

Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

September 12, 2023



Important Dates

September 12: Middle School Parent Information Night, 5:15 - 6pm

September 13: MAP Growth Testing Window Begins

September 14: Cross Country Meet @ KCA (date change)
September 15: Chesterton Academy visit to Middle School
September 20: St. Mary's Ryken visit to 7th & 8th graders
September 21: Grandparents Day and 12:30pm Early Dismissal
September 22: No School - County Fair Day
September 23: Friends of the Poor Walk
September 25: No School - Professional Development Day
September 29: Crusader Cup Golf Tournament (No School Mass today)
September 30: Bike Ride for Vocations
October 4: School Picture Day



Middle School Parent Information Night

Tonight, Tuesday, Sept. 12th, we will have a Middle School Information Night from 5:15 - 6pm. Parents will meet in the Gym for general Middle School Information and also in the Homeroom class of their student for grade specific information. We hope that you are able to attend!



Grandparents Day - Please see the 9/10/23 email for more information!

YOU'RE INVITED
TO
GRANDPARENTS DAY
AT FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
DOORS OPEN AT 9AM
GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION
BEGINS AT 9:30AM IN THE GYM

THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS
FOLLOWED BY AN ACTIVITY IN THE
CLASSROOM

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THE CRUSADER CUP

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023
14th Annual Golf Tournament

Come swing FORE Father Andrew White at the 14th Annual Crusader Cup Golf Tournament! Get your foursome together and join us on September 29th at Breton Bay Golf and Country Club. Don't delay - this event will sell out! Whether you've just started playing golf or are a regular at the course, one thing is undeniably true - you will have a great time at our PAR-TEE!

Crusader Cup Golf Tournament

[Click here to register or to become a sponsor!](#)

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FAW Parent Volunteer Award from the KofC!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
ST. MARY'S COUNCIL # 1470**



FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

**IS PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AS AN INSPIRATION TO OUR
PARISHES, COMMUNITY AND COUNCIL
BY SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING
CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE**

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST. MARY'S COUNCIL # 1470
HONOR AND CONGRATULATE**

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE, S.J. SCHOOL
PARENT VOLUNTEERS
AS FAMILIES OF THE MONTH
FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

Steven Tomaszewski
GRAND KNIGHT



Volunteer Opportunities

[Contact Mrs. Greer](#) if you'd like to earn hours by hanging interactive panels (like mounting a 75" TV).



Volunteer Opportunity Form

Show us how you are interested in volunteering this year!



Volunteer Recording Form

Record your hours here!

Chorus News

Any students who are interested in joining chorus this year should submit an application to Mrs. Cacko by Thursday, September 21st. This year, rehearsals will be held during the school day unless otherwise specified. Chorus requires a commitment of weekly or biweekly practices, First Friday Masses, and two concerts: winter and spring. Please contact Mrs. Cacko with any questions:

cacko@fatherandrewwhite.org

Prospective Chorus members (grades 4-8) are also invited to sing for 11:00am Mass at St. Aloysius this Sunday, September 17th. The Cross Generation choir meets at 9:50am in the music rehearsal room in the hall immediately before Mass. This choir sings monthly. You may contact Beth Domingue with any questions: bethdomingue@hotmail.com

NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



Being prepared can save you a lot of time and anxiety in most areas of life. When it comes to health, preparation can include having a supply of "as needed" medications, extra water bottles, and even a change of clothes for emergencies. At school, students often come to me requesting over the counter medications such as Ibuprofen and Tylenol, which I do not ordinarily dispense. If you wish; however, you can sign an authorization form and drop off medication to keep at school in case your child needs it. This can also include cough drops, chapstick, and dry skin lotion. Of course, all prescription medications need to be brought in with the form signed by the prescribing healthcare provider. Having extra clothes and hygiene products is actually a good idea for all of us; so you may want to have your child keep some of those items in their classrooms or backpacks, as well.

VOTE FOR US



BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL OF SOMD NOMINEE!

Again we were nominated for the "Best Private School in Southern Maryland"! Only a few schools made it to this top level and we were one of them! Let's show others how awesome FAW is by casting your vote. You can vote once each day from now until September 29th. Go to "Kids & Education" then "School - Private" to cast your vote in the 2023 Best of the Best Southern Maryland Community Choice Awards Contest.

 **VOTE for FAW!** 



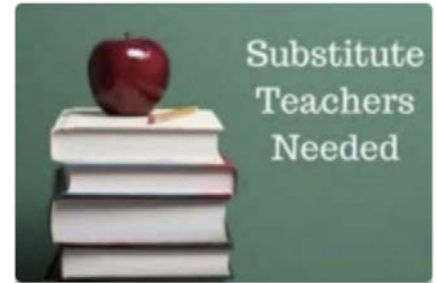
FAW Extended Care

<https://fatherandrewwhite.org/extended-day-programs/>



Volunteer Information

<https://fatherandrewwhite.org/steps-to-volunteer/>



Substitute Teachers

<https://fatherandrewwhite.org/substitute/>

Fall Fun Day Returns!

