

# Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

*September 5, 2023*



## Important Dates

September 5: PK Begins

September 11: Field Trip - Grades 2 & 5

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

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We extend a warm welcome to our newest Crusaders! Welcome Pre-K!



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## ***Middle School Parent Information Night***

**Save the Date:** On 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!

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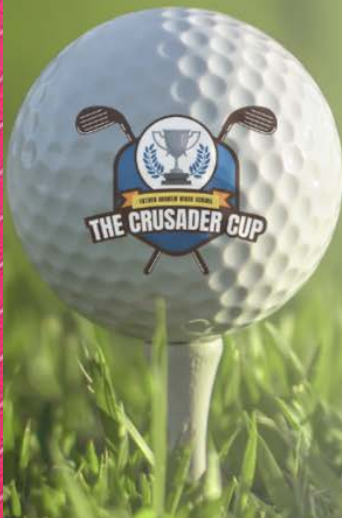
*Save the Date*

# Grandparents Day

September 21, 2023

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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!



FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

# THE CRUSADER CUP

14th Annual Golf Tournament

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

at Breton Bay Golf & Country Club



50/50 Raffle, Prizes and Challenges



\$10,000 Prize for Hole in One



Unlimited Drinks & Catered Meals

### Four Person Scramble

8:30AM	Check-In	11:30AM	Lunch
9:00AM	Shotgun Start	2:00PM	Catered Awards Ceremony

### \$500 PER FOURSOME

REGISTER, SPONSOR, OR DONATE BY SCANNING THE CODE BELOW!



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\*REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT PAYMENT

*Add Ons*

**CRUSADER PASS**  
4 Mulligans, 4 Throws, 4 Knight Drives, 4 Above Par Mini Games  
Advance Price per Foursome (\$80 day-of)  
**\$65**

**FAW PASS**  
1 Mulligan, 1 Throw, 1 Knight Drive, 1 Above Par Mini Game  
Price per Individual  
**\$20**

### Limited Sponsorships

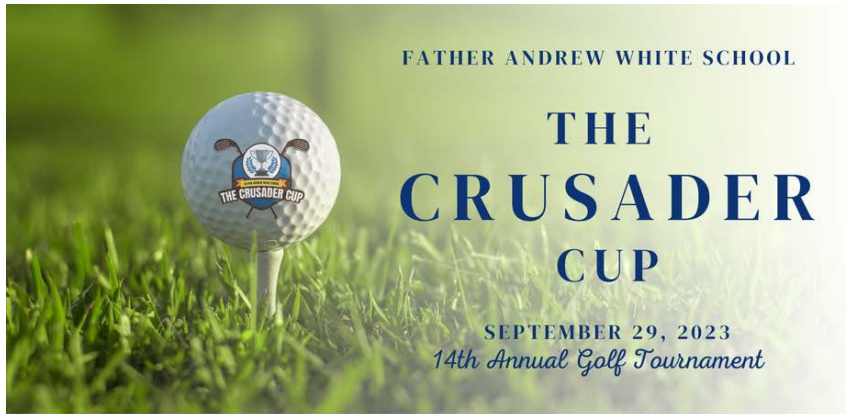
- \$400 Golf Cart Sponsor (Limit 1)
- \$350 Driving Range (Limit 1)
- \$350 Putting Green (Limit 1)
- \$300 Lunch Sponsor (Limit 1)
- \$300 Snack Bag Sponsor (Limit 1)
- \$250 Signature Fun Holes (Limit 2)
- For Donation Ingredients & Mixers for Bloody Mary / Crush Bar (Limit 1)

### Questions?

CONTACT KATIE BAILEY  
BAILEY.KATIE.LYNN@GMAIL.COM  
(301) 904-5157

## Crusader Cup Golf Tournament

Click here to register or to become a sponsor!



# THE CRUSADER CUP

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023  
14th Annual Golf Tournament

Please consider supporting the Father Andrew White School Golf Tournament! This event is one of the most anticipated of the year and could not happen without the support and generosity of our sponsors!

