



Father Andrew White, S.J. School

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September 2026



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Welcome!
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We are so honored that you have chosen Catholic education for your child! It is a privilege to teach the values and ministry of Jesus Christ daily to our students and it is a responsibility that we do not take lightly.

We believe that each child is unique and a beloved child of God, made in His image and likeness. He or she has dignity and is deserving of respect. God has designed a special plan for each one of them! Our role is to help each student develop Christian virtues and character, growing in their relationship to God and others, and ultimately achieving the potential for which God has created them.

Our motto, *"Learning today, Leading tomorrow, Living our Faith"* is something we strive to instill in our students.

Our theme this year is *"Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord"* Psalm 19:15 (NAB). This is an area that we all can grow in: students, administrators, staff and parents. Let us make it our common goal to be positive and kind in all of our speech and actions.

We look forward to partnering with you in the academic and spiritual development of your child. Father Andrew White School has a history of academic excellence and service to others. Our students have graduated and become contributing leaders of the larger community. Thank you for entrusting your student to our Father Andrew White School.

Sincerely,

Janet Szoch
Principal





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Month at a Glance

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 Early Dismissal	5
6	7 No School - Labor Day	8 Middle School Information Night, 6-7 PM	9	10 Band Demonstration	11 Middle School Social at MCA, 6-8 PM	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 St. Ignatius Book Fair	21	22 MAP Growth Testing (Math)	23	24 Early Dismissal (12:30) Grandparents Day	25 No School - County Fair	26
27	28 No School - Professional Day	29 Interims	30 MAP Growth Testing (Reading)			

AUTUMN

is calling



- Friday, Sept 4. - Early Dismissal (12:30)
- Monday, Sept. 7 - No School - Labor Day
- Tuesday, Sept. 8 - Middle School Information Night
- Friday, Sept. 11 - Middle School Social at MCA
- Sunday, Sept. 20 - Thursday, Sept. 24 - St. Ignatius Book Fair
- Tuesday, Sept. 22 - MAP Growth Testing (Math)

- Thursday, Sept. 24 - Early Dismissal (12:30)
- Thursday, Sept. 24 - Grandparents Day
- Friday, Sept. 25. - No School - St. Mary's County Fair
- Friday, Sept. 28 - No School - Professional Day
- Tuesday, Sept. 29 - Interims
- Wednesday, Sept. 30 - MAP Growth Testing (Reading)



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Opening of Schools Mass

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Our faculty joined all of the schools in the Archdiocese of Washington as they gathered together in prayer at the Opening of Schools Mass at the Shrine. We are so excited to kick off the school year with you and your children!



Catholic Schools

A Faith-Based Education
That Lasts a Lifetime



Thank you for your dedication and for inspiring our students in faith every day!

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WELCOME BACK!
A NEW YEAR WITH GREAT THINGS AHEAD!



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Our Back to School Bash — at Camp Maria —

Our Back to School Bash at Camp Maria was filled with faith, laughter, food, swimming, fellowship, and so many smiling faces!

Thank you to all of the FAW families who came out and made this event so special!

Thank
You
for Coming





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**FIRST DAY OF
PRE-K!**

Big adventures
start here! ❤️



**Welcome
to
pre-k!**



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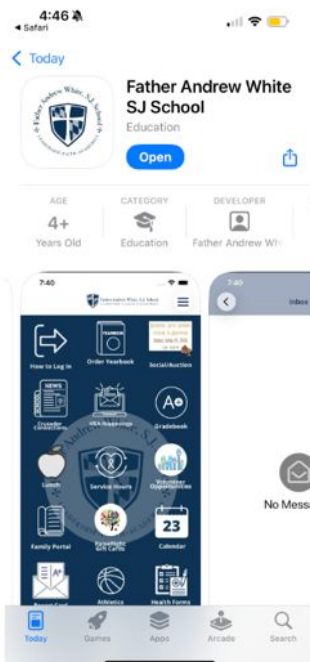
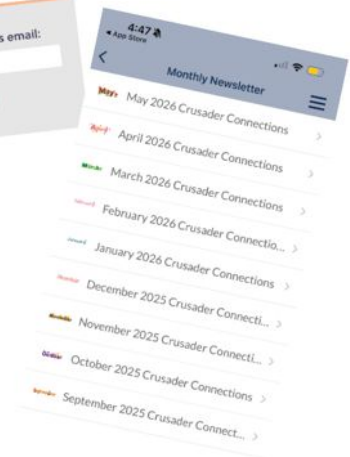
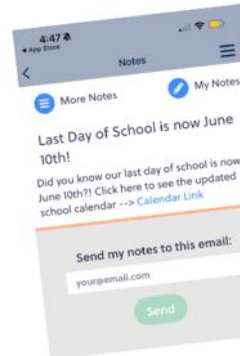


