

FATHER ANDREW WHITE



June 2026

Crusader Connections

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❑ **Thursday, June 4, 5:30-7:00 pm:** End of Year Ice Cream Social (sponsored by HSA)
- ❑ **Friday, June 5:** PK Promotion at 10:30am
- ❑ **Friday, June 5:** 5th Grade Shadow Day/MS Quarterly Activity (7th hosts/ 5th attends)
- ❑ **Friday, June 5:** Student reports sent home to include MAP Growth scores, ARK test scores and summer assignments. Report cards will not be mailed this year; please check FACTS for final report cards.
- ❑ **Friday, June 5:** Yearbook distribution
Limited number of extras, first come first served. Anyone wanting one should email Mrs. Rutherford:
rutherford@fatherandrewwhite.org
- ❑ **Monday, June 8, 9:00-11:15 am:** Field Day for grades 4-7, 4 Stations & Ice Pops
- ❑ **Tuesday, June 9, 9:00-11:15 am:** Field Day for grades K-3, 4 Stations & Ice Pops
- ❑ **Wednesday, June 10:** Last day of school/early dismissal with **10:30 am** Mass - Parents may take students home after checking them out in the classroom.

SUMMER
Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Office is closed on Fridays

Office is closed for two weeks from 7/1-7/15

See you in August!

Exciting News!

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING

Mrs. Shannon Armsworthy

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AS OUR NEW
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
FOR THE
2026-2027
SCHOOL YEAR!

We are excited to have her in this new role!

Mrs. Armsworthy will continue to teach 4th grade and perform Assistant Principal duties.

STAY TUNED



Catholic Trinity House Community Groups will be forming for SY26-27. More information to follow.





FAW students participated in and won awards in the following activities this year:

- ★ State History and Science Fair
- ★ Scripps Spelling Bee
- ★ FIRST Lego League Robotics
- ★ SMECO MathCounts Teams
- ★ SMECO Math Team (4th & 5th grade)
- ★ ELKS Lodge American Civics Contest
- ★ ECO Challenge Grant work
- ★ MD Day Chorus Participation
- ★ United Nations Model UN
- ★ Battle of the Books
- ★ NAVAIR Navy's Next Jet Competition
- ★ Destination Imagination
- ★ Catholic Standard student work published
- ★ Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest
- ★ Southern MD Youth Basketball League
- ★ Catholic School Cross Country
- ★ Catholic School Relay Teams
- ★ Volleyball Tournaments
- ★ Catholic School Baseball & Softball Teams
- ★ Cornhole Tournament
- ★ Art Club
- ★ Band Festival; superior rating

Electives for Middle School students which included: automotive, cooking, spanish, typing, learning about the judicial system, sign language, agricultural education, photography, drawing, watercolor, and music, school store entrepreneurship, chess, science, volleyball, babysitting certification, weight training, personal finance, ukulele, bucket drumming, designing the yearbook, event planning and paper quilling.



Thank you to our teacher and parent sponsors for assisting with these enrichment activities for our students!

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map
GROWTH



Our MAP Growth test scores increased in **Reading and Math**. All of our Math scores are above the **70% percentile**. Our scores qualify us to work on an application for the National Catholic School of Distinction Award!



Congratulations

TO OUR AMAZING STAFF!

Our staff earned the following awards:



**GOLDEN APPLE
AWARD**

**Mrs. Shannon
Armstrong**
(4th grade)



**SMECO 2026
OUTSTANDING
SCIENCE TEACHER
AWARD**

**Mrs. Kristen
Haley**
(Science/8th grade HR)



**ROTARY 2026
OUTSTANDING
TEACHER AWARD**

**Mrs. Theresa
Schmidt**
(PK)



**CIVIC STAR
CHALLENGE
BRONZE WINNER**

**Mrs. Sarah
Conners**
(MS Social Studies)

*Thank you for your dedication, passion,
and commitment to our students!*





**THURSDAY, JUNE 4
5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**CELEBRATE THE END OF ANOTHER
GREAT SCHOOL YEAR WITH US!**

