

# Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

April 23, 2024



**Thank You for a Great Spring Social & Auction!**

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## Important Dates

April 24: Field Trip (Grade 4)

April 26: Middle School Monthly Activity

April 30: MAP Growth Testing Continues (grades 2-8)

May 3: First Friday Mass, hosted by 1st Grade & May Crowning

May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8: Progress Reports Posted (grades 4-8)

May 9: Spring Band Concert & 3rd Grade Recorder Performance

### Important Calendar Change

There will be no school on Friday, May 24th due to the eighth grade graduation at 10am. This was originally an early dismissal day for the start of Memorial Day weekend. Please mark your calendar!



## Spring Social & Auction: A Night on the Town!

Friends and family of FAW School gathered to enjoy our 16th Annual Spring Social & Auction at The Fenwick Inn! We had some amazing items donated, door prizes, raffles, great food and drinks, live music and dancing! We want to thank everyone who participated, sponsored, or donated to make our event a success! Thank you to our dedicated Auction Committee, especially our coordinator Jenna Mattingly, for planning an incredible evening!

## Father Andrew White's Annual Auction



*Thank You Sponsors!*



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# Thank you to our 2024 Auction Sponsors!



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## HSA Board Vacancies

Do you feel called to serve on the HSA Board? We are looking for volunteers to step up to fill the following vacancies. To be considered, **please respond to this form by this Friday, April 26, 2024.** Please note: The HSA Board meets frequently and works as a team on various projects, fundraising events, and activities. The commitment required may be more than what is listed below. Thank you!

HSA Board Vacancies for the 2024-2025 School Year:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Communications Liaison

[Nomination Form for SY 2024-2025 HSA Board Positions](#)



# Father Andrew White School Home and School Association (HSA) Nominations for SY 2024-2025

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**Nomination Form for SY 2024-2025 HSA Board Positions**

Click here [▶](#) to nominate yourself!

## RaiseRight Gift Card Orders - This Week!

Grab some of these limited time gift cards while supplies last. These would be perfect for end-of-the-year teacher gifts, Mother's Day, or Father's Day coming up in addition to all the other gift cards RaiseRight offers. Go to the App or [website](#) and check it out. Make your shopping easy and earn your rebates!

- Barnes & Noble - \$5
- CVS/pharmacy - \$10
- Darden - \$10
- Disney - \$10
- IHOP - \$10
- Meijer - \$10
- Mix It Up - \$10
- Panera Bread - \$5
- Pizza Ranch - \$10
- Safeway/Albertsons - \$10
- Starbucks - \$5
- Taco Bell - \$5
- The Home Depot - \$10
- Walmart/Sam's Club - \$10



**NOW AVAILABLE**

**LIMITED TIME**

**\$5 & \$10 GIFT CARDS**

**Great gifts that fit any budget**

Shop limited-time \$5 & \$10 gift cards from these popular brands. Plus, many of these brands are eligible for Ship to Home so you can get them delivered right to you. Available only while supplies last.

The RaiseRight order for the school will be put in **this Thursday, April 25**. If you would like to purchase any of these limited time gift cards or any other physical cards, please have your orders in by Thursday.

For questions email [faw.scrip@gmail.com](mailto:faw.scrip@gmail.com)

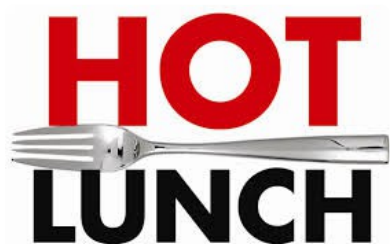
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## MAP Growth Testing Continues

Our end of year MAP Growth Testing will continue next Tuesday, April 30th. These adaptive tests give us a benchmark for a student's instructional level and a basis to measure growth in learning throughout the year. These tests will be administered in grades 2-8. Please ensure that your child has a good night's rest and a nutritious breakfast.

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## Hot Lunch Orders Open



The menu for May/June is now open and will close this Saturday, April 27th.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

\*Pizza for the month of May will be coming from The Slice House

\*Each pizza will be cut in 10 slices, like Papa Johns, so please

take this into account when placing your order

\*Dairy free pizza will continue to be an option

\*\*Last day of hot lunch for 8th graders will be 5/21

\*\*Last day of school for PK is 5/31

Please be sure to go back and take care of any outstanding balances.

[https://fm.orgsonline.com/m\\_login.aspx](https://fm.orgsonline.com/m_login.aspx)

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## After School Tutoring is Available!

