



St. Joan of Arc School

August 2, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Well it is August 2 and this brings us closer to the start of the 2023 -2024 school year. I pray everyone is safe and healthy and enjoying these last few weeks of vacation.

As our buildings on campus continue to take shape I will continue to keep you updated on any changes over the next few weeks. We are currently in the process of cleaning and waxing the floors and the office is inaccessible until August 14. We are however available through the phone or email. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or need assistance. Phone calls will be responded to through email.

This newsletter contains important reminders for parents and students to ensure a smooth start to our new year on August 28. Students should be completing their summer assignments. Completed assignments are due the first week of school. All summer work and school supply lists can be found on the school website.

Attached is the calendar with closings and early dismissals. Please review this information so that your family can prepare accordingly for the opening of the school year. PreK and K parents will receive more information about the first week of school from their teachers on August 15.

God Bless and enjoy the summer days,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal



Spirit Wear

Spirit wear sales will be from August 2, 2023 – August 20, 2023. Please go to the following [link](https://stjoanofarcspiritwear.itemorder.com/shop/home/) to place your order. Orders will arrive in the middle of September.

<https://stjoanofarcspiritwear.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Enrollment Information

All checklist items were due on July 1. Please go into school admin and make sure all checklist items are 100% complete. <https://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com/> Please be sure contact information is correct.

FACTS

If you have not done so already, please set up your FACTS account. Tuition payments are withdrawn automatically each month. Incidental expenses default to auto pay unless you go into your FACTS account and cancel this feature. Summer Camp, Extended Care, Field Trips and Classroom materials are examples of incidental expenses.

Should you have any questions please contact Pam Franke at pfranke@stjoanarc.org

Supply Lists/Summer Work

Supply Lists and Summer Work can be found on our School Website under [Resources](#). Students should be working on their assignments throughout the summer months. As you noticed on the Supply Lists, some items are purchased by the school to keep uniformity. Listed below are items that will be billed as Incidental expenses on September 25.

Extended Care

SJA offers both Morning Care 7:00am to 8:00am and After Care 3:05pm to 6:00pm. [Click here](#) for more information and registration information.

Yearbooks

Purchase the SJA 2022-2023 School Yearbook. The cost is \$23.00 per yearbook. You can order yearbooks at <https://commpe.pictavo.com/>. Yearbooks will be distributed at the start of the school year.

Uniforms

All uniforms are purchased through [Flynn O'Hara](#). Attached is our updated Uniform Policy for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

New 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.

The uniform swaps will be held Sunday August 13, 9:30-11 in between Mass times & Monday August 14, 10:00am -1:00pm and 2:30pm - 4:00pm in the Church hall.

Volunteers are needed for both swaps. Use this link to sign up to volunteer. <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/592007/events>

From the School Nurse

Health Forms were due on July 1. Please be sure you uploaded the completed forms for your students.

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! sbaer@stjoanarc.org,

Student Accident Insurance

If you are interested in Student Accident Insurance, please log into School Admin on complete the form under optional items. <https://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com/>

Parish News

Community Barbecue Dinner

Come join us on **Saturday August 12th** after the 5 PM Mass (6 PM) for a delicious Community Barbecue Dinner cooked by the Knights of Columbus. Enjoy Pulled Pork, Sloppy Joe, Barbecued Shrimp, French Fries, Green Beans, drinks and dessert and friends for \$14 per person at the door.

Doors open at 6 PM in the Parish Hall, below the main church. All welcome!

Tuesday, **August 15** is The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics - Masses at 8:30 AM and 7 PM that day.

Please visit the [parish website](#) for additional summer information.

