

# Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

February 6, 2024



## 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

# F.A.W. Awards - First Semester 2024

**F. = Follow God...**



**A. = Always Respectful and Kind...**



St. Veronica, pray for us!

# F.A.W. AWARD

ALWAYS RESPECTFUL & KIND  
- ST. VERONICA -

While Jesus was carrying His cross through Jerusalem, Veronica came forward and offered to wipe His face. Her kindness imprinted His image on her veil. This veil has become known as the Veil of Veronica and is considered one of the Church's most treasured relics.

*Anthony Johnson*  
*Madison Flaherty*  
*Sophie Ninan*  
*Ryleigh Mack*  
*Albin Gidley*



*Anthony Hess*  
*Tyler Guy*  
*Kayleigh Franklin*  
*Anna Carrillo*  
*Olivia Taylor*

FIRST SEMESTER 2024

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**W. = Willing to Learn...**



St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

# F.A.W. AWARD

WILLING TO LEARN  
- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS -

St. Thomas Aquinas is the foremost Doctor of the Catholic Church, who is thought of as perhaps the most influential Christian thinker of all time, known as the "Angelic Doctor" for his purity of mind and body, and remarkable intelligence. St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron of schools and universities, students, philosophers, theologians, apologists, academics, and chastity! Many popes have upheld him as the model of a systematic Catholic education.

*Audrey Leikach*

*Tripp Barry*

*Maclaren Cather*

*Landon Bailey*

*Carson Huett*



*Jordan Paxton*

*Carson Pilkerton*

*Lance Hudson*

*Connor Tennyson*

*Thomas Estoosin*

FIRST SEMESTER 2024

## Report Cards Posted

Report cards were posted on the Parent Portal last week. You can find the report card in the E-Locker under E-Portfolio.

<https://www.plusportals.com/FatherAndrewWhiteSchool> If you need assistance logging into the Parent Portal, please contact Mrs. Greer at [greer@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:greer@fatherandrewwhite.org).



## Honor Roll



Father Andrew White, S.J. School  
LEADERSHIP ✦ FAITH ✦ ACADEMICS

## 2023-2024 High Honor Roll Quarter 2

### Grade 4

Nathaniel Barry  
Adrianna Hess  
Anthony Hess  
Madison Huett  
Shay Johnston  
Roman Peacock  
Hannah Pusloskie  
Emma Ridgell  
Kaitlyn Rossignol  
Ella Tritschler

### Grade 5

Sullivan Allan  
Penelope Barriek  
Lucas Carrillo  
Reid Curry  
Abigail DeVorse  
Katherine Dyckman  
Carson Pilkerton  
Everett Sample  
Tristan Spadaccini

### Grade 6

Courtney Burfield  
Tyler Burghardt  
Elliana Casto  
Scarlett Downey  
Cooper Farr  
Kayleigh Franklin  
Claire Haley  
Jackson Jones  
Abigail Redding  
John Tritschler  
Madison Zackman

### Grade 7

Anna Carrillo  
Grace Cosgrove  
Adam DeLucco  
Theodore Dyckman  
Ella Hamm  
Kathleen Hinkle  
Brooklynn Huett  
Mattison Safford  
Emma Tennant  
Connor Tennyson  
Elaina Zimmerman



### Grade 8

Ava Bernth  
Evan Chadwick  
Zachary Greer  
Catherine Kelly  
Emma Mabrey  
Cora Pilkerton  
Anna Tritschler



Father Andrew White, S.J. School  
LEADERSHIP + FAITH + ACADEMICS

2023-2024 Honor Roll  
Quarter 2

**Grade 4**

Blake Good  
Alexander Greene  
Mayhem Peacock  
Olivia Shedd



**Grade 5**

Baylee Banagan  
Andrew Barnes  
Sophia Cacko  
Luna Farr  
Juliette Guerre  
Tyler Guy  
Chandler Johnston  
Benjamin Matisick  
Poppy Peacock  
William Tafur  
Charlie Valeski  
Trevor Vallandingham  
Andrew Weaver

**Grade 6**

Blake Bowen  
Grant Beaver  
Levi Farr  
Jack Hamm  
Lance Hudson  
Ava Jones  
Bodie Phillips  
George Pusloskie  
Reagan Roy  
Logan Schmidt  
Lucas Wathen  
Kaitlin Wicker

**Grade 7**

Bella Beavan  
Barsina Bekhit  
Robert Flick  
Ava Francis  
Emmy Hughes  
Mattingly Johnston  
Zachary Rutherford  
Brooke Safford  
Casper Savarese  
Ethan Taylor  
Dustin Vallandingham  
Olivia Wise

**Grade 8**

Anna Beamon  
Gabriel Cacko  
Finley Downey  
Thomas Estoecin  
Helen Geary  
Madeleine Guerre  
Luke Harms  
Isabella Merendino  
Aubrey Rossignol  
Bennett Sample  
Natalie Stevens  
Jon Voigtlander  
Kenneth Wathen  
Thomas Weaver



Father Andrew White, S.J. School  
LEADERSHIP ✦ FAITH ✦ ACADEMICS

## 2023-2024 Improvement Honor Roll Quarter 2



### Grade 4

Nathaniel Barry  
Roman Peacock

### Grade 6

Blake Bowen  
Bodie Phillips  
Logan Schmidt  
Kaitlin Wicker

### Grade 8

Thomas Estoesin

### Grade 7

Brooklynn Huett  
Zachary Rutherford

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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/>



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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 will be included in your email.

