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FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

A letter from the principal



November 3, 2026

Dear Families,

What wonderful news to hear of our school's success in achieving the 2026 MD Blue Ribbon Award! Selection was based on standardized test score achievement. FAW students' scores were 81% for Reading and 83% for Mathematics. **Less than 1% of all schools in Maryland received the Blue Ribbon designation for this cycle, highlighting how selective the honor is.**

Each and every one of our staff members is essential to this accomplishment. We are blessed to have a staff that demonstrates dedication to providing students an environment where they feel cared for, giving students a sense of security which allows them to dedicate their attention to learning. A heartfelt thank you to all of our staff! Let's celebrate this wonderful news! Use this link to read more.

During the month of November, mandatory conferences will be held for each child in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade. The teachers look forward to meeting you, sharing your child's progress and working with you to support your child. In preparation for the conference, please have any questions or concerns written down. Conferences are also available for any interested parents of middle schoolers. Should your meeting need more than a 15 minute time slot, please plan to schedule additional time with your child's teacher.

We are also looking forward to supporting our veterans at the annual Leonardtown Veterans Day Parade. It is a great day for students to view the support of our local community for those who have given service to our country. Thank you to all of our military families who have given so much of themselves to guarantee our freedoms.

Lastly, the Thanksgiving Day luncheon is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a school family, in thanks for all that God has done for our school and for the blessings He has given to each and every one of us. We look forward to sharing a meal with you! Thank you to all of the HSA volunteers who work so hard to create this delicious meal for us!

In thanksgiving and appreciation for all of you, I wish many more blessings for you and your families.

Sincerely,
Janet Szoch
Principal

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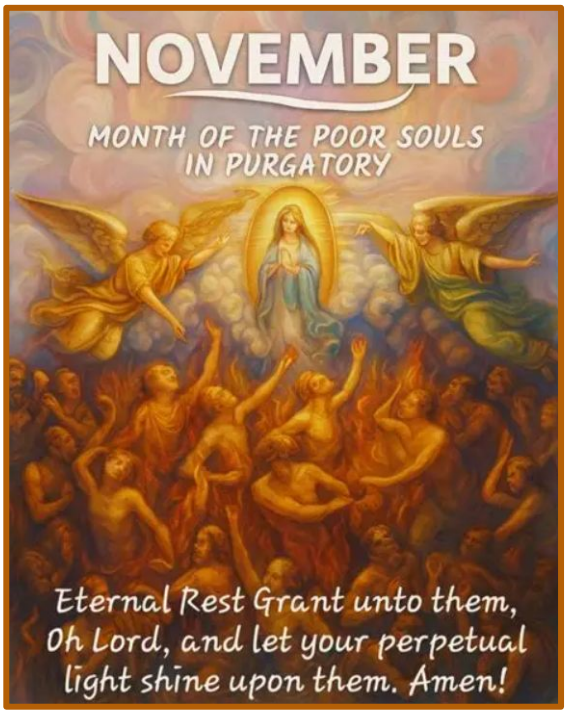
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Events

- Wednesday, Nov. 4 - Free Tag Day for Students to Celebrate FAW as a MD Blue Ribbon Award Winner! Wear blue and celebratory items like sparkles and jewelry, etc.
- Wednesday, Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Parade, No Middle School Electives today
- Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 11-12 - Parent /Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, Nov. 12 - Early Dismissal for Students
- Friday, Nov. 13 - No School for Students and Staff
- Friday, Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Wednesday, Nov. 25 - Friday, Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Break, School is Closed
- Tuesday, Dec. 1 - Picture Retake Day
- Wednesday, Dec. 2 - High School Placement Test (HSPT for 8th graders)
- Friday, Dec. 4 - Santa Shop





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October FAW School Events

FAW Trip to Camp Maria





Trunk or Treat






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Congratulations FAW!

MARYLAND 2026 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

FATHER ANDREW WHITE, S.J. SCHOOL

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Maryland Blue Ribbon School

Student achievement scores are in the top 1% in the state of Maryland!

Math	Reading
83%	81%

Thank you to all staff who were essential to this recognition!

Thank you, students, for working hard!

