

# CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

October 22, 2023



## Important Dates

- October 23: Field Trip (Grade 4) & Book Fair Begins
- October 26: Fall Fun Day, Book Fair Ends & Early Dismissal, 12:30pm
- October 27: No School for Students - Professional Day for Teachers
- October 30: End of 1st Quarter

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**Our Book Fair is Here!**



**IT'S SCHOLASTIC  
BOOK FAIR  
TIME!**

Our Book Fair will be here this week! For a preview or to load your child's e-wallet, visit our website here: <https://fatherandrewwhite.org/bookfair/>

# WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

## FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

22850 WASHINGTON ST, LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650

### FAIR DATES

Oct 23 - Oct 27

All purchases through the Book Fair benefit our school.  
Thanks for supporting our kids! Happy reading!

### Book Fair Volunteers Still Needed!



The Book Fair is coming! We would love to have your help! The dates are October 23 - 26th. The last day is a half day, so the sign up times are a bit different. Thank you in advance for your help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA9AB28AAF8C43-44997654-fall>

### Fall Fun Day is This Thursday!

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

# FALL FUN DAY

We're excited to bring back this fun event! The students will get to spend their half-day enjoying carnival games and raffles, a cake walk, photo booth, haunted house, and many more exciting activities for them to enjoy with their friends.

\*Students will get to enjoy a FREE TAG DAY on this day\*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
**9:00-11:30AM**

Please send in \$10 per child for the "Fun Day Admission Bag" and the assigned items below by **Monday, October 23, 2023.**

This amount covers a punch card for activities and other small prizes.  
Additional tickets will be sold for \$0.50 at the event!

**In addition, each grade is asked to bring in the following items:**

- PK-1: Bags of Individually Wrapped Candy
- 2-3: Bag or box of healthy snacks (fruit snacks, teddy grahams, cereal bars)
- 4: Box of juice bags (like Kool-Aid Jammers or juice)
- 5: Bottled water
- 6-7: Cakes for Cakewalk (please only bring in on October 25th or 26th)
- 8: Supplies needed for Haunted House

**Pay online with this link or send in cash or check (made out to FAW School):**  
**<https://bnfct.co/fallfunday>**

**PARENTS OF PREK, K, 1ST AND 2ND GRADE:**  
WE ARE ASKING THAT ALL CHILDREN IN THESE GRADES HAVE A PARENT IN ATTENDANCE AT FALL FUN DAY. IF A PARENT IS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE ASK THE PARENT OF A CLASSMATE TO TAG ALONG.

**Buy Fall Fun Day Tickets Now!**

Click here  to buy Fall Fun Day Tickets!

## Fall Fun Day Volunteer Opportunity

Help is needed at our upcoming Fall Fun Day on Thursday, October 26th. We are excited for a fun and busy day for our students. If you are available, we are looking for many more volunteers to set up, help with games and activities the day of Fall Fun Day, and clean up immediately after Fall Fun Day. Click here to sign up -->

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA9AE2AA5F8C70-45038144-fawfall>



**Remember, Thursday is a 12:30pm Early Dismissal  
after Fall Fun Day!**

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## **Cross Country Results**

### **Results from our Last Meet**

🏆 Grade School Girls and Boys Team: 1st Place

🏆 Grade School Girls 1st Place: Charlie Valeski

🏆 Grade School Boys 1st Place: Shay Johnston

🏆 Middle School Girls and Boys Team: 1st Place

🏆 Middle School Girls 1st Place: Emma Mabrey

🏆 Middle School Boys 1st Place: Gabe Cacko

🏆 FAW swept the competition with all first place finishes! Way to go! 🏆

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## **Tag Day**

**❤️ In honor of beloved FAW parent, Mr. Matt Farasy ❤️**

Our Tag Day to raise awareness regarding sudden cardiac arrest and to raise funds for the American Heart Association in honor of beloved FAW parent, Mr. Matt Farasy was a success. We collected \$312! Thank you for your generosity.

OCTOBER IS SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AWARENESS MONTH.



We wore red and blue in honor  
of beloved FAW parent,  
Mr. Matt Farasy.



All donations went  
to the American  
Heart Association



\$312  
raised!

THANK  
YOU!  
♥

Tag  
Day!

