



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

October 5, 2022

Dear SJA Families,

Well Fall is here and so are all the fun activities that come with it. Please take note of our upcoming events and join us for all the fun!

Although our Pet Blessing was cancelled, students were able to take a special prayer home to bless their pets with their families. Please send photos of your family blessing their pets to your student's teacher.

With the cooler temperature come second layers. Please be sure that your students have the proper uniform each day. The full uniform policy can be found on pages 23 – 26 in our Handbook. I have also listed the second layer policy in this newsletter. Please remember to label all clothing items.

Tomorrow is a sports dress down day. Students are to wear their PE shorts or sweatpants and their favorite team jersey or t-shirt. Donations will support our Student Council.

Band also starts tomorrow. Please be sure your student has their instrument and know the time of their lesson.

Reminder that Picture Day is on Monday, October 10. Students are to be in regular uniform no PE uniforms. Please have order forms ready.

We are excited to share that our Ground Breaking is October 19 at 10:00am, more details to follow in next week's newsletter.

Enjoy the sunshine and your family this weekend!

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal



Important Dates:

October 6	Sports Dress Down Day – First Day of Band
October 7	School Closed, AOB Professional Day, No Aftercare
October 9	“Alive” Mass – 11:15am
October 10	Picture Day – Class and Individual – Students in Regular Uniform – No PE Uniforms
October 11	Liturgy 8:30am Grade 4
October 18	Liturgy 8:30am Grade 8
October 19	Ground Breaking 10:00am
October 20	Career Day – 10:00am – 2:00pm
October 21	12:05pm dismissal, Aftercare available
October 25	Liturgy 8:30am Grade 7
October 28	HSA trunk or treat 5:00pm – 7:00pm
October 31	Halloween!

Pictures

Picture Day is Monday, October 10. All students will be photographed individually and with their class. Students are to be in their regular uniform. No PE uniforms. These are the pictures we will use for the yearbook.

Volunteers

Teachers can use volunteers to help during lunch and recess time. If you are interested, please contact your child's teacher. Remember all volunteers must VIRTUS trained. Please [click here](#) to learn more.

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 emaids@stjoanarc.org. All signs must be returned after the 3 month period to earn the hours.

STEM Projects

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.

Nurse's News

SJA Cough Drop Policy:

If needed, parents should send cough drops in a bag clearly labeled with their child's name and grade and a note of consent. All cough drops will be kept in either the Nurse's or Main Office. No student is to carry them with them. Cough drops will be administered one at a time in the office. Students will then return to class. If a cough persists, students should also be tested for Covid as a cough is a common symptom. Thank you! Questions: Please email Susan Baer- School Nurse at: sbaer@stjoanarc.org.

Counselor's Corner

What is anxiety?

After the difficult couple of years, we have all experienced, I have noticed that students are exhibiting more anxiety at school than I had previously seen. Anxiety is an intense, excessive, and persistent worry and fear about everyday situations. Often people with anxiety spend a lot of time worrying about the "what if's" of a situation, as opposed to actually thinking and coming up with solutions to a situation. They often worry about consequences that are unlikely to occur. Kids that are anxious may seem distracted, have difficulty separating from parents, need rigid routines, have difficulty getting tasks done, have difficulty with social interactions, have numerous somatic complaints, or have panic attacks. It is important for parents to help their children through situations that make them anxious, and not allow them to avoid them. Help them to feel prepared and capable of being successful. Helping them study for tests, role playing social situations, talking through their worries and dispelling the unlikely consequences they are concerned about are all ways that parents can help their anxious children.

Uniforms

Please be sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform each day. Just a reminder about second layer in school for all students.

Second Layer for Summer Uniform: Navy cardigan sweater with SJA logo or Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo, leggings are not to be worn with summer skort.

Second Layer for Winter Uniform: Navy sweater, cardigan, pullover or vest with SJA logo or Navy blue ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo

HSA News

The Charleston Wrap fundraiser ends on October 7. Please continue to sell online or use the booklet sent home. We currently have a profit for the school of \$3815. We can't wait to see our final totals at the end of the week.

Trunk or Treat is October 28. Volunteers and treats are needed. Log on to [Track it Forward](#) to sign up. There is no rain date for this event.

