



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

December 7, 2022

Dear SJA Families,

Second week of Advent. Christmas is quickly approaching. Our tree is in place and there was a visit from St. Nicholas yesterday. Shoes were filled with treats, books were shared, and smiles filled the hallways.

As you will see our calendar is full of activities, please join us for Liturgy tomorrow at 8:30am and Tuesday, December 13 for Liturgy at 8:30am along with our Awards Assembly.

Remember SJA students still go outside during the winter months for PE and recess. Please be sure your student is dressed appropriately for the weather.

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

December 8	Liturgy 8:30am Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 12	Reconciliation for Students 10:00am
December 12 -16	Student Council Candy Cane Gram Sales
December 13	Liturgy 8:30am Awards Assembly following Liturgy Parish Reconciliation Service 7:00pm
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

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.

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

Volunteers are needed to work this event, only one person has signed up. Please consider helping with this event. Sign up on Track It Forward for to volunteer and make donations for this event.

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.



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 19th to Mrs. Simmons

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 _____

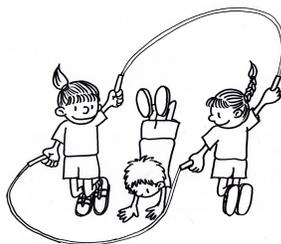
Parent signature _____ Date _____

Email address _____

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- _____

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

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