Our National Junior Honor Society would like to provide after school tutoring on Thursdays from now through May 16th. If you are interested in receiving tutoring for your child, please sign up [HERE!](#)

Have your student join members of our Linda Maloney Chapter of NJHS on Thursday afternoons from 2:45-4:00pm. This is open to students in grades 2-8 and tutors are available for homework help in core subjects as well as Math, Reading, Writing and Spelling practice.

FAWS NATIONAL JUNIOR  
HONOR SOCIETY  
PRESENTS:

# AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Use this link to sign up:  
[FAWS NJHS Tutoring](#)

**THURSDAY AFTERNOONS**  
**4/18 TO 5/16**  
**2:45 - 4:00 PM**



**Sign up for Tutoring!**

Click here  to sign up!

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## Do you know anyone who lives in Vermont?

Kindergarten has been collecting postcards from each state and they are so close to getting one from all 50 states. They would love to receive a postcard from Vermont! Do you know anyone who could send them one?



## Support FAW Destination Imagination!

We are excited to announce that two of our Destination Imagination (DI) teams from Father Andrew White School are two of the top-scoring DI teams in the state of Maryland and now have the opportunity to present their Challenge solution at the DI Global Finals in Kansas City, Missouri – an international competition where they will compete against teams from around the globe.

Please consider donating to help these teams get to the Globals competition!! Destination Imagination is an educational, academic program that has helped our students learn and practice valuable skills like creative and critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork through different competitive, STEAM-based (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) Challenges.

The teams are working hard to raise the \$5,500/team registration fee plus the almost \$1,000/student it will take to get them there to experience this amazing opportunity! Raising \$20K in only one month's time is daunting, but they are DIetermined!!! Every gift is a blessing and we truly appreciate your support! Thank you so much for your contributions.

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/DIGlobals2024>



**APRIL 20**  
CAR WASH 1:30-3:30PM  
LEONARDTOWN DASH IN

**APRIL 28**  
KIDS BINGO 12:30-2:30PM  
FAW SCHOOL GYM,  
LEONARDTOWN

**MAY 4**  
A NIGHT AT THE RACES  
GREENE TURTLE 4:30-8PM

**MAY 12**  
BAKE SALE 9AM & 12PM  
ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH,  
LEONARDTOWN

### SPIRIT NIGHTS

APRIL 15-LEDO PIZZA LEONARDTOWN

APRIL 23-WENDY'S LEONARDTOWN

APRIL 27-FROGTOWN ICE CREAM LT

APRIL 29-RED ROBIN CALIFORNIA

MAY 6-MOD PIZZA CALIFORNIA

MAY 8-PANDA EXPRESS CALIFORNIA

# FAW DI



## DESTINATION IMAGINATION 2024

Help our TWO teams compete at the Global  
Finals Competition in Kansas City, May 2024



**Support Destination Imagination!**

**Wendy's Spirit Night - Mention FAW DI any time, all day!**



# Leonardtown!

Eat to support

**Father Andrew White School**



♥ 20% Donated Back

📅 Tuesday, April 23rd / 12:00 AM - 11:30 PM

🎫 RSVP below

[groupraise.com/events/277918](https://groupraise.com/events/277918)

Wendy's  
40804 Merchant Lane, Leonardtown



## Enjoy a night off from cooking tonight!

## Saturday: Take a break and eat some FrogTown Ice Cream at the Wharf - Support DI



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## Join us for Kids Bingo this Sunday...

### Kids Bingo

Come one, come all! **This Sunday, April 28, from 12:30-2:30pm** the FAW DI teams are hosting a Kids Bingo in the FAW gym for all kids and their families! \$15/game book, additional/individual game cards available. Prizes, raffle baskets, Lucky Dog Ice, concessions, and games for the adults too! See you there!

**JOIN US SUNDAY,  
APRIL 28TH FOR...**

**KIDS  
BINGO!**

**DOORS OPEN AT NOON**

\$15/game books with additional games for \$10

**RAFFLE BASKETS | PULL TABS  
| PRIZES | FOOD |  
LUCKY DOG ICE TRUCK**

AT FATHER ANDREW WHITE  
SCHOOL

HELP SUPPORT OUR DESTINATION  
IMAGINATION TEAMS GET TO  
GLOBAL FINALS IN KANSAS CITY!

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**Up next... Monday, April 29th**



Red Robin® will give

**20% OF FOOD SALES\*  
BACK TO**

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE  
SCHOOL "DESTINATION  
IMAGINATION"**

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to  
your server to have your sales counted.

**FUNDRAISER DETAILS**  
45305 Abell House Ln, California, MD 20619  
April 29, 2024\*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Start your order at [order.redrobin.com](http://order.redrobin.com) and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

\*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit [redrobin.com](http://redrobin.com) and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.



