



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

January 25, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Well it is January and the weather continues to get colder. Our SJA students still go outside for recess and PE. Students should be dressed appropriately for the weather. Coats, hats and gloves are recommended.

Remember, 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. As our service component of our Catholic Schools Week celebration we are collecting to replenish our Good Samaritan House. They are in need of peanut butter, jelly, juice, soups, spaghetti sauce and cereal. Please send in donations on Monday.

Tuesday, we invite our parents to attend our 8:30am Liturgy and join us for a school visit until 10:30am. Please RSVP to your student’s teacher and be sure to bring your ID with you for the visit.

Faith in Flakes t-shirts will be sent home Monday, January 30 for students who placed an order. Students will wear these on Wednesday, February 1 with their PJ pants or sweatpants.

We are looking forward to a wonderful and exciting Catholic Schools Week. See attached flyer for updated details.

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

January 29 – February 3	Catholic Schools Week – see attached flyer
February 1	Justin Berk visits 9:30am
February 3	12:05 dismissal
February 10	Last day to save \$75.00 on registration for the 2023 -2024 school year
February 17	12:05 dismissal
February 20	School Closed – President’s Day – No After Care
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 28	FACTS Grant& Aid Application due

Catholic Schools Week

The event schedule for each day of Catholic Schools Week is attached. Please review and prepare for our celebration. Although students will be dressing down for the different days, we will still follow the guidelines in our handbook.

Construction Update

Morning Care parents should continue to drop off students on the Plater Street side of the building and walk them 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.

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>

2023 -2024 Tuition, fees, grant and aid information is attached to this newsletter.

Grant & Aid Applications

2023-2024 Grant & Aid Applications are open. 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.

FACTS - Incidental Billing

Please be reminded to check your FACTS account for outstanding incidental billing which may include extended care, field trips and classroom supplies. Incidental Billing is not paid automatically like tuition. You must go into your FACTS account and submit payment or set up automatic payments. All tuition and incidental billing must be paid on time to ensure PowerSchool access. Contact Pam Franke, pfranke@stjoanarc.org should you have any questions.

Spirit Wear

Spirit wear sales will be from January 29 – February 19. Please go to the following [link](#) to place your order.

Counselor's Corner

Struggling with the Winter blues?

Many of us find ourselves struggling when the days get shorter and the weather colder. Our children are no different as they try and navigate this time of year. As always, exercise and diet play an important part in helping our bodies stay healthy and our minds sharp. Overloading our bodies with carbohydrates can give a quick energy boost, but then can cause a feeling of drowsiness as that initial boost wears off. Maintaining a good balanced diet during these colder months and making sure physical activity is still a part of your daily routine is important. For your children, having them go outside and play is very helpful in maintaining physical and mental health. When outside play is not possible, finding games that require movement is a great alternative. Video, or other games that require movement creates fun for the whole family. Keeping curtains open during daylight hours, allowing light to shine through also helps elevate your mood. It is crucial not to isolate this time of year. Making sure you stay connected with those that are significant to you and your kids, whether these are in person visits or virtual, is vitally important for your mental health. Finally, plan and engage in activities that allow your family to have fun together. Finding humorous movies and TV shows to watch or games that encourage laughter are helpful in creating a happy, energized environment. The old adage remains true; "laughter is the best medicine!"

Paper and Water

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

SJA's 2023 Summer Camp – Shine bright!

We look forward to providing your child with the best summer ever! SJA is offering 9 weeks of summer camp, from June 12 through August 11. For more information and to register go to <https://stjoanarc.org/summer-camp/>

Extended Care

We are still 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.

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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4BAAA72DA7FE3-bull>

Parish News

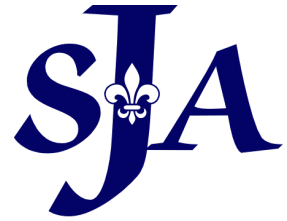
Go to the [parish website](#) for upcoming events.

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!

Though Many, We are One





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.
emaide@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.
- Collection for Good Samaritan House – peanut Butter, jelly, soups, spaghetti sauce and cereal.

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 sandwich from Chic-fil-A
- 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.



