Crusader Connections

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

May 7, 2024





Important Dates

May 7: Field Trip	(grades K and 1) & 8t	h Grade Summer Bi	rthdays Celebrated
May 8. Pigging of	ut for DI Day & Progre	ss Reports Posted	(grades 4-8)

May 9: 7th Grade Summer Birthdays Celebrated & Spring Band and Chorus Concert & 3rd Grade Recorder Performance

May 10: Early Dismissal, 12:30pm & Band Field Trip & Middle School Social at OLSS

May 12: Happy Mother's Day & DI Bake Sale at St. Aloysius Church

May 13: 6th Grade Summer Birthdays Celebrated & Field Day (grades PK and K) & FAW Athletic

Awards Banquet, 6-8pm

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

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to our Wonderful Teachers!



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 6-10, 2024

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THUBEDAY

FRIDAY

"Marvelous Monday"

Teachers get a Tag Day! Teachers will be celebrated during Morning Prayers!

"Thank You Tuesday"

Students will get a colorful card to write a thoughtful note about their favorite teacher. All notes will be put onto a Wall of Fame in the hallway!

"WAY TO GO Wednesday"

Teachers wear school Spirit Gear. A special delivery will be delivered to the teachers to go "shopping."

"Thirsty Thursday"

Our teachers will be treated to a hot beverage in the morning from a coffee truck (starting at 7am)! The Teacher's Lounge fridge will also be stocked with fun drinks to enjoy

"Fun Friday"

Teachers get a coupon to have another Tag Day to use during the rest of the year, and a catered lunch with NO lunch or recess duties.

"To help the HSA cover the costs for Teacher Appreciation Week, we are asking each student to send in \$5." Please send in cash or pay online: https://bnfct.co/faw-taw

Schedule Reminder

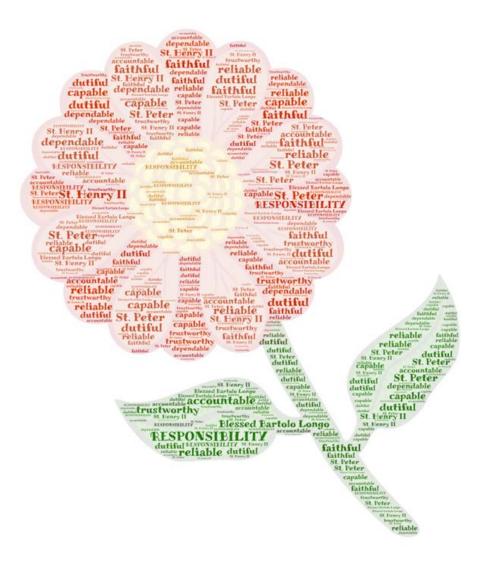
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Early Dismissal: This Friday, May 10th is a 12:30pm early dismissal day. Please be sure to send in a healthy snack as lunch is <u>not</u> served on early dismissal days.



May Virtue of the Month: Responsibility

<u>The Virtue of Responsibility:</u> We are participating in a Virtues in Practice program this year. Each month, our whole school focuses on the same virtue as we hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. We learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month we are learning about the virtue of responsibility. Please join us during the month of May by praying for the children to be reliable in their duties and accountable for their actions.



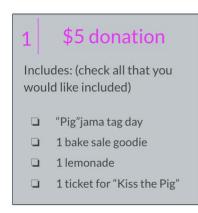
Pigging Out for DI - TOMORROW!

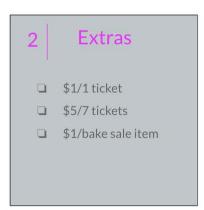


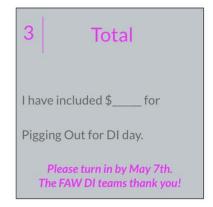
Pigging Out for DI: Wednesday, May 8th

Students can place their "orders" this week for how they want to participate in our day of pigging out for DI! Students may wear pajamas, select an item (or 2) from our bake sale/treat table, enjoy a lemonade for lunch, and vote for the teacher that they want to see kiss a pig! Some students may even WANT to kiss a pig, too! They may buy tickets for a chance to pucker up! The DI teams thank you!

Pigging Out for DI - Wed. May 8, 2024 Name Grade:







Who do you want to see kiss a pig!? You vote!



AFriendly Reminder from the Bookkeeper!

