

FATHER ANDREW WHITE



Crusader Connections

November 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❑ **Monday, Nov. 3 - Winter Uniforms began**
See Parent Student Handbook for guidelines on Winter Uniforms.
- ❑ **Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 5 - 6 (1pm - 6pm) Parent-Teacher Conferences** Mandatory for students in grades 1-5 and report cards will be distributed at the conference. A sign up link was emailed!
- ❑ **Thursday, Nov. 6 - Early Dismissal**
- ❑ **Friday, Nov. 7 - No School**
- ❑ **Tuesday, Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Parade** Our entire school will walk the parade, accompanied by parent volunteers. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this activity, please refrain from sending them to school on Tuesday, Nov. 11.
- ❑ **Wednesday, Nov. 12 - Stockings for Soldiers Due**
- ❑ **Saturday, Nov. 15 - Boxes of Joy Deadline**
- ❑ **Tuesday, Nov. 18 - Tag Day for Jamaica**
- ❑ **Friday, Nov. 21 (11am-1pm) - HSA Thanksgiving Luncheon and Brown Bag Auction.** Tickets are on sale now!
- ❑ **Wednesday Nov. 26 - Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Break**
- ❑ **Tuesday, Dec. 2. - Catholic Day of Giving**
- ❑ **Thursday, Dec. 4 - History/Science Fair**
- ❑ **Friday, Dec. 5 - Santa Shop**
- ❑ **Monday, Dec. 8 - Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- ❑ **Thursday, Dec. 11 - Christmas Pageant/8th Grade Cookie Walk**
- ❑ **Friday, Dec. 19 - Santa's Cinema and Early Dismissal**



Father Andrew White Thanksgiving
Lunch & Brown Bag Auction

Click [here](#) to
purchase
tickets!



Father Andrew White School

Annual Brown Bag Auction

THEMED, FUN-FILLED BASKETS WILL BE ON
DISPLAY AT SCHOOL NOVEMBER 19-21



SEEKING DONATIONS OF PRIZES FOR BASKETS OR FILLED BASKETS FOR THE AUCTION!
DONATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 8TH.

PLEASE CONTACT SHANNON DENT AT FAW.BROWNBAGAUCTION@GMAIL.COM
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Online raffle ticket sales now through 11/20.
Order forms for cash purchases of tickets will be sent home on 11/14.
Winners will be announced Monday the 24th.

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In celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, St. Aloysius Church is designated as a Jubilee Pilgrimage site and is offering a special commemorative ornament. Each ornament is \$20, with proceeds directly supporting our parish. Ornaments purchased online will be available for pickup at the parish office during regular office hours. Reserve yours today and take home a keepsake.

Click [here](#) to order



Click
here to
log
Volunteer
Hours

Looking for Lunchroom Volunteers!

Please email Ms. Deb: woody@fatherandrewwhite.org
if you are able to assist!


Remember!

If you accepted the **Service Scholarship** (\$350 per student discount applied to your final tuition payment of the year) you are required to volunteer at one of the major fundraisers. One of the four major fundraisers is coming up at the end of November - The Thanksgiving Luncheon/Brown Bag Auction (Friday, November 21).

Failure to volunteer at one of the major fundraisers which includes the Spring Auction/Social, will result in a reduction in the Service Scholarship of \$200.

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer for the Brown Bag Auction and Thanksgiving Luncheon!

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Save the Date

ELEVENTH ANNUAL

MARYLAND
STEM
FESTIVAL



2025

October 17 – November 16

The Theme is...

ENERGY



Join us for
hundreds of
fun, free events
across the State!

MarylandStemFestival.org

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Notes from the Bookkeeper

The Financial Aid application for the 2026-2027 school year is open!

This application is the starting point for ALL requests for financial assistance from Father Andrew White School.

Although we've just started the school year, the financial aid application is open for next year and we encourage you to fill it out early. To qualify for any tuition assistance, you must submit this application. Once you have completed the application, please keep an eye on your email for any requests for additional information from FACTS - failure to provide any requested information will result in an incomplete application, which will not be considered for financial aid.

