# Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

May 9, 2023



### **Important Dates**

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)

May 20-23: Destination Imagination Global Finals Competition

May 21: FAW Athletic Awards Banquet, 2pm and Confirmation at Our Lady's Church

May 22: Willy Wonka Day (grade 3)

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**



# Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to our Amazing Teachers!



MAY 8-12, 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

FRIDAY

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 Funday"

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

"Taco Tuesday"

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

"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.

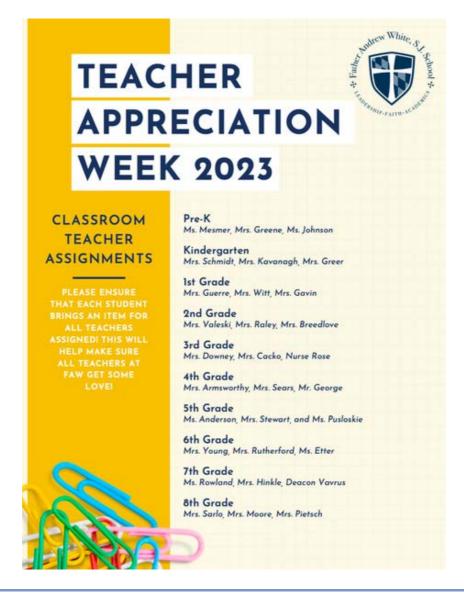
"Thirsty Thursday"

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.

"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



### **Progress Reports**

Reports for grades 4-8 will be posted to the portal today. We ask you to please keep in mind that we still have new lessons to teach and work to accomplish. We hope you will support us in encouraging the children to keep studying and to continue to make their school work a priority.

https://www.plusportals.com/FatherAndrewWhiteSchool





### **Band/Chorus Concert**

Our Band/Chorus concert is this Thursday, May 11th at 6:30pm in the FAW gym. Band and Chorus members should report to the school by 6:00pm in black bottoms/white top concert attire. Our 3rd grade and 5th grade performances will also be included in the concert repertoire. Please contact Ms. Etter or Mrs. Cacko respectively with any questions.

Third graders will have their recorder debut during the concert 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 (where they will sit with their class) no later than 6:20pm. We can't wait for the 3rd graders to show off their recorder skills!

Fifth graders have also been invited to grace the stage with their recorders this year. Fifth graders should arrive, wearing their Sunday best, to the FAW gym (where they will sit with their class) no later than 6:20pm.

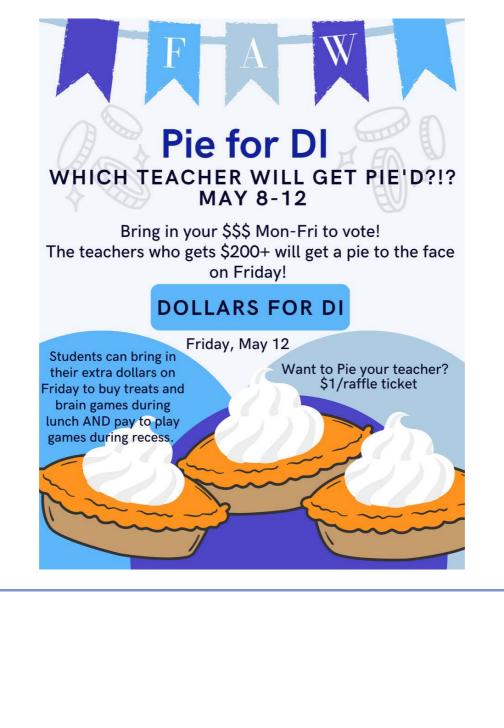
### May 8th-12th: Pie and Dollars for DI

Destination Imagination is hosting a week of fun culminating in their Pie for DI along with their Dollars for DI event! Students can bring in their coins/cash to vote on the teachers that they want to see get a pie to the face this Friday, May 12th during an epic Pie for DI assembly! Fourteen staff members are ready to take their chances! Any teacher/staff member 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 this week.

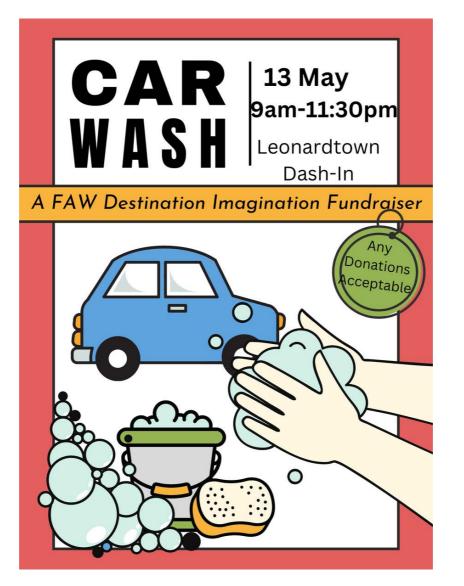
This Friday, May 12th, during Dollars for DI, students will get a chance to buy treats and goodies during lunch for our special Dollars for DI day! Students can also buy chances at some fun brain games during recess. All treats and games are \$1/each. We are looking forward to culminating our week in a big way with Pie for DI and our Dollars for DI! The Destination Imagination Global Finals teams thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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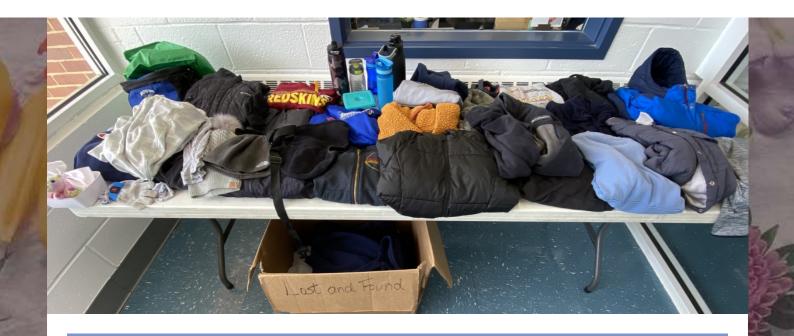


