

Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

December 12, 2023



Important Dates

December 13: Progress Reports Posted on Portal (grades 4-8) & Sacrament of Reconciliation
December 15: NJHS Induction Ceremony & Middle School Monthly Activity

December 19: Field Trip (all grades) & Early Dismissal, 12:30pm

December 20 - January 1: No School - Christmas Break

January 2: School Resumes



Christmas Pageant 2023



We are grateful for Mrs. Cacko and Mrs. Hinkle (and all their assistants/volunteers) who worked tirelessly to help our students shine during this year's pageant! Thank you to all who helped with stage set-up, tear-down, decorating, hot cocoa stand donations, and getting the students here and prepared for our spectacular Christmas Pageant: The Unexpected Christmas Visitor. It takes many hands to prepare such an event, and we are so thrilled that we were able to present this wonderful gift of performance to you, our FAW families! We hope you all enjoy a very Merry Christmas!



Santa Shop Thank You

We feel blessed that we were still able to provide our students the opportunity to experience the joy of giving by buying and wrapping their own Christmas presents for family members, friends and pets at the Santa Shop. We had over 1,720 gifts bought and wrapped and we raised over \$5,000 for FAW. Thank you to all of our amazing elves who helped make this Santa Shop event possible!



Serving Others by Providing Beds

Child bedlessness is a problem. Middle School students in our NJHS and SCA along with Mrs. Downey volunteered to help sand lumber that will be used to build beds for kids ages 3-17 who do not have beds of their own. Thank you to these students and teacher who worked so hard to help others in our community, even after a long week of school. Sleep in Heavenly Peace will make and deliver the beds along with the donation of books we collected. Thank you to all who sent in books for the recipients to enjoy.



Candy Grams for Sale!



*Candy
grams
\$1 each*

HELP SUPPORT OUR STUDENT COUNCIL
PLEASE BRING IN BY DECEMBER 13TH

TO: _____

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Progress Reports

Mid-quarter progress reports for students in grades 4-8 will be posted on Parent PlusPortals tomorrow. Please login to check your child's progress. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. To find the report, click the child's picture, then "Classroom," then "Progress Reports," then "Combined Reports." Please go over the reports with your children and encourage them to keep working hard through the last half of this quarter!

<https://www.plusportals.com/FatherAndrewWhiteSchool>



Share the warmth with our neighbors!

coat drive

DECEMBER 4-15
SPONSORED BY FAW'S NJHS

- Please bring in lightly used or new jackets •
- by Friday, December 15th. •
- They will be given out to those who need •
- them at the next food pantry, •
- at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. •

Christmas Sweater Tag Day on Monday!

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Christmas Sweater \$1 Tag Day

*CHRISTMAS SHIRTS ARE OKAY TOO!

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 18, 2023**

We will have a Christmas Sweater Tag Day on December 18th. Students may alternatively wear a Christmas shirt if they do not have a sweater. Please adhere to our out of uniform/Tag Day guidelines as noted in our [Parent/Student Handbook](#).



Clarification:

Please wear **uniform bottoms** with your Tag Day Christmas sweater/shirt.

School Wide Field Trip on Tuesday!



FAW SCHOOL-WIDE FIELD TRIP

"THE STAR"

WHO: GRADES PK-8
WHAT: FIELD TRIP TO RC THEATRE TO SEE "THE STAR" (RATED PG)
WHEN: TUESDAY, 12/19/23
COST: \$15/STUDENT (INCLUDES BUS, MOVIE, AND SNACK PACK)

FIELD TRIP FORMS DUE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Donations Needed for our Brown Bag Auction!



ANNUAL BROWN BAG AUCTION

FEBRUARY 3, 2024 | 5:00PM - 8:00PM
FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL



DONATIONS NEEDED!

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO HELP US CREATE KID AND/OR FAMILY-THEMED, FUN-FILLED BASKETS FOR THE AUCTION! HERE ARE SOME THINGS WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

THEMED BASKETS ALREADY ASSEMBLED
NEW ITEMS
GIFT CARDS
RE-GIFTED ITEMS

DONATIONS NEEDED BY JANUARY 19TH!

CONTACT BELOW FOR ANY QUESTIONS!
JESSICA PHILLIPS (301) 904-2192
SHANNON DENT (240) 298-8138

Early Dismissal next Tuesday

Remember on **Tuesday, December 19th**, we have a 12:30pm Early Dismissal.

We hope you have a blessed Christmas and a restful break!



Due to winter break, the menu for January and February is now open. Order your lunch today!

https://fmsecure.orgsonline.com/m_login.aspx

The January menu will close on **December 30th**.

The February menu will close on **January 27th**.

*Please note, we will be doing a trial run during these months of offering "**gluten free pizza**" on Papa Johns days. You will have the choice of ordering the whole pizza (\$9) or a half pizza (\$5). This will include the fruit and dessert as well.

There will be **NO hot lunch offered on Thursday, February 1st. More info on this will be released at a later date.

Please be aware that if we experience a delayed opening, hot lunch will be cancelled. The only exceptions to this will be Chick-fil-A or Pizza.

In the event of lunch cancellations, credits will be issued.

November Virtue Winners: Courtesy



NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



People often ask me if there is anything currently “going around school” that their child might catch. Although I usually have a good idea from what I see in the office, I don’t always get reports of actual diagnoses. Thus, if your child is diagnosed with something, it is very much appreciated if you let me know, and it helps me to answer that question more accurately. Currently at school, we have at least one positive case each of strep throat, pink eye, influenza type B, mononucleosis, and “walking pneumonia.” I am not aware of any COVID or RSV at this time. Unfortunately, even after multiple doctor, urgent care, and even ER visits, sometimes we still don’t get actual diagnoses. We get told that vague and not very helpful answer of “it’s just a virus” (which is often a rhinovirus, or the common cold). This has been the case several times recently with some of our sick students. The most common signs and symptoms have been fever, fatigue, cough, sore throat, and headache. In many cases even without a specific diagnosis, the treatment is the same; and of course with viruses, since there is no cure, you have to treat the symptoms and take care as best you can until you’re better. Once again, I reiterate my recommendations of rest, water, nutrition, sunshine, fresh air, exercise (as tolerated), and of course, prayer. :)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Volunteer Opportunity: Landscaping

Do you enjoy landscaping? We are looking for volunteers to assist on our school grounds. Please email Rachel Richards at cptrbrown@aol.com to let her know you can help.



Sign up to Reserve the Spirit Rock

PAINT 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!

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Friday Mass (hosted by 4th Grade) Pep Rally	2 Jingle Bell Fun Run
3 Advent Begins	4 Field Trip (grades 3 & 4)	5	6	7 Christmas Pageant & Cookie Walk	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Santa Shop	9
10	11 Picture Day Make-ups	12	13 Advent Confessions Progress Reports Posted (grades 4-8)	14	15 NJHS Induction Middle School Monthly Activity	16
17	18	19 12:30pm Early Dismissal	←----- Christmas Break -----→		22 No School	23
24	Merry Christmas!	25	26	27	28	29
31	←----- Christmas Break -----→		No School			30

Upcoming Community Events

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

Weekly Reminders:

- Purchase Candy Grams (by tomorrow)
- Send in coats for the Coat Drive (by Friday)
- Return Movie Field Trip Permission Slip (by Friday)
- Submit Volunteer Hours
- Have a Blessed Christmas and a Restful Winter Break!

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



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