The **due date is February 1, 2026.**

The application will request 2024 tax information, so there's no need to wait until the new year to start your application.

To fill in an application, log into your FACTS Family Portal and click on **Financial** on the left side. Then click on **Apply for Grant & Aid**. From there, click on **Create your Account** to start your financial aid application.



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Welcome Grant & Aid Applicant





RaiseRight™

Simply the right way to fundraise



With Christmas coming, this is a great time to purchase gift cards to use for your own Christmas shopping or to give as gifts. You can always order electronic cards through your online account. Physical cards can be picked up three ways at the Thanksgiving Luncheon:

- 1. Place an order online through the app and submit payment ahead of time for physical cards by **November 10th**. **Be sure to select "Ship to Coordinator."** We will have your cards ready for you to pick up at the Thanksgiving luncheon.*
- 2. You can submit a [physical order form](#), which lists our current stock of gift cards, to the school with payment by **November 19th**. You can then collect them at the Thanksgiving luncheon. Please use the Raise Right order form below.*
- 3. You can bring your checkbook or cash to purchase cards from our stock that day.*

Family Order Form

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*If you are a friend or family member of a FAW student please provide that student's name for rebate purposes.
This is just a small portion of the brands that are offered. To see a full list go to <https://www.raiseright.com/brands>.*

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	6%		\$	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.5%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Panda Express \$25.00	8%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$15.00	5%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$25.00	5%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	6%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Sephora \$25.00	6.5%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$	Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	7%		\$	Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	9%		\$	Sonic \$10.00	8%		\$
Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	9%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	6.5%		\$	T.J.Maxx/ Marshalls/ HomeGoods/ Sierra \$25.00	6%		\$
Dairy Queen \$25.00	6.5%		\$	Target \$10.00	2.5%		\$
Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$100.00	8%		\$
DSW \$25.00	10.5%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Dunkin' \$10.00	3.5%		\$	The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Dunkin' \$25.00	3.5%		\$	Tractor Supply Company \$25.00	4.5%		\$
Food Lion \$100.00	3.5%		\$	ULTA \$25.00	7%		\$
Food Lion \$25.00	3.5%		\$	Under Armour \$25.00	11%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$25.00	1.25%		\$
Giant Food \$25.00	3.5%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Giant Food \$50.00	3.5%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Wawa \$25.00	2%		\$
Instacart \$25.00	5%		\$	Weis Markets \$100.00	5%		\$
Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$	Weis Markets \$25.00	5%		\$
Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$				
McDonald's \$10.00	3%		\$				
McDonald's \$25.00	3%		\$				

Make Checks Payable To: *Father Andrew White School*

Total Due All Columns:

\$



**8th graders
collected non
perishables while
trick-or-treating!**



We are proud of our Eighth Graders!!

THANK YOU, HSA!!

Thank you to our HSA for the wonderful fall events provided for our FAW family!

A very special thank you to all of our sponsors and to our coordinators, Katie Bailey (Crusader Cup), Lisa Beavan and Julie Farasy (Trunk or Treat) and all of their volunteers! Without their help, these events would not be possible.



STOCKINGS FOR DEPLOYED TROOPS

The FAW Student Council Association is looking for your help! We are collecting various items to put together Christmas care packages (in stockings) for our deployed troops. Below is a list of items that are needed by each class. We would really appreciate your help with this project! Whatever you can donate will bring smiles to our troops who will not be with family during the holidays.

In order to collect the items, put the stockings together and have them delivered in time for Christmas, we need the items by Wednesday, November 12th.

Thank you In advance for your support!

