

Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

March 26, 2024



Important Dates

- 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
- April 8: School Resumes & Faith Rally
- April 15: Military Child Celebration Day
- April 19: Spring Social & Auction



Schedule Reminder

This Thursday, March 29th we have a 12:30pm Early Dismissal. This begins our Spring Break! We hope you have a blessed Easter!

Lenten Almsgiving Idea:

Father Andrew White School

DIAPER DRIVE

MARCH 25 - 28



SCA is excited to announce that we are hosting a Diaper Drive! During Holy Week we are collecting diapers, wipes, and diaper cream to donate to the Maryland Diaper Bank.

ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Diapers
- ▶ Wipes
- ▶ Diaper Cream

Thank you in advance for your support!



As we experience these next few days, among the holiest days of the Church year, we are assured that the darkness of Good Friday will give way to the great joy of the Resurrection of our Savior on Easter Sunday. May God bless the Father Andrew White School family with the steadfast hope and joy of Jesus during this Easter season.

Spring Uniforms Begin April 8th

The weather is beginning to get warmer. It is time to try on the spring uniform to check that it fits. Spring uniforms officially begin on Monday, April 8th.

Faith Rally is Coming!

Get your t-shirts ready! The Faith Rally is right around the corner! On Monday, April 8th, wear your favorite shirt that displays your faith (it can be homemade or delivered overnight by Prime!) and enter the "Wear your Favorite Faith t-shirt" contest! It's going to be a great day of faith and fun!

As a reminder, April 8th is the first day of the spring uniform. If your child wears a faith t-shirt, he/she will be allowed to wear uniform shorts.

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Faith Rally 2024

"As for Me and My house, we will serve the Lord."

Monday, April 8th

Activities throughout the school day!



- ❖ *Wear a faith T-shirt with uniform bottoms and enter the T-shirt contest*
- ❖ *Bring in \$1.00 to get a faith tattoo*
- ❖ *Participate in a service project for our food pantry - bring in any non-perishable item*
- ❖ *Go to Adoration and more!*

School Store - LAST DAY is TOMORROW!

Everything is on sale!!! 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.



Log your Volunteer Hours



As we approach the end of the quarter (tomorrow) please remember to [keep your logged volunteer hours](#) up to date! You should have about 19 hours by this point to be on track for your 25 hour requirement (for Service Scholarship families).

Report Cards Posting on Thursday

Report cards for grades 1-8 will be posted on the portal on Thursday. To access them, sign in to your Plus Portals account <https://www.plusportals.com/FatherAndrewWhiteSchool>. Once logged in, click on "E- Locker" on the top toolbar. Then click on "E-Portfolio." You should find your child's 2023 - 2024 Third Quarter Report Card in the list. E-mail Mrs. Greer if you need help with your account. greer@fatherandrewwhite.org



FAW Lottery Fundraiser



Are you feeling lucky?

Last Week's Winners

Nick Raley

Joey Barrick

Melvin Richards

Thank you to the family who donated winnings back to the school this week!

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/raiseright-fundraising/id1>

Catholic Schools Relay Races

This year the Catholic schools are participating in relay races on May 18, 2024 at St. Mary's Ryken. Parents of students in grades PK - 8 have been notified if their child has qualified from the trials completed during PE class. To help prepare, those selected students will participate in practice sessions after school. VIRTUS cleared parent volunteers are needed. Please see the opportunity in the volunteer section below.



Donations Needed for Spring Social!

*Spring Social
& Auction*
A NIGHT ON THE TOWN
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024
6:00PM
THE FENWICK INN
LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

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The FAW Auction Committee is currently seeking donated items or experiences to be auctioned off at our event!

Here are some ideas:

- Products or Services from your company
- Themed baskets from a family, class or organization
- Collector or Keepsake items
- Experiences (vacation home rental or an activity)
- Event or Sports Tickets

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING EVENT SPONSORS, A BAR SPONSOR AND TICKETS FOR TEACHERS!

Thank You!

Please email Jenna Mattingly by April 5, 2024 if you have any items to donate! fatherandrewwhite.social@gmail.com

Time to buy Raffle Tickets!!

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...](#)

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.



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!

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NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



Each week FAW has a root word that we incorporate into student lessons. Last week the root word was "spec" (meaning - look, see), so I immediately thought of "spectacles" and want to thank those who have donated used glasses to our ongoing Lions Club collection. I also thank God for His wonderful gift of sight and stress the importance of taking care of our eyes. Unfortunately, our eyes are constantly exposed to potential hazards, such as injury (from foreign objects, chemicals, etc.) and long term damage from the sun's ultraviolet light (which can harm the retina, cause the development of cloudy bumps along the edge of the cornea, and contribute to the development of cataracts). On April 8th, portions of the US will experience a solar eclipse, which, when viewed directly without protection, can cause immediate eye damage. This can range from temporary visual impairment to burns of the retina and permanent blindness. There are special glasses that can be used to view the eclipse, but do not look at it without them. Solar eclipses are rare and quite a site to see. Just be sure to protect your eyes - to keep them for future viewing!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Relay Race Volunteers Needed

This year the Catholic schools are participating in relay races on May 18, 2024 at St. Mary's Ryken. VIRTUS cleared parent volunteers are needed to assist during the training sessions (Tuesday/Thursday from 2:30 - 4pm). Additional volunteers are needed on the day of the event. Please let Katy Burfield know you'd like to help by emailing her at kateburfield@gmail.com.

Lunch and Recess Monitors

Would you like to earn volunteer hours by assisting at lunch or recess time? Click the [SignUpGenius](#) Link to see the days/times you can help! Slots are in 30 minute increments and we truly appreciate your willingness to assist the teachers in this way.

Lunch and Recess Monitor Volunteer SignUpGenius

Click here [👉](#) to volunteer!

Auction Volunteers

If you still need volunteer hours, please sign up for one of the many positions available: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAFA622A1FF2-48703384-fawspring#/>

Help is needed during car rider line to sell tickets. There are also some day of volunteer opportunities. Sign up today!

Auction Volunteer SignUpGenius

Click here [👉](#) to sign up to help with the Auction!

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)
- Donate diapers, wipes, and/or diaper cream
- 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
- Try on Spring Uniforms
- Buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win free tuition
- Donate items or experiences to our Spring Social Event
- Get your Faith Rally shirt ready
- Participate in our Annual Giving Campaign
- Complete the Mental Health Calendar
- Send news and pictures to FAWnews@fatherandrewwhite.org
- Submit Volunteer Hours

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we will serve the LORD
-Joshua 24:15



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