



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

March 22, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Construction continues to move forward. In order to keep everyone **safe**, I need to remind parents that if you arrive after 8:10am and the lot is closed, you need to walk your student to the main door. Please do not drop them on Plater Street to walk up the side of the building there are no teachers outside after 8:10am.

As you know we did not use any of our snow days this winter. I recently received a letter of gratitude to the faculty and staff from Archbishop Lori and Dr. Hagens granting us a "Snow Day!" The faculty and staff chose April 17th as our snow day. This means school will be closed and there will be no aftercare that day. A much deserved extra day of rest for everyone.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Bull Roast on April 29. Gather your friends and purchase a table of 10 for a \$50.00 savings. Tickets are on sale now. This is a great opportunity for families to get to know one another and support the school at the same time. Click here to purchase tickets [online](#).

Our Joe Corbi sales are soaring! Orders can be placed online or turned in by students by March 29.

Hersheypark tickets are still on sale. Take your family to the park while helping to support us sending our 8th grade students on their end of the year field trip. Friday, March 24 is the last day to purchase at the reduced rate.

May God send His blessing during this Lenten season. Join us for student lead Stations of the Cross, March 24 and 31. Living Stations will be presented by our 8th grade students on April 5 at 10:30am.

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

March 23	Grade 2 Field Trip to the Library
March 24	Stations of the Cross 2:00pm Hershey Park ticket Sales – Last Day
March 27	Faculty Retreat – School Closed – no aftercare
March 28	Liturgy 8:30am – Vocation Day
March 30	Grade 2 and 3 Field Trip to Baltimore Museum of Industry
March 31	Stations of the Cross 2:00pm
April 2	Palm Sunday
April 3	Summer Uniform begins
April 4	Liturgy 8:30am
April 5	Living Stations 10:30am, 12:05 dismissal No aftercare
April 6 - 16	Easter Break – no aftercare
April 17	Snow Day School closed – no aftercare

St. Joan of Arc School Strategic Panning

Dear SJA families,

We are beginning the important process of strategic planning for the school. The goals set will drive the direction and progress of St. Joan of Arc School for at least 5 years. We last undertook this process in 2014, finalizing the plan in March of 2015. Our goals were met (despite the COVID pandemic) such as strengthening the STEM program and improving facilities. With the playground built, the butterfly garden thriving, the new building underway, STEM accreditation accomplished and more; we must plan our next steps. YOUR INPUT IS VITAL TO THIS PROCESS.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey by clicking this link: [Parent Strategic Planning Survey](#)

As always, thank you for your help and support of St. Joan of Arc School.

Peace and all good,
Mrs. Ginger Bahr
Strategic Plan Guiding Team

Construction/Drop off Pickup/Entrance Updates

We will continue our normal pick up and drop off procedures. Parents will enter the lot from Plater Street and exit to Edmunds Street. Drop off will begin at 7:50am. Students will enter the building in the morning through the main entrance. At the end of the day, parents will be let onto the lot at 2:50pm and students will be dismissed at 3:00pm through the main entrance. Thank you for your cooperation in order to keep our students safe.

Students arriving after 8:10am need to be walked to the main door by a parent in order to keep everyone safe.

Beginning Tuesday, March 14 Morning Care students **only** are to enter through the Law Street door from 7:00am to 7:45am. Parents need to walk their students to the door and ring the buzzer. Again this is for the safety of our students.

Uniforms

Students may begin to wear summer uniforms on April 3. Please check the uniform policy and be sure your student is in the correct uniform.

Hersheypark

Purchase Hersheypark tickets at the lowest rate available – 50% off. 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.

HSA News

Bull Roast

Our Spring Bull Roast is approaching quickly, have you purchased your tickets yet? Grab your friends and family for a night of food, fun, and raising money for St. Joan of Arc. You can purchase your tickets [online](#). Tickets are \$50 a piece or \$450 for a table of 10. Tickets can be purchased until April 15th. We are looking forward to a great evening and can't wait to see you there!

Joe Corbi

All orders must be submitted by March 29th. Items will be delivered to SJA on April 27.