**FAW FAMILIES RECEIVE FREE ICE CREAM
WITH TOPPINGS!**

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND LAWN
GAMES AND ENJOY FROZEN TREATS
WITH YOUR FRIENDS!**

**SIPPIN' DIRTY REFRESHMENTS WILL
ATTEND AND OFFER THE FIRST 50
DRINKS FREE!**

***ALLERGY FRIENDLY OPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE!**

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*We are sending best wishes
and congratulations to*
Mrs. Cecilia Sarlo
*as she retires from teaching at
Father Andrew White SJ School!*

*We are so grateful for her dedicated service at
FAW from 2002 - 2026.*



*We will
Miss you*

Thank You!

Thank you to our **Home School Association** for providing the wonderful events for our families this year, including:





-  The Crusader Cup Golf Tournament
-  The Social and Auction
-  Trunk or Treat
-  Family Bingo
-  Book Fair
-  Teacher Appreciation Week
-  Santa's Secret Shop
-  EOY Ice Cream Social
-  Santa's Cinema
-  Thanksgiving Luncheon
-  Brown Bag Auction

YOU
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

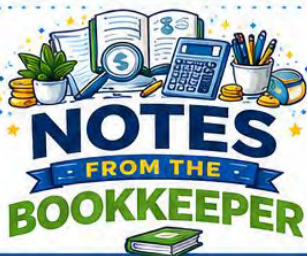


Thank you to our *wonderful benefactors* who have provided financial support for our families and school!



-  The Cammack Foundation
-  The Greenwell Foundation
-  The M.I.L. Foundation
-  The Shepherd Foundation

-  The Combs Foundation
-  The Knights of Columbus
-  Ron and Eileen Kapusta
(in honor of Loretta Hoffman)



Please note!

For those who applied for financial aid and did not receive assistance from the ADW, applications will be further reviewed by the FAW scholarship committee and notices will be sent out by mid-June.





NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE

As the year ends, I have a few important reminders for you, the first one being that all students must be in compliance with the Maryland state immunization requirements in order to attend school in the Archdiocese of Washington. All students age five and above must have received two MMR and two Varicella vaccines. Additionally, students entering seventh grade must have one Tdap and one meningitis vaccine. Documentation of vaccination must be received by our office prior to the first day of school. This can be done by submitting a hard copy of your child's immunization record or by uploading it to FACTS. Immunizations can be administered at doctor's offices, some pharmacies, and the local school based health centers (smchd.sbhc@maryland.gov). Please note that Father Andrew White School cannot grant exemptions for immunizations. If you have questions regarding exemptions, contact the Archdiocese of Washington directly at schools@adw.org.

If your child has medication at the school, you may pick it up anytime **M-F through June 10th**. If I am not in the office, Mrs. Breedlove can give it to you. While enjoying the great outdoors this summer, don't forget protection from the sun's harmful rays with wide-brimmed hats, sunscreen, and sunglasses. Also, be mindful of biting bugs, especially mosquitoes and ticks; and, as always, stay hydrated! Lastly, in today's world it is more important than ever to monitor your child's online safety. Please see the checklist on the following pages for more information.





Vaccination Requirements for Children Enrolled in Maryland Preschool Programs and in Schools (Grades K-12) (Rev 4/9/2026) — Per [COMAR 10.06.04.03](#)

Instructions: To determine the required number of vaccinations for a student, first locate the student's age or grade on the chart. Then, read across the chart from left to right. Please refer to page 2 for the footnotes and compliance rules. For more information, visit the Maryland Department of Health [Back-to-School website](#).

