

CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

October 31, 2023



Important Dates

November 1: Winter Uniforms Begin & All Saints' Day (8:30am Mass hosted by 3rd Grade)
Wreath and Poinsettia Sales begin!

November 3: Grades 3-5 Field Trip

November 4: SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk

November 4-5: Varsity Basketball Tip Off Tournament

November 8: Home and School Association (HSA) Parent Meeting, 6:30pm

November 8-9: Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 9: Early Dismissal, 12:30pm

November 10: No School - Happy Veterans Day!

November 14: American Legion Visits

November 17: Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 20 - 24: No School - Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29: High School Placement Test (8th Grade) & Science/History Fair Projects Due

November 30: Science/History Fair

Box of Joy Program - DUE TOMORROW!!!!



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. **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 • boxofjoy@crosscatholic.org

Take Note: Winter Uniforms will begin tomorrow, November 1st!

Our winter uniforms will begin tomorrow, Tuesday, November 1st. Please be sure to check our [Parent/Student Handbook](#) for our uniform policy. If you have any uniforms your children have outgrown, kindly consider donating them for others to use. You may drop off unstained and washed uniforms in the basket located in the school vestibule. If you are in need of used uniforms, you are welcome to contact our coordinator at sheli.laney@live.com.

Science and History Fair Judges (volunteers) are Needed!

The Father Andrew White School Science & History Fair will be held Thursday, November 30, 2023. We are in need of judges and people to coordinate the children on this day. Students from 5th through 8th grades will be participating. This volunteer opportunity would last from 8:45 - 11:30am. Judges are asked to meet in the gym at 8:45am. Coffee and donuts will be provided. If you can help us in any way, please complete this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDCz1FWnpJnixCzjCkiM3z2_KeedB97NOrzQfiHTzjSCjdxA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0



Volunteer Form for Science and History Fair Judges

Click here [🔗](#) to sign up to be a judge for our Science and History Fair.

Cross Country Meet

Our Last Meet

☒ Our final Cross Country Meet will be **tomorrow, Wednesday, November 1st** at King's Christian Academy. Both grade school and middle school will run together at 4:15pm. We hope you will be there to cheer on our student athletes!

Book Fair - Thank You



Thank you to all who helped with the Book Fair! We especially want to thank Mrs. Hinkle for all the behind the scenes work it takes to manage, setup, run, and break down a Book Fair. Our students and families appreciate her efforts and those of the volunteers who assisted. Thank you all!

Fall Fun Day - Thank You

What a wonderful time we all had at the Fall Fun Day! It was so nice to have this event back up and running. A very special thank you goes to Mrs. Pietsch who spent countless hours organizing and making sure it would indeed be a fun day! We are grateful for Mrs. Lisa Beavan who assisted as well as many other volunteers. We appreciate the team effort to bring back one of the most fun days of the year for our students (and staff)!



Friends of the Poor Walk - This Saturday!

The St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk has been rescheduled for **this Saturday, November 4th** at 9am. The walk will begin at Father Andrew White School and the course will take walkers through the streets of Historic Leonardtown. There will be a post walk brunch, music, a silent auction, balloons/door prizes. There is no registration fee, but walkers are encouraged to collect pledges or donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Same day registration begins at 7:30am. We hope to see many of you there!



St. Vincent de Paul 16th Annual Friends of the Poor[®] Walk

SATURDAY,

Rescheduled for Nov. 4th

9:00 A.M. (Rain or Shine)

**Father Andrew White, S.J. School
Leonardtown, Maryland**



REGISTRATION:

fopwalk.org

Same day registration
starts at 7:30 A.M.

CONTACT:

Patty Belanger: 301-904-7990
or Joan Goyco: 240-256-5792

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🏀 Basketball Tip Off Tournament 🏀

