

Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

May 14, 2024



Pigging out for DI Thank You!

Our Pigging out for DI event was a huge success. Thank you so very much for the support! Thank you also to all who participated, including our teachers and principal who were willing to kiss a pig!



Important Dates

- May 14: 5th Grade Summer Birthdays Celebrated
- May 15: Field Trip (grade 1) & 4th Grade Summer Birthdays Celebrated
- May 16: Field Trips (grades 5 and 8) & 3rd Grade Summer Birthdays Celebrated
- May 18: Catholic Schools Relay Races (at SMR) & 1st Communion at St. Aloysius Church
- May 20: 2nd Grade Summer Birthdays Celebrated
- May 21: Field Day (grades 6-8) & 1st Grade Summer Birthdays Celebrated
- May 22: Field Trip (grade 8) & Kindergarten Summer Birthdays Celebrated
- May 22-25: Destination Imagination Global Finals Competition
- May 23: Field Trips (grades 1-8) & Pre-K Summer Birthdays Celebrated
- May 24: FAW Class of 2024 Graduation & **No School for Students**
- May 27: No School - Memorial Day
- May 29: Field Day (grades 1-5), 5th Grade Parent Night & Grades 3-5 Movie Night
- May 30: HSA Ice Cream Social
- May 31: Last day for Pre-K, Pre-K Graduation, and Middle School Monthly Activity
- June 1: Catholic Schools Track Meet (at LFS)
- June 6: 8:30am Mass, hosted by 2nd grade & Early Dismissal - Last Day of School

Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you to our HSA and amazing families!

Last week our teachers were showered with gifts to show your appreciation. The week started with a beautifully decorated Faculty Room and a surprise assembly where each teacher received a special award. Teachers then got to go "shopping" from a cart of items and enjoyed a hot beverage before school (with cold beverages stocked in the fridge for later). Students expressed sentiments on the Wall of Fame and the week was capped off with a delicious boxed lunch to go. Thank you so much to our generous families and our Home and School Association who organized all the special events. Our teachers felt the love this week. Many thanks!



School Tool Box School Supplies



📦 **Get Ahead of the Game: Order Next Year's School Supplies Now! 📦**

As the school year winds down and summer is in sight with its promise of relaxation and sunshine, we want to offer you an opportunity to ease into the next academic year with peace of mind. We're thrilled to offer a convenient solution to one of those back-to-school stressors: school supplies shopping!

We're partnering with School Tool Box again to streamline the process. Say goodbye to crowded aisles and endless lists. Instead, simply place your order for next year's school supplies, and they'll be shipped directly to the school, ready for pickup at our Open House event.

Here's why you'll love it:

1. Stress-Free Convenience
2. Time-Saving
3. Quality Assured
4. Support Our School

How to Order:

- Visit <https://schooltoolbox.com/school-supplies/school/list-boxes/?schoolId=45764>
- Choose your child's grade level.
- Review the supply list and consider any additional add-ons.
- Complete your order and mark your calendar for Open House pickup.

Ordering is open until June 9, 2024!

Note: Orders may be placed after this date and will be shipped to your home (shipping fees apply to orders under \$85)

We understand the importance of a smooth transition into the new school year, and we're excited to offer this hassle-free solution to our families. Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a summer filled with relaxation and rejuvenation! If you have any questions, please reach out to bailey.katie.lynn@gmail.com.



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A Friendly Reminder from the Bookkeeper!

If you are requesting the Catholic tuition rate for next school year, the [Pastoral Verification Form](#) is due **TOMORROW, May 15th** to the school office. This requires a signature from your Pastor, so don't delay if you haven't already requested it. The Pastoral Verification form is attached to this week's newsletter. If you have questions, please e-mail Karen Farr at bookkeeper@fatherandrewwhite.org.

Pastoral-Verification-Form-2024-2025.pdf

[Download](#)

539.1 KB

Please turn in your Pastoral Verification Forms... due tomorrow!!



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2024-2025 Catholic Pastoral Verification Form

Must be completed by May 15, 2024 to receive full Active Catholic Parishioner Tuition Grant
Forms received after May 15 and before July 15, 2024 will result in a reduced grant amount of \$500

Section 1: To be completed by Parent/Guardian

Name of Child

Grade in 2024-2025

Name of Parents/Guardians

Telephone Number

Home Address

Primary Email (please print clearly)

Parish Name

A. Please list the Sunday liturgy you regularly attend:

B. Please list your **Parish** volunteer activities for the 2023 - 2024 school year:

C. Please note how you regularly contribute: ___ envelope ___ direct deposit ___ online giving

Section 2: To be completed by the Pastor

This is to certify that according to parish records and/or my personal knowledge, the above referenced family is a registered and participating member of our Catholic parish and is eligible for the Active Catholic Parishioner Tuition Grant.

Pastor's Signature

Date

Family photo
REQUIRED

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After School Tutoring is Available on Thursdays!

FINAL OPPORTUNITY

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 2:45-4pm. 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
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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 to be Tutored!

Click here [▶](#) to sign up!

Field Days are Coming!

We look forward to a day of fun with the many activities that Mrs. Stewart has planned for our students. The Field Days will be split into two groups. Most activities are outside so please be sure to put sunblock on your child at home before school.

- Tuesday, May 21: Grades 6-8
- Wednesday, May 29: Grades 1-5

**Wheeled Coolers are needed (to borrow) for the May 21st Field Day. Thank you for sending yours in labeled with your name for us to use that day. **

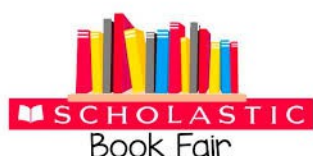
Middle School Field Day

Students in grades 6-8 will enjoy their Field Day on Tuesday, May 21st. Please have your middle school children wear Tag Day clothes with a colored (non-white) shirt and sneakers (sandals, flip flops and crocs are not permitted). Students will be participating in water activities so PE uniforms and extra tennis shoes must be sent in so students can change and then participate in their classes for the remainder of the day. Packing a towel might be useful.