**New Enrollment**

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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## Catholic Schools Week!

THANK YOU!

*A special thank you to all of you that supported our Catholic Schools Week!*

Many pictures were posted from our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Even if you do not have a Facebook account, you are still able to see our posts. Check out the fun we had!  
<https://www.facebook.com/fawschool/>

Also, thank you for your generous donations! We were able to donate \$1,000 to the St. Aloysius Mission Ministry that will be helping to fix up Camp Maria Retreat Center. We also donated 228 cans of soup to the St. Aloysius SVdP Food Pantry. Additionally we collected enough donations for three local animal shelter/organizations! God bless your giving hearts!

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## Thank You!

Thank you to all who supported our Italian Dinner and Brown Bag Auction! It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and delicious food! And the amazing baskets were a huge hit with both kids and adults! Many thanks to our coordinators who organized both events!

Italian Dinner: Angie Sample & Karen Farr  
Brown Bag Auction: Jessica Phillips & Shannon Dent



Thank you to everyone who helped and attended our Italian Dinner! It was wonderful to see the gym full of happy, smiling families, enjoying a meal together! We loved seeing some of our FAW alumni in attendance as well. The Brown Bag Auction always adds an extra level of excitement for our students and families. Many hands make light work and we had many hands help us set up, decorate, cook, serve, tear down and clean up! In particular, we'd like to thank Crabknockers for lending and setting up cooking equipment, the LVFD for lending kitchen supplies, and the Wallace family for donating 8 dozen farm fresh eggs. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!



The poster features a brown paper background at the top with the school's crest and logo. The main title 'ANNUAL BROWN BAG AUCTION' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, 'THANK YOU!' is written in large, orange letters. The text continues to thank donors and lists a special thank you to various families. At the bottom left, there is an illustration of a basket filled with kitchen items like a whisk, spatula, and rolling pin, with a tag that says 'Happy Baking'.



# ANNUAL BROWN BAG AUCTION


## THANK YOU!

TO ALL WHO DONATED AND PURCHASED TICKETS TO PLAY IN THE AUCTION! WITH YOUR HELP, WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE OVER \$3,600 TOWARDS OUR ANNUAL HSA FUNDRAISING GOAL!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS:**

- ALLAN FAMILY
- ASHLEY FAMILY
- B. CURRY FAMILY
- CURRY FAMILY
- DENT FAMILY
- DOWNY FAMILY
- FARR FAMILY
- FICK FAMILY
- HALEY FAMILY
- PHILLIPS FAMILY
- SCHNEIDER FAMILY
- STEVENS FAMILY
- TRITSCHLER FAMILY
- VALESKI FAMILY
- WITT FAMILY

AND ALL FAW FRIENDS AND FAMILIES WHO DONATED



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**Sign up for Math Tutoring - Starts this Thursday!!**

# FAW TUTORING

St. Mary's Ryken  
Mu Alpha Theta

THURSDAYS  
3-4:15 PM



**REGISTER NOW:** <http://tinyurl.com/muyytr8w>

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/muvytr8w>

#### 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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## Candy Gram Orders are Due!

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Father Andrew White School



# Valentine's Day Candy Grams









Ring Pops    Fruit Snacks  
Air Heads    Fun Dip

Everything is \$1

All Candy Grams due  
Monday  
February 12th

Hosted by the FAW  
8th grade class

**Buy Candy Grams for your friends!!**

TO: _____ GRADE _____ FROM: _____ AIR HEADS FRUIT SNACK RING POPS FUN DIP 	TO: _____ GRADE _____ FROM: _____ AIR HEADS FRUIT SNACK RING POPS FUN DIP 
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**Valentine's Tag Day next Tuesday!**

**Wear red, pink, or purple!**



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## 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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## School Store - Starts next Wednesday, February 14th!

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

# SCHOOL STORE

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.

## Middle School Volleyball Signups Begin 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 two weeks!



**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.

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

**CRUSADERS**

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!

## Basketball Schedules and Results

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

### Pictures from our 8th Grade Basketball Night



Click [HERE](#) to view more pictures from this night!





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## 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.

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## 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 will be coming home soon!

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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.

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## NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



As most of you know, I was away for a couple of weeks on a mission trip to Belize, but I am back at school and happy to be here! While away, the wonderful people that covered for me saw a variety of "the usual" ailments, most of which are still going around at school and in the community. In the past few weeks, we have had several cases of influenza B, gastrointestinal illness, conjunctivitis (pinkeye), strep throat, COVID-19, respiratory and cold viruses, and "fevers of unknown origin." With so many contagious illnesses circulating, we ask that you remind your children about the importance of proper hand hygiene, along with covering coughs and sneezes, not sharing drinks, and cleaning surfaces as often as possible. At school we have ordered new filters for our air purifiers, and are increasing our cleaning and disinfection procedures. Lastly, as per school policy, please remember to send in a doctor's note if your child is absent for three consecutive days or longer due to illness. Plus, since doctor's notes usually do not include a diagnosis, it would also be helpful if you could let me know what was wrong and why they were absent.

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## 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:

- Sign up for Math Tutoring
- Return Candy Gram Forms and Payment
- Complete Financial Aid Application
- 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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