- PK - Small packs of Wet Wipes and/or tissues**
- K - Small packs of Sunflower Seeds and/or beef jerky**
- 1st - Small packs of trail mix and/or dice**
- 2nd - Small containers of Gatorade powder and/or Ibuprofen**
- 3rd - Travel size sunscreen and/or hand sanitizer**
- 4th - Q-tips and/or crossword puzzles**
- 5th - Snack size candy canes or other hard candy**
- 6th - Playing cards and/or travel size body lotion**
- 7th - Band-aids and/or fruit snacks**
- 8th - Gum and/or chapstick**

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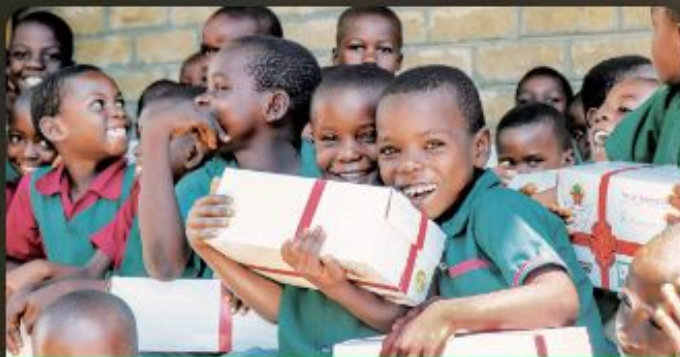


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Box of Joy

Bless Children With Boxes Filled With Love



Donate a Box of Joy Online



Lead a Group to Pack Box of Joy Gifts

Boxes of Joy are now available in the office for families who wish to participate in providing a Christmas gift for those less fortunate in countries such as Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. Our goal is to provide 50 Boxes of Joy this year! Deadline will be Nov. 15. For more info. click [here](#)

FACTS System

- ❖ Please be aware that the Archdiocese of Washington has gone to a new computer information system this year (FACTS).
- ❖ Thank you for your patience as we figure out this new system.
- ❖ For questions regarding FACTS, please contact Mrs. Greer at: greer@fatherandrewwhite.org



Winter Uniforms Began Monday, Nov. 3

See Parent Student Handbook for guidelines on Winter Uniforms

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

PAINT THE
SPRIT ROCK



SHOW YOUR
SCHOOL SPIRIT!

RENT THE SPRIT ROCK FOR BIRTHDAYS, SPECIAL OCCASIONS, SCHOOL EVENTS, INSPIRATION, CLASS SPIRIT, ETC!
SIGN UP ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE TO MAKE A RESERVATION!

\$20

The **Spirit Rock** is available for those who would like to decorate it for their child's birthday or other special occasion! Use the following link to sign up:

<https://fatherandrewwhite.org/spirit-rock/>

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**Are you part of a military
connected family?**

**Join fellow FAW families to stay
informed of resources designed
specifically for the military
community!**



**To get started, please send your
contact information to:**

Michellemcdonald13@outlook.com



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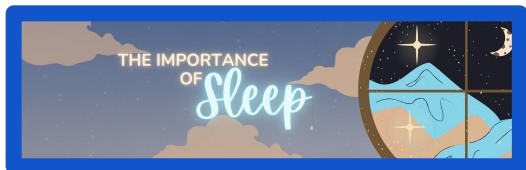


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NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



One of the most unfollowed pieces of sound medical advice is to get a proper amount of sleep. Hopefully with the recent time change, most of us at least got that one extra hour, but don't stop there. To make staying healthy a priority, be sure to work on setting consistent sleep schedules, and stick with them!

STRETCH

Another preventative measure that is often overlooked, is the importance of warming up and stretching before sports and other physical activity. This can actually help to prevent some of those unfortunate injuries that we all want to avoid.

Lastly, other than one or two lingering cases of hand foot and mouth disease, most of our recent health room visits have been for nonspecific illnesses or injuries. In other words, there is currently nothing "going around" - and we pray that it stays that way!

Stay safe and God Bless!



**Veterans Day
November 11**

Veterans Day Parade: Please note that our entire school will walk to the parade, accompanied by parent volunteers. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this activity, please refrain from sending them to school on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Lifetouch.

When ordering pictures, please
add this code for 10% off!!

CODE: F2510OFF

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"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you"

1 PETER 5:7

**ST. ALOYSIUS MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY WELCOMES ALL TO A TALK ON
THE TRUTH ABOUT ANXIETY GIVEN BY LUKE JOHANNI, LGPC, NCC.**

Luke Johanni is a Catholic Mental Health Therapist and founder of Restored Christian Counseling in Southern Maryland. He is also the host of the "Mind and Spirit" podcast. As a husband, father, and Catholic, Luke is passionate about helping others to discover peace and purpose through Christ's healing power and addressing the whole person: body, mind and soul.