Grades 1-5 Field Day

Remember to apply sunblock on your child at home before school Wednesday, May 29th for the 1st-5th grade Field Day. Hats are acceptable to wear outside to stay protected from the sun. Students may wear Tag Day clothes (no white shirts please). Sandals, flip flops and crocs are not allowed. Students will change into PE uniforms immediately after Field Day.

Our Spring Book Fair is Coming!



Our Book Fair will be here soon! We would love to have volunteers help for a few hours each day from May 27th through June 5th. If you are available for a few hours, or a few days, or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hinkle at hinkle@fatherandrewwhite.org or [sign up here](#).

You can preview our sale here: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/fatherandrewwhiteschool>

Sign up to Volunteer at the Book Fair!

Click here  to sign up!

Important Dismissal Message

In order to provide for the safety of all of our students and a smooth dismissal, we want to give a friendly reminder regarding dismissal procedures.

1. Please notify the front office by 2pm if you are picking up your child early from school. This ensures for the proper notification of teachers, staff, students and front office.
2. Please avoid using the bus lane after 2pm for pickup.
3. Please ensure that the person picking up is listed on your student emergency contact list.

Thank you for your support!



Band, Chorus and 3rd Grade Recorder Concert

Congratulations to our Band and Chorus members who sounded so lovely at the Spring Concert! Also a high five to our 3rd graders for showing off their recorder skills. Thank you to Ms. Etter and Mrs. Cacko for all their efforts working with our students this year.

Progress Reports

Reports for grades 4-8 were posted to the portal last Wednesday. We ask you to please keep in mind that we still have new lessons to teach and work to accomplish. We hope you will support us in encouraging the children to keep studying and to continue to make their school work a priority.

<https://www.plusportals.com/FatherAndrewWhiteSchool>



Return Library Books

It's time to start looking for all Father Andrew White School library books so they can be returned by the end of the school year. Sometimes our school library books get mixed in with your home library ones, so be sure to check all around your house. Thank you for helping your children find these books!

FAW Athletics

Catholic Schools Relay Races

Come on out for an afternoon of fun and cheer on your FAW Crusaders as they race around the track at St. Mary's Ryken **this Saturday, May 18th from 12 - 4pm**. We will be competing against the other local Catholic schools. See you there! Go Crusaders!



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

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Worship Singing next Wednesday!

Mr. Stewart is back with his guitar! Many of the students got to sing with him at retreat the past two years.

All students, teachers and staff are welcome to join Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart after school in the Gym on Wednesday, May 22nd from 3-3:30pm for some worship singing!

To God be the glory, great things He has done. See you there!

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



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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



May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the perfect time to check in and see how your kids are doing. Communication and observation are vital, along with reliable information and good resources. Finding help can be challenging, especially in a crisis. Thus, it's good to be aware and prepared. Talk to your child's pediatrician to address concerns you may have and get names and referrals for further help if needed. On Saturday May 18th, there will be a Mental Health and Wellness Education Fair at the James A. Forrest Technology Center from 11am-3pm, where much information will be available. According to the Holloway studies show that prayer and having a

close relationship with God strengthen one's resilience, happiness, and overall mental health. So, as always, keep praying, and lead your children to do the same.



Log your Volunteer Hours

Please remember to [keep your logged volunteer hours](#) up to date! You should have at least 23 hours by this point to be on track for your 25 hour requirement (for Service Scholarship families).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Relay Race Volunteers Needed this Weekend!

This year the Catholic schools are participating in relay races this Saturday, May 18, 2024 at St. Mary's Ryken. 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 or click on the SignUpGenius link below.



Relay Race Volunteer SignUpGenius

Click here [👉](#) to volunteer!

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!

Summer Maintenance Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to work on some maintenance jobs over the summer. Please contact Mrs. Richards at cptrbrown@aol.com if you are interested in being on our Summer Maintenance team! Thanks for considering!



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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.

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!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 First Friday Mass 8:30am (hosted by 1st Grade) May Crowning	4
5	6	7 MAP Growth Testing - Math (Grades 2-8)	8 Pigging out for DI Day Progress Reports Posted (grades 4-8)	9 Spring Band & Chorus Concert 6:30pm	10 Band Field Trip 12:30pm Early Dismissal	11
←----- Teacher Appreciation Week ----->						
12 Happy Mother's Day DI Bake Sale at St. Aloysius Church	13 Grades PK & K Field Trip Athletics Awards Banquet, 6pm	14	15 Grade 1 Field Trip	16 Grades 5 & 8 Field Trips	17	18 Catholic School Relay Races at SMR First Communion at St. Aloysius Church
19	20	21 Field Day Grades 6-8	22 Grade 8 Field Trip	23 Grades 1-8 Field Trips	24 Class of 2024 8 th Grade Graduation, 10am No School	25
26	27 No School Memorial Day	28	29 Field Day Grades 1-5	30 HSA Ice Cream Social	31 Last Day for Pre-K Pre-K Promotion Middle School Monthly Activity	

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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

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Weekly Reminders:

- Complete and Return Pastoral Verification Form - by TOMORROW
- Sign up for Tutoring - by Thursday
- Volunteer to help at the Catholic School Relay Races
- Attend the Catholic Schools Relay Races at SMR (Saturday)
- Order your School Supply Boxes
- Send in a cooler for Field Day
- Look for and return School Library books
- Sign up to volunteer for the various opportunities!
- 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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