## Order your 2023-2024 FAW Yearbook!

It is time to order your student's Father Andrew White School yearbook! Each book costs \$25.00. [Order your copy](#) today!



**Place Yearbook Order**

Click here [👉](#) to order a yearbook!

# Catholic Schools Relay Races

Relay Race practices are underway!

VIRTUS cleared volunteers are needed... see the opportunity in the volunteer section below.



## 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](http://fatherandrewwhite.org) + [office@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:office@fatherandrewwhite.org) + (301) 475-9795

## Tag Day in Memory of Finn - May 1st

Our school is supporting the family of Finn Cusick, a beloved student from St. Mary's Bryantown who had DIPG. Please consider joining the Catholic schools who are hosting Tag Days in his honor.

on May 1st, which is the beginning of Brain Cancer Awareness month. Finn's Foundation will also be launched on that day.



**Tag Day**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST**  
Wear Yellow/Gold & Gray To Honor  
Brain Cancer Awareness Month & Pediatric Cancer

**Bring \$3.00 To Support The  
Unveiling Of The Newest  
Foundation To Join The Fight  
Against DIPG/DMG.**

**Finn's Fight Is Still Our Fight!**



**NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE**

Medical icons: stethoscope, bandage, thermometer, clipboard, heart, plus signs.



Of the many things I include in my daily prayers, I always ask God for His help with relationships. We are social creatures and much of our well-being is dependent on connections with others. We have relationships with our parents, siblings, extended family, classmates and teachers (or co-workers and bosses for us older folks), friends, and romantic partners. Unfortunately, with all relationships, problems can arise. These can result from misunderstandings, differing opinions, holding grudges, jealousy, and a multitude of other things. Besides praying, you can strengthen relationships by remaining respectful and considerate and working on good communication skills. One method I often use is incorporating "I Statements" into conversations. ("I feel \_\_\_ when you

\_\_\_\_.”) Perhaps most important is to remember that even though there will be things (and people) you cannot change, you do have the power to change how you respond to them.

As parents, I encourage you to discuss relationships with your children. It will not only help them, it'll increase the bond between you, and hopefully benefit all involved.

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## 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](mailto:kateburfield@gmail.com) or click on

the SignUpGenius link below.

### Relay Race Volunteer SignUpGenius

Click here [👉](#) to volunteer!

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### 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!

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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.

## Save the Dates



FAW Destination Imagination's  
**Pigging Out**  
for DI **\$5**

- "pig"jama Tag Day
- Bake Sale
- Kiss the Pig Contest

**\$5 includes:**

- Tag Day/PJ's
- 1 Treat from Lunchtime Bake Sale
- 1 Lemonade
- 1 Kiss the Pig ticket

**WEDNESDAY  
MAY 8TH**

Additional tickets available for purchase:  
**\$1/1 ticket  
\$5/7 tickets**

Turn in order form by  
May 7th

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT  
THE GLOBALS-BOUND DI  
TEAMS; TIC TAC SQUIRRELS  
AND DI LEGENDS

The poster features a pink pig illustration at the top center, a green grass tuft to the left of the event title, and a larger pink pig illustration at the bottom left standing behind a wooden fence. The background is a light tan color with a white central area for text.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
←	----- No School – Easter Break -----					→
7	School Resumes Faith Rally Spring Uniforms Begin	8 Field Trip Grades K & 1	9 10	Field Trip Grades 4 & 5 HSA Meeting	11 12	13
14	15 Military Child Celebration Day	16	17 MAP Growth Testing Begins	18 Field Trip Grade 3	19 Spring Social & Auction	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Field Trip Grade 4	25	26 Middle School Monthly Activity	27
28	29	30				

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## Upcoming Community Events

Click here [↗](#) to view upcoming events from our community.

# We Are HIRING



Father Andrew White, SJ School is seeking qualified candidates who have a college degree and a passion for teaching children and bringing them closer to God.

## Positions Available

- Middle School Social Studies Teacher
- Middle School Literature Teacher
- Part Time Teacher's Aide
- Substitute Teachers

Contact Us

office@fatherandrewwhite.org  
301-475-9795





## Congratulations on earning the 2023 Sustainability Award!

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### Weekly Reminders:

- Nominate yourself for the 2024-2025 HSA Board (by Friday)
- Sign up for Tutoring
- Order Hot Lunch
- Support DI
- Order a Yearbook
- Participate in our Annual Giving Campaign
- Submit Volunteer Hours

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



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