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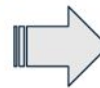
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**Did you know FAW now has a custom App?
Download it today and take a sneak peek!**



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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FAMILY SURVEY

Your Voice. Their Future.

HELP OUR SCHOOL THRIVE!



The annual Family Survey is now available in the FACTS Family Portal and we are asking **every family** to complete it as soon as possible.



QUICK & EASY

This brief survey takes less than five minutes to complete.



WHY IT MATTERS

Your feedback helps our school qualify for valuable federal and state funding that supports:

- Instructional programs
- Academic support services
- Educational resources
- Professional development
- And more!



CONFIDENTIAL & SECURE

Your responses are completely confidential and are used only to determine eligibility for educational funding programs. No names are collected as part of the survey.



HOW TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

1



Log in to your FACTS Family Portal.

2



Select School from the left menu.

3



Click Web Forms.

4



Open either the Family Survey (English) or Encuesta Familiar (Español).

5



Complete and submit the survey.



PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Every completed survey helps ensure our school receives the funding and resources for which it is eligible.



Thank you for your partnership and for supporting our school community!



Need assistance?

Contact the school office at office@fatherandrewwhite.org

Click [HERE](#) for Family Portal



District Code: **FAW-MD**



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EVENT DATE
CHANGE

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

THE CRUSADER CUP

OCTOBER 23, 2026
16th Annual Golf Tournament

Please consider supporting the Father Andrew White School Golf Tournament! This event is one of the most anticipated of the year and could not happen without the support and generosity of our sponsors!

Crusader Sponsor \$1,300

- 4 Complimentary golfers + lunch
- Signage including name/logo at *TWO* holes
- Name/Logo on event banner
- Name/Logo on event program
- Sponsor recognition announced on PA system

Eagle Sponsor \$900

- 4 Complimentary golfers + lunch
- Signage including name/logo at one hole
- Name/Logo on event banner
- Name/Logo on event program

Par Sponsor \$300

- Preferred Sponsorship Signage including name/logo on one of five watering holes
- Name/Logo on event program

Birdie Sponsor \$450

- Signage including name/logo at one hole
- Name/Logo on event program

Hole Sponsor \$125

- Signage including name/logo at one hole

Production / In-Kind Sponsorships

Donations of supplies/materials/services/prizes/food, etc. will be given a value and placed in the appropriate sponsorship category

Ready to Sponsor?

Contact FAWGolftournament@gmail.com for sponsorship and marketing opportunities or to request mailing instructions for payment by check.

REGISTER,
SPONSOR, OR DONATE
BY SCANNING
THE CODE BELOW!



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COMPLETE WITHOUT
PAYMENT



FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

THE CRUSADER CUP

16th Annual Golf Tournament

OCTOBER 23, 2026

at Breton Bay Golf & Country Club

EVENT DATE
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50/50 Raffle, Prizes
and Challenges



\$10,000 Prize
for Hole in One



Unlimited Drinks &
Catered Meals

Four Person Scramble

8:30AM Check-In

11:30AM Lunch

9:00AM Shotgun Start

2:00PM Catered Awards Ceremony

\$550 PER FOURSOME

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Add Ons

CRUSADER PASS

4 Mulligans, 4 Knight Drives,
4 Specialty Drinks,
4 'Beat the Dealer' Game
Advance Price per Foursome
(\$100 day-of)

\$80

Limited Sponsorships

\$650 Lunch Sponsor (Limit 1)
\$550 'Par-Tee' Snack Pack Sponsor (Limit 1)
\$500 Golf Cart (Limit 1)
\$350 Driving Range (Limit 1)
\$550 Putting Green (Limit 1)
\$250 M.V.P. Bartender Donations (Limit 2)

For Donation In-Kind 50/50 Prizes

Questions?

