



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

November 30, 2022

Dear SJA Families,

The first week of Advent is here! As we await the birth of the Christ child, we have many activities planned from now until Christmas. Please check the calendar for all the details.

Our 8th grade students completed the High School Placement Test today. We are so proud of their hard work and their journey to high school.

Report cards will come home on Friday, December 2 in a blue envelope. Our awards assembly will be on December 13 at the end of Liturgy, all are welcome.

As the weather begins to turn colder, remember that at SJA we still go outside for PE and recess. Please be sure your student is dressed appropriately for the weather.

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

December 2	Report Cards sent home
December 3	Aberdeen Christmas Parade – Lollipops needed!
December 6	Students will not attend Liturgy
December 8	Liturgy 8:30am Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 12	Reconciliation for Students 10:00am
December 13	Liturgy 8:30am Awards Assembly following Liturgy
December 15	Christmas Program 6:30pm in the Church
December 16	Jingle Bell Shoppe – PJ pants/sweatshirt dress down \$2.00
December 19	Class Parties – 2:15pm Christmas accessories
December 20	Liturgy 8:30am 12:05 dismissal – no aftercare
December 21 – January 2	School Closed – Christmas Break – no aftercare

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.

Jump Rope Club

Mrs. Reith will be sponsoring a Jump Rope Club beginning in January. See the attached permission slip for details.

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 wears 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.

SJA Bull Roast

Save the Date – **April 29, 2023**

See attached flyer for details.

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

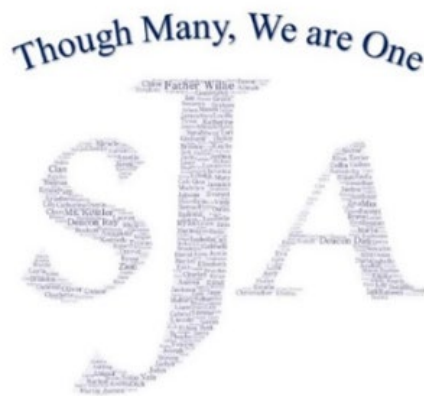
Saturday Dec. 3rd - Annual Aberdeen Christmas Parade! - starts at 3:00pm

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.

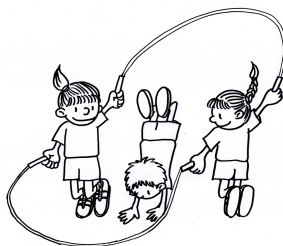
Thanks again for your past support of this effort, and we hope you'll join us to make this year our biggest group yet!



SJA Jump Rope Club Permission Slip

Winter Session:

- Group 1- 1/10, 1/24, 2/7 and 2/21
- Group 2- 1/17, 1/31 2/14 and 2/28



Time: 3:15-4:15 pm

Where: St. Joan of Arc School

Who: Students in Kindergarten to 8th Grade (maximum 12 students per group)

Club members will learn new skills in jump rope from single rope to partner skills to double dutch. During the session the club members will also learn competition events and compete in school virtual competition sponsored by *Learnin' the Ropes*, a non-profit jump rope organization. Students are invited to bring their own jump rope but having a rope is not necessary to participate in this club. Students should bring tennis shoes to wear during club meetings.

Please fill out 1 permission slip for each child in your family.

Return permission slips no later than Monday, December 19th to Ms. Reith

My child _____ Grade. _____ has my permission to participate in SJA Jump Rope Club.

How is your child going home? Car _____ Aftercare _____

Carpooling (your child may only go with people from this list):

(List people, other than yourself, that may be picking up your child from the club)

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____

Person completing this form- _____

Parent signature- _____ Date _____

Email address- _____

Phone number- _____



Save The Date

The HSA invites you to

SJA's Bull Roast
at
The Richlin
Ballroom

April, 29 2023

more info to follow in the new year





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)