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for PRESCHOOL aged children enrolled in educational programs							
Vaccine	DTaP/DIP/DI ^{1,6}	Polio ²	Hib ³	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B ²	PCV ³ (Prevnar TM)
Child's Current Age							
Less than 2 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2 - 3 months	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
4 - 5 months	2	2	2	0	0	2	2
6 - 11 months	3	3	2	0	0	3	2
12 - 14 months	3	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age ³	1	1	3	2
15 - 23 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2
24—59 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	1
60 - 71 months	4	3	0	2	1	3	0

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for children enrolled in KINDERGARTEN - 12 th grade							
Grade Level Grade (Ungraded)	DTaP/DIP/Tdap/ DT/Td ^{1,6}	Tdap ⁶	Polio ²	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B ²	Meningococcal (MCV4)
Kindergarten & Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 (5 - 11 yrs.)	3 or 4	0	3	2	2	3	0
Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 (11 - 13 yrs.)	3 or 4	1	3	2	2	3	1

Maryland Department of Health

Center for Immunization

mdh.IZinfo@maryland.gov



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FOOTNOTES

1. If DT vaccine is given in place of DTP or DTaP, a physician documented medical contraindication to the pertussis-component is required.
2. Proof of immunity by positive blood test is acceptable in lieu of vaccine history for hepatitis B, polio, and measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella, **but revaccination may be more expedient.**
3. Due to the widespread use of combination products for the primary series of childhood vaccines, the 12–15-month dose-of Hib containing vaccine should be assessed after the 15-month doctor's visit. Hib and PCV (PrevnarTM) are not required for children older than 59 months (5 years) of age.
4. All doses of measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccines should be given on or after the first birthday. However, upon record review for students in preschool through 12th grade, a preschool or school may count as valid vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four (4) days before the first birthday.
5. Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine are required for students entering Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades and for previously unvaccinated students 13 years of age or older. Medical diagnosis of varicella disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccination. Medical diagnosis is a documented history of disease provided by a healthcare provider. Documentation must include month and year.
6. Four (4) doses of DTP/DTaP are required for children less than 7 years old. Three (3) doses of tetanus and diphtheria containing vaccine (any combination of the following —Tdap, DT or Td) are required for children 7 years of age and older.
7. Polio vaccine is not required for persons 18 years of age and older.

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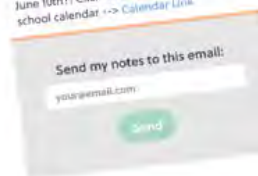
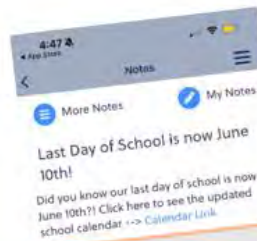
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**Did you know FAW now has a custom App?
Download it today and take a sneak peek!**



Download App from
Apple App Store or
Google Play Store



Reach out to Mrs. Greer for
suggestions or comments:

greer@fatherandrewwhite.org

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May 2026

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Father Andrew White S.J. School Uniforms



As you prepare for the 26-27 school year, we want to inform you that we will return to the uniform policy: Skirt length at the kneecap. Allowances will be made for within 2" above the knee as we understand that students grow during the year.



Please ensure that you order a uniform that is long enough for the start of the school year and that will be in compliance for the entire school year.

Lands End will be having a 30% off promotion during the month of June.

<https://www.landsend.com/shop/school-uniform/S-ytp>

Students with uniforms that are not in compliance with this policy will be provided a new uniform at school and the student FACTS account will be billed accordingly.



Thank you for your cooperation.

2026 - 2027 School Year Update!

Please note: Picture Day is scheduled for Friday, October 16. This year, **all students will wear their school uniform** for his or her yearbook photo. Should there be a significant number of students that would like a photo in regular clothing, we will schedule an additional photo opportunity in the spring.





MIDDLE SCHOOL



We are looking for volunteers to assist us with our Middle School Electives program which is a wonderful enrichment for our middle school student experience. The commitment is a weekly one hour commitment, currently on Wednesdays from 10:41 - 11:24am, for a total of nine weeks. Presenters can offer an elective for one quarter or up to four quarters.

We need 30-40 presenters to make this program a success.

Previous offerings involve agriculture, automotive, architecture, art, board games, chess, cooking, etiquette, exercise, judicial system, medicine, music, photography, personal finance, science, sewing crafts, Spanish, sports, etc. If there is a hobby or an area that you would be able to share with our students, we would be most appreciative.

Submit your interest [here](#).

Point of Contact: Mrs. Breedlove at: office@fatherandrewwhite.org

Thank you for your consideration!