### Crusader Sponsor \$1,250

- 4 Complimentary golfers + lunch
- Signage including name/logo at \*TWO\* holes
- Name/Logo on event banner
- Name/Logo on event program
- Sponsor recognition announced on PA system

### Eagle Sponsor \$750

- 4 Complimentary golfers + lunch
- Signage including name/logo at one hole
- Name/Logo on event banner
- Name/Logo on event program

### Birdie Sponsor \$300

- Signage including name/logo at one hole
- Name/Logo on event program

### Par Sponsor \$250

- Preferred Sponsorship Signage including name/logo on one of five watering holes
- Name/Logo on event program

### Hole Sponsor \$100

- Signage including name/logo at one hole

### Production / In-Kind Sponsorships

Donations of supplies/materials/services/prizes/food, etc. will be given a value and placed in the appropriate sponsorship category

### Ready to Sponsor?

Contact Katie Bailey with any questions: (301) 904-5157 or [Bailey.Katie.Lynn@gmail.com](mailto:Bailey.Katie.Lynn@gmail.com)

Now sponsor online by using the link: <https://bnfct.co/23crusadercup> or contact Katie to mail a check.

## Parent PlusPortals

All new families should have received a link to log in to Parent PlusPortals. This is where your child's grades (in grades 4-8) and report cards (all grades) will be stored. The link to log in to this parent portal is:

<https://www.plusportals.com/FatherAndrewWhiteSchool> If you have any questions about this account, please contact our Technology Coordinator, Mrs. Greer: [greer@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:greer@fatherandrewwhite.org)



Father Andrew White, S.J. School  
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## Does your employer match your donations?



One of our families notified us that their company provides a company match for in kind donations and volunteer hour match requests. Please check with your company to see if they support matching donations!

## NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



Going back to school is such an exciting time to join together again, creating memories and sharing joy in learning, love for Jesus and, unfortunately, sickness through germs. At FAW we do our best to maintain a healthy school environment by sanitizing surfaces, using air purifiers in all classrooms, and emphasizing proper health measures (such as hand washing, covering our coughs and sneezes, and staying hydrated). Even so, sickness is often unavoidable, and knowing when to keep your child at home is sometimes a difficult task. Fortunately, our school policy outlines specific guidelines on when to do so, along with other items such as required paperwork. If you have not already done so, please review pages 10-13 of the Parent/Student Handbook for pertinent information related to illness, absences, immunizations, medications, forms, and personal hygiene. Of course if you ever have any questions, do not hesitate to ask. Keeping our students safe and healthy is my main goal (right behind spreading the love of Jesus, of course!).

Click [HERE](#) to view additional health forms many new students need to complete.

# 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 September 8th 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.

[https://www.somdnews.com/best\\_of/#/gallery?group=433869](https://www.somdnews.com/best_of/#/gallery?group=433869)

## RaiseRight Gift Card Program Account

[Click here to learn about this mandatory program.](#)

### RaiseRight Gift Card Program

For the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, there is a *RaiseRight* requirement to earn a minimum \$50 for the school.

Be sure to 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. Last 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. That's a win win!!

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## FAW EXTENDED CARE



Click [HERE](#) to learn more about our extended day program. (There are forms on that website to complete if you'd like to sign up for this.)

# Get Involved!

Become a volunteer and make a difference.



♥ FAW loves volunteers! ♥

## FAW Volunteer Information



Being a volunteer at Father Andrew White School is both rewarding and FUN!! It is a great way to be involved in the Crusader community, meet other families, and stay involved with your student.

If you are a Service Scholarship family (reduced tuition in exchange for volunteering), there are a few required steps before volunteering at the school. [Click HERE for a step by step guide.](#) Once these steps are completed, join the FUN!!