St. Joan of Arc School

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The St. Joan of Arc School Board has voted to approve the budget for the **2023 - 2024** school year. There is a tuition increase of 3% this year due to the Archdiocese of Baltimore’s guidance to provide adequate compensation to faculty. In order to recruit and retain highly qualified educators, all teachers will be compensated at 80% of the rate for Baltimore County teachers within 5 years. The goal to move the salary scale forward will proceed to step 4 of the 5-year plan in 2023-24. The Archdiocesan teacher salary scale has not been adjusted since 2011 and does not provide adequate pay to support the excellent work of our dedicated faculty members.

2023 -2024 TUITION RATES

	<u>1 Child</u>	<u>2 Children</u>	<u>3 Children</u>	<u>4 Children</u>	<u>5 Children</u>
Active Catholic	\$7,700.00	14,900.00	21,850.00	28,550.00	35,000.00
Non-Catholic	\$8,800.00	17,100.00	25,150.00	32,950.00	40,500.00

- Technology Fee is included in the tuition rates.
- The Catholic Tuition Discount Form must be submitted each year in order to qualify for the Catholic discount of \$1,100.00.
- A Multi Child Discount is given in this way: a \$500.00 discount for two children; a \$1,250.00 discount for three children; a \$2,250.00 discount for four children, and \$3500.00 discount for five children.
- 8th grade fee -\$200.00 final payment due by February 10, 2023
 - Includes Yearbook, Retreat and Graduation Fees

Application and Registration Fees (non-refundable)

New Students

Application Fee: \$99.00

Registration Fee: \$150.00

Continuing Students

Re-registration \$200.00 each year*

*Please note that \$75.00 of the re-registration fee will be waived for students re-registering by February 10, 2023.

FACTS Tuition Management and Financial Aid Information for the 2021-2022 School Year

FACTS will continue to serve as the preferred provider for financial aid and tuition management service within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. FACTS Tuition Management Company will collect all tuition payments, including payment in full, semi-annual and monthly payments. **ALL FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP AND MAKE PAYMENT THROUGH FACTS** utilizing automatic bank payments (EFT) or by credit card. (*There is an additional fee for processing the credit card option). Easy and convenient online registration is available.

FACTS Grant and Aid

Tuition Assistance for the 2023-24 School Year is available through the Archdiocese of Baltimore for all families who qualify. To apply, please visit the FACTS Grant and Aid website at www.factstuitionaid.com. FACTS Grant and Aid application fee is \$35.00. The deadline to apply for Archdiocesan Assistance is February 28, 2023. FACTS will require the submission of 2021 Tax Return and 2022 W2.

Additional assistance is available through St. Joan of Arc School and Parish. The process of using FACTS will be the same for AOB or local assistance distribution. Our goal is to help all families afford a Catholic education for their children. Additional funds are available through **Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program** for those students who qualify by income. For more information, go to <http://marylandpublicschools.org/pages/boost/index.aspx>



Week 1 - AROUND THE WORLD - June 12 – 16, Camp Cost \$250

We will travel around the world in 5 days! Fun facts, games, traditions and food samples from around the world, ending the week with an International Dance Party!

Week 2 - NATURE WEEK - June 20 – 23, Camp Cost \$200

Nature Nature Nature! Learn about critters and their habitats, as well as our outdoors with Mrs. Simmons!

Week 3 - CREATIVE CHEFS - June 26 – 30, Camp Cost \$300

We will cook all week, preparing dishes that the kids will eat from fresh ingredients. Everyone will learn kitchen safety and how to use kitchen tools to make yummy foods!

Week 4 - WATER FUN - July 3 – 7, Camp Cost \$200

Water, water everywhere! Join us for lots and lots of outdoor water fun!

Week 5 - CAMP INVENTION - July 10 - 14

Week 6 - CHARACTER WEEK - July 17 – 21, Camp Cost \$250

From Superheroes to princesses, we will be celebrating our favorite characters with themed crafts, games and snacks!

Week 7 - VBC - July 24 – 28, Camp Cost \$170

This is an add on to SJA VBC. To register for VBC please contact the parish. Hours for this week are M - Th 11:30 am - 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Week 8 - CREATIVE CHEFS SWEET TREATS - July 31 - August 4, Camp Cost \$300

Cooking again, but this week it's all about the treats! We will cook tasty desserts and candies! YUM!

Week 9 - A WEEK WITH THE ARTS - August 7 – 11, Camp Cost \$250

Come ready to create! We will be exploring musical arts, visual arts, dance and more!

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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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.**



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.



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





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SJA BULL ROAST, April 29th

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