



# St. Joan of Arc School

*Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future*

May 17, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Wow! 15 days of school left, and so much more to accomplish. Please be sure your students are prepared and ready for school each day as we navigate through these last few weeks.

Spirit Week is May 22- May 26. Attached is information and the special outfits students can wear each day. Friday is Field Day, we will be walking to Festival Park at 8:45am. Parents are invited to join us for the walk and the activities at the park. Dismissal will be at 12:05pm.

There continues to be building movement on campus, remember that 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.

There are still 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,

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

## **Important Dates:**

May 18	Grade 1 Field Trip to Plumpton Zoo
May 19	Raffle Winners announced
May 22	Spirit Week – Mixup Day
May 23	Spirit Week – Beach Day – No School Mass
May 24	Spirit Week – St. Joan of Arc Day School Mass 8:30am
May 25	Spirit Week – Sports Day - Ironbirds Game 7:00pm
May 26	Spirit Week - Field Day – Festival Park - 12:05 Dismissal
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

## **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.

### **Volunteer Hours and Track it Forward**

Volunteer hours for the 2022-2023 school year have come to a close. Families have been billed for incomplete hours. Hours will begin for the 2023-2024 school year on Monday May 22. We will be needing volunteers who are VIRTUS trained to assist with field day on Friday 5-26-23. These hours will go towards next year. Thank you for volunteering!

### **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.

High School volunteers are needed for Summer Camp Please contact Mrs. Sanphillipo or Mrs. Fink.

### **HSA**

Basket Raffle tickets drawing will be held on Friday, May 19. Winners will be notified.

### **Parish News**

#### **Vacation Bible Camp**

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



# Spirit Week 5/22 - 5/26



## Monday - Mix Up Day

Dress like you favorite teacher for the day!



## Tuesday - Beach Day

Dress up for a day at the beach! Think along the lines of Hawaiian shirts, visors, and sunglasses with- perhaps- some SPF on the nose.



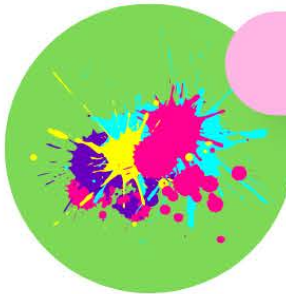
## Wednesday - St. Joan of Arc Day

Compete in fun jousting competitions outside. Wear Many and One T-shirts with khaki shorts or khaki skorts.



## Thursday - Sports Day

Wear your favorite sports team top with PE shorts.



## Friday - Field Day

Wear your Class Color t-shirt along with PE shorts.

PreK - Blue	4th- Green
K - Orange	5th - Red
1st - Purple	6th - Yellow
2nd - Grey	7th - Dark Blue
3rd - White	8th - 8th Grade t-shirt



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)

