

FAW News  
January 16, 2024



Dear Families of Father Andrew White School,

Yesterday we honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and many participated in a Day of Service in remembrance of him. The quote above demonstrated how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. displayed the virtue of fortitude, our virtue of the month. He persisted in what he knew was right, that we are called to treat all people with dignity because we are all made in the image of God. His message continues to resonate with us today. Let us always remember the importance of showing respect and kindness to all. Let us persist in doing what is right, because it is the right thing to do and that is what God asks of us!

Our students are taking the opportunity to participate in many academic challenges these next few weeks! All of our middle school students learned about the Bill of Rights and wrote essays on what the Bill of Rights means to them. Several students will submit their work to the Elks Essay Contest!

Seven middle school students are participating in the SMCPS Science Fair this week. Thank you to Mrs. Haley for encouraging this additional effort! Others are preparing for a MATHCOUNTS competition with the assistance of former FAW students who now attend St. Mary's Ryken High School!

Three of our fifth graders, Reid, Luna, and Sully have been published in the [Catholic Standard](#).

We will have a Chorus/Band concert this week! Mrs. Cacko and Ms. Etter spend many hours practicing with our students who desire to learn how to sing and play an instrument!

Our FAW *FIRST LEGO League* teams participated in the regional competition on Saturday! The “*Crabtastic Crusaders*” won 2nd place in the robot design category and placed 4th in the robot competition. The “*Donation Station*” team placed twelfth in the overall competition. Thank you to Mrs. Downey, Mrs. Sarlo and Ms. Rowland, who assisted these students in their preparation!

Father Andrew White School teachers invest many hours of additional time so that our students are able to be involved with these academic opportunities! What a great learning experience our students have at our school!

We extend an invitation to all families to re-enroll in our wonderful school for the upcoming academic year! Re-enrollment of returning students through TADS will begin tomorrow, Wednesday, January 17; you will receive an email from TADS with a link for enrollment. We value each of our students and their families in the Father Andrew White School Community and look forward to continuing to partner with you for your child’s education. Please complete the re-enrollment of your child prior to February 1 to ensure that your child has a place in his/her class for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you for entrusting your children and their Catholic education to us. Should you have any questions, please contact the school.

Lastly, Mr. Voigtlander, our School Advisory Board chair, has written a letter that explains the function of the School Advisory Board and how you can become involved. Please use this link to view the letter: [January 16, 2024 Letter from SAB Chair to Community](#)

The School Advisory Board created a five year strategic plan which we are sharing with you here. Please take a moment to review his letter and the plan using the following link: [FAW Five Year Strategic Plan: 2023-2028](#) We are so thankful for all of his support and time along with the rest of the board members who are working behind the scenes to keep our school a dynamic, academic and faith filled school!

Sincerely,  
*Janet Szych*  
Principal