If you are requesting the Catholic tuition rate for next school year, the <u>Pastoral Verification Form</u> is due NEXT WEDNESDAY, 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.

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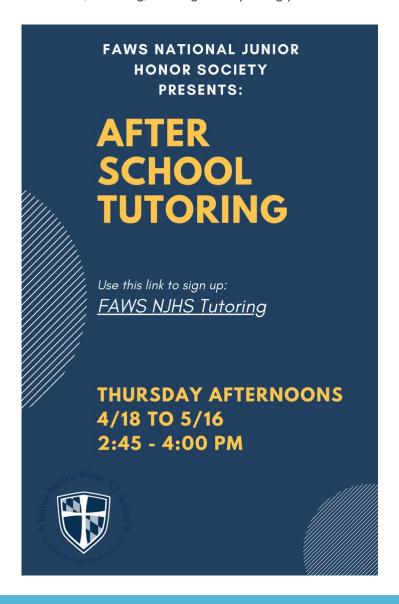
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After School Tutoring is Available on Thursdays!

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!

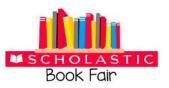
Have your student join members of our Linda Maloney Chapter of NJHS on Thursday afternoons from 2:45-4pm. This is open to students in grades 2-8 and tutors are available for homework help in core subjects as well as Math, Reading, Writing and Spelling practice.



Sign up to be Tutored!

Click here d to sign up!

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

<u>hinkle@fatherandrewwhite.org</u> or <u>sign up here</u>.

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

Sign up to Volunteer at the Book Fair!

Click here d 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!

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 DItermined!!! 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



Panda Express Spirit Night - TOMORROW!



Father Andrew White School Destination Imagination

20% of event sales will be donated

Raising funds to send teams to Destination Imagination Global Finals Tournament in Kansas City

When

Wednesday, May 08, 2024 Time: 9:30 AM to 10:00 PM



Where

Panda Express located at: 44980 St. Andrews Church Road, Suite F California MD 20619 (301) 363 - 2196





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Chick Fil AMobile Spirit Night - next Monday!

Mobile Spirit Night

Monday, May 13, 2024 5 pm- 7 pm

Come support the Destination Imagination Team from Father Andrew White School and 25% of sales will be donated accordingly.
All orders must be placed via the Chick-fil-A® App and enter code "DIFAWS" when prompted.





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The Band, Chorus and 3rd Grade Recorder Concert is this Thursday!

Our Band/Chorus concert is **this Thursday, May 9th at 6:30pm** in the FAW gym. Band and Chorus members should report to the school by 6:00pm in black bottoms/white top concert attire.

Third graders will have their recorder debut during the concert on the FAW Stage. Mrs. Cacko will have music ready for the students. Third graders just need to arrive, wearing their Sunday best, to the FAW gym (where they will sit with their class) no later than 6:20pm. We can't wait for the 3rd graders to show off their recorder skills!

Progress Reports

Reports for grades 4-8 will be posted to the portal tomorrow, Wednesday, May 8th. 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.



Spring Uniforms are in Effect

Please ensure that your student's uniform is compliant. Remember to check that your student has a belt that fits, buttons are secure on skirts and haircuts are the proper length. Also, our students love to be active at recess! Please ensure your child wears shorts under jumpers or skirts. Thank you for your support and cooperation!

April Virtue of the Month Winners: Forgiveness





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!

Middle School Social at OLSS - May 10th





Our Lady Star of the Sea School Middle School Social Friday, May 10, 2024

Permission Form - Required for Entrance

Student's Name:
Grade:
School:
Parent/Guardian Name:
Cell Phone:
Parent/Guardian Name:
Cell Phone:
My child has my permission to attend the OLSS Middle School Social on May
10. I understand that any inappropriate conduct will result in a parent/guardian
being called to pick up their child immediately from the Dance.
Parent Signature:

FAW Athletics

ATHLETIC BANQUET











Athletic Banquet - Next Monday

Father Andrew White School Athletic Banquet

Monday, May 13, 2024

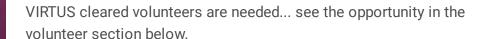
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to celebrate our student athletes! Cupcakes and light refreshments will be served.

Student athletes and their families are invited to attend this event. Please RSVP via the invitation sent by our Athletic Director, Katy Burfield.

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 next Saturday, May 18th from 12 - 4pm. We will be competing against the other local Catholic schools. See you there! Go Crusaders!





