



# St. Joan of Arc School

*Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future*

August 31, 2022

Dear SJA Families,

Despite the heat, we had an amazing opening to our school year. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work on the air conditioning system. I want to let you know that work has begun, but it is not guaranteed to be fixed by tomorrow. This is why you were notified earlier that we will dismiss at 12:05pm on Thursday, September 1. We are praying everything is fixed and running by our return on September 6.

We look forward to seeing everyone virtually this evening at 5:00pm for our Back to School presentations. Sessions are available at both 5:00pm and 6:00pm for parents with multiple students.

God Bless,  
Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

**Important Dates:**

September 1	Gradual Entrance PreK and K	12:05 dismissal due to heat Aftercare until 1:05pm
September 2	All students	12:05pm dismissal Extended Care for all grades registered
September 5	Labor Day	School closed – No extended care
September 6	Opening Liturgy	8:30am
September 9	Freedom Walk – Festival Park Family Picnic – 5:00pm to 7:00pm SJA field and parking lot	
September 13	Liturgy	8:30am
September 16	Family Income Survey Due!	

**School Calendar**

School Calendar can be accessed on the SJA Website. <https://stjoanarc.org/calendar/>

You can subscribe to the calendar for easy access on your phone or computer.

**Transportation Procedures**

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures are found in the Parent Student handbook on page 15. Please be sure to review. <https://stjoanarc.org/resources/>

**Extended Care**

All students attending our extended care program need to be registered before attending. Use the following link to complete the registration forms. <https://stjoanarc.org/forms/>

### **Counselor's Corner**

I wanted to introduce myself to those that are new SJA community. My name is Sharon McKee and I am the school counselor at SJA. I have worked in the area of children's mental health for the last 30 years and am very happy to be starting my 7th year here. This year, I will be at the school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-4. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is any way I can support your student. My email is [smckee@stjoanarc.org](mailto:smckee@stjoanarc.org).

### **A Note from the Nurse**

All health forms are due. If you need forms or are having issues with appointments, please let me know. [Sbaer@stjoanarc.org](mailto:Sbaer@stjoanarc.org)

### **Uniforms**

Please be sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform each day. School uniforms are purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniform Company. Uniform policy and information is attached. <https://flynnohara.com/>

### **HSA News**

2022 -2023 Officers

Christina Hinch - President

Jennifer Vass - Vice president

Kristie Conn -Secretary

Nina Colon – Member at Large

A treasurer and 3 members at large are still needed. Please contact Christina Hinch if you are interested in serving. [cmhinch33@gmail.com](mailto:cmhinch33@gmail.com)

**Please see attached flyer for upcoming events!**

### **Career Day**

Our **14th Annual Career Day** will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 2022** from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please see the attached letter for more information.

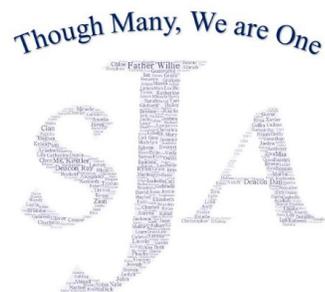
### **Parish News**

#### **Middle School Parents**

Please be on the lookout for a letter from Nathan McVey and Dick Berndt. It invites you to a parent listening session to encourage parish participation for middle school youth and their families. Save the date for Sunday morning September 18th at 9:30am in the parish hall. We hope to begin a process that will attract youth to the church and better serve our families.

#### **Join Us on September 11 at 11:15am for our first Alive' Mass!**

Alive' Mass is a new monthly Parish Faith Formation event that will take place at 11:15 AM Mass. Children and families will be invited to participate as ministers of the Mass, and music will be provided by the 'Alive' Ensemble and the SJA Voices children's choir. Come and join us for an uplifting family celebration! Open to all.



# Mark Your Calendar

HSA presents: Events to remember

- **September 9** ... Back to School Social
- **September 19** ... Charleston Wrap Fundraiser begins
- **October 28** ... Trunk or Treat
- **November** ... event to be announced
- **December** ... Jingle Bell Shop
- **January 29** ... Catholic School Week begins
- **February** ... Movie Night
- **March** ... Basket of Cheer Raffle
- **April** ... Bull Roast
- **May** ... SJA Night at Ripken Stadium





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29 August 2022

Dear SJA Parents and Community Members:

Can you believe another school year is already upon us? The summer flew by, and I am sure you all agree when I say it is so good to have our students walking the SJA halls again. This year, SJA will be hosting our **14th Annual Career Day on Thursday, 20 October 2022** from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (rain date Friday, 21 October 2022).

