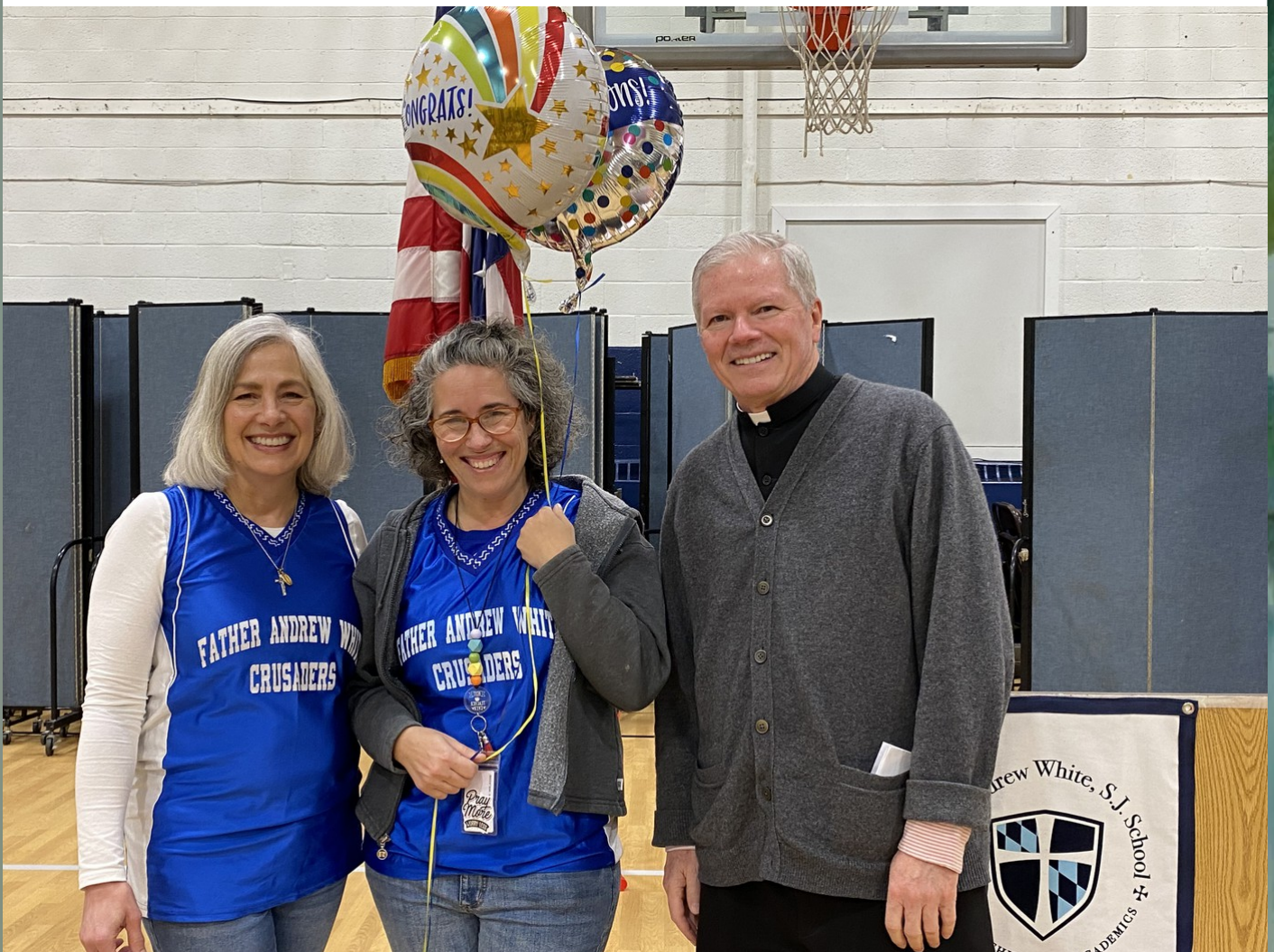


Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

March 5, 2024



KofC Catholic Educator Award

The Catholic Teacher of the Year award enables the Knights of Columbus to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to the education of our youth. This award is presented to a Catholic teacher who has demonstrated exceptional ability and dedication to the education of our young people through teaching in a parochial school.

Father Andrew White School nominated Mrs. Jody Cacko for her dedication to the many facets of Catholic education that she supports: the Music program, Music instruction of our students, Music support for our Church masses and overall community, a teacher of Literature, coordinator for learning support for students, and the sponsor of Destination Imagination at our school. Mrs. Cacko is the recipient of the Knights of Columbus Maryland State Catholic Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations Mrs. Cacko!



