

FATHER ANDREW WHITE



Crusader Connections

February 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday Feb. 2 - Friday Feb. 6, Catholic Schools Week (Rescheduled)
- Friday, Feb. 6: 1st grade hosts Mass/NJHS Induction following Mass and FAW Awards
- Sunday, Feb. 8: Father Andrew White Pep Rally 1:30pm-2:30pm
- Tuesday, Feb. 10: Valentine's Candy Grams due
- Friday, Feb. 13: NO SCHOOL for Students / ALL Staff Retreat & Work Day
- Monday, Feb. 16: NO SCHOOL, President's Day
- Wednesday, Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday Mass
- Friday, Feb. 20: No school Mass
- Wednesday, Feb. 25: Interims
- Friday, Feb. 27: Ticket Sales Due for Lottery Fundraiser
- Tuesday, Mar. 3: School Advisory Board Meeting
- Saturday, Mar. 21: Shamrock Shuffle



FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS:

In order to qualify for **any** type of financial assistance from FAW or the Archdiocese, you **must** complete an ADW financial aid application. If you receive an inquiry for additional information from FACTS, please respond promptly. An incomplete financial aid application will not qualify for financial assistance from the Archdiocese and will impact any additional financial aid award.

The deadline is February 27, 2026. You can apply for financial aid at this link: [Financial Aid Application](#)



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St. Mary's County Science Fair



Biomedical and Health Sciences, 2nd place - Madison

Environmental Engineering, 2nd place - Olivia

Karine Ingersoll Sparkle Award - Tommy

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Great Job!

The Student Council Association
sent 150 Stockings for Soldiers!



Super
★Huge
Thankyou

Thank you to
Mrs. Downey for
organizing this!

You
have made
difference

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Father Andrew White PEP RALLY

**Come support your Father Andrew White
Crusaders at the PEP RALLY!**



**February 8th, 1:30pm–2:30pm
FAW GYM**

**Following the PEP RALLY join us at St. Mary's Ryken
High School to celebrate our 8th graders!**

**Varsity Girls basketball/ Cheerleader 8th grade
celebration 3:15pm**



**Varsity Boys basketball 8th grade
celebration 4:30pm**

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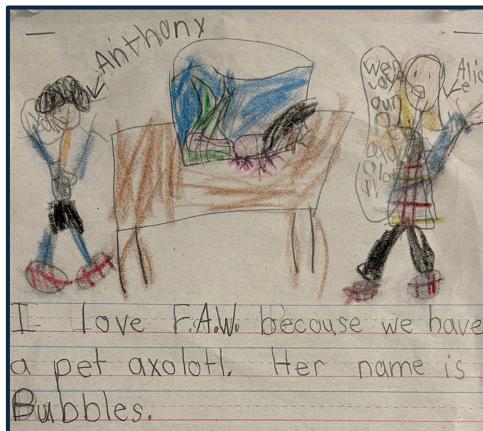
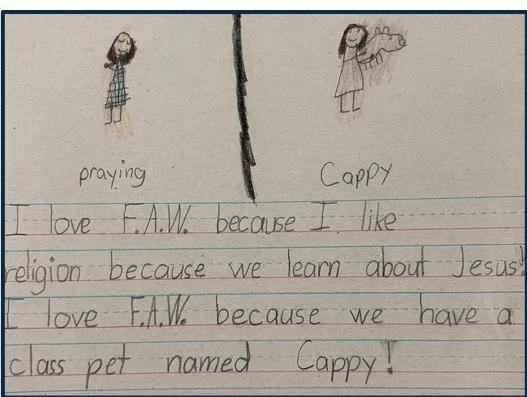
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Catholic Standard



The wonderful drawing and writing by Father Andrew White first grader Charlotte and Alice along with writings by classmates Memphis, Lilah, and Lark appeared in the Jan. 15 *Catholic Standard* newspaper in the Catholic Schools Week section.

Junior Saints on our *Catholic Standard* website was just in time for the beginning of Catholic Schools Week found [here](#):



Be sure to click on the link to also read why 5th graders, Gunnar, Finn, Addy, and Mirabel love Father Andrew White School!

[Catholic Standard](#) reporter article and photos covering last week's Mass opening Catholic Schools Week in St. Mary's County, hosted by Father Andrew White School found [here](#).



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VALENTINE'S CANDY GRAMS!



\$1 Each



Due by February 10th



Share Valentines Day Fun
with Friends!

Hosted by the 8th Grade Class

See Candy Gram order template on next page.

TO: Gr.:

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Welcome to the 6th Annual FAW Lottery Fundraiser!

\$2,750 IN CASH PRIZES!

31 CHANCES TO WIN!

WHEN: MARCH 2026

**Winning numbers each day are based on the
Evening Maryland Lottery Pick-3**

Each family is receiving 3 tickets per student to sell at \$10.00 each. If you choose not to sell the tickets sent home with your child, please return them immediately so we can redistribute them to those families that would like more!

Lottery
Tickets
Enclosed!

**Attention to those that would like more tickets:
Please contact Becky Anderson at beckyanderson0904@gmail.com
or text her at 301-536-2058.**

**ALL TICKET SALES DUE BY
FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

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Father Andrew White School

SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

Pot O' Gold 5K

4-Leaf Fun Run 1 Mile

March 21, 2026

Location: Saint Mary's Ryken High School

8:00 AM Registration/Check-In

8:45 AM - 1 Mile Start

9:00 AM - 5K Start

<https://fatherandrewwhite.org/shamrock-shuffle>

5K - \$30 per participant*

1 Mile - \$10 per participant*



***Registration after March 7, 2026: 5K - \$35, 1 Mile - \$15**

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FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

PAINT THE **SPIRIT ROCK**



SHOW YOUR **SCHOOL SPIRIT!**

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

\$20



Special occasions

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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FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ROARING INTO SPRING SOCIAL & AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

USE THE QR CODE OR LINK PROVIDED TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

TICKET SALES END APRIL 17th, 2026.