A Well-Rounded Education

Our many enrichment activities lend themselves to the development of well-rounded students!

Band | *DI* | Math Counts | Science Fair | *Athletics*

Over 70% of students attend Catholic high schools.

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Staff Achievements

- Golden Apple Teachers
- SMECO Award
- Rotary Award
- Civics Star Challenge Winner

Great Job STUDENTS!

You earned a

FREE TAG DAY

on Wednesday, November 4th!

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All Saints Day and Parade

"Oh when the saints... go marching in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number...!"

May we all become the saints we are called to be!















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Thank You

Thanks to the FAW SCA

for donating funds for music stands!





Shout Outs





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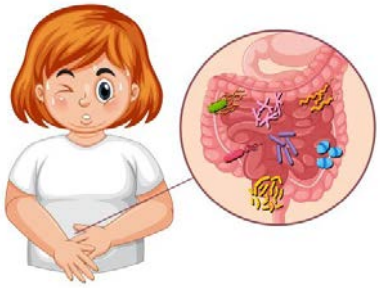


NOTES FROM NURSE ROSE

Too much Halloween candy causing a tummy ache? Or could it be viral gastroenteritis (otherwise known as the dreaded stomach bug)? Fortunately, the number of cases in the community is currently low, but it's still out there and washing hands is still the best preventative.

At FAW we are seeing mostly respiratory illnesses, including sore throats from the common cold and some strep throat. While no influenza has been reported at FAW, it is on the rise in the community. If a cough or cold lasts more than a week, is accompanied by fever, or is particularly troublesome, a doctor's visit is recommended. Then, if you do take your child to the doctor and he or she tests positive for anything, please let me know so I can make others aware of what to look for.

GASTROENTERITIS



Gastroenteritis is an inflammation of the stomach and intestines, primarily caused by viruses, bacteria, or parasites. Symptoms include diarrhea, vomiting, and stom- ach pain.

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Click HERE to purchase your tickets!



Click HERE to volunteer!

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Opportunities to Serve Our Community

STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

Assignments by Grade:

- 8th: Individually Wrapped Candies
- 7th: Playing Cards
- 6th: Beef Jerky
- 5th: Chap Stick
- 4th: Sunblock
- 3rd: Toothbrushes
- 2nd: Powder Drink Mix Sticks
- 1st: Gum
- Kindergarten: Granola Bars
- Pre-K: Tissue Packets





This year's Stockings for Soldiers is dedicated to FAW Alumni LT Cmdr Christopher Padgett and LT Cmdr Nicholas Padgett.

11/17: ALL DONATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN!

The Goal: First to reach their classroom goal wins a prize!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SERVICE MEMBERS! FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT MRS. CONNERS - CONNERS@FATHERANDREWWHITE.ORG

Oct. 27-Nov. 12

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

NJHS is collecting nonperishable foods ahead of the holidays

Everything but the Turkey!

- PRE-K: Green beans
- KINDERGARTEN: Instant mashed potatoes
- 1ST: Stuffing
- 2ND: Gravy and cranberries
- 3RD: Yams/sweet potatoes
- 4TH: Corn
- 5TH: Instant pudding
- 6TH: Bisquick
- 7TH: Peas
- 8TH: Mac-&-cheese

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DECEMBER 4, 2026
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!

Santa Shop Envelopes will be sent home next week.
Please return the envelopes by
Tuesday, November 24th!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT FAWSANTASHOP@GMAIL.COM

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Did you know FAW now has a custom App? Download it today!



❑ Download App from Apple App Store or Google Play Store

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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.



Click HERE to volunteer and sign up.

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Month at a Glance

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Free Tag Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day Parade	12 Early Dismissal	13 No School for Students	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Thanksgiving Luncheon	21
22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Break, School is Closed	26	27	28
29	30 School Resumes	1 Picture Retake Day	2 HSPT	3	4	5

Looking Ahead - *CALENDAR CHANGE*

*Monday, December 21st, Virtual Learning Day (No students or staff report to the building.)

*Tuesday, December 22nd, Pastor's Holiday (Reward for Blue Ribbon, No students or staff report to the building.)