CONTACT
FAWGOLFTOURNAMENT@GMAIL.COM

This tournament would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and supporters. We invite you to help us make this year's event a success by considering one of the following:



Become an event sponsor (multiple sponsorship levels are available)



Secure a sponsorship through your employer or a local business



Make an in-kind donation of goods, services, gift cards, raffle items, or prizes



Share this opportunity with friends, family, neighbors, and local businesses that may be interested in supporting Catholic education

For full event details click the flyer found [HERE!](#)



Swing into action and support a great cause! Click [HERE](#) for sponsorship link!



Sign up for an un-FORE-getable day by clicking the registration link [HERE!](#)

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NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE



— Welcome back —

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Welcome back to the beginning of what will hopefully be a healthy and safe new school year! As a reminder, the Parent/Student Handbook is your go-to source of information for the school's health policies. Please review these and contact me if you have any questions. Also, don't forget to have your child bring a water bottle each day to keep them hydrated, and remember the importance of a balanced lifestyle including proper sleep, exercise, nutrition, fresh air, stress relief, and above all - prayer!





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A **BIG** thanks to Mr. Bell and all the parents who assisted with the summer grounds cleanup!

Thank
You
— VERY —
MUCH



— KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS —

SOCCKER

— CHALLENGE —

Boys and Girls, Age 9-14



EVENT: Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #1470



LOCATION: Father Andrew White, S.J. School Gym



DATE: Saturday, 19 Sep 2026



TIME: 9:00 am



CONTACT: douglasjburfield@gmail.com



Faith in Action

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.



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FAW HSA EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar!

AUGUST 29	Back to School Bash	
SEPTEMBER 20-24	St. Ignatius Book Fair	
OCTOBER 18	Trunk or Treat	
OCTOBER 23	Crusader Cup Golf Tournament	
NOVEMBER 20	Thanksgiving Luncheon & Brown Bag Auction	
DECEMBER 4	Santa Shop	
DECEMBER 21	Classroom Christmas Celebrations	
JANUARY 30	Italian Dinner	
JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6	Catholic Schools Week	
FEBRUARY 6	Family Bingo	
MARCH 13	Shamrock Shuffle Fun Run	
APRIL 30	Spring Social and Auction	

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO!
Click "Events/Giving"



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TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
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Please Note!



RaiseRight™



Please don't forget about your obligation to the RaiseRight rebate requirement! Each family, not just those who have taken the Service Scholarship, must raise **at least \$100 through the RaiseRight program**. This does not mean one \$100 gift card; the purchase of gift cards must earn \$100 through card purchase rebates and online shopping rebates through the RaiseRight portal. If you don't earn \$100 through the program, you will be billed through FACTS in May.



Please contact: fawraiseright@gmail.com for more information.



SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP



If you accepted the Service Scholarship (a credit of \$350 per student to be applied to your May payment), you are also required to volunteer at a major fundraiser unless you meet one of the exemptions outlined in the Service Scholarship agreement. As a reminder, Service Scholarship families acknowledged that "failure to meet the major fundraiser volunteer requirement will result in a reduction of the service scholarship of \$200; failure to meet the total of 25 volunteer hours will result in a reduction of the service scholarship of \$14 per hour not fulfilled." This calculation will be per student and the adjustment will be made to your final tuition payment of the year or billed separately if your tuition has been paid in full.

VOLUNTEER



Click [HERE](#) to volunteer and sign up.



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CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

PAINT THE

SPIRIT ROCK

RENT THE ROCK!

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

- BIRTHDAYS
- SPECIAL OCCASIONS
- SCHOOL EVENTS
- INSPIRATION
- CLASS SPIRIT
- AND MORE!**

\$20

SIGN UP ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Or make **reservations** directly on the **SPIRIT ROCK** PAGE



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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.



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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?