Career Day is very special for our students. It is a day when they get to experience the wonders of prospective careers, discover jobs they haven't been exposed to, and learn from professionals (you!). We love highlighting the careers of SJA parents and community members, so we are once again turning to you all for volunteers.

When you volunteer at Career Day, you open students' eyes to the future, showing them how today's education can be connected to tomorrow's career. As a guest speaker, you will present your profession to the students in small groups. If you are reading this and eager to help, but not quite ready to be a Guest Presenter, don't fret as we have MANY areas that we will need assistance with, i.e. time keeper, hospitality, rotation assistance, set up, donation acceptance, etc.

We hope you will consider volunteering to be a part of such an insightful day for our SJA students. If you are interested in being a **Guest Presenter**, please respond by completing and returning the enclosed Presenter's Form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N7QGPXY> no later than 30 September 2022. The form may be returned via email to [Roxyvdr@yahoo.com](mailto:Roxyvdr@yahoo.com) OR you may respond using the Survey Monkey provided. If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of the **Career Day Committee** to assist with set up, hospitality, class/group chaperone and/or clean up you may complete the Career Day Committee form or you may respond via the following Survey Monkey link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N9ZYTCG>. Upon receipt of your request to either be a guest Presenter or a member of the Career Day Committee, I will contact you to provide additional information and instructions.

If you are not interested or able to participate but know someone who is, please give them (or us) the necessary contact information to reach out.

Thank you, in advance, for supporting SJA and our incredible students. We can't wait to see as many of you as possible at Career Day!

Sincerely,

Roxanne Robin  
Career Day Coordinator

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM 2022-2023**

The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of that individual and his/her parents. We expect students to maintain the type of neatness and grooming that does not interfere with the health and safety of themselves or others, nor with the educational process or religious dimension of the school. All uniforms must be clean, in good repair and properly fitted. All clothing must be labeled with the child's name.

The school recognizes that particular hairstyles are often part of racial, ethnic, spiritual, and cultural identity and practice. Accordingly, it is the policy of the School to permit individual families to decide the appropriate cared-for hairstyle for their children. ADM 8.0

School uniforms are purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniform Company.

Flynn O'Hara Uniforms

8868 Waltham Woods Rd.

Parkville, MD 21234

410-828-4709

<https://flynnohara.com/>

### **PREK FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS (Nov. 1; March 31)**

#### **Girls and Boys**

- Short or long sleeve navy uniform polo shirt
- Khaki elastic waist pants; no snaps, buttons, zippers or belts (No jumpers for PreK)
- Navy cardigan sweater with SJA logo or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos

### **PREK SUMMER UNIFORMS Options (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)**

#### **Girls and Boys**

- Short sleeve navy blue uniform polo shirt
- Khaki elastic waist shorts no snaps, buttons, zippers or belts
- Navy cardigan sweater with SJA logo or Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos

### **GRADES K-5 FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS (Nov. 1; March 31)**

#### **Girls**

- SJA plaid jumper (jumpers should be no more than 2 inches above the knee) with white peter pan collar blouse (cotton or polyester)  
or
- Khaki slacks with SJA navy banded bottom shirt, or SJA navy polo shirt (tucked in and worn with brown or black belt)
- Navy tights, navy leggings with white or navy socks that cover the ankle, navy knee socks, white or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- Navy cardigan sweater with SJA logo or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoes
  - *Grade 1 wears solid color black or white tennis shoes or tan buck shoes*
  - *Kindergarten wears solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tieshoes)*
- Jewelry: watches, 1 pair of small earrings worn in the earlobe, one ring, a religious cross medal worn on a thin chain
- No make-up
- ONLY clear/natural nail polish and natural nails are permitted
- No Smart watches are permitted

