

Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

March 19, 2024



Important Dates

- March 21: Vocations Mass (Grade 6) & World Down Syndrome Day: Wear fun socks!
- March 22: Stations of the Cross & Monthly Activity (Middle School)
- March 23: Middle School Social at FAW
- March 25: Maryland Day
- March 27: End of Third Quarter
- March 28: Holy Thursday & Early Dismissal, 12:30pm
- March 29: Good Friday & No School
- March 29 - April 7: Easter Break
- March 31: Easter

We are so proud of our students!



REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to our incredible students at the Regional Science Fair!

Anna T.: Mathematics - 1st Place

Junior Innovations Award - 1st place

Robert L. Wisort Best Presentation Award

Society of Women's Engineer Award

Educational System Federal Credit Union Award

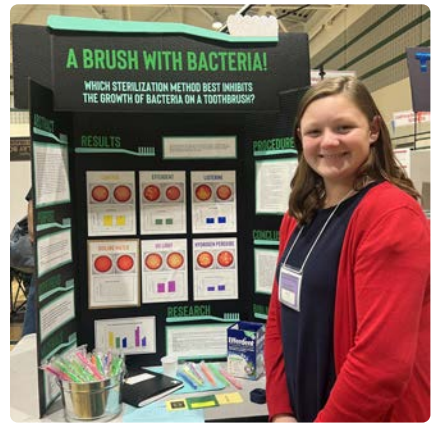
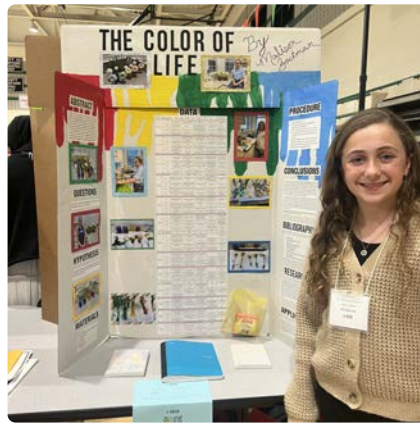
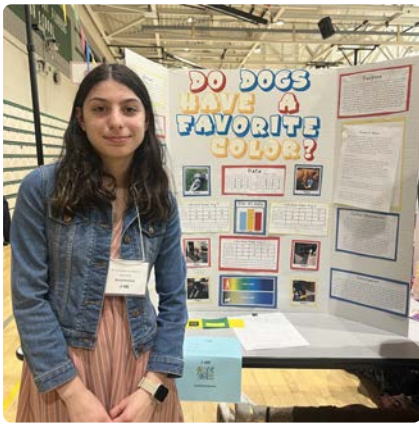
Natalie S.: Microbiology - 1st Place

Robert L. Wisort Best Presentation Award

Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge Award

Anna C.: Animal Sciences - 2nd Place

Madison Z.: Plant Sciences - Honorable Mention



DESTINATION IMAGINATION STATE COMPETITION

Our three Destination Imagination teams competed against all of the top scoring teams across the state at UMBC last weekend. The DI 1ders placed 4th in the Scientific Challenge while the DI Legends placed 3rd in the Engineering Challenge. The Tic Tac Squirrels placed 2nd in their Improv category and had the highest Instant Challenge score amongst the Improv teams. Congratulations to the DI Legends and the Tic Tac Squirrels on advancing to the DI Globals where they will compete in Kansas City in May! A big high five goes to the DI 1ders for their hard work and excellent showing at the Regional competition. A special thanks goes to all the team managers who work tirelessly to provide this opportunity for our students!



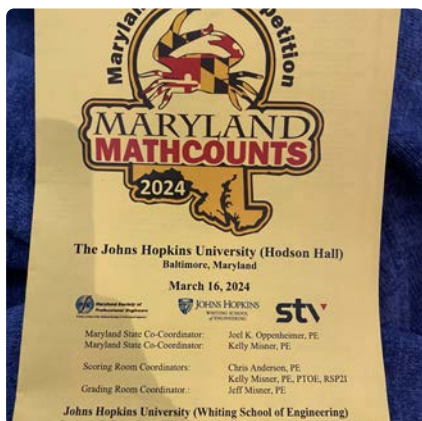
BAND FESTIVAL

Our Advanced Band students did well at the Archdiocesan Band Festival! You sounded lovely! Congratulations on your "A" Rating! A big thank you goes to our Band teacher, Ms. Etter who has taught them so much!



