



# Crusader Connections

*Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter*

**February 13, 2024**



**January Virtue Winners: Fortitude**

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## **Important Dates**

February 14: Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:30am

February 16: No School for Students - Professional Day

February 19: No School - Presidents' Day  
February 23: Stations of the Cross  
February 24: Destination Imagination Competition

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## Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024



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### February Virtue: Prudence

Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as we hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. We also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students are learning about the virtue of prudence. Please join them by modeling how you make good decisions in specific circumstances during the month of February.



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### FAW Mathletes Advance to the State Competition!

Our middle schoolers participated in the 30th annual regional MATHCOUNTS competition! MATHCOUNTS is a program that "aims to boost student interest in mathematics by making the subject challenging and entertaining." During the event, sponsored by SMECO, local middle schoolers enjoyed fast-paced activities such as the Sprint Round, Target Round, and Team Round. Each challenge tested their math skills both individually and as a team. At the end, the top 12 competitors (out of more than 150 students) were called up for a head to head showdown in the Countdown Round. One of our 8th graders earned 2nd place in this single elimination competition in which students had to orally respond to questions in a matter of seconds. The FAW Team earned 5th place and will move on to the State MATHCOUNTS competition at John Hopkins next month! Congratulations!





**Schedule Reminders**



On **Friday, February 16th**, there is no school due to Faculty Meetings.

On **Monday, February 19th**, there is no school due to Presidents' Day.

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**Record Your Volunteer Hours**

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/>



**Volunteering for the Spring Social/Auction  
is a GREAT way to earn volunteer hours!**

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**Lost and Found**



Are you missing any FAW sweatshirts, vests, Spirit Gear or jackets, coats, or water bottles? Please remind your child to check our Lost and Found located in the gym. Also, take this time to be sure you label all belongings with your last name to help return all lost items quickly. Thank you!

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## Re-enrollment Status - Classes are filling up!



Did you secure your spot for next year? Families can complete re-enrollment forms through their TADS account online at <https://secure.tads.com/Accounts/Login.aspx>.

**NOTE:** The easiest way to complete the process is to click on the link that was included in your email.

## Now Enrolling!

Father Andrew White Catholic School has opened enrollment to new families for the 2024-2025 school year. We welcome you to consider becoming a part of this amazing, award winning school. Schedule a private tour to discover how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith." Call the office at (301) 475-9795 or email [office@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:office@fatherandrewwhite.org).



Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open to new students. <http://mytads.com/a/fatherandrewwhiteschool>

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# TADS Tuition Assistance Deadline - THIS FRIDAY!

## 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*

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Sign up for Math Tutoring



Register for Math Enrichment Program

## Mu Alpha Theta Math Enrichment Program

### Permission Slip

#### Terms

1. Tutors will be St. Mary's Ryken students who are members of Mu Alpha Theta, the Mathematics National Honor Society.
2. Tutoring will take place from 3:00-4:15 PM every Thursday after school.
3. Participants in the tutoring program will need to sign up using a SignUpGenius form prior to the tutoring session.
4. St. Mary's Ryken High School and Mu Alpha Theta are not liable for any accidental injuries or otherwise.
5. If tutoring is not an apparent need, the tutoring session will shift focus to a math enrichment program.
6. Members of Mu Alpha Theta are *volunteers* and are in no way employed by Father Andrew White, S.J. School, the Archdiocese of Washington, or St. Mary's Ryken High School.
7. This form only needs to be completed once and is good for the remainder of the current academic year, unless voided by the signee.
8. Mu Alpha Theta may be contacted at: [mu@smrhs.org](mailto:mu@smrhs.org)
9. Please sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/muyvtr8w>

#### Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent name), assert my understanding and agreement to the Terms listed above and give permission for my son(s) and/or daughter(s) to participate in the Mu Alpha Theta Math Enrichment Program. Unless I check the box below, Mu Alpha Theta and Father Andrew White, S.J. School are given permission to photograph my child(ren) for organizational marketing-related purposes only.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- By checking this box, I do not grant permission for my child to photograph during this program.