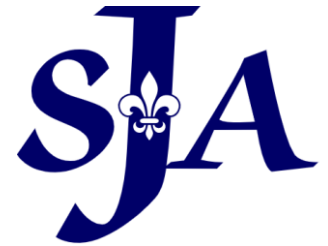
Schedule for School closings and early dismissals for 2023-2024 School Year

August 28	First Day of School	12:05 dismissal	No aftercare
August 29 – August 31	<i>PreK and K students will dismiss at 12:05</i>		No aftercare for PreK and K
September 1		12:05 dismissal All students	
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 2	CSW	12:05 dismissal	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 31 <i>This is a change</i>	Grade 8 Graduation	4:00pm	No aftercare
June 5		12:05 dismissal	
June 6	Last Day of School	12:05 dismissal	No aftercare

The following items will be charged through incidental billing on September 25.

Grade	Item	Cost
PreK	Rest Mat	\$25.00
K	Pencil Case	\$4.00
K	Manuscript Book	\$2.00
1	Pencil Case	\$4.00
1	Manuscript Book	\$2.00
2	Pencil Case	\$4.00
2	Good News Planner	\$5.00
2	Practice Journals (4pk)	\$10.00
3	Pencil Case	\$4.00
3	Good News Planner	\$5.00
4	Good News Planner	\$5.00
4	Novels	TBA
5	Good News Planner	\$5.00
5	Novels	TBA
6	Good News Planner	\$5.00
6	Art Sketch Pad	\$11.00
6	Spanish Binder	\$3.00
6	Novels	TBA
7	Good News Planner	\$5.00
7	Art Sketch Pad	\$11.00
7	Spanish Binder	\$3.00
7	Novels	TBA
8	Good News Planner	\$5.00
8	Art Sketch Pad	\$11.00
8	Spanish Binder	\$3.00
8	Novels	TBA

SCHOOL UNIFORM 2023-2024



School uniforms are purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniform Company.

Flynn O'Hara Uniforms
8868 Waltham Woods Rd.
Parkville, MD 21234
410-828-4709
<https://flynnohara.com/>

The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of that individual and his/her parents. We expect students to maintain the type of neatness and grooming that does not interfere with the health and safety of themselves or others, nor with the educational process or religious dimension of the school. All uniforms must be clean, in good repair and properly fitted. All clothing must be labeled with the child's name.

The school recognizes that particular hairstyles are often part of racial, ethnic, spiritual, and cultural identity and practice. Accordingly, it is the policy of the School to permit individual families to decide the appropriate cared-for *hairstyle* for their children. All hairstyles need to be of natural colors. Boys need to be clean shaven.

PREK FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS (Nov. 1; March 31)

Girls and Boys

- Short or long sleeve navy uniform polo shirt
- Khaki elastic waist pants; no snaps, buttons, zippers or belts (No jumpers for PreK)
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos

PREK SUMMER UNIFORMS Options (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)

Girls and Boys

- Short sleeve navy blue uniform polo shirt
- Khaki elastic waist shorts no snaps, buttons, zippers or belts
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo. (Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo maybe worn with shorts.)
- Solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos

GRADES K-5 FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS (Nov. 1; March 31)

Girls

- SJA plaid jumper (jumpers should be no more than 2 inches above the knee) with white peter pan collar blouse (cotton or polyester)
or
- Khaki slacks with SJA navy banded bottom shirt, or SJA navy polo shirt (tucked in and worn with brown or black belt)
- Navy tights, navy leggings with white or navy socks that cover the ankle, navy knee socks, white or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- Jewelry: watches, 1 pair of small earrings worn in the earlobe, one ring, a religious cross

medal worn on a thin chain

- No make-up
- ONLY clear/natural nail polish and natural nails are permitted
- No Smart watches are permitted

Boys

- Khaki trousers (worn with brown or black belt)
- Long or short sleeve navy blue SJA polo shirt (tucked in)
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoe
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain
- No Smart watches are permitted

GRADES K-5 SUMMER UNIFORMS Options (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)