Important Dates

March 5: School Advisory Board Open Meeting, 7pm
March 7: Vision & Hearing Screening & EMS Tag Day
March 8: Early Dismissal, 12:30pm
March 9: Basketball Showcase at SMR
March 11: No School - Staff Professional Development Day
March 13: Confession (grades 2-8) & 8th Grade vs. Staff Basketball Game
March 15: Stations of the Cross
March 16: Destination Imagination State Competition & MATHCOUNTS State Competition
March 17: ADW Band Festival at McNamara
March 20: Field Trip (Grade 5)
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 Dance 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



Schedule Reminders

There will be a 12:30pm early dismissal **this Friday, March 8th**. There will also be no school **next Monday, March 11th** due to a professional development day for teachers. Enjoy your extended weekend!

February Virtue Winners: Prudence



March Virtue: Respect

Our school is participating in a Virtues in Practice program this year. Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as they hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. They also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students and their families are learning about the virtue of respect. Please pray for the children to recognize the dignity of all people during the month of March.



IMPORTANT RAISERIGHT INFORMATION FOR ALL FAMILIES!



The end of the RaiseRight year is approaching! This school year all families are required to order enough gift cards to accumulate \$50 worth of rebates for our school. This agreement was part of the enrollment process in TADS. To check your status you can go on the RaiseRight App and select "account" and there is a dashboard that displays your earnings. Select the date range 4/1/23-3/31/24.

There will also be End of RaiseRight Year statements going out to each family. If the rebate amount is not satisfied by March 31, 2024 you will be billed for the \$50. More information to come...

Open School Advisory Board Meeting TONIGHT!

Open SAB Meeting: The School Advisory Board is inviting members of the FAW community to see how the School Advisory Board operates at a general meeting. All members of the FAW community are welcome to attend. **See you at 7:00pm tonight, Tuesday, March 5th in the FAW Gym.**

**JOIN US
TONIGHT!**

7:00 PM

Tag Day this Thursday!



EMS TAG DAY

*supporting Mr. Todd Bowman and
Dr. Jason Finkelstein's recovery
efforts*

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR LOCAL ST. MARY'S
COUNTY EMS PERSONNEL RECENTLY INJURED IN A
LINE-OF-DUTY ACCIDENT**

WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 7
COST: \$1

**PLEASE WEAR RED TO SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT!**

FAW Athletics



Congratulations Girls Varsity Basketball CHAMPIONS!

Our Girls Varsity Basketball team is the 2024 SMYBL Champions! Way to go!

<||) 📣 Go Crusaders! 📣 <||)

Staff vs. 8th Grade Basketball Game

BASKETBALL GAME

Join us for our annual 8th grade
versus FAW faculty/staff
basketball game

MARCH
13

LOCATION
FAW GYM

TIME
6:00
P.M.



*Concessions (snacks
and drinks) will be sold
and donations will be
taken for Hospice of
St. Mary's in honor of
former staff member,
Mary Saunders*

GO CRUSADERS!

Kids Heart Challenge

FAW is excited to be participating in the Kids Heart Challenge this year! For nearly 50 years the American Heart Association has been partnering with educators across the nation to help educate students about healthy living.

The last time FAW participated was 2012. Mrs. Stewart and the teachers at FAW are excited to be involved once again in helping others in the community while at the same time learning about how to keep your heart healthy. PE classes will be learning about healthy hearts over the next few weeks. Students will be able to raise money online to help other kids who have sick hearts. Please see the flyer below to register.

[Register Here!](#)

Donations Needed for Spring Social!



Progress Reports



Mid-quarter progress reports for students in grades 4-8 were posted on Parent PlusPortals **last week**. Please login to check your child's progress. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. To find the report, click the child's picture, then "Classroom," then "Progress Reports," then "Combined Reports." Please go over the reports with your children and encourage them to keep working hard through the last half of this quarter! <https://www.plusportals.com/FatherAndrewWhiteSchool>

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) 475-2705 or visit www.fatherandrewwhite.org.



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

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

Sign up for Math Tutoring



[Register for Math Enrichment Program](#)

[Math Enrichment Permission Slip](#)

Click here [🔗](#) to print the permission slip.

School Store - Every Wednesday this Quarter



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.

NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



This week, the Leonardtown and Hollywood Lions Clubs will be offering vision and hearing screenings to our FAW students. Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world with more than 1.4 million members serving in nearly every country around the globe. Its mission is to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need. One way in which they do this is to collect gently used eyeglasses, refurbish them, and distribute them to needy people. Thus, we would like to contribute to their collection efforts and ask that if you have any eyeglasses to donate, please send them in with your child or drop them off at the school. Also, please contact me if you would like to have your child screened and have not yet received a permission form.

