



# St. Joan of Arc School

*Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future*

May 10, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

What an amazing week at SJA and more to come. We began on Saturday with our SJA Voices representing our school at the AOB Choir festival and many returned to sing at the ALIVE Mass on Sunday. On Monday, the students shared in the Parish Mission with a presentation of faith by Steve Angrisano. Mr. Angrisano thanked the students for sharing *their* faith with him. On Tuesday, our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders lead the Mass and did an amazing job. On Thursday we will have our Spring Concert. Information about the concert is listed below. We hope to see everyone in the Church at 6:30pm.

Please remember, morning care students need to enter through the Law Street Door and be walked to the door by their parent. Students arriving after 8:10am when the lot is closed, need to be walked to the main door by their parent. Thank you again for your patience and for helping to keep everyone safe.

We have accumulated many items in our lost and found. If your student is missing items, please have them come to the office to claim their belongings. None of these items have names on them.

God Bless and Happy Mother’s Day!

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal



### Important Dates:

May 11	Spring Concert 6:30pm
May 12	In Person Raffle Sale – parking lot 2:40pm
May 15	SJA Voices walking trip to Pat’s Pizza after school Volunteer Hours Due
May 16	Liturgy 8:30am, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Retreat
May 18	Grade 1 Field Trip to Plumpton Zoo
May 19	Raffle Winners announced
May 21 – 26	Spirit Week
May 25	Ironbirds Game 7:00pm
May 26	12:05 Dismissal, Field Day – Festival Park
May 29 Closed	Memorial Day – no aftercare
May 30	Liturgy 8:30am Grade 8 Hershey Park Trip
May 31	Graduation Practice and Picnic for Grade 8 Grade 8 dismisses at 12:05pm
June 1	Graduation 4:00pm – no aftercare
June 2	PreK and K Celebrations PreK 9:30am K – 12:30pm
June 6	No Liturgy for students
June 7	12:05 Dismissal
June 8	Last Day for Students, 8:30am Liturgy and Awards 12:05 Dismissal – no aftercare
June 9	Last Day for Faculty

### **Volunteer Hours**

Volunteer Hours for the 2022 -2023 school are to be completed and submitted by May 15. Please remember to log your hours in track it forward for approval. Billing will occur on May 16 for any volunteer hours not completed. Any volunteer hours completed after May 15 can be credited towards the 2023 -2024 school year. Thank you for all you do to support our school.

### **Spring Concert May 11**

- Band students only, arrive at the back entrance to the Church Hall at 6:00pm. Parents need to enter through the front Church doors at 6:15pm.
- 8th grade students report to Mrs. Dandino in the Church at 6:00pm
- PreK - 7th grade students report to their classrooms in the school building at 6:10pm - no earlier
- Church will open for parents at 6:15pm

PreK will perform first, then the Band then the K students. PreK and K students will be released to their parents after they sing. They may sit with their parents or leave to go home.

No students will return to the school building after the concert.

Teachers have notified students and parents what to wear for the concert.

### **Umbrella Sale**

SJA is selling a limited number of navy and white umbrellas with the SJA logo. Please click [here](#) to access the link to purchase one. The cost for each umbrella is \$25.

### **2022 -2023 Yearbook**

Purchase your SJA 2022-2023 School Yearbook. You can order your yearbooks at <https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com/> Please contact the office if you have any questions.

### **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.

### **Reminder of Cell Phone/Smart Watch Policy**

Students are not allowed to have cell phones in the classrooms. Parents who wish their child(ren) to have a cell phone available to them must adhere to the following policy.

Any student who brings a cell phone/smart watch (or anything else that connects to the internet) to school must:

1. have the phone/watch clearly marked with their name
2. turn the phone off before exiting their vehicle and may be turned on after reentering their vehicle at the end of the school day
3. drop it/them off with their homeroom teacher upon arriving in the morning
4. pick it/them up at dismissal when exiting the building

\*\*This policy is also in effect for school dances. Phones/smart watches must be turned in at the registration table

Those students who do not follow this policy will:

1. have the phone taken away and write a reflection. (first offense)
2. have the phone sent to the office. Parents must come in and meet with principal to pick up. (second offense)

Changes to uniform for 2023 -2024 school year: Kindergarten and Grade 1 students are to wear bucks with their regular uniform. Tennis shoes are to be worn on PE days.

### **From the School Nurse**

It's that time again! Health Forms need to be updated for our next School Year! Please follow the links below to find out what forms are needed for your child(ren). Health Forms are due by July 1st!!

Link for Health Form Requirements Per Grade: <https://sites.google.com/stjoanarc.org/nurse/health-forms>

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Please reach out if you have any questions! Thank you!  
[sbaer@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sbaer@stjoanarc.org), 410-2721387

### **Hearing and Vision Screenings**

The Harford County Health Department will be holding Hearing and Vision screenings for all students who would like to be evaluated. It is suggested that the screenings be completed when the child enters the school system (PreK- Kindergarten-Sixth Grade).

Hearing and Vision Screening will be conducted (by appointment only) in May and June of 2023 at the Harford County Health Department.

The location of the screening will be in the Harford County Health Department at 1 N. Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014.

There is limited parking behind the building or curb parking along the front of the building.

Children must be accompanied by a parent (or guardian over the age of 18 years) and must have the attached permission form completed and signed by the parent.

\*To schedule an appointment, please contact: Melissa McLeod (443) 252-1680

### **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](#).

If your student is going to be singing please send an email to Mrs. Vara, [svara@stjoanarc.org](mailto:svara@stjoanarc.org) with "Ironbirds" as the subject letting us know by 5/22 so that we can practice with our singers. Students will wear SJA Many and One, PE or spirit wear t- shirts.

### **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.

### **HSA**

Raffle tickets are on sale until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or in person on Friday, May 12 at dismissal. We will open the parking lot 10 minutes early for the sale. Cash only for in person sales.

The HSA Board has open positions for next year. If you would like to nominate someone please email your nomination to [svara@stjoanarc.org](mailto:svara@stjoanarc.org) with *HSA nominations* in the subject line by May 15. Positions available are as follows, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, and 3 members at large.

**Parish News**

**Vacation Bible Camp**

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

**Catholic Parent Series on Culture: Gender and Faith**

You are invited for a presentation on “Catholic Parent Series on Culture: Gender and Faith”, held at St. Patrick Parish on May 15th at 7.00pm.

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)





Join us this Summer, for GATHER! VBC...  
...a fun interactive Vacation Bible Camp experience for kids from PreK4 to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://sjaparish.org/vbc)