MATHCOUNTS

We are proud of our students who competed at the Maryland State MATHCOUNTS competition today. Father Andrew White School was the only Catholic School in the entire Archdiocese of Washington who had students represented. A special thank you to our coach, Mrs. Downey who has spent countless hours working with our mathletes over the past several months. Way to go!



🥰 **Thanks for your support!** 🥰

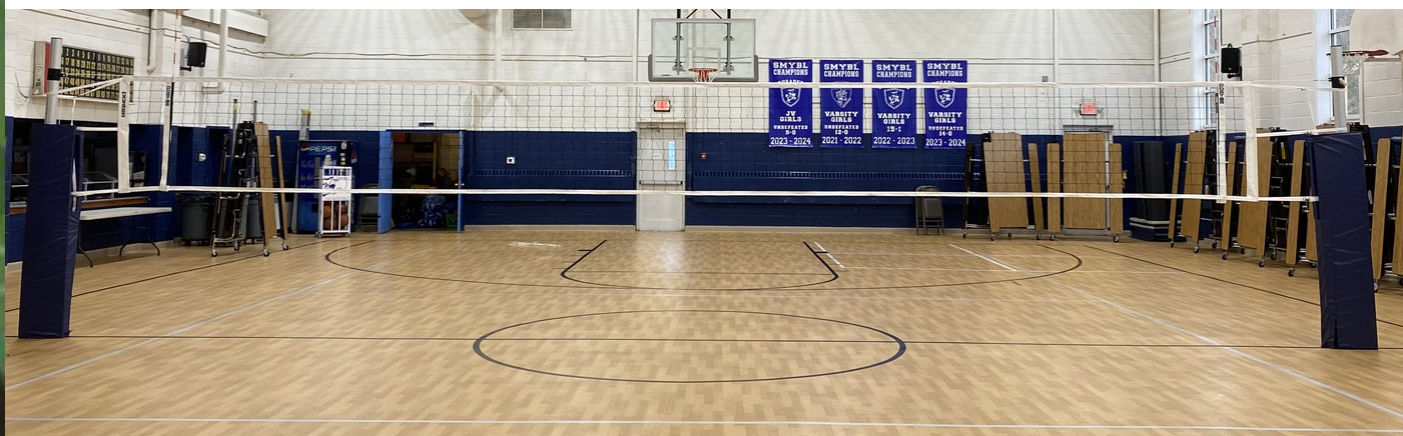
* 8th Grade vs. Staff Basketball Game: raised \$275 for Hospice of St. Mary's in honor of former staff member, Mrs. Mary Saunders

*Kids Heart Challenge: raised over \$4,000 for the American Heart Association

* We had many FAW students and families attend the Special Olympics event at SMR, which raised over \$1,200!

* Thank you for also buying ice cream at Salted Scoop during our DI Spirit Night!

FAW Athletics



We are delighted to report that we now have an in-ground net system where students can play volleyball, tennis, badminton, pickleball, and more! We are very grateful to Randy Guy of Guy and

Guy Masonry for donating the labor for this project. His workers, Donald and George were top notch and took meticulous care to dig the holes and install the pole hole sleeves. Many, many thanks!





FAW Lottery Fundraiser



Are you feeling lucky?

Last Week's Winners

Scott McLane

Helen Geary

Wear fun socks on Thursday!

March 21st is dedicated to raising awareness for those with Down Syndrome.
We at Father Andrew White School support this cause!
Join us by wearing socks that will get noticed: mismatched, bright colors or in a fun
pattern, to raise awareness. #LotsofSocks



World Down Syndrome Day

March 21



Take advantage of the Penny Logo Sale!!

LANDS' END
SCHOOL

Penny Logos!

Get your school's logo applied for a penny!

VALID: Through March 22, 2024

CODE: PENNYLOGO

PIN: NO PIN REQUIRED



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*Receive your school logo applied for \$0.01. Offer available to all schools with a logo currently on file with us (excludes monogramming, Lands' End Camp and Lands' End Business Outfitters purchases). Discount will be applied at checkout. Offer valid through 11:59p.m. Central, March 22, 2024.

RaiseRight Update/Reminder



Our RaiseRight Gift Card Program year is coming to an end on March 31st. There is still time for you to grab gift cards for your everyday purchases, gifts for Easter baskets, Mother's Day, etc. There are all kinds of things coming up that you can be well prepared for with gift cards! Gift cards can be purchased as e-gift cards which you receive instantly or physical gift cards, some of

which are reloadable via the App or online.