Career Day

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 SJA's 14th Annual Career Day 20 October 2022 PRESENTER'S SURVEY Responses due no later than 30 September 2022 no later than 10 October 2022. The form may be returned via email to Roxxvfdr@yahoo.com OR you may response using the [Survey Monkey](#).

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, SJA's 14th Annual Career Day 20 October 2022 CAREER DAY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER SURVEY Responses due no later than 30 SEPTEMBER 2022. 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.

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.

Faith Formation

This coming Sunday, at 930am, everyone is invited to join us for hospitality and faith sharing as we start a new faith formation year.

We especially encourage anyone interested in learning more about the process of sacramental preparation to join us this Sunday. This is the first of our faith formation sessions that will be happening every month, and it's an important part of sacramental prep. Contact Nathan McVey and/or Dick Berndt for more information, and to make sure you don't miss any important parish updates.

Youth Ministry

SJA collaborates with other Harford County Catholics to offer fun opportunities for our families, this time: a trip to Beachmont Corn Maze!

Information is attached. Anyone interested can contact Nathan McVey for more info and AoB required permission slips for this event.

Registration can be done directly thru St. Mark's in Fallston, but using the link in the flyer.

St. Joan of Arc School

HSA Proudly Presents

TRUNK or Treat

Basket
Raffles
~cash only~

Friday,
October 28th

5:00pm to 7:00pm
SJA parking Lot

Food & Drinks

Games

Music

Costume Parade





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SJA's 14th Annual Career Day 20 October 2022 Parent Volunteer Form

Please return no later than **Friday, 30 September 2022**

Name: _____ Email and/or Cell: _____

Child's Name/Grade: _____

I am interested in volunteering for SJA's 14th Annual Career Day on **20 October 2022** in the following capacity:

_____ Setting up tables/decorate for the Presenters (**Wednesday, 19 October – 5:00pm – 7:00pm**)

_____ Collect and manage food donations from Parents (**7:45am–8:30am**)

_____ Hospitality set up (Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks)

_____ Greeting and help our Guest Presenters _____ **9:00am–10:00am**

_____ Time Keeper _____ **Morning session only (10:00am–11:30am)** _____ **Afternoon Session only (12:30pm–2:00pm)**

_____ Student group escort for Grade _____ **Time availability**

_____ **Morning session only (10:00 am–11:30 am)** _____ **Afternoon Session only (12:30pm–2:00pm)**

_____ **Both sessions (Morning and afternoon sessions)**

_____ Rotation Assistance

_____ **10:00am–11:30am** _____ **12:30pm–2:00pm** _____ **Both**

_____ Cleaning up (**2:00pm–4:00pm**)

If you are willing to help in a way that is not indicated on this form, please do not hesitate to reach out to Roxanne Robin via email at roxxyfdr@yahoo.com or mobile: **985-713-4729**.



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14th Annual Career Day October 20th, 2022

PRESENTER'S FORM

Please return NLT Monday, 30 September 2022 to Roxanne @ Roxxyfdr@yahoo.com
985 713 4729

Name: _____

Company/Position or Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Time availability:

- ☐ Morning session only (10:00am–11:30am)
☐ Afternoon Session only (12:30pm–2:00pm)
☐ Both sessions (Morning and afternoon sessions)

Briefly describe your career:

Please list any special accommodations (i.e. 2 tables, access to electrical outlet, etc.):





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.



Saturday
Oct. 15
6-9PM

**Harford County Region
Youth Ministry Night at
Beachmont**

CORN MAZE

Extreme Hayride, Nighttime Cornmaze & Games
\$16.00 per person

*Parents are responsible for transportation to and from Beachmont and
parents are encouraged to attend to help chaperone (must be Virtus Certified)*

**6433 Mt. Vista Road
Kingsville, MD 21087**

Register no later than October 10th

To register visit our website
saintmarkfallston.org/corn-maze

Parish Faith Formation

TGIF: Thank God it's Fall!

2022 Kick Off Event

OCTOBER 9 • SUNDAY • 9:30- 11 AM
ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH HALL

Everyone is invited to come for hospitality, faith sharing on the readings of the day, song and prayer to express our gratitude to God and for our parish families.

Followed by
'Alive!' Mass