#### **Boys**

- Khaki trousers (worn with brown or black belt)
- Long or short sleeve navy blue SJA polo shirt (tucked in)
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- Navy sweater or vest with SJA logo or Navy blue ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoe
  - *Grade 1 wears solid color black or white tennis shoes or tan buck shoe*
  - *Kindergarten wears solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tieshoes)*
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain
- No Smart watches are permitted

**GRADES K-5 SUMMER UNIFORMS Options** (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)

- Khaki shorts (worn with brown or black belt)
- Khaki uniform skort
- SJA navy blue polo shirt (tucked in) or SJA navy blue banded bottom shirt
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- Uniform tan buck shoes
  - *Grade 1 wears solid color black or white tennis shoes or tan buck shoe*
  - *Kindergarten wears solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tieshoes)*
- No long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts nor leggings worn under shorts.
- Girls may wear SJA plaid jumper (jumpers should be no more than 2 inches above the knee) with white peter pan collar blouse (cotton or polyester)
- Navy cardigan sweater with SJA logo or Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo

**MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8 FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS** (Nov. 1; March 31)

**Girls**

- SJA plaid skirt or khaki slacks (worn with a black or brown belt)
- SJA navy blue banded bottom shirt or SJA navy polo shirt (tucked in)
- Navy tights, navy leggings with white or navy socks that cover the ankle Navy knee socks, white or navy socks that cover the ankle - no logos
- Navy sweater with SJA logo or Navy blue ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain, one small pair earrings worn in the ear lobe or 1 pair of small hoop earrings, one ring
- No make-up
- Only natural nails are permitted with clear/natural nail polish
- No Smart watches are permitted

**Boys**

- Khaki trousers (worn with brown or black belt)
- Navy blue SJA long or short sleeve polo shirt (tucked in)
- Navy sweater with SJA logo or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain
- No Smart watches are permitted

**MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8 SUMMER UNIFORMS Options** (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)

- Khaki shorts worn (worn with brown or black belt)
- Khaki uniform skort or SJA plaid skirt
- SJA navy blue banded bottom shirt or SJA navy polo shirt (tucked in)
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logo

- Uniform tan buck shoes
- No long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts.
- No leggings may be worn under shorts.
- Navy sweater with SJA logo or Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
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**PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM (PreK – Grade 8)**

**Summer PE Uniform (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 - June 8)**

- PE uniform instead of the regular uniform on PE days
- Regular tennis shoes that tie or have Velcro closings are required.
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- Grey short sleeve t-shirt with SJA logo
- Navy micromesh gym shorts with SJA logo
- Navy Crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo
- No jewelry is permitted on PE days
- Parents should make sure that the student is dressed properly for weather conditions.

**Winter PE uniform (Nov. 1; March 31)**

- Regular tennis shoes that tie or have Velcro closings are required
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- Navy Crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo
- Grey t-shirt, long or short sleeves, with SJA logo
- Navy uniform sweatpants with SJA logo
- No jewelry is permitted on PE days
- Parents should make sure that the student is dressed properly for weather conditions.

**Spirit wear and hoodies are not part of the regular uniform. Jackets are not to be worn in the building. Second layers are described above.**

**Out of Uniform Days**

On occasion, there may be out of uniforms days scheduled. Clothing may not contain terms, logos, pictures, cartoons, slogans, writing, or images that are offensive, political, harassing, or discriminatory in nature.

Students also MAY NOT WEAR:

- Dresses, skirts, or shorts more than 2 inches above the knee
- Sandals or other open shoes (safety reasons)
- Pants or jeans with tears, shreds or holes
- Tightly fitted or revealing clothing. (leggings must be worn with a long shirt that covers the top half of the leg)
- Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, or shirts with cut – out shoulders

\*\*When in doubt, do not wear it to school.

If an article of clothing is deemed to be inappropriate, a student may be required to alter his/her apparel.

Students who are wearing inappropriate clothing will not be permitted to attend classes until that clothing has been changed. Parents will be notified in this event.

**Field Trips**

Students are expected to wear their regular uniform on all field trips unless otherwise specified.

**Lost and Found**

St. Joan of Arc requires that all items of clothing be labeled with the child's first and last name. In that way, we may return clothing that is left in an area other than the child's classroom. Due to limited space, unclaimed clothing will be held for one month in the lost and found bin and then be donated.