



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

May 3, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Wow May is here! Thank you to everyone for being flexible during pick up and drop off. We ask that everyone please follow these guidelines in order to keep everyone safe.

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.

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. 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!

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!

The Spring Concert is May 11 at 6:30pm. See below for more details.

God Bless and enjoy the sunshine,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates:

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 Grade 4 and 5 field trip to Mt. Harmon Plantation
May 11	Spring Concert 6:30pm
May 15	SJA Voices walking trip To Pat’s Pizza after school
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 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

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.

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.

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.

Changes to uniform for 2023 -2024 school year: Kindergarten and Grade 1 students are to wear bucks with their spring and summer 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, 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

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.

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.....**Cash Only**. All other raffle tickets will be purchased [online](#) from May 1-15th.

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 by May 15. 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!
[Click here](#) for more information.

Vacation Bible Camp

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