Thank you so much to all the families and friends that have participated thus far this year. Not only is the school earning money back but we have multiple families earning back rebates that will offset their tuition for next year! How can you check to see if you earned extra rebates? Remember that the first \$50 in rebates goes to our school. Everything raised thereafter gets a 75/25 split. To clarify, 75% goes towards your child's tuition (or the 8th grade trip if you prefer) for next year and 25% goes back to FAW. A simple way to check your rebates that you have earned thus far for the year is via the App: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/raiserright-fundraising/id1>

Middle School Social at FAW



FATHER ANDREW WHITE 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 FATHER ANDREW WHITE
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 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)

Father Andrew White School

Full Tuition Raffle

\$50 per ticket



FAW Tuition Raffle

Price: \$50.00

Purchase tickets for a chance to win a FULL Tuition for ONE student in the 2024-2025 school year! Only 250 tickets will be sold and sales are open to family and friends of Father Andrew White School!

*Please note, if less than 200 tickets are sold, raffle will become a 50/50.

[Buy Now](#)

[More Details...](#)

School Store - Two Weeks Left! (Shop on Wednesdays)



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.

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) 475-8705 or visit our website at [www.fatherandrewwhite.org](#)



Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open to new students.

<http://mytads.com/a/fatherandrewwhiteschool>

Donate to our Annual Giving Campaign that directly benefits our students!



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

Dear Friend of Father Andrew White School,

On behalf of the Father Andrew White (FAW) School Family, we thank everyone who generously donated to last year's Annual Giving Campaign. Your gracious contributions helped raise over \$18,000, which went toward the installation of 3M Safety Film to the windows and glass around our school building.

Since last year, our students have been hard at work! The students have been diving diligently into their classwork, learning through hands-on experiences, field trips and real-world applications. The FIRST LEGO League Robotics team worked hard to participate in the regional competition in January. Students of all ages have enjoyed our new GaGa Ball court and our newly-painted back parking lot during recess. Each day, the students have an opportunity to practice their faith through our Buddy Program, in their religion classes or around the community through service activities.



This year's 2024 Annual Giving Campaign is dedicated to updating and enhancing the Math Program for our entire student body. Historically, FAW students have scored above the national average on standardized testing in Math. We are seeing the need to update and replenish the resources used in our Math Program in order to continue challenging our students in academic excellence. Our goal is to raise the funds necessary to purchase new textbooks and the associated learning manipulatives which will benefit all students.



To accomplish our goal of raising \$25,000 for the 2023-2024 school year, we are asking you to consider a tax-deductible gift of \$250 or more to the Annual Giving Campaign. We truly hope that you can help us achieve this important upgrade to our Math Department. If that amount does not currently fit into your family's budget, any amount within your means would be sincerely appreciated. We are hoping to have all donations in by July 31, 2024.

For your convenience, there are several ways to make your donation:

- By check via the enclosed donation envelope
- Pay online by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this letter, or going to the link and following the instructions

<https://bnfct.co/donate/FAW2024giving>

Meanwhile, we extend our most sincere gratitude for your participation in the Annual Giving Campaign and most of all, for continuing to support the great mission of Father Andrew White School. We remain committed each and every day to ensuring that children excel with strong minds, a safe learning environment, and of course, a living faith.

May God's blessings be with you, your family, our children, our alumni and the devoted school friends throughout the coming year!

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,



Janet Szoch, Principal



Fr. David Beaubien, Administrator



Hover your phone camera over this code to donate online!

P.O. Box 1756, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 + fatherandrewwhite.org + office@fatherandrewwhite.org + (301) 475-9795

NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



You may have seen recently that the CDC is updating its COVID guidelines, and removing the five day isolation mandate. Accordingly, the MD Dept. of Health and Dept. of Education have issued a

memorandum directing schools and child care providers to follow the [Respiratory Virus Guidance](#) recently issued by the CDC. This guidance provides recommendations for prevention strategies for several common respiratory viruses including COVID-19, influenza, and RSV. Additionally, the precautions listed to prevent the spread are the same for all respiratory viruses (and most communicable diseases, in general) which are to keep your child home if he or she is sick until symptoms have improved and there has been no fever for 24 hours. Once your child does return to school, he or she should be extra careful to avoid spreading germs (by hand washing, covering coughs, etc.). Of course, if your child's sickness warrants a visit to the pediatrician, you will be given further instructions specific to his or her situation and needs. Ultimately it comes down to how your child is feeling, and we universally desire for all God's children to be healthy and happy.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Are you looking for volunteer opportunities?

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

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.