<https://FATHERANDREWWHITE.ORG/FAW-SPRING-SOCIAL-2026/>

6:00 - 10:00 PM

OLDE BRETON INN LEONARDTOWN, MD

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET DINNER • LIVE AUCTION • MUSIC • DRINKS • DOOR PRIZES

ROARING '20S

ATTIRE ENCOURAGED.



SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

please
JOIN US

OPEN
School Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 3 @ 7pm
Location: St. Aloysius Hall



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



2025-2026

FAW School Advisory Board Members

- Rev. David Beaubien, Director
- Ms. Janet Szoch, Principal
- Ms. Amy Gavin, Staff Representative
- Ms. Kym Leyva-Johnson, HSA President
- Ms. Melissa Barrick, Chairperson & Parent Rep

Purpose

The Advisory Board of Father Andrew White, SJ School, exists to support the effective administration, operation, and maintenance of the school; to provide a means of communication; to review and discuss programs in light of the administrative vision for the school; to develop and strengthen the financial functioning and viability of the school; and to assist the administration in the implementation of the policies of the Archdiocese of Washington.



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NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE

Cold weather advisories are definitely in effect! What does that mean healthwise? Preventing injury is a priority, so wear shoes with good traction and pay attention when you are walking to prevent falls. The saying, "You can't catch a cold from being cold" may be true as it relates to the cold virus, but cold temperatures can definitely contribute to sickness. While we should still go outside to get fresh air and sunshine (and vitamin D), inhaling cold air directly can irritate and dry out the respiratory tract causing chapped lips, runny nose, sore throat, coughing, and nosebleeds, and can trigger asthma attacks and heart related problems. Simple exposure can cause dry, cracked skin, earaches, tissue damage, frostbite, and hypothermia. Thus, simply adding a layer of protection can go a long way. Now that we're back to school, we'll be spending more time inside together - which is the actual reason that we catch colds more often in winter. Thus, please take extra precautions to prevent the spread of germs by reminding your children to wash hands and cover coughs and sneezes. Additionally, if they are sick, please keep them home until feeling well enough to be at school.

Be safe, stay warm, and stay well!



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Catholic Schools Week Plans Rescheduled to Date Monday, Feb. 2 - Friday, Feb. 6

Monday, Feb. 2	TWO HOUR DELAY - Remember to bring a packed lunch! (no hot lunch available) Our Senior Spelling Bee will be held ***Band is also scheduled for today*** BRING: Begin sending in donations for the Baby Shower (PK-1) or Lunch Kits (2-8) - see flyers (below) for more details
Tuesday, Feb. 3	Our Junior Spelling Bee will be held Open House for prospective families is from 3 - 5pm BRING: \$2 (or \$5 family max) for our Patriotic Tag Day (A donation will be made to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home) WEAR: Red, White, Blue Tag Day clothes, in accordance with <u>our</u> out of uniform policy as stated in our <u>Parent/Student Handbook</u>
Wednesday, Feb. 4	BRING: Canned Soup (to be donated on behalf of our "souper" teachers and volunteers)
Thursday, Feb. 5	Our Career Fair will be held BRING: Donations for Baby Shower (PK - 1st) and Lunch Kits (2nd-8th)
Friday, Feb. 6	8:15am Mass with F.A.W. Awards and National Junior Honor Society Induction We will celebrate our volunteers and staff today (a few more volunteers are needed for lunch/recess coverage --> <u>SignUp</u> BRING: Donations for Baby Shower

Note: Our Family Bingo and Vendor Fair will be rescheduled for a later date.

Thank you for choosing Catholic education at Father Andrew White School!



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United in Faith and Community

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FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE COLLECTING SOUP CANS IN HONOR OF THE “SOUPER” STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

TO BE GIVEN TO THE ST. ALOYSIUS FOOD PANTRY



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Father Andrew White School

Baby Shower

For CareNet Pregnancy Center

PK-1st Grade will be hosting a Baby Shower to donate items to babies in need.

Please send in wrapped donations for your child to open at our "Baby Shower"!

Please bring in items such as:

Wipes

Baby Wash

Baby Lotion

Baby Food

Rattles & Toys

Newborn, 2T, 3T, and 4T Clothing

Newborn, 2T, 3T, and 4T Diapers and Pull-ups



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LUNCH KITS



During Catholic Schools Week, Father Andrew White School students in grades 2-8 will be shining light on our community by making lunch kits to be given to local community members. All items must be packaged for individual use.

Gr. 2 : Granola, Protein or Health Bars



Gr. 3: Single Powdered Drink Mix Packets or Fruit Snacks



Gr. 4: Ready-Made Microwavable Mac and Cheese Cups



Gr. 5: Ready-Made Microwavable Soups or Mac and Cheese Cups



Gr. 6: Ready-Made Microwavable Soups or Cheese Cracker Packs

Gr. 7: Tuna Pouches or Beef Jerky Sticks

Gr. 8: Bags of Chips, Pretzels, Popcorn, or Goldfish



As a service project, students will assemble the bagged lunches.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH
HSA EVENTS!



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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.