



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

January 11, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Thank you to everyone who ordered Faith and Flakes t-shirts. We look forward to our presentation by Justin Berk on February 1, during Catholic Schools Week!

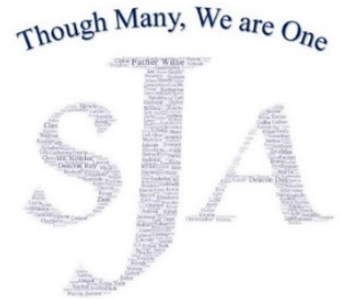
Winter MAP Testing will be January 17 – 24. Teachers will post your student’s schedule for testing on their websites. Please be sure students are well rested and have a good breakfast on testing days

The wintery cold weather is here, SJA students still go outside for recess and PE. Students should be dressed for the weather. Also, 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, After Care is open for 2 hours after school closing. If schools are closed, there is **NO** Extended Care.

Reregistration for the 2023 -2024 school year is now open. Save \$75.00 by registering early.

To help support our Ravens home team as the playoff seasons moves forward, students can dress down on Friday, January 13. They can wear their favorite Ravens jersey, or purple/black t-shirt, or sweatshirt with jeans (no tears or holes), khakis or sweatpants. Go Ravens!

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal



Important Dates:

January 13	12:05pm dismissal Ravens dress down day!
January 16	School Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – no aftercare
January 17 - 24	Winter MAP testing – grades 2-8
January 29 – February 3	Catholic Schools Week
February 1	Justin Berk visits 9:30am

Construction Update

Thank you for your patience as we have had to adjust pick up and drop off this last week. The drainage preparation on Law Street and Plater Street is underway. Please do not arrive before 2:30 pm for pick up as some parking in these areas may not be available. The safety of our students is always our first priority. Thank you for your patience.

Counselor’s Corner

Standardized tests; how to help your students

For the next couple of weeks, we will be testing in grades 2-8. These tests are important in helping the school and you, the parents, assess students' progress throughout the year. There are ways to help your student to maximize their performance and minimize stress during the next couple of weeks. First, it is helpful to talk to your child about the test. Let them know that it is important to do their best, but do not stress about it. We know that some students struggle showing their knowledge on these standardized tests. Let your child know that you have confidence that they will do well. Finally, help your child get a

good night's sleep and a solid breakfast prior to testing day. Make sure they get to school on time so that they are in the best frame of mind and can properly prepare to take the test.

Paper and Water

We are in need of cases of water and paper. You can earn 1 hour of service for each case and/or ream of paper. Go to [Track it Forward](#) to sign up.

Reregister for SJA today!

Save \$75 by reregistering your student by February 10.

Click on the following link to visit your family's **Admissions & Enrollment Portal**:

<https://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com>

Extended Care

We are looking for candidates to staff our aftercare program. Monday – Friday 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Please contact pfranke@stjoanarc.org or call the school office.

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.

Many and One t-shirts

Students can wear their Many and One t-shirt each Wednesday as part of their uniform. They can wear SJA sweatpants, khaki pants or their uniform skirt with their t-shirt. Tennis shoes can be worn with sweatpants.

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.

Clubs

Jump Rope Club, Environmental Club, and Chess Club will begin this month. Please contact the Club sponsors for details.

HSA News

SJA Bull Roast

Save the Date – **April 29, 2023**

See attached flyer for details.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Bull Roast on April 29th. Please sign up using the link below if you are interested in helping organize or working the event. HSA will reach out the week of 1/23 with further information. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4FA9AD29A1F58-bull>

Parish News

Go to the [parish website](#) for the New Year Mass Schedule.



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