Save the Dates

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Monday, April 8th: Faith Rally Day (find or make a Faith T-shirt)

Monday, April 15th: Purple Up Day (find a purple shirt)

Friday, April 19th: HSA Spring Social and Auction (join the fun)

*Save
the
Date*

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Father Andrew White School


SAVE THE DATE



*Spring Social &
Auction*

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

LEONARDTOWN, MD

Save the Date: Find a Purple Shirt!

APRIL IS  MONTH OF THE
MILITARY CHILD

 MCEC 
Purple
for military
Up! KIDS

Our Purple Up Day is:
APRIL 15th

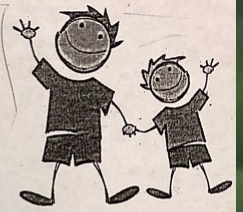
Wear Purple to Support our Military Students

MilitaryChild.org



FAW's Mental Health Calendar

March 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1 Practice taking deep breaths on your own or with your family.	2 Go outside and play for at least 30 minutes today.
3 Pray today. Ask God for what you need and thank Him for all you have.	4 Make a thank you card for someone in your family or someone at school	5 Start a journal you can write your feelings in when you have a bad day.	6 Do 3 sets of 20 jumping jacks with your family.	7 Set a timer and be still and quiet for 5 minutes today.	8 It's Friday! Turn on some music and dance for at least 5 minutes.	9 Go outside and play for at least 30 minutes today.
10 Pray today! Ask God for what you need and thank Him for what you have!	11 Practice deep breathing again on your own or with your family.	12 Do a random act of kindness for a family member or a friend.	13 Share something that worries you with a family member.	14 Write down 3 things you are good at on a piece of paper.	15 It's Friday! Take a walk with your family.	16 Go outside and play for at least 30 minutes today.
17 Pray today. Ask God for what you need and thank Him for what you have.	18 Find a jar and decorate it as a gratitude jar.	19 Have each family member add something to your gratitude jar.	20 Practice deep breathing again and notice the sights and sounds around you.	21 Find a ball. Play catch with a family member.	22 Big challenge! Unplug Friday! No technology for 30 minutes!	23 Go outside and play for at least 30 minutes today.
24 Pray today. Ask God for what you need and thank Him.	25 25- Compliment at least 3 people today with a positive	26 26-Make and hide a surprise somewhere for a family member.	27 Add something to your gratitude jar.	28 Sit on the floor and do your deep breathing practices.	29 It's Friday! Dance off challenge with your family!	30 Go outside and play for at least 30 minutes today.
31 Pray today. Ask God for what you need and thank Him for all you have.	Family Name _____					

March 2024 Mental Health Calendar

Taking care of the physical bodies that God gave us is important, but it is also important to take care of our mental health as well. In a busy world of activity, stress, and anxiety, we often don't take the time to focus on the mental health of ourselves and each other. On Thursday, family calendars will be coming home with oldest/only students. Each day there is an activity listed that helps promote good mental health. We are challenging our FAW families to complete the calendar together and to return it to homeroom teachers at the end of the month! Families who complete the calendar will receive an incentive and be recognized at Morning Prayers.



MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Friday Mass 8:30am (hosted by Kindergarten) Stations of the Cross	2
3	4	5 School Advisory Board Open Meeting 7pm	6	7 Vision & Hearing Screening EMS Tag Day	8 12:30pm Early Dismissal	9 Basketball Showcase
10	11 No School for Students Staff Professional Day	12	13 Confession Grades 2-8 8 th Grade vs. Staff Basketball Game	14	15 Stations of the Cross	16 Destination Imagination, Science Fair & MATHCOUNTS State Competitions
17 ADW Band Festival	18	19	20	21 Vocations Mass Grade 6 World Down Syndrome Day	22 Middle School Monthly Activity Stations of the Cross	23 Middle School Social at FAW
24	25	26	27 End of 3 rd Quarter	28 Holy Thursday 12:30pm Early Dismissal	29 Good Friday No School	30 Easter Break March 29 - April 7
31 Happy Easter!	Maryland Day					

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Upcoming Community Events

Click here  to view upcoming events from our community.

Weekly Reminders:

- Send in an envelope with money for your child to shop in the School Store (tomorrow)
- Wear fun socks - Thursday
- Take advantage of the Penny Logo school uniform sale - by Friday
- Buy Gift Cards through RaiseRight to earn towards your mandatory \$50 in rebates for FAW (all families --> reminder: deadline 3/31/24)
- Check your RaiseRight balance 4/1/23 - 3/31/24
- Buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win free tuition
- Donate items or experiences to our Spring Social Event
- Participate in our Annual Giving Campaign
- Complete the Mental Health Calendar
- Send news and pictures to FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org
- Submit Volunteer Hours

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



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