



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

April 5, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Happy Holy Week! Our 8th grade students did an amazing job sharing the Stations of the Cross with us today. They brought to life the Passion of the Cross and helped remind us what Jesus did for us. What a wonderful way to enter into the Easter season.

You will see a lot of changes happen during our Easter Break on our new building space.

As a safety reminder, 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.

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.

Our Bull Roast is April 29. Tickets sales are not going as well as we had planned. Please consider supporting this event. If ticket sales do not increase, we may need to cancel. The last day to purchase tickets is April 15. You can purchase your tickets [online](#)

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

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

Nominate until 4/28 @ 5:00pm Eastern

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

April 6 - 16	Easter Break – no aftercare
April 15	Bull Roast Ticket Sales – last day
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 th ” 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

Uniforms

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

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!



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

Schedules and details for Holy Week, including the Annual Ecumenical Cross Walk can be found on the Parish Website. Please consider attending these events with your family.

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.

