



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

April 19, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

What a beautiful week to return after our Easter Break. We have a lot of amazing things happening inside and outside our school building. As you can see construction is happening! In order to keep everyone safe, if your student arrives after 8:10am and the lot is closed, please walk them to the main door.

I am sad to report that the Bull Roast had to be canceled due to lack of ticket sales. Anyone who purchased tickets will be issued a reimbursement for their purchases. Any questions please email Mrs. Franke pfranke@stjoanarc.org. We will still be raffling off the baskets. Tickets will be on sale from May 1 -15. Winners will be pulled on Friday, May 19.

Joe Corbi orders will arrive on April 27. Parents may pick up their orders between 1:30 – 4:00pm in the Church Gathering Space. Thank you for supporting our school.

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

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 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, Grade 2 to Library
April 25	Liturgy 8:30am
April 27	PBIS Buddy Activity
April 24 - 28	MAP Spring Testing
May 1	May Procession 2pm – all are welcome!
May 2	Liturgy 8:30am Grade 7 PreHSPT
May 4	May the “4 th be with you day!
May 6	Choir Festival at Mercy High School – SJA Voices
May 9	Liturgy 8:30am
May 11	Spring Concert 6:30pm
May 16	Liturgy 8:30am 8 th grade Retreat
May 18	Grade 1 Field Trip to Plumpton Zoo
May 21 – 26	Spirit Week
May 26	12:05 Dismissal
May 25	Ironbirds Game 7:00pm
May 29 Closed	Memorial Day – no aftercare

May 30	Liturgy 8:30am Grade 8 Hershey Park
May 31	Graduation Practice and Picnic
June 1	Graduation 4:00pm
June 2	PreK and K Celebrations
June 7	12:05 Dismissal
June 8	Last Day for Students 12:05 Dismissal – no aftercare
June 9	Last Day for Faculty

TREX Program

Thank you so much for participating in the Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge for the 2022-2023 school year! We are so grateful for all of your hard work and dedication to this program. With your hard work we were able to keep 421,623 pounds of plastic out of the landfills! This year there were 780 schools registered across the US for the challenge with a total of 608 actively reporting.

SJA was one of the **top 10** schools in the Mid-Atlantic Category. Just another sign of how SJA works together to protect our Environment!

St. Joan of Arc School Strategic Panning

Thank you for your input to our strategic plan. Students whose parents completed the survey and emailed a screen shot of the completed survey to Ms. Kestler with Parent Survey in the subject line will receive a dress down day pass to use on April 29.

Uniforms

Please check the uniform policy and be sure your student is in the correct uniform.

May 4 – May the 4th be with you!

Just a fun day to make us smile! – On May 4th the students may wear a STAR WARS costume or t-shirt to school with their khaki shorts, skort or SJA gym shorts to celebrate – May the 4th be with you Day!

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 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!



Parish News

Save the Date for our next Alive Mass! MAY 7 11:15am

'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! SJA Students who attend or participate will receive a special treat from Ms. Kestler!

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.

Vacation Bible Camp

July 24 – July 27, 2023 – See attached Flyers for details.



Join us this Summer, for GATHER! VBC...
...a fun interactive Vacation Bible Camp experience for kids from PreK4 to 5th Grade.

Our children will have time to pray, play, sing, dance, imagine, create, and relax -
in a safe, engaging, cooperative environment, led by well-trained adults & teens.

Each day at Camp, we'll focus on Jesus' public ministry, especially to large groups of people,
and we'll emphasize how being present to God helps us receive and experience His Love.

Vacation Bible Camp @ SJA

Sunday, July 23rd - 930am : 1hr Session for the Whole Family
Monday, July 24th thru Thursday, July 27th : Kids 9am - Noon

Save the Dates - for VBC!

Several Adult Volunteers Needed.

- Age 4 PreK thru Grade 5 invited to attend
- Middle / High School Teens invited to help
- Stories, Crafts, Games, Music, Snacks, Fun!



Additional info available online:
sjaparish.org/vbc