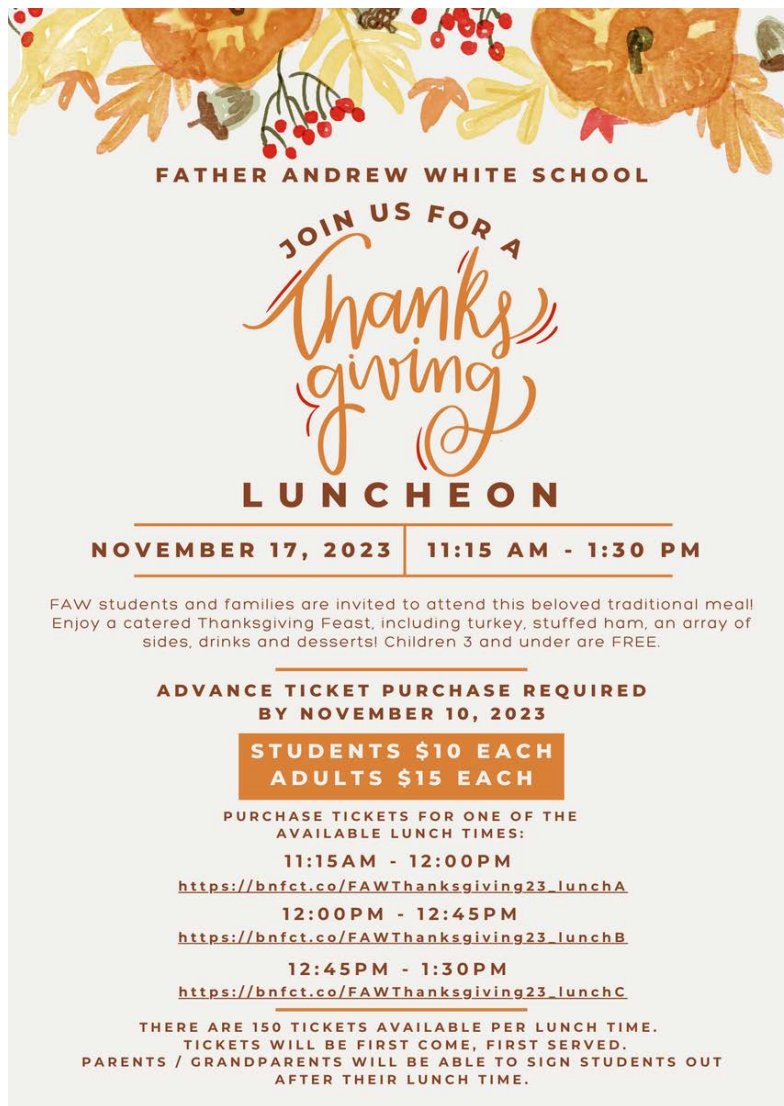
Our Tip Off Basketball Tournament will begin this Saturday, November 4th at Archbishop Neale School. Come cheer on your Varsity Boys and Girls teams!

- BOYS: 3:15pm (FAW vs SMS)
- GIRLS: 4:30pm (FAW vs OLSS)



⌂ Go Crusaders! ⌂

FAW Thanksgiving Luncheon



Please read the Thanksgiving Luncheon flyer for many important details!

We are excited to bring back this beloved FAW tradition!

Reserve Lunch A: 11:15AM - 12PM

Reserve Lunch B: 12 - 12:45PM

Reserve Lunch C: 12:45 - 1:30PM

Save the Date!



We are looking for volunteers and planners for our Jingle Bell Fun Run, scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd at St. Mary's Ryken High School. If you are available and willing, please contact Rich Spadaccini at rspadaccini@gmail.com.

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Ups



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The link for Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Ups was emailed out last week. Please check your email and be sure to sign up as spots are filling up for this very important meeting concerning your child's progress. This year conferences will be held from 3- 6pm on the afternoon of November 8th and 1-6pm on November 9th. Report cards for the first quarter will be given to parents at the conferences.

 **Stockings for Soldiers** 



SCA needs your help! We are collecting items to give to our deployed troops in care packages, or stockings. Each class is assigned their own item (see below). Whatever you are able to bring in will be greatly appreciated! Please turn in all items by November 8th. Thank you in advance for your support!

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



Save the Date: Make Up Picture Day: December 11, 2023



If your child was absent for our school picture day or would like to retake his/her picture, please mark your calendar for our make up day: December 11, 2023.

2024-2025 TADS Tuition Assistance Program

Applications for next year's Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program are now available. Families may apply online by logging on to <https://adwcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance/>.



On the top toolbar, hover over "TUITION ASSISTANCE" and then click on the "ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM"

link at the top of the menu. Any families who think they will need tuition assistance for the 2024-

2025 school year MUST APPLY THROUGH THIS ADW PROGRAM FIRST, before asking for aid from FAW.