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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!

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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/>

Learning.com

ONLINE SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS



Reinforce safe, smart online habits. Learning.com is here to support families with tools and resources that help kids become responsible digital citizens.

Set Up Digital Boundaries

- Create daily screen time limits and schedule screen-free times.
- Set up parental controls on devices, apps, and home Wi-Fi.
- Review and adjust privacy settings on all apps, games, and websites.

Stay Cyber-Safe & Secure

- Use strong, unique passwords (and never reuse them across accounts).
- Watch out for phishing: Teach your child to be cautious with suspicious messages and links.
- Keep devices updated with the latest software and antivirus protection.

Teach Online Safety Basics

- Protect personal information: Never share full names, addresses, schools, or phone numbers online.
- Stranger danger online: Don't accept friend requests or communicate with people they don't know.
- Think before you post: Remind your child that once something is posted, it can be shared widely.

Encourage Healthy Tech Habits

- Balance tech time with offline activities like outdoor play, reading, and family fun.
- Practice digital mindfulness: Discuss how online time can impact mood and sleep.
- Keep communication open: Make sure your child knows they can talk to you about anything that feels wrong online.

ONLINE SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

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Explore Educational Tech

- Do a digital scavenger hunt: Use tech-based challenges to build skills.
- Teach digital literacy: Help your child learn to check sources and spot fake news.

Reinforce Core Online Safety Messages (SMART Principles)

- Safety First: Think before clicking unknown links or opening messages from strangers.
- Meet and Mingle Carefully: Never agree to meet someone from online without parent approval.
- Assess, Don't Accept: Verify information instead of accepting everything as fact.
- Reliable Sources: Encourage critical thinking when browsing online. Tell Someone: If something feels wrong, talk to a trusted adult immediately.
- Be Kind Online: Remind your child to treat others with kindness and respect online.

Bonus Tip:

Create a Family Tech Agreement

- Work together to set family expectations for device use, screen time, and online behavior.
- Plan weekly check-ins to review:
 - Online safety reminders (personal info, cyberbullying, online interactions)
 - Apps, games, and websites being used
 - Privacy setting updates

Weekly Reflection

QUESTIONS:

- 1 How was screen time balanced with offline activities?
- 2 What online activities made you feel good?
- 3 Which made you feel uncomfortable?
- 4 Is there anything you want to discuss with a parent or trusted adult?



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. MARY'S

Gear Up & Discover Chesterton

Affordable High School in the Catholic Tradition

Which high school is right for your student?

Wednesday **6pm - 8pm**

June 17, 2026

Prospective students in grades 5 through 11 and their parents are invited to discover this *affordable* high school option.



RSVP and Info: <https://forms.gle/diUZRHi6dYgepDnG6>

Meet the Headmaster, Faculty, and current parents | Visit 8 Information Tables

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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
September	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
October	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
November	7	No School
	21	Thanksgiving Luncheon & Brown Bag Auction
	26-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
	December 1	Classes Resume
December	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
January	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
February	16	No School - Presidents' Day
	March 6	12:30 Early Dismissal
March	9	No School - Collaboration Day
	21	"Shamrock Shuffle" Fun Run
	30	End of the 3 rd Quarter
April	2	12:30 Early Dismissal - Holy Thursday
	3-12	No School - Easter Break
	13	Classes Resume
May	24	Spring Social and Auction
	22	12:30 Early Dismissal
	25	No School - Memorial Day
June	10	12:30 Early Dismissal - End of 4th Quarter - Last Day of School
	11	12:30 Early Dismissal
	12	12:30 Early Dismissal

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

Father Andrew White School Service Projects

Over the years, our students and staff have volunteered for...

- St. Vincent de Paul's Walk for the Poor
- Stockings for Soldiers
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace
- St. Aloysius Food Pantry
- Care Net Pregnancy Center Southern Maryland
- Cabin of God's Love Pantry



As well as participated in community outreach through...

- Donating brown bag lunches for first-line community members
- Making prayer cards for deployed soldiers
- Donating to Hospice
- Raising funds for Leonardtown EMS

