



# St. Joan of Arc School

*Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future*

February 8, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Thank you to all our families who followed the new drop off and pick up procedures during the construction. 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.

If you missed it during Catholic Schools Week, 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 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 14	Liturgy 8:30am – Valentine’s Day
February 17	12:05 dismissal
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.

### **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.

### **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 – 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](mailto:dkestler@stjoanarc.org).

### **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.

### **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 and non-transferable. Please note, week 3, 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](mailto:pfranke@stjoanarc.org) or call the school office.

### **STEM**

See attached flyers for upcoming STEM activities.

### **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.

### **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.

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

### **Parish News**

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

### **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>



February 1, 2023

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



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 **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>** 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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# 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!**



*Ledo Pizza.*

**ORDER.LEDOPIZZA.COM**





**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!