



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

September 21, 2022

Dear SJA Families,

We are grateful that fall is here and the weather is cooling off. Our air-conditioning unit has experienced more damage. What we thought was vandalism, was actually squirrels gathering the wires to build a nest. We have contacted Pest Control and new parts have been ordered to repair the unit. We do not know how long this will take. As always, our goal is to keep everyone safe, healthy and in school. Students should wear the summer option of their uniform and PE uniform on PE days. Please be sure they have their water bottles with them each day. All the classrooms have fans and our windows do open to circulate the air. Please do not send individual fans with the students.

We started the MAP Growth Testing this week. The students are working hard and doing their best to show their academic ability. They are amazing!

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

September 19 – 23	Student Council Elections
September 19 – 30	MAP Growth Assessment Testing
September 20	Liturgy 8:30am
September 27	Liturgy 8:30am Butterfly Enclosure Blessing

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.

Yearbook

We have a limited number of 2021 – 2022 SJA Yearbooks for sale. The cost is \$23.00. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, please send a check or cash to the office in an envelope with your student's name and homeroom. Checks should be made out to St. Joan of Arc School.

Yard Signs

You can earn volunteer hours by posting a SJA yard sign on your lawn! Earn 10 hours for 3 months. Please let Elisa Maid know if you are interested at email@stjoanarc.org. All signs must be returned after the 3 month period to earn the hours.

STEM Projects

Butterfly Cages

Mrs. Field's middle school students are in need of some native flowers to fill their butterfly cages and to plant in our gardens. Any type of coneflower or aster would work perfectly. You can earn volunteer hours for each donation. Check Track It Forward for details. Thank you for your help!

Trex

Our school participates in the Trex Program (recycled plastic) and we need your help. Please save and send in your plastic bags so they can be recycled. [Click here](#) for more information about the program.

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/>

Parents who wish their students to walk need to notify the office ahead of dismissal through email with dates.

Join the Band – Grade 4-8

It's band registration time! Please contact Mrs. Thamert with questions about joining the Band

- Email: knightchic@aol.com
- Phone: 410.486.4322

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

Starting the day with a smile!

The start of the school day often sets the tone for how the day will go for your child. Giving your child words of encouragement before they leave the car in the morning is more meaningful than you may think. It reminds them of what is possible and reassures them that you believe that they will be successful. Additionally, it is very helpful for them to get to school on time so that they can complete the morning routine in the classroom. Often, when kids arrive late and don't have the time to complete this routine, it starts the day with a feeling of frustration. Obviously things happen that can cause late arrivals. It can be helpful to discuss with your child how he/she might navigate this change in routine to avoid frustration at school.

A Note from the Nurse

Information about COVID testing at SJA is attached to this newsletter. COVID Testing cannot occur without a signed permission form. Contact our nurse if you have any questions.

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.

<https://flynnohara.com/>

HSA News

Charleston Wrap fundraiser packets were sent home with students last week. Order forms may be completed and sent into school or placed online. See attached flyer for more information.

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

The Wild Goose

Join Deacon Ray for a journey of exploration and discovery of the third person of the Trinity: The Holy Spirit. September 29 – November 17. See attached flyer for information.

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SJA'S 14TH ANNUAL CAREER DAY

CAREER EXPOSURE & *Awareness*



SAVE
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DATE

**ST. JOAN OF ARC
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
230 S. Law Street
Aberdeen Maryland

THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2022

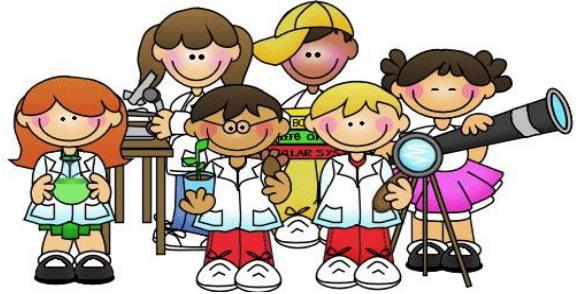
10:00AM - 2:00PM

(RAIN DATE: 21 OCTOBER 2022)

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ROXANNE @
ROXXYFDR@YAHOO.COM OR TEXT @ 985 713 4729



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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 Roxxyfdr@yahoo.com OR you may response 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.

