boxes (by Sunday)
- Look for and return School Library books
- Double check to make sure you ordered a Yearbook
- 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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