



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

February 15, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Thank you again for helping and being flexible during drop off and pick up. We will need to continue this for at least the next 2 weeks. This is an inconvenience for our neighbors on Edmund Street so please be patient and kind. As you line up on Edmund Street, enter from Market Street towards Plater Street, be sure to stay on the right side of the street and have your flashers on if sitting still and your blinker on if you are ready to turn. It is our goal to keep everyone safe.

Although we have not seen snow yet, we have Faith in the Flakes. The Ground Hog said we have six more weeks of winter! 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.

In order to show our “Faith in the Flakes,” students can Dress Down on **Friday, February 17** in their Faith and Flakes t-shirt with their khaki pants or SJA sweat pants. Students who do not have a Faith in Flakes t-shirt can wear their PE shirt.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

February 17	12:05 dismissal – Faith in Flakes or SJA PE t-shirt Dress Down
February 20	School Closed – President’s Day – No After Care
February 22	Liturgy 8:30am - Ash Wednesday
February 28	FACTS Grant& Aid Application due – no exceptions
March 3	School Closed for Students – No aftercare
March 7	Liturgy 8:30am
March 9	Individual Picture Day Save the Date – “You’re About to be Served” 6:30pm
March 10	Stations of the Cross – 2:00pm

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.

SJA Voices “You’re About to be Served”

The SJA Voices invite you to their signature event, Dessert Night on March 9 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. They are back and ready to grace and entertain you with two of the best things in life,

Singing and Sweets! See a SJA Voices member to RSVP for the event or contact Mrs. Robin roxyfdr@yahoo.com.

Construction Update

Morning Care parents should continue to drop off students at the main entrance and walk them to the door in order to keep everyone safe. Please do not let students walk to the door alone.

The Plater Street entrance to the parking lot will have to be closed for approximately 2 weeks to work on the drainage under the street.

This has impacted drop off and pick up. Parents please enter the lot from Edmund Street and exit through Poplar Street (the alley). We will still begin drop off at 7:50am. In the afternoon the lot will be opened at 2:40pm for dismissal. Parents will need to enter through Edmund Street and exit through Poplar Street (the alley). We ask that everyone be patient, not arrive before 2:30pm and follow the directions of the faculty on duty. Please contact the office if you have questions.

Annual Fund Student Participation Challenge

Thursday kicks off the Annual Fund Student Participation Challenge from 2/16- 2/24.

Students, show your support and bring in any monetary donation to your homeroom teacher and place in the "Student Participation Challenge Bucket."

This is a grade versus grade challenge. It's all about participating! Participation is so important. All grades who participate will collectively earn a dress down day! Then, the grade with the highest average will earn a No Homework Pass!

Have your students do some extra jobs around the house or look for some spare change in the car or in the sofa. Have fun with it!

Reregister for SJA today!

Don't forget to reregister today for the 2023 – 2024 School Year. Spots are filling!

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 – 13 days left!

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 end February 19. Please go to the following [link](#) to place your order.

Johns Hopkins School Culture Survey – Survey closes February 17

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.

Middle School students will be taking the survey in school on February 16. A letter was sent home with students about the student survey.

Hersheypark

Purchase Hersheypark tickets at the lowest rate available. Tickets can be used from April 2023-January 1, 2024. For every 10 tickets purchased, the school will receive one free ticket. Help us earn enough free tickets to send our 8th graders to Hersheypark for their class trip. Purchase tickets [here](#). Ticket sales will end on Friday, March 24.

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 and non-transferable. Please note, week 3 and week 8 are full, 6/26-6/30 is full.

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.

HSA News

SJA Bull Roast

Save the Date – **April 29, 2023**

See attached flyer for details.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan and work our Bull Roast on April 29th. You will earn hours for helping!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4BAAA72DA7FE3-bull1>

Parish News

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner February 21, 2023, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The Knights of Columbus will be cooking up their Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner! The menu will include Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage and Hash Browns.

Dinner is available eat-in or to-go from 5 PM until 7 PM downstairs in the Church Hall. Tickets will be available at the door. Cash or checks only, so come prepared!

\$7 for adults; \$4 for children 10 and under; \$25 for a family ticket.

Let the Knights of Columbus make dinner for you on February 21st ... we can't wait to see you there!

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

Ash Wednesday, February 22



Masses:

8:30am – students will attend

7:00pm



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!



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



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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