

Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

January 16, 2024



Important Dates

January 18: Winter Band & Chorus Concert

January 19: March for Life

January 22: End of 2nd Quarter

January 24: SOMD Catholic Schools Mass (grades 3-8)

January 26: Camp St. Charles Assembly & Middle School Monthly Activity

January 28: Catholic Schools Week Begins

FIRST LEGO League Competition





Our two FIRST LEGO League Robotics Teams competed in a regional tournament this past weekend. With this year's theme, "MASTERPIECE," students imagined and innovated new ways to create and communicate art across the globe through STEM. Both teams created a project based on their passion. The "Donation Station" team shared their passion of charity, when they designed an App that schedules pickups of household donations to local food pantries, in essence an Uber Eats in reverse. The "Crabtastic Crusaders" team showcased their passion for Southern Maryland culture and crabbing. They designed a reusable 3-D printed crab model to aid in teaching others how to pick/eat those crustaceans, with the goal of expanding the industry. After their skit and presentation, the teams competed in the robot games challenge. During the robot games, the teams robots moved through the course to complete missions, which involved months of hard work researching, problem solving, coding, and engineering to build and program their LEGO robots. Both the teams scored higher (in the Robotics portion) than last year's team who won the Regionals competition this time last year! Father Andrew White students competed against a total of 22 teams. They were a top five finisher in the Robotics games and they received a 2nd place finish for Robot design.

A big congratulations goes to this team as well as their coach, Mrs. Downey and their mentors, Mrs. Sarlo and Ms. Rowland.

All of this was possible due to a very generous grant from the **MIL Foundation** that gave our students the necessary tools and the funds they needed to participate in this opportunity. The MIL Foundation sponsored both teams to enter this competition as well as provided the funds for the materials to build and code the robot and its course. Many, many thanks to the MIL Foundation for their continued support that inspires our students to become the technological leaders of our future!

Band and Chorus Concert this Thursday!

FAW Rhythm Rejoicers join with Band **this Thursday, January 18th at 6:30pm** for the winter concert. Singers should report to the Music/Art room in black bottoms/white tops at 5:45pm for warm ups. Band should report to the Library (also black/white attire) at 6:00pm. First grade performers may report to the Gym at 6:25pm, wearing their Sunday best. See you there!

Joe Corbi's Fundraiser - Order by Friday!




Support Father Andrew White School

by purchasing your Super Bowl pizzas & snacks

(and other treats)!


1. Go to www.joecorbi.com
2. Click 'Shop to Support' and enter the school wide 'Participant Code': 137071
3. Choose the FREE delivery option to organization (pickup at FAW on Feb. 5th). Or choose to ship directly to you (for a fee).

Thank you for your support!

<p>Please support the</p>  <p>Father Andrew White School Destination Imagination Team</p> <p>Fundraiser!</p> <p>Our goal is for every family to sell 20 items, more if you can!</p>	<p>Our Fundraiser starts: TODAY! Sale END Date: Friday, Jan 19th Delivery Date: Monday, Feb 5th</p> <p><i>Your promptness is appreciated, as we cannot be responsible for products picked up after this date.</i></p>
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ATTENTION PARENTS! Here are 5 EASY Steps to Help!

- REGISTER** to create a Pop-Up Shop for your student to participate.
SCAN this QR code to Register –

	<p>Or visit Joecorbi.com and click "PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION" and use our Org ID # <u>10051</u></p>	<p>You can earn up to 50% off your first item ordered online! You'll see details about this online.</p>
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- SHARE** your fundraiser with Friends & Family
WRITE your NEW 6-digit Participant Code on Page 9 of your brochure.
Your Supporters can now order online or use your brochure order form.
- ORDER** for Yourself!
- RETURN** your Summary Sheet and Total Money Due for your brochure orders only by the Sale END Date listed above. Keep your Order Form showing your Supporters. We accept CASH, M/O's and checks payable to: "Father Andrew White School" (Memo Line: Destination Imagination)

5. EARN GREAT PRIZES! Check out these great incentives!

Everyone who registers will get a chance to **CRACK-THE-VAULT to WIN \$20,000!**
Go to www.joecorbi.com/Prizes/CrackTheVault as soon as you get your new 6-Digit Participant code!



Sell 5 or more items, earn a FREE kids meal at Texas Roadhouse.

Refer to the **GALAXY OF PRIZES** award program & video here www.joecorbi.com/prizes

Thank you for Your Support!

Second Quarter Ending Soon

Our 2nd quarter ends this Monday, January 22nd. Please help your student finish strong! Also, be sure that your parent volunteer hours have been submitted. At this point, you should have completed 12-13 hours to stay on pace to fulfill your 25 hour commitment if you are a Service Scholarship family. <https://fatherandrewwhite.org/volunteer-hours-log/>



Father Andrew White, S.J. School
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Private
Tours

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 31, 2024
3:00 - 5:30 PM

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

📞 301-475-9795

✉️ office@fatherandrewwhite.org

🌐 www.fatherandrewwhite.org



Our Open House (by appointment only) to invite interested new families to visit our wonderful school will be held on Wednesday, January 31st from 3:00 – 5:30pm. We appreciate that our families are the best ambassadors for FAW and your word of mouth about our school is the best PR we have! Please help us get the word out about our next Open House to all prospective family and friends. Great things are happening at Father Andrew White! Note: Admissions for new/prospective families will open on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

**Re-enrollment for current families will begin tomorrow,
January 17th!**



Tomorrow, Wednesday, January 18th and Tuesday, January 24th, we will be administering the MAP Growth standardized test for select students in grades 2-8. This test is a computer-adapted assessment that helps identify students' ability levels, demonstrate academic growth over time, and provide information for placing students in appropriate instructional programs.

