



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

November 23, 2022

Dear SJA Families,

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. A short week with a lot of activities. Thank you for all the donations to the Good Samaritan House, we are able to help those in need.

Grandparents Day was a success with lots of smiles and hugs. It is so good to see all of our activities returning to our campus.

We all know how wonderful SJA is, let's show everyone else! Vote SJA as Best School in Harford County. Voting ends 12/4 at 5:00pm. [CLICK HERE TO VOTE](#)

Attached in this week's newsletter is a Thanksgiving message from Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

November 23 - 25	School Closed – No aftercare
November 27	Parish Advent Breakfast 9:00am – 11:00am 1 st Sunday of Advent
November 28	Beginning of T2
November 29	Liturgy 8:30am
November 30	HSPT – Grade 8
December 2	Report Cards sent home
December 6	Students will not attend Liturgy
December 8	Liturgy 8:30am Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 13	Liturgy 8:30am Awards Assembly following Liturgy
December 15	Christmas Program 6:30pm in the Church
December 16	Jingle Bell Shoppe
December 20	Liturgy 8:30am 12:05 dismissal

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.

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.

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 still 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.

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.

HSA News

Jingle Bell Shoppe

Save the Date – **December 16**

Please look at Track It Forward for opportunities to volunteer and make donations for this event.

Community News

Christmas in Aberdeen – December 3

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

Parish News

Advent Breakfast - Sunday, November 27th, 9am - 11am.

Invitation to Everyone - Join us for the Annual Advent Breakfast at SJA!

The Knights of Columbus will help us start the season of Advent with a hot breakfast in the Church Hall. The menu will include Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Mixed Fruit, Coffee, Juice and Tea. Pricing will be \$7/ Adult, \$4 for Children 10 & Under, or \$25 for a Family Ticket - so you can bring the Grandparents, and all the kids!

Saturday Dec. 3rd - 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!





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)