Ironbirds Tickets

Come and join us for a night at the Ironbirds on Thursday, May 25 at 7PM. Join us on the field and sing the National Anthem as a school community before the game starts! We look forward to seeing you there. Buy your tickets [here](#).

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.

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.

Parish News

Lenten Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross

Join the Knights of Columbus each week thru 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.”



Summer Uniform 2022-2023

School uniforms are purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniform Company.

Flynn O'Hara Uniforms

8868 Waltham Woods Rd.

Parkville, MD 21234

410-828-4709

<https://flynnohara.com/>

PREK SUMMER UNIFORMS Options (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)

Girls and Boys

- Short sleeve navy blue uniform polo shirt
- Khaki elastic waist shorts no snaps, buttons, zippers or belts
- Navy cardigan sweater with SJA logo or Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos

GRADES K-5 SUMMER UNIFORMS Options (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)

- Khaki shorts (worn with brown or black belt)
- Khaki uniform skort
- SJA navy blue polo shirt (tucked in) or SJA navy blue banded bottom shirt
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- Uniform tan buck shoes
 - *Grade 1 wears solid color black or white tennis shoes or tan buck shoe*
 - *Kindergarten wears solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tieshoes)*
- No long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts nor leggings worn under shorts.
- Girls may wear SJA plaid jumper (jumpers should be no more than 2 inches above the knee) with white peter pan collar blouse (cotton or polyester)
- Navy cardigan sweater with SJA logo or Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo

MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8 SUMMER UNIFORMS Options (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)

- Khaki shorts worn (worn with brown or black belt)
- Khaki uniform skort or SJA plaid skirt
- SJA navy blue banded bottom shirt or SJA navy polo shirt (tucked in)
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logo
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- No long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts.
- No leggings may be worn under shorts.
- Navy sweater with SJA logo or Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM (PreK – Grade 8)

Summer PE Uniform (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 - June 8)

- PE uniform instead of the regular uniform on PE days
- Regular tennis shoes that tie or have Velcro closings are required.
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- Grey short sleeve t-shirt with SJA logo

- Navy micromesh gym shorts with SJA logo
- Navy Crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo
- No jewelry is permitted on PE days
- Parents should make sure that the student is dressed properly for weather conditions.

Spirit wear and hoodies are not part of the regular uniform. Jackets are not to be worn in the building. Second layers are described above.

Out of Uniform Days

On occasion, there may be out of uniforms days scheduled. Clothing may not contain terms, logos, pictures, cartoons, slogans, writing, or images that are offensive, political, harassing, or discriminatory in nature.

Students also MAY NOT WEAR:

- Dresses, skirts, or shorts more than 2 inches above the knee
- Sandals or other open shoes (safety reasons)
- Pants or jeans with tears, shreds or holes
- Tightly fitted or revealing clothing. (leggings must be worn with a long shirt that covers the top half of the leg)
- Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, or shirts with cut – out shoulders

****When in doubt, do not wear it to school.**

If an article of clothing is deemed to be inappropriate, a student may be required to alter his/her apparel.

Students who are wearing inappropriate clothing will not be permitted to attend classes until that clothing has been changed. Parents will be notified in this event.

Field Trips

Students are expected to wear their regular uniform on all field trips unless otherwise specified.

Lost and Found

St. Joan of Arc requires that all items of clothing be labeled with the child's first and last name. In that way, we may return clothing that is left in an area other than the child's classroom. Due to limited space, unclaimed clothing will be held for one month in the lost and found bin and then be donated.

SPRING BULL ROAST



**DON'T FORGET TO
PURCHASE YOUR
TICKETS**

<https://stjoanarc.org/fundraisers>



LAST CALL

Don't miss your last opportunity to purchase HersheyPark tickets at the **LOWEST RATE AVAILABLE**. Take advantage of 50% off savings.



The last day to purchase tickets is
FRIDAY MARCH 24, 2023

Valid for one operational day between April and January 1, 2024. No refunds or ticket extensions will be offered.

Please visit <https://stjoanarc.org/fundraisers/> for tickets