



# St. Joan of Arc School

*Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future*

December 14, 2022

Dear SJA Families,

The third week of Advent has brought additional “joy” to our building. Yesterday, our students were recognized at our Trimester 1 Awards Assembly in academics and leadership. We are proud of their hard work and accomplishments.

On Thursday, December 15 we want to invite all parents, grandparents and friends to celebrate the Christmas Season with our Christmas Concert at 6:30pm in the Church. Students need to arrive at 6:00pm. Band students will report to the back entrance of the Hall. Students grades PreK – Grade 7 are to report to the school and Grade 8 will meet in the Church.

There has been a report of some possible winter weather on Thursday morning. Please remember that St. Joan of Arc follows the same procedures for closing and delays as Harford County Public School Systems. If there is a delay, regardless of the amount of time, there is **NO** Before Care. In the event that we close early, Aftercare is open for 2 hours after school closing. If schools are closed, there is **NO** Extended Care.

*If school is closed on Thursday due to weather, we will need to postpone our Christmas Concert. The concert will be held on Monday, December 19 at 1:00pm. There will be **no** evening performance and parents are welcome to attend the performance at 1:00pm. The Band performance will be rescheduled for January.*

Jingle Bell Shop is Friday, December 16. Students should come prepared with their list and cash or a check in a labeled zip lock bag to shop. The list and schedule for the day was sent home on Monday.

Each family was sent a Christmas Ornament today from SJA. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year full of smiles!

God Bless,  
Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

## **Important Dates:**

December 12 -16	Student Council Candy Cane Gram Sales
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 10:30am Living Nativity 12:05 dismissal – no aftercare
December 21 – January 2	School Closed – Christmas Break – no aftercare

## **Construction Update**

On Friday, December 16 fencing will be placed around the grass area next to the large parking lot. This will not impact drop off or pick up. I will continue to give updates each week to any changes that may impact our normal school day routines.

### **Lost and Found**

There is an accumulation of over 20 sweatshirts, sweaters and ¼ zips that have landed in our lost and found. If your child is missing these items, please have them come to the office to retrieve it.

### **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. Also, please check Track It Forward for needed items at the school. Donations can earn volunteer hours.

### **Jump Rope Club**

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

### **Environmental Club**

Mrs. Simmons will be sponsoring the Environmental Club beginning in January. See the attached permission slip for details.

### **Chess Club**

Mr. Bentkowski and Mrs. Baur will be sponsoring the Chess Club beginning in January. See the attached permission slip.

### **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 - December 16**

### **SJA Bull Roast**

Save the Date – **April 29, 2023**

See attached flyer for details.



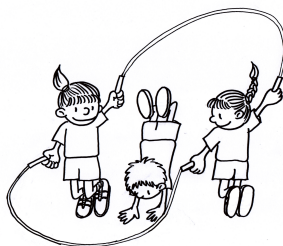
### **Parish News**

Go to the [parish website](#) for Advent activities and Christmas Mass Schedule.

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> to Ms. Reith**

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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- \_\_\_\_\_

## Environmental Club Permission Slip

**WINTER SESSION:** January 10, 17, 24, 31  
February 7, 14, 21, 28

**Time:** 3:15 - 4:15

**Where:** St. Joan of Arc School

**Who:** Students in Grades 2 - 8 (maximum 18 students)



Club members will develop projects that make our school and our world a healthier, "greener" environment. This session's projects will revolve around continuing our recycling programs, learn about hibernation, winter tree identification and preparing bluebird boxes for spring. We will conduct research and lead school initiatives. This club will be hands- on and a lot of fun!

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

**Return permission slips no later than Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> to Mrs. Simmons**

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My child \_\_\_\_\_ Grade. \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in SJA Environmental 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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Person completing this form \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

# CHESS CLUB

*CO-CHAIRPERSONS: MR. BENTKOWSKI AND MRS. BAUR*



**Chess club: Tuesdays 3:15-4:00**

**Club starts on January 10, 2023**

**Grades 3-5 will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month**

**Grades 6-8 will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.**

★ **Return permission slip by December 20, 2022**

# **CHESS CLUB PERMISSION SLIP**

- Chess club will meet on Tuesdays starting January 10, 2023
- Time: 3:15-4:00
- Grades 3-5 meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month
- Grades 6-8 meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month
- Club will run from January 10, 2023- April 4, 2023

Schedule:

Grades 3-5 will meet January 10,24; February 7, 21; March 7, 21; April 4

Grades 6-8 will meet January 17,31; February 14, 28; March 14,28; April 4

Please sign and detach and return the bottom part by December 20th.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to  
participate in Chess Club.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by December 20, 2022





# 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

