



"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you."

Jeremiah 1:5

"I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord"

Jeremiah 29:12

Dear Families of Father Andrew White School,

On Friday, the *March for Life* was held on the National Mall. The theme of the March was "Pro-Life: We stand with every woman for every child." Yesterday, the Church had a day of fasting for the intention that everyone learns to recognize the value of every human life, from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death.

We teachers and staff of Father Andrew White School, recognize the importance and value of each of your children. We strive to provide them with a wonderful academic education, but also to enforce their own dignity and how we should treat others with the dignity and respect they deserve. God has a special plan for each one of us. May we continue to profess this message and strive to enact it in every thought, word and action!

Last week was a bit challenging with all of our snow delays but our community handled it very well. Everyone was flexible and Dr. Schneider even managed to arrange for a K-9 demonstration for our PK- 5th graders! They learned about the role of a police dog, the intensive training they undergo with their handler and the support that they give to our police officers.

Our third graders made snow with Mrs. Haley using baking soda, shaving cream and water! Our fourth graders created their own snowflake masterpieces, and first graders will celebrate a

snow day tomorrow! Along with hot cocoa and wearing their pajamas to school, they will have many snow themed academic projects!

We are finishing the semester strong by celebrating a Mass with the Cardinal and all of the Southern MD Catholic Schools! We look forward to celebrating the value of Catholic Schools next week! Some activities include: an HSA sponsored pep rally on Saturday, basketball games at St. Mary's Ryken High School, student speakers at Masses, a career day for our students that feature many professions for them to learn about, an opportunity to meet sisters and priests and finally a student appreciation day with a visit to the movies or bowling! We will honor students with our FAW awards after our school Mass on Friday, Feb. 2. These students are chosen based on how they have demonstrated the values of our school: **F**ollow God, **A**lways Respectful and Kind, and **W**illing to Learn. On Saturday, February 3, we hope that you join us for a fun Italian Dinner and Brown Bag Auction!

Next semester we begin our next round of electives! Some of the featured electives are Chess (taught by Fr. David), School Store (Mrs. Greer), Sign Language (Mrs. Cacko), Eco-lution (Mrs. Haley), Yearbook (Mrs. Rutherford), Pickleball (Mrs. Stewart), and Architectural Modeling (Deacon Joe Vavrus). We are excited to have all of these adults share their many talents with our students!

We continue to supplement our student lives with the richness of our Catholic faith. Students have the opportunity to serve as lectors, gift bearers and altar servers. Deacon Vavrus will be providing altar server training to any fourth graders who would like to learn how to serve during Mass or our Stations of the Cross for Lent. Mrs. Armsworthy will be asking students who are interested during the second semester. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity!

We look forward to a fun and fruit filled Catholic Schools Week! We will be emailing additional details at the end of this week. Please invite any families that you know to visit our school for Open House on Wednesday, January 31 from 3:00 - 5:30. Please remember to complete your re-enrollment through TADS for next school year, by February 1. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Janet Szoch
Principal