



April 30, 2024

Dear Families of Father Andrew White School,

As we prepare for the month of May, we celebrate all mothers, especially the mother of God, our Blessed Mother! She was the first and best disciple of Jesus! May we all follow her lead as she spoke to the angel Gabriel, *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."* Luke 1:38

Since this is the month of Mary, we have many portraits, prayers and petitions adorning our walls in reference to her! Upon observing the first graders create their portraits, I was impressed with their ability to follow directions resulting in such a beautiful final product!

Third graders will make cakes this week, as a follow up activity to their reading of the fairy tale *Clever Jack Takes the Cake!* The fourth grade class received a visit from Mayor Dan Burris on Friday, who led them in a mock town council. They learned about how the Town of Leonardtown operates and how the budget is spent. After their visit to the National Archives, the fifth grade students learned about the signers of the Declaration of Independence and why John Hancock's signature was so much larger than everyone else!

The middle school students are creating travel brochures in their Writing classes, researching Eucharistic miracles in sixth and seventh grade Religion and viewing a video about *The Emperor's New Clothes*, the story which teaches one to not make decisions based on following the crowd and worrying about the opinions of others, but to have the courage to stand up for what is right and true.

This month our virtue focuses on responsibility. During Morning Prayer, Dr. Schneider spoke of choices that we can make to show we are responsible and how taking responsibility for our actions allows us to grow and become better people.

This week we have our special May crowning. We invite all parents to attend the beautiful ceremony after Mass, where we sing, present flowers and pray for Mary's intercession for us. We are her spiritual children and she helps and guides us as we seek to grow closer to Jesus.

May God bless you and your families,

*Janet Szoch*

Principal