



# St. Joan of Arc School

*Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future*

February 1, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week. It was wonderful seeing everyone at Mass and visiting our classrooms on Tuesday. Thank you for your patience with check in and helping to keep our building safe.

Today we enjoyed a presentation, “Faith in Flakes” by Justin Burk a meteorologist followed by STEM activities involving weather. Ask your student what they learned today about weather.

On Thursday we will celebrate by recognizing our parish staff and spending time with our Buddy Classes, also celebrating Groundhog Day.

Friday we will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. We will also recognize our teachers for all they do for our students. Please be reminded that Friday is a 12:05pm dismissal.

Click [here](#) for a special message to our families from our faculty. We are so grateful for your support of St. Joan of Arc.

February is the month when we often have snow. Please be sure your student is dressed appropriately for the weather. Coats, hats and gloves are recommended. 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.

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

### Important Dates:

February 3	12:05 dismissal – Dress down for those who attended Church in their uniforms on Sunday. Passes were provided for students.
February 5	Alive Mass – 11:15am
February 10	Last day to save \$75.00 on registration for the 2023 -2024 school year Ledo Pizza Night Middle School Social 6:30 to 9:00pm
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
March 9	Save the Date – “You’re About to be Served” more details to follow.....

### **Many and One T-shirts**

We have a limited number of “Many and One” t-shirts available. Please call the office to purchase. \$15 for short sleeve and \$18 for long sleeve. First come, first serve – cash or check only.

### **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 let students walk to the door alone.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **Johns Hopkins School Culture Survey**

SJA will participate in the JH school Culture survey. Please see the attached letter for more information. Go to this [link](#) to complete the Parent survey. Parents who complete the survey will receive one service hour and your students will receive a dress down day. Please send a picture of your completed survey to [dkestler@stjoanarc.org](mailto:dkestler@stjoanarc.org).

### **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/> Deposit is non -refundable.

### **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](mailto: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**

Dine out night at **Ledos Pizza**, Aberdeen is on Friday 2/10 from 11am-10pm. Dine in, carryout, and delivery. 20% of proceeds go towards the school. Please see the attached Flyer.

### **Parish News**

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

### **February 5, 2023 - 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

Parish Faith Formation Event: ‘Lent Journey 2023: Are You Ready?’ Come to the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM and enjoy a light breakfast with your fellow parishioners and families. Then, you will learn about the Lenten Season. Activities include contributing to an SJA Daily Reflections resource that will be distributed to the whole parish at our Masses on February 26th, the First Sunday of Lent.

### **Alive Mass – 11:15 AM**

Students grade 3 and up are invited to sing with the choir. Practice is at 10:15am with Mass following at 11:15am.

### **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!





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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.
- 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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>



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Dear Parents,

St. Joan of Arc School values and needs input from our community!

In today's newsletter there is a link to the School Culture 360™ Survey that has been developed by researchers at the Institute for Education Policy at Johns Hopkins University. Each year, it is critical for school leaders to have reliable data to assess their school environments. This survey can identify areas for celebration, areas for growth, and disconnects between different groups of participants.

The aspects of school culture this survey measures are:

- School Climate - Characteristics of the school environment that foster academic achievement and positive interpersonal relationships
- Academic Climate - Characteristics of the learning environment that promote high expectations, teacher support of student learning, and peer support of student learning
- Civic Open Classroom Climate - The routine experience of deliberation and viewpoint diversity
- School Mission and Vision - The stakeholders' beliefs about the school's commitments and values

These areas have been linked to various student outcomes, including academic achievement and civic preparation. A summary of research about these domains is available upon request. While parents, teachers, staff, administrators, and students in Grades 6-8 take the survey, not all these groups will answer all components.

This survey is completely anonymous and will be used for secondary research. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary; there are no penalties for not participating.

Use this link to complete the survey.

[https://jhuedu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0JxYXhx5S7bjYcC?Source=ArchdioceseCatID](https://jhuedu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0JxYXhx5S7bjYcC?Source=ArchdioceseCatID)

By sharing your thoughts about your school's environment, you will provide useful insights that may otherwise go unnoticed.

Parents that complete the survey will receive one hour of service and your students will receive a dress down day. Parents should take a picture of their completed survey to Ms. Kestler.

Thank you so much for your help.

God Bless,

Ms. Kestler





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 18<sup>th</sup>  
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 19<sup>th</sup> and will close on January 15<sup>h</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.





# RAISING FUNDS TASTES GREAT!

Join us at *Ledo PIZZA.* for a  
**FUNDRAISER** to support  
**St. Joan of Arc school**

**Ledo Pizza:**

**1013 BEARDS HILL RD. ABERDEEN**

**When:** **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10th**  
**11:00 am -10:00 pm**

**Online Code: Fundraiser**

(Please enter the code above into the Coupon/Fundrasier Code area on the Checkout page for the organization to receive credit for your order)

**ONLINE - CARRYOUT - DINE-IN**

**Bring in this flyer, show it on your phone,  
enter the code for online orders, or just mention  
you are here to support this fundraiser and 20%  
the proceeds will be donated to the organization!**



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