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



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!

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One of the first specialists I remember learning about is a podiatrist, or someone who treats feet and their ailments. I remember an elderly neighbor needing to visit one to get his toenails trimmed, and I remember thinking, "That's kinda weird!" (I later learned he had something called diabetic neuropathy which can cause pain and numbness in the feet, thus presenting the danger that he could injure himself and not even realize it.) Nowadays, rather than going to a podiatrist for a nail trim, I know of many people that visit nail salons to get pedicures. In fact, if you're looking for something for Mother's Day, a gift certificate might not be a bad idea. Our feet really do deserve to be pampered for doing the important jobs of supporting our bodies and enabling us to be mobile. If not a pedicure, maybe a gift certificate for reflexology or a foot massage, or a really nice pair of shoes, or even some of those detox pads for the bottoms of your feet. (Of course if you want to go the cheaper route, I've heard that sleeping with a sliced onion on the bottom of your foot with a sock over it works just as well!) Lastly, for foot care, nothing beats walking barefoot to ground yourself with "Mother Earth". And for showing your mom care, nothing beats praying for her to Father God, on Mother's Day and always.

VOLUNTEEROPPORTUNITIES





Calling all Bakers!

Do you need that last hour or two to finish out your service hours for the year? Well, our Destination Imagination teams need your help! We are asking for individually wrapped baked goods that can be sold after Masses at St. Aloysius on Mother's Day, May 12th. Items can be brought directly to Mass or dropped off during

school hours on Friday, May 10th. Thank you for your continued support!

Baked Goods Sign Up

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!





the SignUpGenius link below.

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 or click on

Relay Race Volunteer SignUpGenius

Click here do volunteer!

Lunch and Recess Monitors

Would you like to earn volunteer hours by assisting at lunch or recess time? Click the <u>SignUpGenius</u> 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 do volunteer!

Thank you to our 2024 Auction Sponsors!



Sign up to Reserve the Spirit Rock



Spirit Rock Sign Up

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Volunteer Hours Recording Form

Click here \(\bar{b}\) to submit your volunteer hours.

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TADS Tuition Account

Click here \S to log in to your TADS account to view tuition agreements and make payments.

PlusPortals Parent Login

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Click here & to read messages from the Principal.

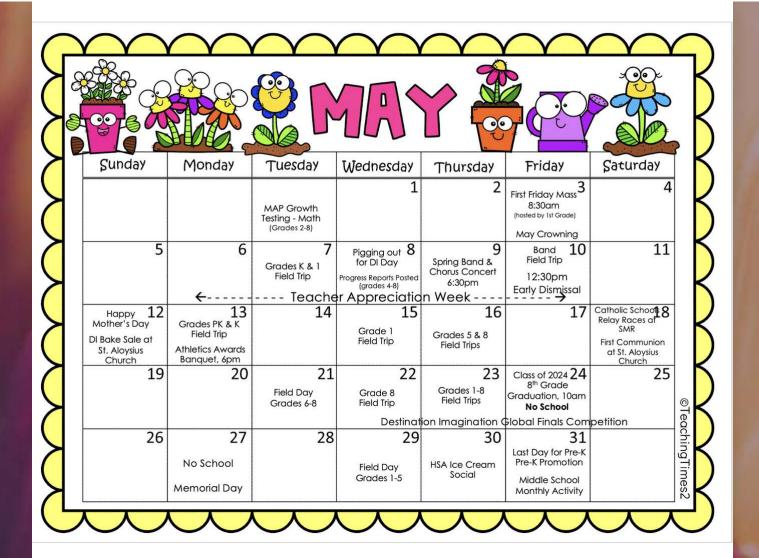
Our Last School Newsletter

Click here \S 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!





Upcoming Community Events

Click here \S to view upcoming events from our community.



Weekly Reminders:

- ☐ Show your gratitude during Teacher Appreciation Week (this week)
- ☐ Check Progress Reports on the Parent Portal (grades 4-8) Tomorrow
- ☐ Attend the Band and Chorus Concert Thursday
- ☐ Complete and Return Pastoral Verification Form by next Wednesday
- ☐ Look for and return School Library books
- ☐ Sign up to volunteer for the various opportunities!
- ☐ Sign up for Tutoring
- ☐ Support DI
- ☐ Participate in our Annual Giving Campaign
- □ Submit Volunteer Hours







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