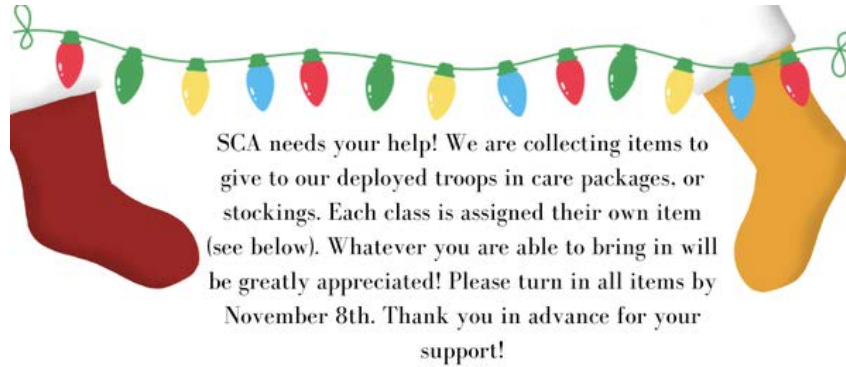
Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Ups and Coming

PARENT  
TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Ups will be sent this week. Please be on the lookout for that email. This year conferences will be held from 3- 6pm on the afternoon of November 8th and 1- 6pm on November 9th. Please make sure you will be available those days for this very important meeting concerning your child's progress.

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## 🎄 Stockings for Soldiers 🎄



# STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

Please bring in your class's assigned items!

PK - small tissues

K - small sunflower seed packs

1st - small packs of trail mix

2nd - chapstick

3rd - beef jerky

4th - crossword puzzles

5th - snack size candies

6th - snack size candies

7th - playing cards

8th - gum



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## Box of Joy Program



FAW School is proud to partner with the Knights of Columbus and Cross Catholic Outreach in the Box of Joy Program. Pick up an empty Box of Joy at the school and fill it with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, clothing, and accessories for either a boy or a girl. These shoebox sized boxes will be distributed in time for Christmas in South American countries to children in rural areas who have basically nothing. Please include a \$9 check payable to "Cross Catholic Outreach" to pay for shipping. It would be helpful if you put that check in a marked envelope and sent it to the school

office (instead of putting it inside the shoebox). Boxes are due by November 1st. Thank you for helping a needy child celebrate the birth of our Lord!



# GIFT IDEAS

## KEY REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox (approximately 12" x 5").
2. A \$9 donation is required and must be provided for each Box of Joy being sent. Families may submit one envelope with a consolidated donation amount if they are sending multiple boxes of joy or give online at [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org). \*\*This is the preferred way to give!\*\*
3. Secure the lid with a rubber band (no tape, please). Please do not place donation inside the Box of Joy.



## PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

We encourage you to enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

### TOYS

Deflated soccer balls with pump\*  
Mini puzzle  
Binoculars  
Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument  
Jump rope  
Yo-yo  
Dolls\*  
Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pencils  
Pencil sharpener  
Erasers  
Pencil case  
Crayons\*  
Ruler  
Coloring book\*  
Notepads  
Stickers

### HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrush/Toothpaste  
Bar soap  
Comb/Brush  
Manicure kit

### HARD CANDY & GUM

Please seal in a zip closure-style bag  
No chocolates  
No Jolly Ranchers

### APPAREL

Socks  
Shorts  
Underwear  
T-shirts\*  
Flip-flops  
Hats

### ACCESSORIES

Watch  
Sunglasses\*  
Jewelry  
Hair accessories  
Cross or rosary

### USEFUL ITEMS

Sewing kit  
LED flashlight  
Drawstring bag\*

## DO NOT PACK

Food or Beverages • Medicines or Vitamins • Liquids (shampoo, nail polish, etc.) • Gels (hand sanitizer, etc.)  
Jolly Ranchers or Chocolates • Military or Police Toys • Toy Weapons • Glass or Breakables • Knives or Tools

\*Highly Desired Items



800-914-2420 ext. 142 • [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org) • [boxofjoy@crosscatholic.org](mailto:boxofjoy@crosscatholic.org)

## Save the Date!





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**Destination Imagination Program**

# FAW Destination Imagination 2023-24

FAW DI  
since  
2013

Sign up now to join a team,  
or form a new team.

DI Fuzz  
Wonders and  
The Things  
competed in  
Kansas City,  
May 2023



Contact Mrs. Cacko for more information:  
[cacko@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:cacko@fatherandrewwhite.org)

## Destination Imagination

In an effort to provide differentiated learning opportunities for all of our students here at Father Andrew White School, we are offering Destination Imagination for the 10th year! But wait!

### *What is Destination Imagination?*

Destination Imagination (DI) is a creative problem solving program/competition for participants ranging in age from elementary through college age. This program provides team challenges every academic year. DI incorporates a specific creative problem solving process and project-based format into its competition that help our students learn and grow in new and exciting ways!

