

FAW Friday News
September 8, 2023



Dear Father Andrew White Families,

Have you ever heard of St. Vincent de Paul? Our students learned about him this week during Morning Prayer! He is a saint that is famous for serving the poor and needy. Our students learned that serving those in need is the same as serving Christ! That is the basis for the virtue of charity; our virtue of the month. The *St. Vincent de Paul Society* is sponsoring a Friends of the Poor walk on Saturday, Sept. 23 in order to raise funds for those less fortunate than ourselves. Please consider giving a monetary gift and walking together as a family in solidarity with others to participate in this act of charity. Registration begins at 7:30 am in the FAW gym. The walk begins at 9:00 am. FAW students will also be collecting *Boxes of Joy* again this year in order to support needy children. Last year we donated 120 boxes! Please consider assisting in this good cause. It's a great way for children to have a tangible service project!

I enjoyed visiting many classrooms this week! Some of the activities that I observed were:

Third graders diligently working on a timed math facts quiz! A third grader speaking to Mrs. Hinkle about plans for a school spelling bee in the Spring!

Fourth graders learning about expository writing and writing prayers thanking our Lord for the gift of His Blessed Mother and then illustrating them!

Fifth graders creating their own messages using the Braille alphabet. They also had the opportunity to use authentic Braille materials and learn about Louis Braille. In the fifth grade Religion special time, 22 out of the 30 students were able to recite the ten commandments in order!

Sixth grade Literature students learning about Latin roots such as aqua. They knew that it meant water and were able to define other words such as aqueduct using the root word.

Middle school students creating scaled drawings from blueprints, playing pickleball during elective time and learning about Tinkercad so they can code and create their own 3-D model.

Students attending Mass with their buddies and several buddy groups celebrating Our Blessed Mother's birthday today with frozen treats!

It was great to see the excitement of learning and the students' enjoyment of their classmates and teachers!

Next week we begin our MAP Growth Testing which will give us a benchmark for a student's instructional level and a basis to measure growth in learning this year. The first test for Reading will be on Wednesday, September 13. Please ensure that your child has a good night's rest and a nutritious breakfast.

This upcoming week, we invite Middle School parents to an informational night on Tuesday, September 12 from 5:15-6:00 pm. We look forward to seeing our students participate in their first cross country meet on Thursday afternoon at KCA.

We thank all parents who turned in their federal survey (green paper). If you have not yet sent yours into school, please send it in by Tuesday, September 12.

The Crusader Cup Golf Tournament is fast approaching! We encourage you to register for this wonderful event and enjoy a day of golf with fellow Father Andrew White families. Click [here](#) for more details and registration.

We remember our nation this weekend as the upcoming anniversary of 9-11 approaches. Please go to Mass with your family this weekend to pray for all of those families that were affected by the tragic events of that day.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Sincerely,
Janet Szych
Principal