



# St. Joan of Arc School

*Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future*

April 13, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

I pray that everyone is enjoying time with family and friends over our Easter Break. The warm weather is certainly reminding us that spring is here. If you have been near campus this last week you will see that “we have walls!” Building progress is moving forward. If there will need to be any changes to pick up or drop off I will notify everyone on Sunday, April 16 by 1:00pm. Thank you for your flexibility during our building process. As you know safety of our students and staff is always most important.

When returning from our Easter Break we will be entering into one of the busiest times of our school year. Please take note of all the events happening at SJA School and Church.

The Alive Mass is April 16 at 11:15am. Bring your family to experience an uplifting family celebration! Students are welcome to join the “open choir.” Come at 10:15 for rehearsal with our SJA voices.

Our Bull Roast is April 29. Tickets sales are not going as well as we had planned. Please consider supporting this event. If we are not able to sell at least 100 tickets, we will need to cancel the event. Last day to purchase tickets is April 15. Thank you for all you so to support our school.

Be sure to nominate St. Joan of Arc School as the Best Private School

[https://baltimoresun.secondstreetapp.com/The-Baltimore-Suns-Best-Readers-Choice-2023/?utm\\_source=sqmktg\\_email](https://baltimoresun.secondstreetapp.com/The-Baltimore-Suns-Best-Readers-Choice-2023/?utm_source=sqmktg_email)

Click on **Art & Activities** and scroll down to Private School and enter St. Joan of Arc School.

Nominate until 4/28 @ 5:00pm Eastern

God Bless and enjoy the sunshine,

Ms. Dianne Kestler

Principal

## Important Dates:

April 6 - 16	Easter Break – no aftercare
April 15	Bull Roast Ticket Sales – last day
April 16	<b>Alive Mass – 11:15am</b>
April 17	Snow Day School closed – no aftercare
April 18	Liturgy 8:30am
April 18-27	Casey Cares – PJ donations
April 20	MS Field Trip to Franciscan Monastery
April 21	School Earth Day Celebration
April 24	Grade 6 Field Trip to Junior Achievement
April 25	Liturgy 8:30am
April 29	Bull Roast 7:30 -11:30pm
May 1	May Procession 2pm
May 2	Liturgy 8:30am
May 4	May the “4 <sup>th</sup> be with you day! – details to follow

## **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

Students can earn a dress down day when parents complete the survey. Email a screen shot of the completed survey to Ms. Kestler with Parent Survey in the subject line. [dkestler@stjoanarc.org](mailto:dkestler@stjoanarc.org)

## **Uniforms**

Please check the uniform policy and be sure your student is in the correct uniform when returning on April 18.

## **Track it Forward-Volunteer Hours**

Please remember to log your hours in track it forward for approval. Hour submissions will end on May 15, 2023. Please make sure all hours are completed and submitted by this date in order to avoid being charged. No late submissions will be accepted.

We are in need of **bird seed** donations. Please donate one 10lb bag of outdoor bird seed and earn one volunteer hour per 10lb bag. All bags are due by 4/21

## **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](mailto: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.

**WANT TO WIN A  
CHICK-FIL-A PARTY  
FOR YOUR CLASS?**



Bring in a new pair of pajamas between Tuesday, April 18th and Thursday, April 27th to donate to sick children in our area in support of the Casey Cares Foundation. The top 3 classes to bring in 35 or more pairs of pajamas will win a milk & cookie party. The top grade level that brings in 75 or more pairs of pajamas will win a nugget and mac & cheese party!



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**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** orders will arrive on April 27.

**Parish News**

**'Alive' Mass** is a monthly worship event that takes place at 11:15 AM Sunday Mass after [Parish Faith Formation](#).

Children and families are invited to participate as ministers of the Mass, and music is provided by an intergenerational ministry: the 'Arise' Ensemble, a full band, members of SJA Voices School Choir and our 'Open Choir' for kids Grade 3 to Middle School age - just come for rehearsal at 10:15 AM, an hour before Mass to sing with the choir.

Come and join us for an uplifting family celebration! Open to all! Be Uplifted, Be Alive!

**P3 Young Adult night** at SJA on April 20th. 6-7PM Adoration & Prayer time, with Priests available to hear Confessions during that time as well, and we'll have reservations for a group fellowship at Greene Turtle afterwards, but folks are welcome to gather anywhere they'd like for social time /fellowship after our P3 prayer session.

The target demographic is "young adults 18-40" but all are welcome, and we're not planning to turn away anyone.