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## School Store - Starts TOMORROW!

The logo for the School Store, featuring the words "SCHOOL" and "STORE" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, stacked vertically on a light grey background.

This quarter, some of our middle school students are operating a school store. They are learning how to take inventory, markup items for profit, and manage the ins and outs of a business. The school store will be open every Wednesday during their elective class time. Items cost anywhere from 25 cents to \$10. Please encourage your children to visit the school store! Kindly send in an envelope with money, marked with your child's name and "School Store" so the middle schoolers know who to expect this week.

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## Middle School Volleyball Signups Due TODAY!

Volleyball is back! If your middle schooler is looking to play on our FAW team, please complete and return the interest form below. Practices start in one week!

**VOLLEYBALL**

Father Andrew White middle school students are invited to play volleyball against other local public and private schools in a co-ed tournament setting.

FAW is now forming a volleyball team!

We will participate in tournaments as well as a few scrimmages.

Practices will be held immediately after school (2:45pm) on Mondays & Wednesdays until 4:15pm

Student athletes must be willing to use a Christ-like attitude, put forth 100% effort in practices, and keep up their grades in order to participate. FAW has an \$85 activity fee that will be used to cover the cost of uniforms and equipment.

**CRUSADERS**

**FIRST PRACTICE**  
**Wednesday, February 21st**

Please complete and return the volleyball interest form below no later than Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024. Forms can be sent back to school to Coach Linda Greer or emailed directly (Lindagreer@gmail.com). After all forms are collected, you will be contacted with further information.

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**Volleyball Interest Form**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, my son/daughter is interested in playing volleyball for Father Andrew White School!

I'm interested in helping coach! Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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! 📢 🔊

**It's tournament time!! Be sure to see when all of our teams play this upcoming weekend!**

**Basketball Schedules and Results**

Click the link above [👉](#) to find out when to come cheer on our student athletes!

## Golden Apple Award Nominations

Each year ten local Catholic school teachers of the Archdiocese of Washington are honored as Golden Apple Award winners. If any parents would like to nominate a teacher who shows an excellence in teaching and a commitment to a quality Catholic education, please email Mrs.





Szoch: [principal@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:principal@fatherandrewwhite.org) for more information. Please note: the teacher must have been employed with our school for at least three years and be a certified catechist in order to be considered for this award.

## Are you Feeling Lucky?

Take a chance (or 2 or 3!) on being one of the 31 winners in the fourth FAW Lottery Fundraiser! With \$2,825 in cash prizes, this is a great opportunity to support the school and have a chance to come away a WINNER!!! Be sure to ask your family and friends to see if they'd like the chance to put a little extra cash in their wallets, too! Please see the flyer below to see how you have 31 chances to win!



## 4th Annual FAW Pick Three Lottery Fundraiser!

Each family is receiving 3 tickets per student to sell at \$10.00 each. If you choose not to sell the tickets sent home with your child, please return them immediately so we can redistribute them to those families that would like more.

The drawings will be in the month of March 2024 and each day someone will win \$75 to \$150, dependent upon the day of the drawing. The number that is drawn by the evening Maryland Lottery decides the winner each day. Winners will be contacted in a timely fashion with information on how to collect their winnings.

When selling tickets, PLEASE be sure you capture all information for the person purchasing the ticket (name, address, phone number and include their email if available).

Tear off the top part of the ticket to give to the person and the lower portion is returned to school along with the money collected.

For those that would like additional tickets, please contact Becky Anderson @ [beckyanderson0904@gmail.com](mailto:beckyanderson0904@gmail.com) and she will send more tickets home.

All money and tickets are due to school by February 29, 2024.

Note: Please turn them in earlier if you have them sold.

