



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

May 24, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

What a great week to be a member of the St. Joan of Arc Community! We started the week with a mix-up day. There were a lot of Ms. Blackburns roaming the building, and our teachers found themselves in the wrong classrooms. Tuesday brought a conga line that spread throughout the building led by our 8th graders. Today we celebrated our patron – St. Joan of Arc – thank you Mr. Nocket for our Jousting Court! Thursday brings sport day ending at the Ironbirds game with our students signing Our National Anthem. Singers need to meet Ms. Dandino and Ms. Kestler at 6:30 near the main entrance. We will end the week at Festival Park with Field Day and the 8th grade kick ball game. Please join us for the fun! Remember dismissal is 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.

Thank you to all of our parents for your support throughout the year through your service hours. This support allows us to do all the special things for our students at SJA.

As we close out our school year, we will be completing our last service project for the year. The SJA Good Samaritan House is in need of non-perishable food items. Families may send in items from May 30 to June 2. These items will help families throughout the summer. See below for more details.

Enclosed in this week’s newsletter is the list of the 2023 -2024 School Calendar, including the start and end dates of school, along with early dismissals and closings. The calendar on the school website always contains the most up to date information.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

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| May 25 | Spirit Week – Sports Day - Ironbirds Game 7:00pm Singers meet at 6:30pm |
| May 26 | Spirit Week - Field Day – Festival Park - 12:05 Dismissal |
| May 29 Closed | Memorial Day – no aftercare |
| May 30 – June 2 | Food collection for Good Samaritan House |
| 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 Uniform Swap 10:00am – 4:00pm Church Gathering Space/Outside |
| June 6 | No Liturgy for students |
| June 7 | 12:05 Dismissal |
| June 8 | Last Day for Students, 8:30am Liturgy and Awards |

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| | 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.

Good Samaritan House

The SJA Good Samaritan House is in need of the following items:

Cereal, microwave bowls, canned meats, canned vegetables, canned pasta, tea bags toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, body wash and deodorant, personal wipes, baby diapers and wipes.

Students may bring the items to school May 30 – June 2.

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

Remember that unless it is a dress down day, students should be in the correct uniform. Including, socks, shoes and belts.

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.

Uniform Swap – June 2 – 10:00am – 4:00pm Church Gathering Space/Outside

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!

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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 Still Available!!!!

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 with "Ironbirds" as the subject letting us know. Students will wear SJA Many and One, PE or spirit wear t-shirts and gather inside the park at 6:30pm.

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 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

Thank you for supporting all the HSA activities this year. We look forward to new activities for next year.

Parish News

Vacation Bible Camp

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

Schedule for School closings and early dismissals for 2023-2024 School Year

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| August 28 | First Day of School | 12:05 dismissal | No aftercare |
| September 1 | | 12:05 dismissal | |
| September 4 | Labor Day | School closed | No aftercare |
| October 6 | Professional Day | School closed | No aftercare |
| October 31 | | 12:05 dismissal | No aftercare |
| November 21 | Parent Conferences | 12:05 dismissal | |
| November 22 - 24 | Thanksgiving Break | School closed | No aftercare |
| December 20 | | 12:05 dismissal | No aftercare |
| December 21 – January 2 | Christmas Break | School closed | No aftercare |
| January 15 | MLK Jr Day | School closed | No aftercare |
| February 16 | | 12:05 dismissal | |
| February 19 | President’s Day | School closed | No aftercare |
| March 1 | Professional Day | School closed | No aftercare |
| March 18 | SJA Professional Day | School closed | No aftercare |
| March 27 | | 12:05 dismissal | No aftercare |
| March 28 | Faculty Retreat | School closed | No aftercare |
| March 29 –April 5 | Easter Break | School closed | No aftercare |
| April 26 | | 12:05 dismissal | |
| May 24 | | 12:05 dismissal | |
| May 27 | Memorial Day | School closed | No aftercare |
| May 30 | Grade 8 Graduation | 4:00pm | No aftercare |
| June 5 | | 12:05 dismissal | |
| June 6 | Last Day of School | 12:05 dismissal | No aftercare |

Though Many, We are One





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