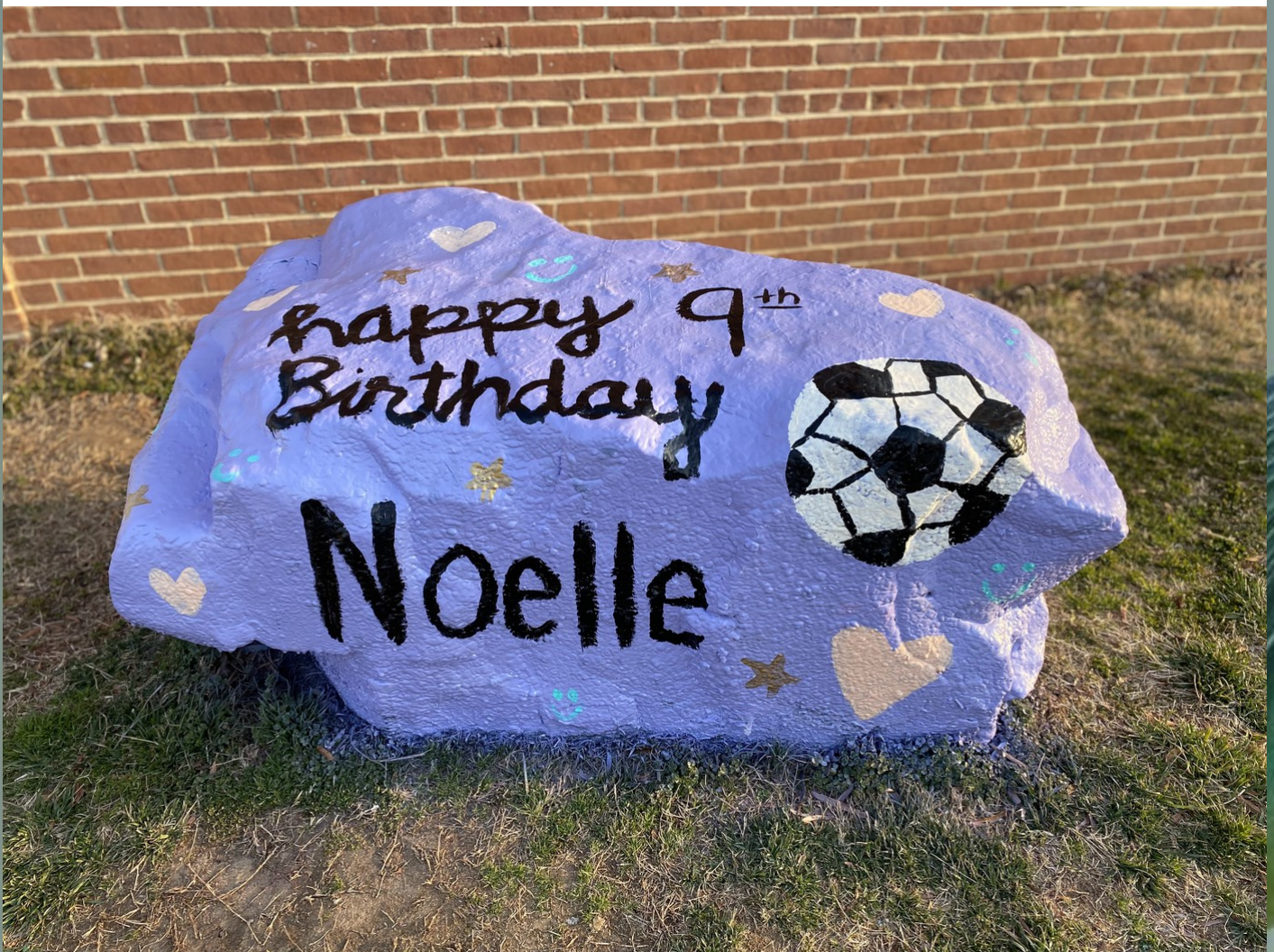
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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.

Father Andrew White School

SAVE THE DATE

*Spring Social &
Auction*

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024
LEONARDTOWN, MD

Southern Maryland Roots Youth Group

Southern Maryland Roots is collecting items to benefit the residents of St. Mary's Nursing Home. Please consider donating any of the following: perfumes, cologne, jewelry, make up, nail polish, stuffed animals, fun knik-knaks, etc. These donations will be used as prizes for their bingo games. All donations can be dropped off before/after mass at Our Lady of the Wayside, Sacred Heart, or

Holy Angels Churches. OR, send donations to FAW and place in the box outside of the art/music room anytime between now and Friday, March 15th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Next Youth Group meeting is Friday, March 15th from 5-7:30 at Our Lady of the Wayside. Pizza and snacks will be served. Please email southernmarylandroots@gmail.com for more information.



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 & MATHCOUNTS State Competitions
17 ADW Band Festival	18	19	20 Grade 5 Field Trip	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 Maryland Day	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!						

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Upcoming Community Events

Click here  to view upcoming events from our community.

Weekly Reminders:

- Attend the Open SAB Meeting (tonight)
- Send in an envelope with money for your child to shop in the School Store (tomorrow)
- Participate in the EMS Wear Red Tag Day (Thursday)
- Donate items or experiences to our Spring Social Event
- Complete the Mental Health Calendar
- Register for the Kids Heart Challenge
- 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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