



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

April 26, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

As you can see during pick up and drop off there are many moving parts on campus. 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. We know dismissal is a little slower than usual – thank you for your patience and flexibility. We want everyone to be safe.

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.

April 27 is also the last day to bring in PJ’s for our Casey’s Cares Collection. Thank you for supporting this program.

May 1 at 2:00pm will be our May Crowning in the Mary Grotto. All are welcome to attend as we honor our Blessed Mother. We are in need of potted flowers for the Grotto. (see Track it Forward)

Sunday, May 7 at 11:15am is the SJA Alive Mass. Please consider attending with your family. 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. SJA Students who attend or participate will receive a special treat from Ms. Kestler!

Don’t forget 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

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 27	PBIS Buddy Activity
April 24 - 28	MAP Spring Testing
April 28	Dress Down Day for completed surveys – passes were given
May 1	May Crowning 2pm – all are welcome!
May 2	Liturgy 8:30am - Grade 7 PreHSPT, Rain date for May Crowning 2:00pm
May 4	May the “4 th ” be with you day!
May 6	Choir Festival at Mercy High School – SJA Voices
May 7	ALIVE Mass 11:15am
May 8	Parish Mission - Steve Angrisano 10:00am

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 25	Ironbirds Game 7:00pm
May 26	12:05 Dismissal
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

Uniforms

Please check the uniform policy and be sure your student is in the correct uniform. The second layer for SJA is crew neck sweatshirt, sweater or SJA quarter zip. Please be sure this is the layer your student has with them. This will be the only second layer allowed to be worn for our May Crowning on May 1.

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.

Please check for upcoming events, we are currently in need of plants for May 1st and May 3rd.

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.

HSA

On May 7th after the 11:15 Alive Mass, we will be selling raffle tickets for the Baskets collected from the classrooms. This will be the only time to purchase in-person. All other raffle tickets will

be purchased online from May 1-15th. Be on the lookout Monday, May 1st for a flyer to be going home, as well as the link in next week's newsletter.

The HSA Board has open positions for next year. If you would like to nominate someone please email your nomination to svara@stjoanarc.org with *HSA nominations* in the subject line. Positions available are as follows, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, and 3 members at large.

Parish News

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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!

May 7 and 8

Come and join our St. Joan of Arc family for an exciting 'Parish Mission' with internationally acclaimed Catholic songwriter, presenter and inspirational speaker Steve Angrisano. Our school children are very familiar with some of his songs such as 'A Rightful Place' and 'Many And One' and can't wait to meet him! Steve will speak at all Masses on the weekend of May 6/7, and then give TWO Mission Sessions: 4 PM on Sunday 5/7 (followed by a light dinner from the Knights of Columbus) and 7 PM on Monday 5/8. There will also be a special session with our school children at 10 AM on Monday May 8th. School families are welcome to attend all sessions. Don't miss this great opportunity!

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