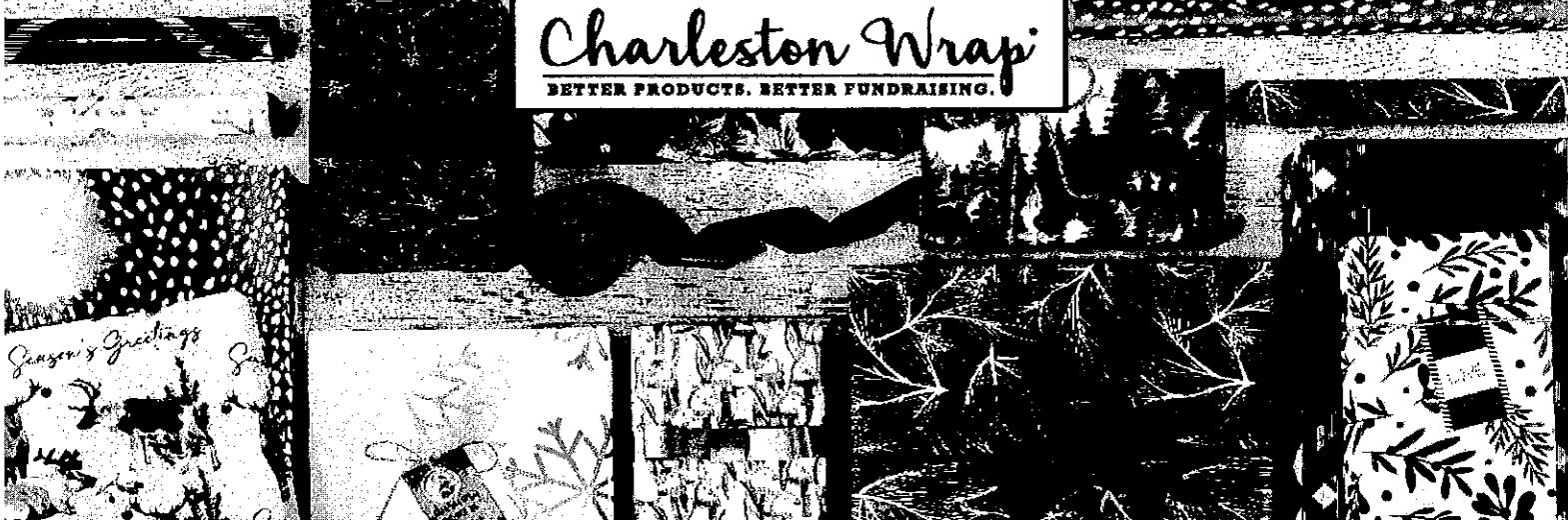
Thank you, in advance, for supporting SJA and our incredible students. We can't wait to see as many of you as possible at Career Day!

Sincerely,

Roxanne Robin
Career Day Coordinator

Charleston Wrap

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The Holy Spirit

Seminar Series
with Deacon Ray

THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Join us for a journey of exploration and discovery of the third person of the Trinity: The Holy Spirit. Using the fascinating video series 'The Wild Goose' by Fr. David Pivonka on the 'FORMED' website, participants will increase their awareness of the role of the Holy Spirit in their faith journey. Each week we'll watch a video at home with a small amount of reading, and then gather to discuss and explore together.

There will be 8 sessions running from September 28th to November 17th. Each week there will be two opportunities to participate:

- Wednesday evenings 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- Thursday mornings 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM.

Sessions will be held in the Parish Meeting House and there is no cost to attend. All are welcome, young adult age and up. Participants are asked to bring a copy of the Bible with them for reference. ***This is "entry level" spirituality and open to all! For questions, contact Deacon Ray.***

Please register by Sept. 26th through our parish website at:
sjaparish.org/events/wild-goose or calling the Parish Office at:
410-272-4535.

Please leave your name, contact info, and indicate what session you'll be attending.