THE TRUTH about ANXIETY

Thursday, November 13, 2025

6:00 PM

St. Aloysius Parish Hall

22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650

**For more information,
contact Liz Tomaszeski
liz.tomaszeski@gmail.com**

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In light of the recent hurricane that has impacted several schools across the western region of Jamaica, the Archdiocese of Washington will join together in a collective act of faith and compassion; supporting our brothers and sisters in Catholic education throughout the island.

—TAG DAY FOR DONATION—



Through our donation, the hope is to provide school supplies, classroom resources, and financial support to help students and teachers rebuild and return to learning as quickly as possible.

We will be partnering with the *Diocese of Montego Bay* to support *Mount Alvernia High School* and *Deshetwo Primary School*.

Father Andrew White will have a Tag Day on Tuesday, November 18th to support this initiative.

We encourage students to donate \$2 or more, and wear tag day appropriate clothes focusing on the colors of the Jamaican flag (Black, Yellow, Green)!

Note: See Parent Student Handbook for Tag Day guidelines.

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GIVING TUESDAY

The goal of Giving Tuesday is to rally our Catholic community in support of the organizations that shape our souls: our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. Your gift helps us impact the lives of countless people and builds the body of Christ. Please help show your support and for giving back, out of your gratitude for all the blessings you have received! **Thank you for "Giving Catholic" on #GivingTuesday!**



DECEMBER 5, 2025
ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH HALL

Santa Shop.

is coming to FAW

Just as the wisemen offered gifts for baby Jesus... Let your children enjoy the feeling of giving this year! The upcoming Santa Shop invites students to experience the excitement of Christmas gift buying.

During school hours, children will be able to feel the joy of choosing their own presents for family, friends, and even pets. An envelope will be sent home with a list of who to buy for to ensure students have enough money budgeted for each \$3 gift.

Gifts will come home wrapped and ready to be placed under the tree!

*Please return the envelope by
Tuesday, November 25th*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT LINDAGREER@GMAIL.COM

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH
HSA EVENTS!**



Father Andrew White, S.J. School
LEADERSHIP + FAITH + ACADEMICS

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August	26	1st Day of School (K-8) - 12:30 Dismissal
	29	12:30 Early Dismissal - Professional Day
September	1	No School - Labor Day
	2	Pre-K Starts
	18	12:30 Early Dismissal
	19	No School - St. Mary's County Fair
	22	No School - Professional Day
October	17	Crusader Cup
	18	Trunk or Treat
	23	12:30 Early Dismissal
	24	No School - Collaboration Day
	30	End of the 1 st Quarter
November	6	12:30 Early Dismissal
	7	No School
	21	Thanksgiving Luncheon & Brown Bag Auction
	26-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December	1	Classes Resume
	5	Santa Shop
	19	Santa's Cinema - Class Christmas Party
	19	12:30 Early Dismissal - Christmas Break Begins
	22-31	No School - Christmas Break
January	1-4	No School - New Year's Day
	5	Classes Resume
	16	12:30 Early Dismissal
	19	No School - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
	22	End of 2nd Quarter
	25-31	Catholic Schools Week
	31	Family Bingo
February	13	No School - Professional Day
	16	No School - Presidents' Day
March	6	12:30 Early Dismissal
	9	No School - Collaboration Day
	30	End of the 3 rd Quarter
	TBD	"Shamrock Shuffle" Fun Run
April	2	12:30 Early Dismissal - Holy Thursday
	3-12	No School - Easter Break
	13	Classes Resume
	24	Spring Social and Auction
May	22	12:30 Early Dismissal
	25	No School - Memorial Day
June	10	12:30 Early Dismissal
	11	12:30 Early Dismissal
	12	12:30 Early Dismissal - End of 4th Quarter - Last Day of School

All dates are subject to change. Events in blue signify HSA sponsored events.