- ✓ Fosters creative and critical thinking
- ✓ Teaches and applies creative problem solving
- ✓ Develops teamwork, collaboration, and leadership skills

### Where/When:

- Teams meet weekly, then more often as competition date nears as needed
- Regional Competition-February 24th, South River HS (Edgewater, MD)
- \*If a team advances to States, that competition will be held March 16th

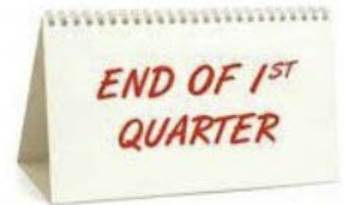
### Who: Are you right for DI?

- team/s of 2-7 students who want to extend their learning beyond the classroom and parents who are willing/able to support the DI extension activities

Click [HERE](#) to access the DI Applications Forms

## End of Quarter

The first quarter ends **Monday, October 30th**. There is no school on **Friday, October 27th** due to a Professional Development Day for our teachers. Enjoy your extended weekend!



## Order Lunch!

The Lunch Menus for November and December are now active.



\*The November menu will close on **October 28th**

\*The December menu will close on **November 25th**

\*\*\*On November 1st, we will be doing a trial run of Slim Chickens.

Due to the fact that the order needs to be placed beforehand, we will not be able to accommodate any charges on that day for Slim Chickens. Anyone that needs to charge lunch that day will have to settle for SB&J. With this in mind, we encourage everyone who is going to place an order in November to please do so sooner rather than later. (FYI, this also applies to Chick-fil-A day)

Please be sure to go back after your order is placed to take care of any outstanding balance.

[https://fm.orgsonline.com/m\\_login.aspx](https://fm.orgsonline.com/m_login.aspx)

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**Take Note: Winter Uniforms will begin  
November 1st!**

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## Opportunity to Give!

### Aftercare Wish List

Our Aftercare students would love some new items for after school fun. Please consider buying an item off their wish list.

Click [HERE](#) to view the Amazon wish list.

Thank you very much!



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### Saint Parade

# CALLING ALL FAW SAINTS!

OUR SCHOOL WILL  
CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS  
DAY ON OCTOBER 31ST  
WITH AN ALL SCHOOL  
PARADE AT 1:30. COME  
TO SCHOOL DRESSED AS  
YOUR FAVORITE SAINT!  
THERE WILL BE A  
COSTUME CONTEST WITH  
TWO WINNERS FROM  
EACH GRADE!

PARENTS ARE  
WELCOME TO  
JOIN US AT 1:30  
BEHIND THE  
SCHOOL

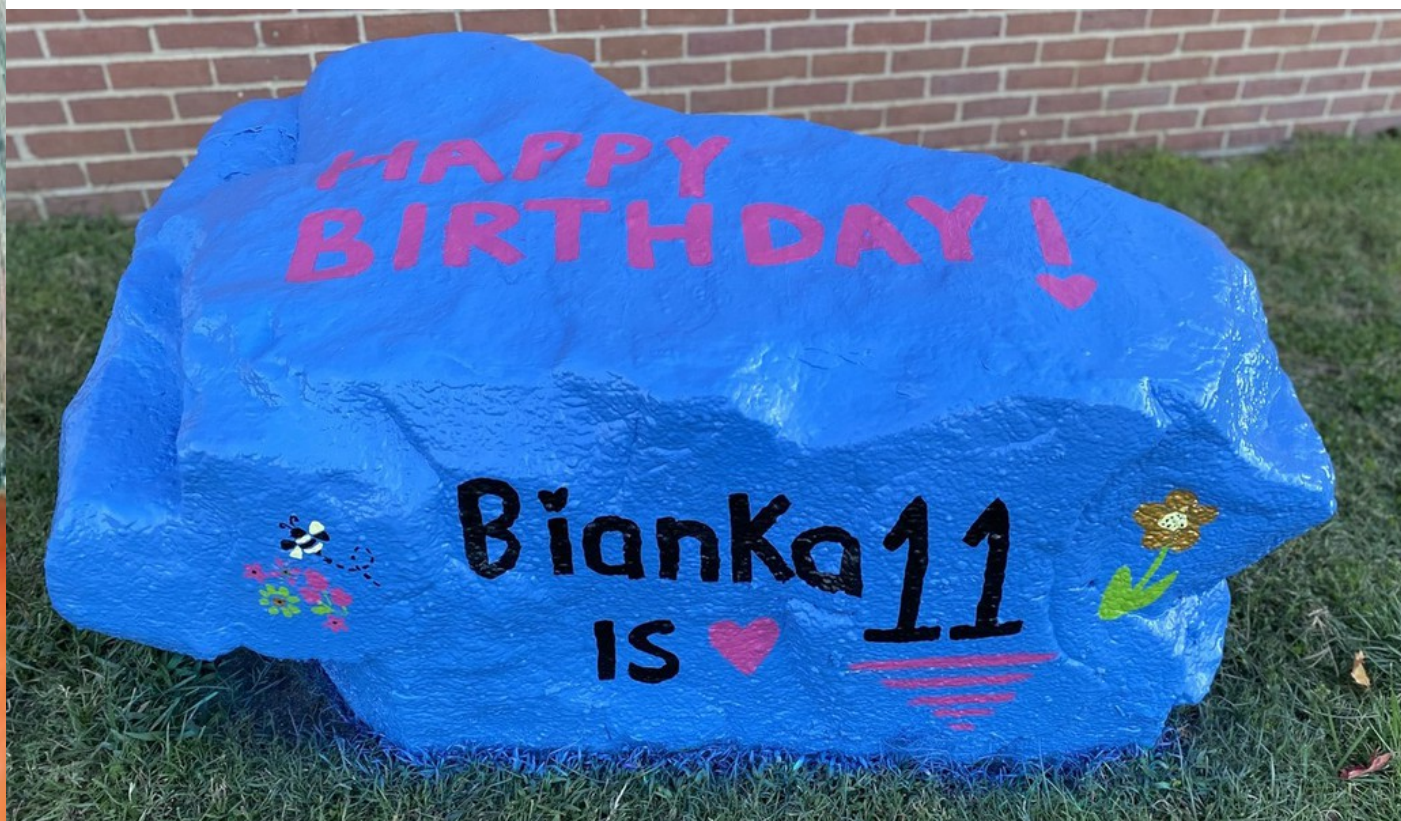
"AS FOR ME AND MY  
HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE  
THE LORD." -JOSHUA 24:15

## NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



October is National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness month. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is when the heart suddenly stops beating, which can lead to death in minutes if the person does not get help in time. When it occurs, the person collapses, doesn't respond, and may shake as if having a seizure. SCA can happen to people of all ages, even children and teens who appear perfectly healthy. This further emphasizes the importance of annual checkups and sports physicals for students, along with training to prepare for unexpected life threatening events. Knowing CPR is beneficial for everyone, and one can become certified as young as nine. There are many places that offer CPR training including the health department. Even if they are too young to do chest compressions, children can still learn basic first aid skills and what to do in emergencies (such as quickly retrieving an AED when needed).

# Sign up to Reserve the Spirit Rock



## Spirit Rock Sign Up

Click here  to learn more about our the Spirit Rock.



### Volunteer Opportunity Form

Complete this form to show us how you are interested in volunteering this year!



### Volunteer Information

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



### Volunteer Recording Form

Record your hours here!

## Complete the 2023-2024 Volunteer Opportunity Form!

Take a few minutes to let us know what you are interested in volunteering your time for this school year!

## **RaiseRight Gift Card Program Account**

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

## **TADS Tuition Account**

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

## **PlusPortals Parent Login**

Click here [🔗](#) to log in to see grades and report cards.

## **Principal Szoch's News**

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

## **Our Last School Newsletter**

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 HSPT Registration Opens (Grade 8)	3 Cross Country Meet	4 School Picture Day	5 Bring your Bible to School Day	6 8:30am First Friday Mass  12:30pm Early Dismissal	7
8	9	10	11 Camp Maria Retreat	12	13	14
15	16 SMR Shadow Day (Grade 8) Field Trip (Grade 7) Mercy Tree Adventures (Grades K-6)	17 Field Trip (Grades 2 & 3)	18 Field Trip (Grades PK - 1)  Cross Country Meet	19 Fire Department Visit for Fire Prevention Week (Grades PK-3)	20	21
22	23 Field Trip (Grade 4)  Book Fair Begins	24	25	26 Fall Fun Day  12:30pm Early Dismissal	27 No School for Students	28
29	30 End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	31 Happy Halloween	Book Fair			

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## Upcoming Community Events

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



### Weekly Reminders:

- Volunteer to help at the Book Fair and Fall Fun Day
- Sign up for Destination Imagination
- Try on Winter Uniforms
- Register Harris Teeter VIC Card
- Support our Aftercare Wish List
- Get Saint Costumes Ready
- Send in Fall Fun Day Items and Payment
- Send in Items for Stockings for Soldiers
- Order Hot Lunch



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-Joshua 24:15



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