**Thank you for your support!**

FAW HSA

**Tickets were sent home last week!**

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**LANDS' END SCHOOL**

**20% off**

**UNIFORMS & MORE**

VALID: February 8-23, 2024

CODE: STUDY PIN: 2699

landsend.com/get-started

landsend.com/myschool

landsend.com/myschool | 1-800-469-2222

Receive 20% off everything online or by phone (excludes buy more and save pricing, embroidery and monogramming, gift boxing, gift cards, shipping, taxes, duties, Lands' End Business Outfitters purchases, and excluded items as marked). Discount will be applied at checkout. Free Shipping is based on order total after promotional discount has been applied. This offer has no cash value. Promotional savings may be deducted from returns. 5-7 business day delivery to most addresses. Free standard shipping is valid on orders of \$99 or more (after promotions and discounts are applied) shipped to US and Canada addresses only. Offer valid through 11:59 p.m. Central, February 23, 2024. Not valid on previous purchases or when combined with any other promotional offers.

**Order Uniforms - 20% off!**

**SHOP YOUR CUSTOM STORE: <https://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900200163>**

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ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL  
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL  
PERMISSION FORM

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I, HEREBY, GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD, \_\_\_\_\_,  
TO ATTEND THE ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL ON  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024.

I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL CELL PHONES WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE  
DOOR.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

(THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY THE STUDENT IN ORDER TO GAIN ENTRANCE)

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Father Andrew White School

SAVE THE DATE

*Spring Social &  
Auction*

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FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024  
LEONARDTOWN, MD

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR  
FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL'S

*Spring Social  
& Auction*

A NIGHT ON THE TOWN

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FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

6:00PM

THE FENWICK INN

LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

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*Join us for an evening out with live music,  
heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dancing  
to benefit the school!*

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BUY TICKETS HERE:  
[HTTPS://BNFCT.CO/FAW-SPRING-SOCIAL](https://bnfct.co/faw-spring-social)

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ADVANCE PURCHASE OF TICKETS ON SALE NOW!  
\$85/PER PERSON OR  
\$160/COUPLE

*Cocktail Attire Suggested*

## 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](mailto:FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org) **Kindly send anything you'd like considered in the Announcements by Friday evening of the week prior.**

## NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



Happy National Heart Month! Your heart is a vital organ that pumps life-sustaining, oxygen filled blood to all parts of your body. Since the beginning of time, emotions (especially affection) have been associated with the heart. Heightened emotions cause us to literally feel an adrenaline surge in our chests (e.g. the way your heart rate speeds up when you see your Valentine!). Even the Bible emphasizes the importance of the heart, and has been interpreted to suggest that things such as feelings, knowledge, and wisdom reside in the heart (rather than in the brain). In the King James version of the Bible, the heart is mentioned over 800 times, including when we are advised to “Love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.” Unfortunately, heart disease (or cardiovascular disease) remains the number one cause of death, not just in the US, but globally. Knowing its extreme importance, we should do our best to keep our hearts healthy. Some things that help with this are nutritious food, exercise, and even love and laughter. As stated in Proverbs 4:23: “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

