



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

May 18, 2022

Dear SJA Families,

Our 8th grade students have 12 school days until graduation! Can you believe it?

As we venture through these last 4 weeks of the school year our students are shining in so many ways that it is hard to list them all in our weekly newsletter.

Our Spring Concert was amazing and we wish to thank Mrs. Dandino and Mrs. Thamert for all their hard work throughout the year sharing their love of music and bringing joy to our campus. A special shout out to Ms. Kopp and Mr. Bantkowski who joined the performances.

Please take note of all the activities and events quickly approaching as we close out the school year. Although the Spring Fling was canceled, we will still be raffling off the baskets. See below for the details.

As you may have heard St. Joan of Arc is undertaking a Capital Campaign in order to add a Parish Life Center and Chapel to our campus. The theme is “Building our Future Together.” Thank you to those who attended the receptions over the weekend. Additional information about the next steps of our campaign are attached.

We have a new look! Please check out our new website at <https://stjoanarc.org/>

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates

May 19	Grade 8 Retreat
May 20	Grade 4&5 Fair Hill Nature Center
May 20	Ripken Stadium – National Anthem 7:05pm
May 23 – May 27	Spirit Week – See information below
May 30	Memorial Day – School Closed
May 31	Grade 8 Hershey Park Trip
June 1	Grade 8 Last Day 12:00 dismissal for grade 8 only
June 2	Grade 8 Graduation 4pm
June 3	PreK Celebration 10:00am /Last Day
June 6	Kindergarten Closing ceremony/Last Day
June 9	8:30 Liturgy /Awards – Last Day of School

Hershey Park Tickets

The Hershey Park tickets that were purchased through St. Joan of Arc are being sent home with students today.

Butterfly Garden Planting

On Monday, May 23 we will be planting our Butterfly Garden as part of our Spirit Week Celebration. Please see the attached flyer for information on needed donations.



Spirit Week May 23 – May 27

Friday, May 20 - Iron Birds Game - Tickets are still available until Thursday at 5:00pm.

https://sbl.glitnirticketing.com/sbticket/web/gp_list.php?refresh=1652809324

Come and sing the National Anthem as a school community on the field! Wear your SJA spirit Gear! Please meet Elisa Maid and Donna Dandino at ticket services (on the third base side, next to Dippin Dots) at 6:25 PM.

Monday, May 23 - Sports Team Day - Wear your favorite jersey or sports top with your P.E. uniform shorts. Butterfly Garden planting is in the morning and then watch the 8th Grade take on the teachers in the afternoon for the Annual Kickball Game. Everyone in the school will enjoy a freezie pop.

Tuesday, May 24 - Accelerate into Leadership Day – Liturgy 8:30am, 8th Grade will join the professional world a little early and lead classroom lessons.

Wednesday, May 25 - St. Joan of Arc Day

Thursday, May 26 - Hawaiian Day - Come dressed in Hawaiian attire or bright colors.

Friday, May 27 - Field Day – 12:05 dismissal. Dress in your P.E. uniform and enjoy some friendly competition and a freezie pop.

Race for Ed

Thank you to all our students who participated in Race for Ed! It was a HUGE success! So far we have raised \$7,912.00. A special thank you to all our volunteers.

School Admin

All checklist items for the 2022/2023 school year are due **June 1st**. Please double check that you have completed them.

Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Thank you all the contributions. We have helped restock the Pantry.

Yearbooks

Purchase the SJA 2021-2022 School Yearbook. The cost is \$23.00 per yearbook. You can order your yearbooks at <https://commpe.pictavo.com/>. Please contact Heather Way hway@stjoanarc.org with questions.

PE Uniforms for 2022 – 2023 School Year

Beginning in August 2022 the following changes are being implemented to our PE uniforms.

- Navy micromesh shorts and sweatpants need to have the SJA logo and be purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniform Company.
- Navy Crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo is the only second layer for PE uniform and needs to be purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniform Company. Hoodies are not part of the PE uniform.

HSA News

Spring Fling at Hopkins Brewery has been canceled due to lack of ticket sales.

The Basket Raffles will still take place. Tickets will be on sale May 24, 25 and 26 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. \$10 per arm length. The parking lot will open at 2:30pm. Parents can park and go to the outdoor classroom to purchase tickets. At 2:55pm, we will ask parents to return to their cars for dismissal. We will remain open after the lot is cleared for anyone who comes later. Drawings will be held on June 1.

If you purchased tickets for the HSA Derby in 2020 and have proof of your purchase, you may contact the school for a refund. sficca@stjoanarc.org

Volunteer Hours

Please remember that 20 hours of service are required for the year. There have been several opportunities newly posted. Please track your hours and wait for approval. <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/stjoan-arc-school>

Script Program

shopwithscrip.com enrollment code: A9C13C7351446 Gift cards make great gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation etc.

Parish News

Please visit our website at www.stjoanarc.org for more information.



Butterfly Garden



Donations Needed

We will be planting in our monarch butterfly garden soon and we need your help! Please [click this link and sign-up](#) to donate mulch and flowers for our garden.

Each item donated will earn you one volunteer hour. Donations are due by

May 20, 2022.



Thank you!!





St Joan of Arc has just completed three receptions, successfully announcing the capital campaign “**Building our Future Together.**”

As many of you know, in the past we identified the facility needs for the parish and developed a master facilities plan. This plan includes the addition of a Chapel and a Parish Life Center. In consultation with the Archdiocese, and our Archbishop, we plan to move forward with the construction of the facilities.

The addition of these facilities will enable us to grow as a parish and school in meeting our mission of proclaiming the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, forming missionary disciples, and supporting the spiritual and nurturing needs of our community.

So far... we have raised **\$337,000** in pledges and gifts so far! We are almost halfway to our goal of \$800,000. But we really need the support of **every** household to ensure our goal is met.

During the weekend of **June 4/5** is ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND, where we officially announce the campaign to parishioners at church.

The following weekend of **June 11/12** is COMMITMENT WEEKEND, where parishioners will be asked to make their commitment if they haven't already. Visit <https://sjaparish.org/> to learn more about the campaign and to give a gift. For updates and for any questions, contact Deacon Ray VanPelt at rvanpelt@stjoanarc.org.