After a four year break, Fall Fun Day will return to FAW on October 26th. Fall Fun Day is a carnival like morning for our students (and parents) with lots of games, activities, prizes and food. Mrs. Pietsch is chairing the event this year and she is looking for a co-chair to carry on Fall Fun Day next year. The co-chair will work with Mrs. Pietsch to secure vendors, prizes and volunteers. If you are available to help or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pietsch directly at mrspietschtutoring@gmail.com or 301-904-1062. More info about Fall Fun Day activities and a call out for volunteers will be coming in October.



Basketball and Cheerleading Season!

The 2023-2024 Basketball/ Cheerleading season is here! Please return the attached interest forms if your child(ren) intend to participate this year. Please note: all forms are due by Tuesday, September 19th to allow coaches time to prepare for tryouts the next week. Following tryouts, coaches will be reaching out to all who tryout. Additional registration forms/ fees will be sent following tryouts.

FAW Sports Interest Forms 2023-2024.pdf

[Download](#)

Parent PlusPortals Log In:



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LEADERSHIP ✦ FAITH ✦ ACADEMICS

Welcome! Please sign in:

 User Name

 Password

Remember Me
[Can't access your account?](#)

[Sign in](#)

Sign up to Reserve the Spirit Rock



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TADS Tuition Account

[Click here to log in to your TADS account to view tuition agreements and make payments.](#)

Principal Szoch's Friday News

[Click here to read messages from the Principal.](#)

Our Last School Newsletter

[Click here to read our previous Crusader Connections School Newsletter.](#)



SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Band Demonstration Grades 4-8	8:30am First Friday Mass 12:30pm Early Dismissal	
3	4 No School Labor Day	5 First Day of School for Pre-K	6	7	8	9
10	11 Field Trip: Grades 2 & 5	12 Middle School Parent Information Night 5:15 – 6pm	13 MAP Growth Testing Begins (Grades 2-8)	14 Cross Country Meet @ KCA	15 Chesterton Academy Visit (Grades 6-8)	16
17	18	19	20 SMR Visit (Grades 7 & 8)	21 Grandparents Day 12:30pm Early Dismissal	22 No School County Fair	23 Friends of the Poor Walk
24 No School Professional Development Day	25	26	27 Progress Reports Posted on Portal	28	29 Crusader Cup Golf Tournament Middle School Monthly Activity	30

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Weekly Reminders:

- Attend the Middle School Parent Meeting (tonight)
- Pray for Finn (Wednesday and every day)
- Cheer on our Cross Country Runners (Thursday)
- Sign up to Sponsor and/or Play in Crusader Cup
- Invite Grandparents to our Grandparents Day Celebration: Sept. 21st
- Complete Basketball or Cheerleading Interest Forms
- Fill out the Volunteer Opportunity Form
- Volunteer to help mount Interactive Panels in Classrooms
- Order Electronic Gift Cards Online
- Complete Steps to become a Volunteer
- Vote for FAW as best SOMD Private School

Upcoming Community Events

[Click here to view upcoming events from our community.](#)

Please pray for a fellow Catholic School student this Wednesday at 6:30pm.

ALL IN FOR FINN

Finn Cusick is a 5th Grade student at St. Mary's Bryantown who is battling a rare form of childhood cancer called DIPG. Finn was diagnosed on November 17, 2022, and is currently in need of many prayers for a healing miracle.

We are asking everyone to pray for Finn's healing specifically through the intercession of Sister Thea Bowman who is also in need of a healing miracle on her journey to sainthood.

On **Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 P.M.** we are asking that everyone in the community stop to pray for Finn's healing through Sister Thea Bowman's intercession. Please use the attached prayer.

If you are interested in learning more about Sister Thea Bowman's journey to sainthood, please visit www.sistertheabowman.com.

For more information on DIPG, visit www.stjude.org.

Thank you.

PRAYER FOR FINN THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SISTER THEA BOWMAN

Ever loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart of your servant and religious, Sister Thea Bowman with an ardent love for you and the People of God; a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing, and unwavering witnessing of the joy of the Gospel.

Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those whom we encounter; most especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. May Sister Thea's life and legacy compel us to walk together, to pray together, and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love.

Gracious God inspire us with the grace and perseverance that you gave your servant, Sister Thea. She sought equity, peace, and reconciliation. In times of intolerance, pain, sickness, and suffering, she brought wisdom, awareness, unity, and charity. She taught us how to live fully until called home to the land of promise. If it be your Will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea, by granting the favor I now request through her intercession, **the healing of Finn Cusick**, so that all may know of her goodness and holiness and may imitate her love for You and Your Church. We ask this through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

As for me and my house
we will serve the LORD
-Joshua 24:15



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