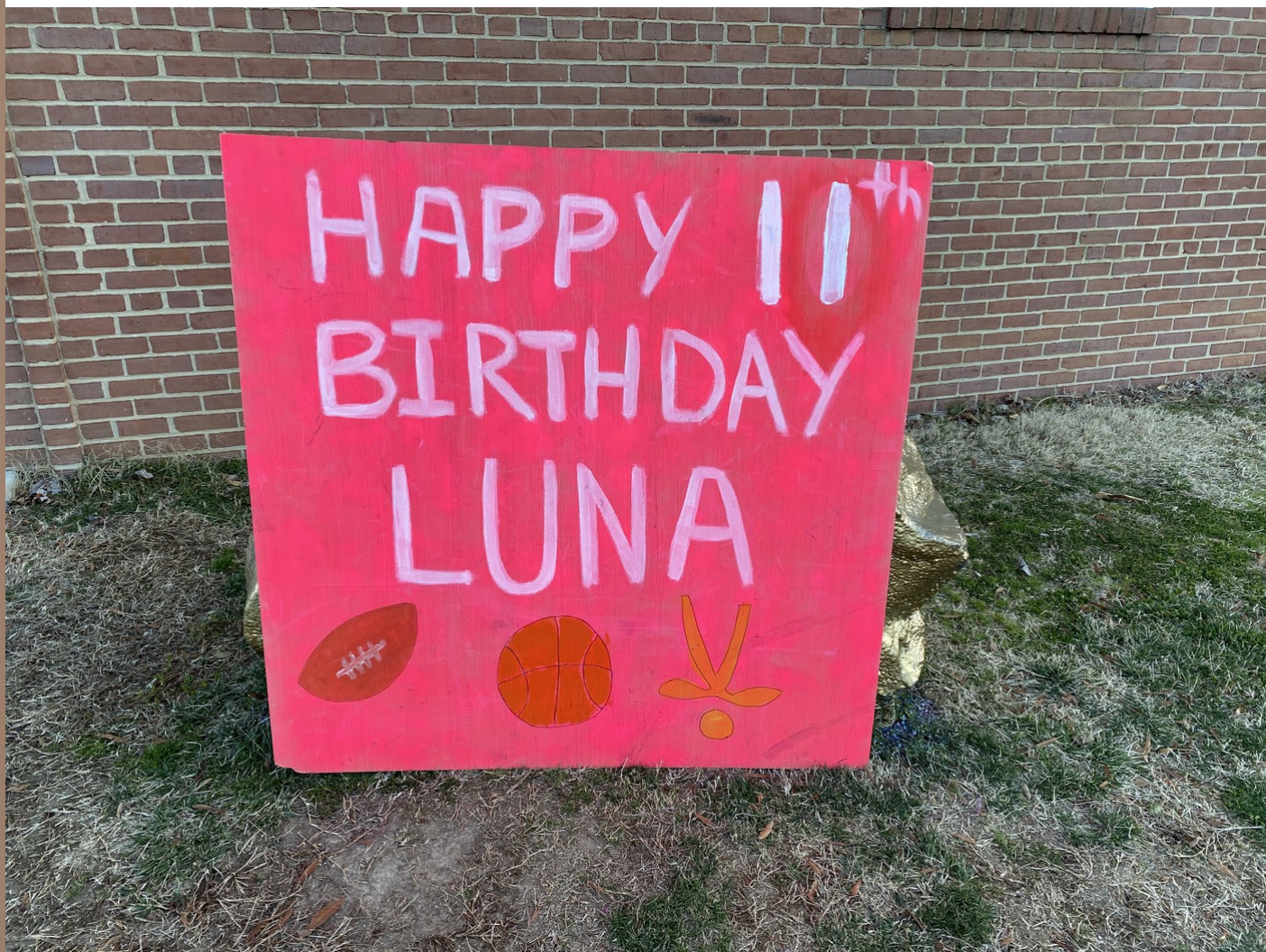


Are you looking for volunteer opportunities?

Would you like to help with the Spring Auction? If so, contact [faw.social2023@gmail.com](mailto:faw.social2023@gmail.com) to find out what you can do!

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## 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.



# FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 First Friday Mass 8:30am (hosted by 5th Grade)	3 Italian Dinner & Brown Bag Auction 5-7pm
←----- Catholic Schools Week ----->						
4	5 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Happy St. Valentine's Day! Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:30am	15	16 No School for Students	17
18	19 No School Presidents' Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	Stations of the Cross	Destination Imagination Competition

## Upcoming Community Events

Click here  to view upcoming events from our community.



*St. Mary's Council #1470  
Knights of Columbus*

# Free Throw Championship

**Monday, February 19th**  
**St. John's Msgr. Harris Center**

**Boys and Girls Divisions: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (based on 1 Jan birth date)**

**Doors open at 9:30**

**Competition starts at 10:00**

**District Competition to follow immediately**

***For more information please call***

***Jim Goebel at 240-538-8045***

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### Weekly Reminders:

- Complete Financial Aid Application (by Friday)
- Send in an envelope with money for your child to shop in the School Store (tomorrow)
- Sell/Purchase FAW Lottery Tickets
- Check the Lost and Found Bin
- Sign up for Math Tutoring
- Send news and pictures to [FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org)
- Submit Volunteer Hours



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



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