Go Crusaders!

### **Catholic Schools Relay Races**

Come on out for an afternoon of fun and cheer on your FAW
Crusaders as they race around the track at St. Mary's Ryken **this**Saturday, May 13th from 12 - 4pm. We will be competing against the other local Catholic schools. See you there!

Lost and Found
Claim your items before they get donated on Friday!



### **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. <a href="https://app.99pledges.com/fund/DIGlobals2023">https://app.99pledges.com/fund/DIGlobals2023</a>

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



Thank you to all who supported the Kentucky Derby - A Night at the Races event!



# 📽 Reading Rally! 📽



Please consider supporting this project!

Dear Fellow Crusaders,

The Second Grade is excited to share a fun event with you! On Tuesday, May 16, we invite all students to visit "Camp Read A-Lot!" We will be hosting a Reading Rally in an effort to "Stock the FAW Library!"

Have you ever stopped and wondered "What is a crusader?" Well, no need to look any further because the 2nd graders did some research and discovered that a crusader is a person who campaigns for change. Then, we wondered... what does it mean to "Campaign?" After much discussion, we learned that a campaign is when someone has an arganized course of action to achieve a goal.

Our little Crusaders have been working hard to achieve a goal. We won't keep you waiting any longer.... The second grade NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Throughout the year, we have visited our library looking for a book on a specific topic. After several trips with no luck, we decided to change that! We will be hosting "Camp Read-A Lot"! In addition to celebrating the love of reading, we would like to stock our library with new books covering many topics! Did you know that you can check our library catalog online?

So, how can you help? Please check out our FAW catalog to see if YOUR favorite childhood book is there. If not, let's make that happen!

Want to help in a different way? Our very own FAW teachers have compiled a long list of books that we have wanted to read to our classes. Our very own FAW students have put together wishlists with books they have wanted to read. Attached is a link to an Amazon wishlist with ideas and suggestions from our students and staff.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request! If you wish to donate towards our goal, simply send the book/books in with your child on May 16th!

Always remember... The S'more you read, the S'more you know!

Amazon Wishlist: https://tinyurl.com/7nd59phu

FAW Library catalog: https://tinyurl.com/36hwbduz





## **April Virtue Winners: Obedience**



### **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!



### **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: <a href="mailto:cacko@fatherandrewwhite.org">cacko@fatherandrewwhite.org</a>. Interested in more hours? Check out our Volunteer Sign Up <a href="mailto:HERE">HERE</a>!



### Fun Run - RESCHEDULED!

Our Crusader Fun Run previously scheduled for May 20th will be postponed until the fall.

### **Log Your Volunteer Hours**

Please remember to <u>keep your logged volunteer hours</u> up to date! You should have at least 20 hours by this point to be on track for your 25 hour requirement (for Service Scholarship families).





### **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 9th. The students hope to resume tutoring on Tuesday, May 16th.



Did you know that over 20 million Americans have food allergies? Chances are you know someone who suffers from one, and you know how difficult it can be to deal with. A good resource to check out is <a href="mailto:snacksafely.com">snacksafely.com</a>. Additionally, if you have seasonal allergies, you are more likely to have oral allergy syndrome (OAS) which is a reaction experienced when eating certain raw fruits and vegetables. Many people who have problems eating certain foods assume it is an allergy; however, there is a difference between an allergy and a sensitivity or intolerance. The latter is a reaction triggered by the digestive system; whereas, with an allergy, the immune system triggers a reaction. Food sensitivities and allergies can range from minor to severe, and can lead to life threatening

emergencies such as anaphylaxis. What we put into our mouths should be a top priority, as it affects our bodies in countless ways.

## **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 <u>Finn's Fierce Fight</u>.



Summer Knights Camps at St. Mary's Ryken offer children from Kindergarten to 12th grade a variety of indoor and outdoor camps options including Flight Academy, Baking, Cheer, Drama, Kickball, Hot Wheels, Water World and more! All camps are Monday - Friday

from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Before Care and After Care are available. To learn more and register, visit <a href="https://www.smrhs.org/summerknights">www.smrhs.org/summerknights</a>. Use code sksmad to save \$20. See you this summer!









