



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

February 22, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Congratulations to our 5th, 7th and 8th grade girls who participated in the Egg Drop Challenge on Saturday, February 18. The 5th grade team was recognized for the “most creative design.” On Tuesday, February 21, a team of 7th grade boys competed in the Tower of Power STEM Challenge. We are so proud of our students and how they demonstrate their STEM skills. Our small school is certainly letting the community know that we are SJA Strong!

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. bBe 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, 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.

Today, Ash Wednesday, we begin the Lenten season, a 40-day season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, ending at sundown on Holy Thursday. As one form of almsgiving, students brought home a collection box and information about the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program. Please see the attached letter for more information about the program or go to [crsricebowl.org/](https://www.crsricebowl.org/)

May God send His blessing during this Lenten season,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

February 23	Book Character Day – PBIS Buddy Day –
February 28	Liturgy 8:30am FACTS Grant& Aid Application due – no exceptions
March 3	AOB Professional Day - 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 End of T2
March 13	Professional Day - School Closed for Students – No aftercare
March 14	Liturgy 8:30am
March 17	St. Patrick’s Day – 12:05 dismissal – Report Cards sent Home
March 21	Liturgy 8:30am - T2 Awards Assembly

PBIS Buddy Day - February 23rd

We will be celebrating our love of reading. - Students bring their favorite book to share with their buddy. Upper School buddies - can bring a favorite book from when they were little or borrow one from Mrs. Cosgrove.

All students may dress up as a book character (should match the book they bring). If a student chooses not to dress up they may show school spirit by wearing - Though Many, We are One, Encounter God's Presence in Creation, Faith in Flakes or PE shirt with PE pants and accessorize with items matching their book character.

We Love to Read!

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 roxxyfdr@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

The Annual Fund Student Participation Challenge is underway until 2/24.

Students, show their support by bringing in any monetary donation to their homeroom teacher and placing it 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 – 6 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.

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 - 6/26-6/30 and week 8 -7/31-8/04 are full.

STEM

See attached flyers for upcoming STEM activities.

HSA News

SJA Bull Roast - April 29, 2023

Tickets are now on sale.

Use the following link to purchase your tickets today!

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stjoanarc/fundraisers?token=828274802>

Volunteers are still needed 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

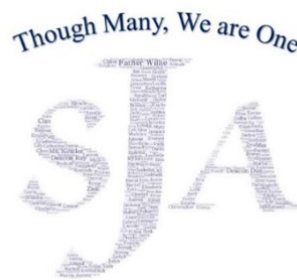
Ash Wednesday, February 22 – Mass 7:00pm

Lenten Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross

Join the Knights of Columbus each week February 24 – March 31

Choices include grilled cheese, haddock, tilapia, crab soup, steamed shrimp and all the fixings. Prices vary depending on choices \$3-\$13 per person. Payment by cash, check and Venmo accepted at the door.

Doors open at 4:30 PM and food service ends by 6:45 PM. Join us at 7:00pm in the Church for The Stations of the Cross.”





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Dear Families,

This Lent, our SJA community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

CRS Rice Bowl gives us a wonderful opportunity to encounter different people from around the world, know more about their lives and recognize them as our sisters and brothers. We will see how, through our **prayer**, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we **fast**, we encounter the obstacles that prevent us from fully loving God and our neighbor. And when we **give alms**, we share in solidarity with those who need our support.

By joining our prayers, fasts and alms this Lent with those of other parishes and Catholic schools in the United States, we will help millions of women, men and children around the world whose economic challenges have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Together as a Church, through CRS Rice Bowl, we can contribute to the efforts of those who seek to build a better world for themselves and their communities.

CRS Rice Bowl provides many resources for daily reflection throughout the liturgical season. Consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey.
- Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

Your sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives by providing enough nutritious food for families to thrive. And by practicing the pillars of Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, I hope both your faith and connection to our one human family deepens.

CRS Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent. Students may bring their Rice Bowls on Wednesday, April 5 or donations can be made online at crsricebowl.org/donate. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kestler



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>

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



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