



# St. Joan of Arc School

*Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future*

November 16, 2022

Dear SJA Families,

If you did not get a chance to see us on the Saturday Morning CBS News, [click here](#) to watch our story. Once again our students showed the impact SJA can make on our world.

We welcome our Grandparents and Special Friends on Friday at 11:00am in the Church. Please fill out the RSVP sent by your child’s teacher. Students are to be in regular uniforms (no PE uniforms) on Friday. The Book Fair will be open after our Prayer Service.

You may have noticed that the other large tree near the Butterfly Garden has been removed. We will continue to see changes on campus as the new building begins to progress.

On Tuesday, November 22 we are going to take a school photo including all our students. Regular uniforms are to be worn this day, no PE uniforms.

School pictures were sent home with students today.

Reminder that the school office is closed from 2:45pm to 3:10pm, including phone calls, in order for dismissal to occur smoothly and safely. If your child has early dismissal, please pick them up before 2:45pm or you will need to wait until after dismissal is complete.

Thank you for your cooperation and support of our school.

God Bless,  
Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

**Important Dates:**

November 14 - 18	Book Fair
November 15	Liturgy 8:30am Grade 4 - Tuesday Donations for Food Pantry
November 18	Grandparents and Special Friends Day 11:00am 12:05 Dismissal – Regular uniforms for all students – no PE uniforms
November 21	Parent Conferences 4:00pm to 7:00pm BINGO Dress down day
November 22	Parent Conferences 1:00pm to 4:00pm 12:05 dismissal - Regular uniforms for all students – no PE uniforms
November 23 - 25	School Closed – No aftercare
November 27	Parish Advent Breakfast 9:00am – 11:00am 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
November 29	Liturgy 8:30am
November 30	HSPT – Grade 8

**From the School Nurse**

Illness Reminder:

PLEASE DO NOT SEND AN ILL CHILD TO SCHOOL. There could be some serious health problems for your child and other students. We are currently seeing a significant increase in high fevers, cough and cold related illnesses along with the beginning of flu season.

If your child has a fever, cough, runny nose or 'just not feeling well' please keep them home to monitor. This is the only way we can prevent illnesses from spreading in our classrooms. Remember a fever is anything above 100.6.

Thank you for your help in keeping our students healthy and safe!!!

### **Counselor Corner**

#### **Importance of sleep**

Getting adequate sleep is important for all of us, no matter the age. It is incredibly important for children and adolescents, as they generally require more sleep than adults due to their growing and developing brains and bodies. As I have been checking in with students who seem to be having a difficult time; the most common response I am getting is that they are tired and did not get enough sleep the night before. Fortunately, there are things that we can do to help. Having an evening and bedtime routine is the best way to help kids get accomplished what they need to after school and get to bed on time. Routines are also a good way to encourage independence. Trying not to schedule late evening activities on a regular basis will ensure that they get to bed at an appropriate time, allowing them to get the sleep they need. Keeping electronic devices out of their rooms at night will keep them from being tempted to stay on them, when they should be sleeping. A quiet activity, such as reading, helps to calm the mind and makes it easier to fall asleep.

### **Kindness Club – “Sockvember”**

Ms. B's kindness club is collecting new socks (for the entire month of November) of any size, color or style for the homeless in Aberdeen and the Veterans in Perryville. Socks may be sent to school any day in November. Please turn into Ms. B.

### **Parent Conferences**

Parent conferences will be held on Monday, November 21 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm and Tuesday, November 22 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. All conferences will be virtual. Contact your student's teacher if you are having trouble signing up.

### **Book Fair**

Book Fair is this week in the Church Hall. [Click here](#) for a preview.

### **Grandparents/Special Friends Day**

Grandparents and special friends are invited to attend our prayer service on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the Church. The Book Fair will be open after the prayer service for purchasing. Teachers sent and RSVP, please respond so that we know who is joining us.

### **Grant & Aid Applications**

2023-2024 Grant & Aid Applications opened on November 1, 2022. You may access the application by clicking [here](#). Please be sure to complete your application early as the deadline is February 28, 2023 NO EXCEPTIONS. Should you have any questions please contact Pam Franke at [pfranke@stjoanarc.org](mailto:pfranke@stjoanarc.org).

### **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 be VIRTUS trained. Please [click here](#) to learn more.

### **Yearbook**

We are looking for a parent(s) that would like to help work on the 22-23 yearbook. We need help importing student pictures, organizing pictures and designing the pages. Please contact Mrs. Way at [hway@stjoanarc.org](mailto:hway@stjoanarc.org).

## **Uniforms**

Students need to be in the correct uniform each day.

Please take note that khaki pants for girls and boys, grades K-8 are flat front twill and should be purchased from Flynn O'Hara, PreK wear elastic waist, (**Not** khaki colored jeans or tight fitting leggings.) All students wearing pants also need to wear a belt. PE sweatpants need to have the SJA logo. Full winter uniform policy is attached.

## **HSA News**

### **Jingle Bell Shoppe**

Save the Date – **December 16** Please look at Track It Forward for opportunities to volunteer for this event.

## **Community News**

### **Christmas in Aberdeen – December 3**

Aberdeen's 45<sup>th</sup> Christmas Street Activities will be held on Dec. 3, see the attached Flyer for details.

## **Parish News**

### **Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Annual Aberdeen Christmas Parade! - starts at 3:00pm**

The parade theme is "Christmas in Candyland," so feel free to dress up in any Candy-themed or Candyland-style costumes if you like. SJA spirit wear is also encouraged, but just wear something comfy!

We'll be entering a "float" and a walking group again this year! All our families are invited to walk with us. We'll be gathering to line-up at 2:30pm in front of the Parish Office on Law Street.

If any families are willing and able to contribute bags of lollipops again this year, please send them to school with a note for Mr. Nate.

Thanks again for your past support of this effort, and we hope you'll join us to make this year our biggest group yet!



## SJA Winter Uniform

### **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

### **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

### **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

**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.



# Aberdeen's 45th Christmas Street Sat, Dec. 3rd

## “Christmas in Candyland

### Activities Include

#### Breakfast

Grace United Methodist Church  
7:00-11:00 am. Dine in or carry out  
Tickets available at the door.

#### Street Entertainment

West Bel Air Ave @ Parke St.  
Starting at 2:00 pm.

#### Christmas Craft Fair

Aberdeen Fire Department  
9:00 am till 2:00 pm.  
Shop Unique gifts

#### Aberdeen Museum

18 Howard St. - Open House  
10:00 am till 5:00 pm.  
Live music 1:30 - 2:00pm

#### Festival of Trees, Wreaths & Garlands

Aberdeen Activity Center  
Friday 6pm-9pm  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm.  
Bid/buy fully decorated tree.

#### PARADE

Begins at 3:00 pm  
Greet Mr. & Mrs. Claus and  
Many other special characters and guest.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
Christmas Concert w/Charlie Zahn  
Refreshments start at 5:30  
Concert starts at 7:00pm

### Amusements, Food Trucks, Tree Lighting

Festival Park, we light our huge tree after the parade, visit with Santa, or our balloon artist, get hot chocolate & cookies, try your luck at our scratch offs, have fun in the bounce houses and obstacle courses. **Wristbands are required for the amusements! They may be purchased in advance online & picked up at Aberdeen Public Library 11/28-12/1 5pm**

<https://www.aberdeence.org/product-page/wristbands-christmas-street>.

You can also purchase wristbands, Friday at the Activity Center from 6-9pm and Saturday at the Main Street Tent in Festival Park.

**Wristbands are \$10.00 per person. (non refundable - no replacements)**