- Khaki shorts (worn with brown or black belt)
- Khaki uniform skort
- SJA navy blue polo shirt (tucked in)
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- No long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts nor leggings worn under shorts or skort.
- Girls may wear SJA plaid jumper (jumpers should be no more than 2 inches above the knee) with white peter pan collar blouse (cotton or polyester)
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo. (Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo maybe worn with shorts or skort)
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MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8 FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS (Nov. 1; March 31)

Girls

- SJA plaid skirt or khaki slacks (worn with a black or brown belt)
- SJA navy polo shirt (tucked in)
- Navy tights, navy leggings with white or navy socks that cover the ankle Navy knee socks, white or navy socks that cover the ankle - no logos
- **Second Layer**- Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain, one small pair earrings worn in the ear lobe or 1 pair of small hoop earrings, one ring
- No make-up
- Only natural nails are permitted with clear/natural nail polish
- No Smart watches are permitted

Boys

- Khaki trousers (worn with brown or black belt)
- Navy blue SJA long or short sleeve polo shirt (tucked in)
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain
- No Smart watches are permitted

MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8 SUMMER UNIFORMS Options (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)

- Khaki shorts worn (worn with brown or black belt)
- Khaki uniform skort or SJA plaid skirt
- SJA navy polo shirt (tucked in)
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logo
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- No long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts.
- No leggings may be worn under shorts or skort.
- **Second Layer-** Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo. (Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo maybe worn with shorts.)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM (PreK – Grade 8)

Summer PE Uniform (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 - June 8)

- PE uniform instead of the regular uniform on PE days
- Regular tennis shoes that tie or have Velcro closings are required.
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- Grey short sleeve t-shirt with SJA logo
- Navy micromesh gym shorts with SJA logo
- **Second Layer-**Navy Crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo
- No jewelry is permitted on PE days
- Parents should make sure that the student is dressed properly for weather conditions.

Winter PE Uniform (Nov. 1; March 31)

- Regular tennis shoes that tie or have Velcro closings are required
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- **Second Layer-**Navy Crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo
- Grey t-shirt, long or short sleeves, with SJA logo
- Navy uniform sweatpants with SJA logo
- No jewelry is permitted on PE days
- Parents should make sure that the student is dressed properly for weather conditions.

Additional information:

- Spirt wear and hoodies are not part of the regular uniform. Jackets are not to be worn in the building. Second layers for regular uniform are: Navy cardigan, pullover or vest sweater with SJA logo, navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo, Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo (Summer and Spring only.)
- PE Uniform second layer is Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SAJ logo.
- Hats/caps may not be worn inside the building.
- Complete uniforms, with shirts neatly tucked in and buttoned, are to be worn every day, except for the day on which a student has Physical Education or on Mondays.
- Fad or costume jewelry is not permitted. Girls are permitted small post earrings no larger than a dime. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings in school or at school related activities. Boys and girls may wear one bracelet and a watch, and one necklace with a small pendant.

Out of Uniform Days

On occasion, there may be out of uniforms days scheduled. Clothing may not contain terms, logos, pictures, cartoons, slogans, writing, or images that are offensive, political, harassing, or discriminatory in nature.

Students also **MAY NOT WEAR:**

- Dresses, skirts, or shorts more than 2 inches above the knee
- Sandal, flip flops or other open shoes (safety reasons)
- Pants or jeans with tears, shreds or holes

- Tightly fitted or revealing clothing. (leggings must be worn with a long shirt that covers the top half of the leg)
- Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, or shirts with cut – out shoulders

**When in doubt, do not wear it to school.

If an article of clothing is deemed to be inappropriate, a student may be required to alter his/her apparel. Students who are wearing inappropriate clothing will not be permitted to attend classes until that clothing has been changed. Parents will be notified in this event.

Field Trips

Students are expected to wear their regular uniform on all field trips unless otherwise specified.

Lost and Found

St. Joan of Arc requires that all items of clothing be labeled with the child's first and last name. In that way, we may return clothing that is left in an area other than the child's classroom. Due to limited space, unclaimed clothing will be held for one month in the lost and found bin and then be donated.