## New to Volunteering at FAW?

**Child Protection Volunteer Requirements:** For our new families and as a reminder for our returning families, don't forget the archdiocesan requirements for anyone who wishes to volunteer for activities that involve interaction with our children (ex. coaching, classroom or cafeteria helper, chaperone on field trips, etc.). The Archdiocese of Washington Child Protection Policy requires volunteers in parishes and schools to set up an account at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org), complete a volunteer application, get fingerprints taken, and attend a (virtual) training session on the Child Protection Policy. Upon completion of the training session, the last page in the policy book must be signed and returned to the school office. No one may volunteer with our children until the entire process



is completed. Families that need to start this process in order to volunteer for activities involving our children, may visit our website [HERE](#) for step by step instructions.

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## ***Volunteer Opportunity!***

We received a very generous technology grant from the M.I.L. Family Foundation that was used to equip our PK - Grade 5 classrooms with new 75" Interactive Panels. We need your help in mounting them! A hammer drill for the masonry block wall and a 3/8" masonry bit and a 3/8" carbide bit will be needed for this project. If you'd like to earn volunteer hours in the evening or on a weekend to assist in hanging these, please let Mrs Greer know! Email her: [greer@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:greer@fatherandrewwhite.org)



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## ***Substitute Teachers Needed!***

We are looking for cheerful and positive parents and community members who would be available 7:30am - 2:45pm to substitute for teachers as needed throughout the year. Approved applicants who pass a criminal background check can use this for volunteer hours or to receive payment. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Szoeh at [principal@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:principal@fatherandrewwhite.org) for a substitute application and information about what days you would be available. For more information, please see our website: <https://fatherandrewwhite.org/substitute/>



# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



- ST. ALOYSIUS SVDP: WALK FOR THE POOR
- SOMD ROOTS: "THE JOURNEY"
- ST. MARY'S RYKEN: YOUTH HONORS CHORUS & KNIGHTS MUSIC MENTORS

*Click [HERE](#) to learn more!*

## Upcoming Community Events

Click here to view flyers and more information regarding upcoming community events.

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***Thank you for following our car rider  
drop off and pick up procedures!***





