



“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

Dear Families of Father Andrew White School,

What a wonderful Catholic Schools Week we had at Father Andrew White School! The committee of staff and HSA members that organized the events made sure that we had lots of learning experiences, fun activities and service projects for others!

The students enjoyed a schoolwide cornhole tournament with our sisters, priests and deacon on Wednesday, Jan. 31 as we highlighted vocations! The following day, the students attended the Patuxent River Naval Base to enjoy a movie and bowling. Our HSA treated the staff to a delicious lunch on Friday, and our students cleaned their classrooms to assist our custodians. The Italian dinner was such a wonderful community event and everyone enjoyed the brown bag auction.

The eighth grade students assisted with sorting cans of soup that were donated to the St. Aloysius food pantry and the many items for our animal shelters.

The week had some additional enrichment events as several of our eighth grade students participated in the MATHCOUNTS competition amongst Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert County students. Our team won fifth place in the team competition, earning them an opportunity to advance to the state level of competition. One of our students, eighth grader Zach Greer, won second place for the individual competition! Thank you to Mrs. Downey who organized the effort to field a team and to our St. Mary's Ryken students who assisted Mrs. Downey with the student's preparation for the competition.

Last week, I inadvertently forgot to mention some of our valued staff members in my newsletter. We are so thankful for the contributions of Mrs. Beavan (1st grade aide), Ms. Etter (band) and Mrs. Mack (aftercare support). We have a great team at our school, and all members assist in its success!

Have a wonderful week! Please remember to continue to accompany your students to Mass, so they truly know and experience the love of Christ, not only in their Catholic school community but in their everyday lives and in their faith community as well!

Sincerely,
Janet Szoch
Principal