### Camp Creation 2023 Camp creation is certified by the state of Maryland and follows all health and safety guidelines.



Camp Maria is located at Camp Maria Retreat Center (Camp Maria 41290 Camp Maria Road Leonardtown, MD 20650)



Camp Maria will offer "Camp Creation," a care for the earth themed summer day camp for youth ages 7-14 year old. Camp Creation offers hands on experiences for children to be outside together in nature and to have firsthand experiences of God in the beautiful naturalistic surroundings at Camp Maria Retreat Center. Activities include ecosystem awareness, swimming, canoeing, crabbing and fishing off the pier and arts and crafts.

### Dates:

Session 1 Monday, July 17- Thursday July 20th Session 2 Tuesday, August 1 - Friday August 4th

### Price:

\$215 per session (lunch and snacks provided)

More information – www.campmaria.org



# **Looking for Service Hours?**





### **Summer Maintenance Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to work on some maintenance jobs over the summer. Please contact Mrs. Szoch <a href="mailto:principal@fatherandrewwhite.org">principal@fatherandrewwhite.org</a> 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 Tomaszeski. Please reach out via phone 240-808-3560 or email <a href="mailto:steven.tomaszeski@gmail.com">steven.tomaszeski@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for considering helping this wonderful organization who does so much for our community!



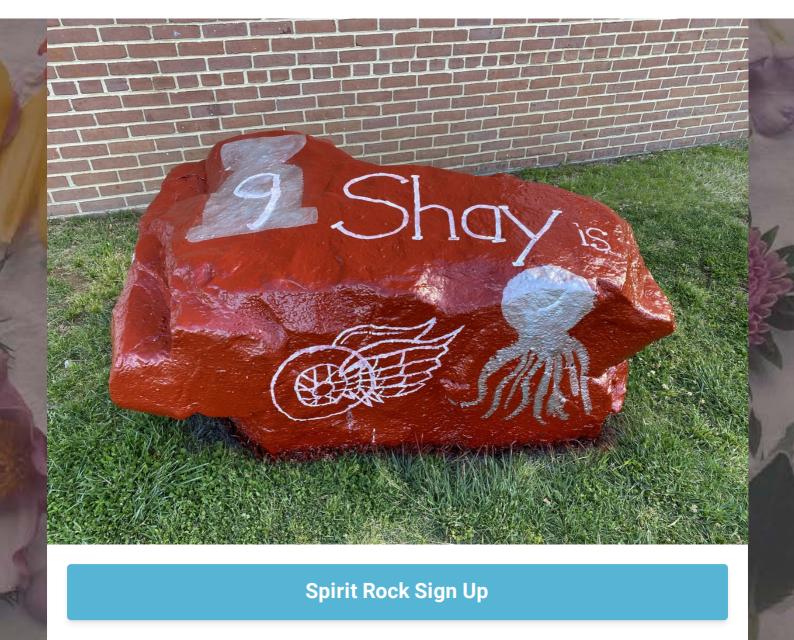
### Support our KofC who support FAW!

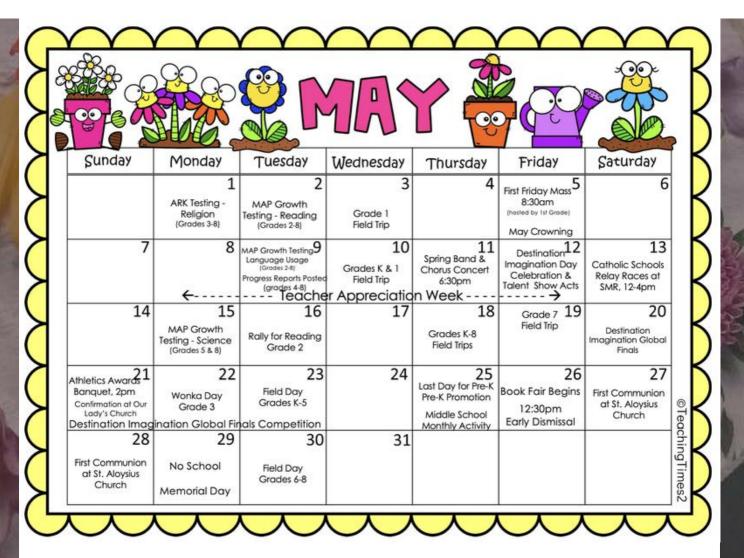
How has the Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #1470 supported FAW?

- 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!







### **Weekly Reminders:**

- ☐ Check Progress Reports on the Parent Portal (grades 4-8)
- ☐ Show your gratitude during Teacher Appreciation Week (this week)
- ☐ Grab some ice cream at Salted Scoop to support DI (Tuesday)
- ☐ Attend the Band and Chorus Concert (Thursday)
- ☐ Claim your lost items from our Lost and Found table (by Friday)
- ☐ Send in money to pie a teacher, buy brain activities, treats, and games (all week/Friday)
- ☐ Attend the Catholic Schools Relay Races at SMR (Saturday)
- ☐ Support 2nd grade's Reading Rally Book Drive
- ☐ Look for and return School Library books
- ☐ Sign up to volunteer for the various opportunities this week!
- ☐ 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



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