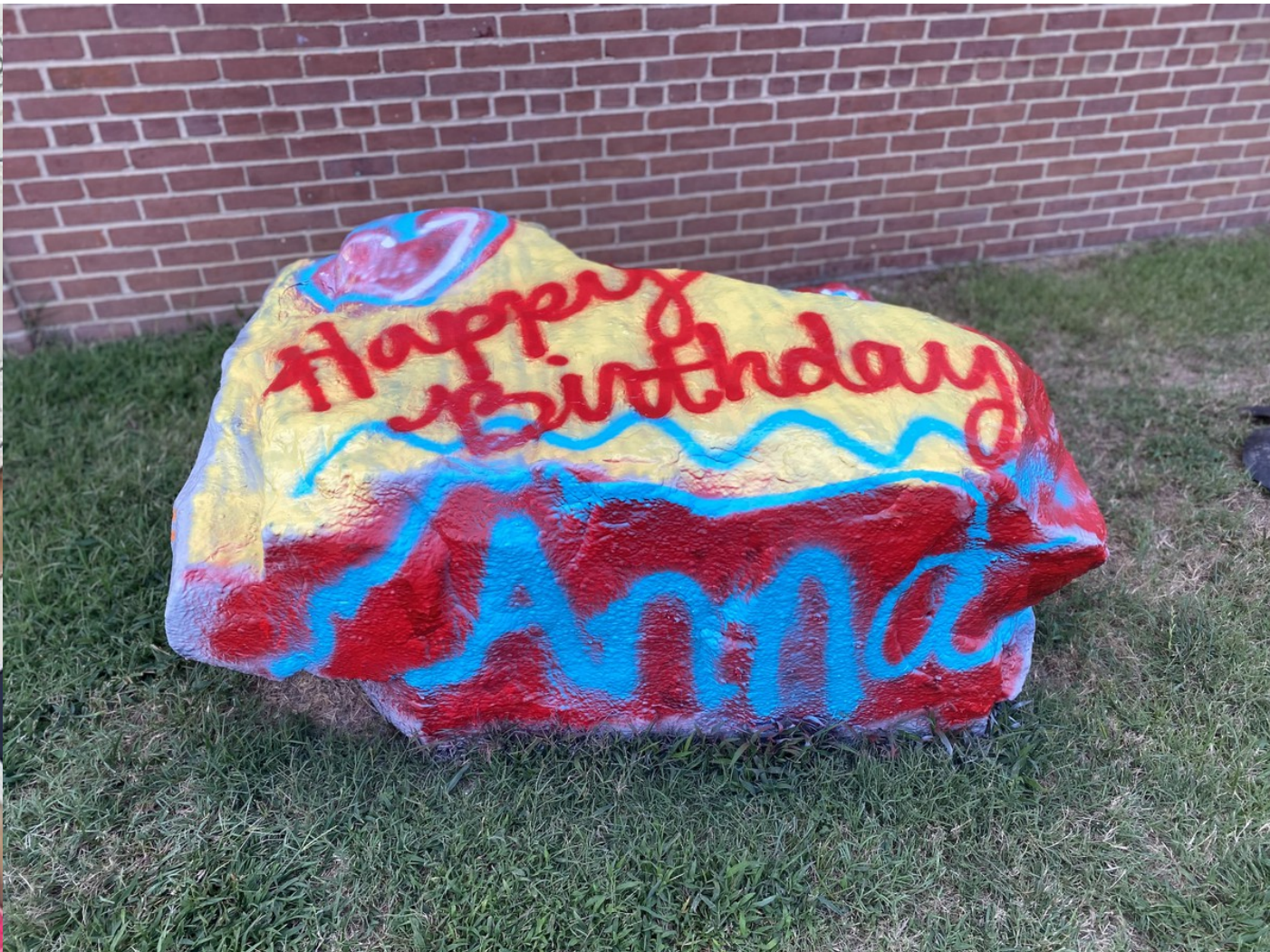
### 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August	21	No School – Archdiocesan Back to School Mass for Faculty
	22	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School (K – Grade 8) - 12:30 Early Dismissal
September	1	12:30 Early Dismissal
	4	No School - Labor Day
	5	Pre-K Starts
	21	12:30 Early Dismissal
	22	No School - St. Mary's County Fair
October	25	No School - Professional Day
	6	12:30 Early Dismissal
	26	12:30 Early Dismissal
	27	No School - Professional Day
November	30	End of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
	9	12:30 Early Dismissal
	10	No School - Veterans Day (observed)
	20-24	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December	19	12:30 Early Dismissal - Christmas Break Begins
	20-31	No School - Christmas Break
January	1	No School - New Year's Day
	2	Classes Resume
	12	12:30 Early Dismissal
	15	No School - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
	22	End of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
February	16	No School - Professional Day
	19	No School - Presidents' Day
March	8	12:30 Early Dismissal
	11	No School - Professional Day
	27	End of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
	28	12:30 Early Dismissal - Holy Thursday
	29-31	No School - Easter Break
April	1-5	No School - Easter Break
	8	Classes Resume
May	10	12:30 Early Dismissal
	24	12:30 Early Dismissal
	27	No School - Memorial Day
June	6	12:30 Early Dismissal - End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter - Last Day of School

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## Sign up to Reserve the Spirit Rock



## Spirit Rock Sign Up

[Click here to learn more about our 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.](#)

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## Principal Szoch's Friday News

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

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## Our Last School Newsletter

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

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# 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	25 No School Professional Development Day	26	27 Progress Reports Posted on Portal	28	29 Crusader Cup Golf Tournament Middle School Monthly Activity	30

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## Weekly Reminders:

- Sign up to Sponsor and/or Play in Crusader Cup
- Ask Grandparents to Save the Date for Grandparents Day: Sept. 21st
- Volunteer to help mount Interactive Panels in Classrooms
- Check your Employer Match Policy
- Order Electronic Gift Cards Online
- Complete Steps to become a Volunteer



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



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