



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

January 18, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

I hope that everyone enjoyed their extra day off. I am a little sad about the RAVENS but the good news is that Opening Day for the Orioles is 72 days away!

Winter MAP testing is this week. Thank you for having your students on time and well rested.

The weather continues to get colder and our 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 before February 10.

Catholic Schools Week is January 29 – February 3. This is a time to celebrate our Catholic School. Please see the attached flyer with details for our week.

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

January 17 - 24	Winter MAP testing – grades 2-8
January 29 – February 3	Catholic Schools Week – see attached flyer
February 1	Justin Berk visits 9:30am
February 3	12:05 dismissal
February 17	12:05 dismissal
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 28	FACTS Grant& Aid Application due

Construction Update

As you can see, a fence has closed off the access of walking from Law Street to the main entrance of the school. Students being dropped off for morning care will need to enter from the Plater Street side of the building and walked by their parents to the main entrance in order to keep everyone safe.

Please do not arrive before 2:30 pm for pick up as some parking in these areas may not be available. Thank you for your flexibility and for helping to keep our students and staff safe.

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

Clubs have started meeting this month. Please be sure you know the pickup time for your student's club.

STEM

See attached flyers for upcoming STEM activities.

Baltimore Blast Game

On **Saturday, February 11, 2023**, the Baltimore Blast will be hosting a family night for the Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools. The school bands from Immaculate Conception and St. Louis School will perform the National Anthem and the Monsignor Slade and Mother Mary Lange Catholic School Choirs

will sing before the game. All Catholic school students (8th grade and under) will receive a free ticket to the game, with paying adult.

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

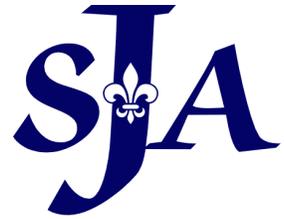
Go to the [parish website](#) for upcoming events.

Save the Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023, 6:00 PM

Couples Dinner

After a three-year hiatus our annual Couples Dinner is returning – just in time for St. Valentine’s Day. Treat your beloved to a lovely night out starting at 5 PM Mass with a renewal of vows, followed by cocktails and a catered dinner with other married couples and singles. Celebrate Catholic Marriage with us!





Saturday, January 28 & Sunday, January 29—Celebrating our Parish

- Students speak at Liturgies about their experience at St. Joan of Arc School, including - St. Patrick's Church.
- Students who attend Mass in uniform and take a picture of themselves with priest or deacon will earn a Dress Down Day. Pictures need to be emailed to Mrs. Maid.
email@stjoanarc.org

Monday, January 30—Celebrating our Community

- Students show their appreciation to local elderly, government officials and community members.
- School Spirit Day – Students dress in Though Many, We are One T-shirts or gym shirts with gym sweatpants.

Tuesday, January 31—Celebrating our Families

- Sunday Best Day – Students come dressed in their Sunday Best.
- Parents are invited to attend Mass at 8:30am and return to school with their child until 10:30am.

Wednesday, February 1 — Celebrating our Students

- Students will enjoy a special breakfast treat.
- Meteorologist Justin Burk will be visiting SJA for Faith in the Flakes!
- Students wear Faith in the Flakes t-shirt or any SJA t-shirt with PJ pants or gym sweatpants.
- Students will work on STEM activities with their buddy classes.
- Open House for prospective students is from 9:30-11:30am. Please share this event on your social media page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/504681838471158>

Thursday, February 2—Celebrating Parish Staff

- Each class shows appreciation to Fr. Willie and his staff for their dedication.
- Color/Buddy Day – Students will dress in an assigned color. They will spend time with their buddies.

Friday, February 3 —Celebrating Faculty

- Students show appreciation for our teachers.
- Students who earned a Dress Down from Sunday may use their pass. Please remember to dress according to the guidelines in the handbook.
- Early Dismissal at 12:05pm.



THE C5ISR CENTER COMMUNITY
OUTREACH "STEM@HOME" PROGRAM
PRESENTS...

STEM Story Hour

Welcome STEM Students to an evening of imagination.

Students and their adults are invited to join us online for STEM Story Hour as imaginations soar and invention takes flight! Story Hour will engage our inner inventors through an interactive reading of a children's book, followed by a related hands-on STEM activity.

**Wednesday,
January 18th
5:00 – 6:00 PM**

Register at:

<https://usarmyc5isrcenter.submit.com/>



Seats are first-come, first-served for the first 75 students who register. Registration will open December 19th and will close on January 15^h at 11:55pm, or when all 75 slots are reserved, whichever occurs first.

Story Hour is a FREE Online STEM opportunity for students Kindergarten through 2nd Grade. Students must attend with an adult.



ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Participate in the 2023

SCIENCE FAIR

AT THE MAGIC OF SCIENCE FAMILY FESTIVAL

TUNE Center at HCC • 510 Thomas Run Road • Bel Air, MD 21015

JUNE 10, 2023

Science Fair: 8am-3pm

Family Festival: 11am-4pm

Amazing prizes will be awarded for both winner and runner-up in **6th, 7th, and 8th grades!** That's **SIX prizes total!**

Plan ahead and spend the day! The *Magic of Science Family Festival* is happening 11am-4pm and is **FREE FUN** for the whole family!



Submissions will be considered in all innovative and future STEM disciplines.

Read this Blog for tips on how to choose a topic, planning and researching your project, and how to enter the Magic of Science Fair:
<https://tinyurl.com/2rpxd9v5>

Mechanical Engineering • Aerospace Robotics • Electrical Engineering
Civil Engineering • Computer Science
Biology • Physics • Chemistry
Environmental • Mathematics



Please visit <https://DiscoveryCenterMd.org/magicofscience/science-fair/> or scan our QR code for the very latest information, including submission forms, instructions, how-tos, and more.



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ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

FAMILY NIGHT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023 | 6:05 PM
SECU ARENA (TOWSON UNIVERSITY)



BALTIMORE BLAST
VS. MILWAUKEE WAVE



Catholic
Schools
Rise ABOVE

Join Catholic school families from around the archdiocese for a night of fun!



First Kick by Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools Superintendent, **Dr. Hargens**

Choir Performance: Monsignor Slade Catholic School and Mother Mary Lange Catholic School

Band Performance: Immaculate Conception School and St. Louis School

Catholic School students **FREE** (8th grade and under) | Adult tickets \$22

Please contact Baltimore Blast General Manager, Gianni Tumminello to order tickets
Office: 443-559-0710 | cell: 410-776-1266 | email: gtumminello@baltimoreblast.com

Ticket Order Deadline: February 8, 2023

All ticket orders will be delivered to each Catholic school for distribution prior to the game or left at Will Call for pick-up on game day. Please indicate your preference when ordering.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SJA BULL ROAST, April 29th

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4FA9AD29A1F58-bull>



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