The TADS admissions portal is accessible for the 2024-2025 admissions cycle for all archdiocesan elementary schools.

TADS tuition assistance deadline: February 16, 2024



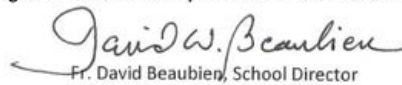
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Dear Parents of Father Andrew White, S.J. School:

What a great first quarter we have had so far this year! I am reminded every day what a joy it is to work with your children. We are so grateful that you have chosen FAW for its strong Catholic faith community, academic excellence, and commitment to serve those in need. It takes everyone's time, talent, and treasures to make this school the great place it is today.

Every year, the Archdiocese of Washington requires that schools share financial information with our parents. This report helps us to meet that policy requirement. As you can see our financial situation is strong and reflects the many ways that the parishioners, school families, and benefactors work together to ensure that your children are able to experience a quality Catholic education.


Fr. David Beaubien, School Director


Mrs. Janet Szoch, Principal

2023 - 2024 Budget - School Financial Report		
Budgeted Costs - Per Pupil	FY 2023-2024 Budget	Budgeted Enrollment Total 2023-2024
Budgeted costs of educating, per pupil	\$7,795	235 students (K - 8)
Budgeted tuition revenue, per pupil	\$5,966	
Difference between the budgeted cost and budgeted tuition revenue per child	\$1,829	

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 - School Income & Expense Report	
School Revenue	FY 2023
Tuition - Standard	1,400,387
Tuition - PreK/Nursery School	94,231
Parish Assistance	70,234
ADW Tuition Assistance	28,640
Before and After Care	37,810
Fundraising	182,711
Milk & Resale	8,559
Donations	178,413
HSA Contribution	55,382
Rental Income	7,660
Investment Income	13,119
Fees	75,399
Total School Income	\$2,152,546
School Expenses	
Instruction	1,260,732
Operation & Maintenance	229,942
Administration	343,165
Fundraising	182,722
Milk & Resale	7,567
Pre-K & Extended Care	90,155
Total School Expenses	\$2,114,283
Total Net Income (loss)	\$38,263

NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



Celebrating Halloween can be a little “tricky” for us Christians, especially at a Catholic school. Fortunately, we have things like Fall Fun Day and All Saints Day, to commemorate God’s glory in this beautiful season and through special people. If you do participate in trick-or-treating, you’re all too familiar with the massive amounts of sugar associated with this tradition! I like to emphasize the importance of “everything in moderation.” Aside from causing tummyaches, too much sugar can also contribute to tooth decay and chronic inflammation. For some people, this day can bring about stress for other reasons, such as those dealing with food allergies, anxiety, and autism. Fortunately, there are now designated colors to help with this. A blue pumpkin signals that a home is welcoming for anyone on the autism spectrum, while a child carrying a blue pumpkin/ bucket signals that child is on the autism spectrum. Similarly, the Teal Pumpkin Project seeks to help those with food allergies. By putting a teal pumpkin on your doorstep, it means you have non-food treats available such as glow sticks or small toys.

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.



NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			All Saints' Day 1 Mass (8:30am, hosted by 3 rd Grade) Winter Uniforms Begin	All Souls' Day 2	3 Field Trip (Grades 3, 4, 5)	4 Friends of the Poor Walk Varsity Basketball Tip Off Tournament
5 Varsity Basketball Tip Off Tournament	6	7 Wreath & Poinsettia Sale Begins →	8 HSA Meeting 6:30pm Parent/Teacher	9 12:30pm Early Dismissal Conferences	10 No School	11 Happy Veterans Day!
12	13	14 American Legion Visits	15	16	17 Thanksgiving Luncheon	18
19	20 ←	21	22 Thanksgiving Break	23 Happy Thanksgiving! →	24	25
26	27	28	29 Science/History Fair Projects Due High School Placement Test (Grade 8)	30 Science/History Fair		

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Upcoming Community Events

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

Weekly Reminders:

- Try on Winter Uniforms (today)
- Send in Boxes of Joy (tomorrow)
- Attend Mass (All Saints' Day)
- Attend the Walk for the Poor (Saturday)
- Cheer on the Basketball Teams (Saturday)
- Send in Items for Stockings for Soldiers
- Sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Register Harris Teeter VIC Card

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



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