Teachers can immediately access the test results, allowing them to evaluate their teaching practices and adjust instructional methods accordingly.

Please be sure your children get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast before the test.

ITEMS NEEDED!



Kindly send in toilet paper and paper towel rolls, mismatched puzzle pieces, and leftover yarn to your child's teacher by January 19th!

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR
UPCOMING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
RECYCLING SERVICE PROJECT!**



Catholic Schools
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Donations Needed for our Brown Bag Auction!

The children have such fun with the Brown Bag Auction and we hope you can help! Please consider contributing items to help build the baskets listed on the flyer below. If you'd like to donate a completed basket, just let a committee member know. Thank you!



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

We are still looking for representatives for:

Our Lady's 4pm and 8:30am Masses

St. Francis Xavier 4pm Mass



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Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week starts January 28th. To kick off the weeklong celebration, each of our three parishes will highlight our school at the Masses that weekend. **Please sign up your child to speak by emailing us at fawnews@fatherandrewwhite.org or by completing this online form:**

[Catholic Schools Week Mass Speaker Sign Up Form](#)

Out of parish families are cordially invited to share in the liturgical celebration at St. Aloysius (Leonardtwn), St. Francis Xavier (Compton), or Our Lady's (Medley's Neck). More information and a schedule of all the week's events will be sent home later.

Sign up to be a Speech Reader Today!

Click here  to sign up!

Save the Date: Italian Dinner - February 3, 2024

Father Andrew White School
ITALIAN DINNER

FEBRUARY 3, 2024
5-7PM

22850 WASHINGTON STREET, LEONARDTOWN

All Are Welcome!

ENJOY A HOMEMADE DINNER CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK!
WHILE YOU'RE THERE, SHOP THE BROWN BAG AUCTION
(DRAWINGS AT 6:30PM, YOU DON'T NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!)
DESSERTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE 8TH GRADE CLASS

Adults: \$12
Kids 5-12: \$6
Under 5: Free

**Spaghetti, Meatballs,
Garlic Bread, Salad &
Beverages**

We encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance!

Tickets also available at the door.

Click the link to purchase:

<https://bnfct.co/FAWitaliandinner>

Purchase Tickets Today!

Click here  to buy your Italian Dinner tickets!

FAW Athletics

We have been posting our basketball schedules and the results from our games on our website.

Please see the link below!

  Go Crusaders!  

Basketball Schedules and Results

Click the link above ↗ to find out when to come cheer on our student athletes!

Archdiocesan 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

FAW News Email



Do you have an announcement you'd like to put in our weekly bulletin? Or perhaps you went to an FAW event, such as a basketball game, and you'd like to share some information or photos you took. We have created an email where you can send pictures, blurbs, etc. This will help us get new items in our bulletin, on our lobby TV, and on our website. Email:

FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org **Kindly send anything you'd like considered in the Announcements by Friday evening of the week prior.**

NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



Jesus told us to love others as ourselves (and of course love God above all else). What does it mean to love ourselves? Start by taking care of yourself. With modern advances and information literally at our fingertips, it can be difficult to know what to believe and which advice to follow. Pray for discernment about God's will and what He wants you to do, and pray continuously. Prayer engages the mind, which basically exercises your brain. As I've mentioned before, feeling gratitude and feeling anxiety involve the same area of the brain. Thus, if you focus on gratitude, you literally don't have room for anxiety. When you pray, offer God praise and thanksgiving, and make your requests known to Him. Then be sure to listen; and finally - something many people have trouble with - put your TRUST in Him.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed

Sign up to assist in the FAW Kitchen!

HOT LUNCH

Volunteers Needed

Are you free from 10:30am-1:15pm on an occasional day during the week?
Please consider volunteering to help serve our hot lunches!
No experience is necessary!

Let Mrs. Rutherford know you'd like to help by emailing her:
rutherford@fatherandrewwhite.org



Italian Dinner Help Needed

We are looking for some more helpers to assist with our upcoming Italian Dinner. We are in need of people to assist during our meatball making day as well as at the actual dinner itself. Many hands make light work! Sign up [HERE!](#)

Volunteer for the Italian Dinner

Click here [▶](#) to sign up as a volunteer!

Sign up to Reserve the Spirit Rock





Spirit Rock Sign Up

Click here [↗](#) to learn more about our the Spirit Rock.

Volunteer Hours Recording Form

Click here [↗](#) to submit your volunteer hours.

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
Happy New Year!	1 No School – Christmas Break	2 School Resumes	3	4	5 First Friday Mass 8:30am (hosted by 6th Grade) Uniform Pop Up	6 Basketball Event at University of MD
7	8	9	10	11	12 12:30pm Early Dismissal	13
14	15 No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17	18 Winter Band & Chorus Concert	19 March for Life	20
21	22 End of 2 nd Quarter	23	24 SOMD Catholic Schools Mass (Grades 3-8)	25	26 Camp St. Charles Assembly Middle School Monthly Activity	27
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Upcoming Community Events

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

Weekly Reminders:

- Attend the Winter Band and Chorus Concert (Thursday)

- Order Joe Corbi's (by Friday)
- Save the Date for the Italian Dinner: February 3rd
- Volunteer for the Italian Dinner
- Volunteer to help with Hot Lunch
- Sign your child up to be a Mass Speaker for Catholic Schools Week
- Send in Items for the Brown Bag Auction
- Begin collecting requested Recycled Items
- Send news and pictures to FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org
- Submit Volunteer Hours

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



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