



# St. Joan of Arc School



September 13, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

As I stated in my note last Friday, the students and staff put into place our Standard Response Protocol when it was needed on our campus and everyone remained safe. We will continue to practice. Tomorrow we will do a Secure Drill, and on September 19 we will do a Lock Down Drill. I was notified by some parents that they did not receive the email that I sent explaining the situation on campus. In order to be sure our system has the correct information I will be sending a test notification on Thursday, September 14 at 10:00am. Please let send an email to [svara@stjoanarc.org](mailto:svara@stjoanarc.org) if you DO NOT get the text or email.

Beginning the week of September 18, students will take the MAP Growth Assessment Tests. More information is included in this newsletter. These tests are a measurement of individual student growth and give us data on how to plan instruction. Please be sure that your students get rest and have a good breakfast the days of their tests.

This school year, the AOB has replaced Benzinger’s Family Life program with Growing with God: Safe and Sacred from Loyola Press. A letter with more information about the program from the Department of Catholic Schools will be shared by your child’s teacher as we begin to implement the program.

Please remember to complete your Family Income Survey!

God Bless,  
Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

### **Important Dates**

September 12	Liturgy 8:30am
September 14	Secure Drill
September 15	Family income Survey Due
September 18 - 29	MAP testing
September 18 - 22	Student Council Elections
September 19	Liturgy 8:30am Lock Down Drill
September 26	Liturgy 8:30am
September 28	Shelter Drill
October 3	Liturgy 8:30am
October 4	St. Francis Feast Day – Pet Blessing 2:00pm
October 6	AOB PD School Closed
October 8	ALIVE Mass 11:15am

### **Family Income Survey**

The Family Income Survey helps to determine the funding we receive from various state programs. Please use the following link to complete the Income Survey. Surveys are due September 15.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD\\_rwmk3cGmRcKE698Uawfm9HflOymwxu92t-VyFK\\_xitlFg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD_rwmk3cGmRcKE698Uawfm9HflOymwxu92t-VyFK_xitlFg/viewform)

Please see the attached letter for more information about the Family Income Survey.

### **MAP Testing**

Students in grade 2 – 8 will be taking the MAP Growth Test this school year. The Fall testing is scheduled from September 18 – 29. A more detailed schedule will be shared by teachers for each grade level. Please read the attached letter for more information about the test.

### **Nurse's Note**

When your child is absent from school for any reason, arriving late, leaving early

Please send the information to your child's teacher and to this email address:

[attendance@stjoanarc.org](mailto:attendance@stjoanarc.org)

### **Covid Guidelines:**

The Archdiocese is asking that we follow the CDC guidelines regarding COVID. On the CDC website, there is a tool called the isolation and exposure calculator. Here is the

link <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html> .

We would ask that families use this tool if you suspect COVID or exposure to COVID.

As always, with any illness, we ask that your child be symptom free, without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

### **RaiseRight – formally SCRIPT**

Reminder that physical gift card orders for September are due this Friday the 15th.

If you haven't created a free account with RaiseRight yet, log onto RaiseRight.com or the RaiseRight mobile app and use the school code A9C13C7351446.

### **Trex Program**

Bring plastics bags to school and drop them in the TREX Box. Please email Mrs. Simmons ([rsimmons@stjoanarc.org](mailto:rsimmons@stjoanarc.org)) to let her know if you are interested in volunteering. You can earn 1 volunteer hour per drop off trip. Please log your trip in Track it Forward for approval.

See additional information attached and [click here](#).

### **HSA**

Charleston Wrap sales are from September 11 to October 2. Packets were sent home on September 11.

See attached flyer for more information. If you would like to help with the fundraiser, please email the office, [svara@stjoanarc.org](mailto:svara@stjoanarc.org)

Save the date – October 27, 2023 TRUNK or TREAT... see attached flyer

### **School Safety**

In our efforts to create a safe and nurturing environment for our students, we continue to look at ways to improve safety and for our students to feel safe on our campus. St. Joan of Arc, along with the other

schools throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore have adopted and will be utilizing the Standard Response Protocol throughout our campus this school year. The administration, teachers and staff have been trained in this protocol and have been teaching this to our students upon their return to school. Attached is information about the SRP.

### **FACTS**

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. First incidental expenses will be billed on September 25. Should you have any questions please contact Pam Franke at [pfranke@stjoanarc.org](mailto:pfranke@stjoanarc.org)

### **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 when they arrive.

### **Extended Care**

Our extended care is full at this time. All students attending must be registered. If you are registered for the Before Care Drop In program, and are in need of Before Care you need to fill in the form on the Before Care Drop In link on the extended care website **at least 48 hours ahead** of time.

After doing so, please look for an email confirmation that will indicate whether we can accommodate your request. Please do not bring children to Before Care if you have not received an email confirming that we are expecting them. If you have any questions, please contact [extendedcare@stjoanarc.org](mailto:extendedcare@stjoanarc.org). If parents need to contact aftercare staff between 4:00pm – 6:00pm to alert them to any emergencies that might make them late in picking up, call 410-272-1387 ext. 145. If no one answers, please leave a voicemail. [Click here](#) for more information and registration information.

### **Parish News**

#### **SJA Parish Picnic September 24 12:30pm to 3:00pm**

Our annual Parish Picnic is coming up on September 24th. All are invited to attend this fun and popular parish event!

The parish will provide Pit Beef, Barbeque Chicken, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Salads. We invite you, our parishioners, to bring desserts to share, or just come and enjoy. Guests are also asked to provide drinks for their families.

Water, ice, and cups will be made available.

In addition, there will be games for the kids (and young at heart) as well as spot prizes, good conversation and lots of laughs!



#### **Alive Mass October 8, 2022**

Children and families are invited to participate as ministers of the Mass, and 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.

Come and join us for an uplifting family celebration! Open to all! Be Uplifted, Be Alive!



# STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

## COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

## HOLD

**"In Your Classroom or Area"**

**Students** are trained to:

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

**Adults and staff** are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



## SECURE

**"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"**

**Students** are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

**Adults and staff** are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



## LOCKDOWN

**"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"**

**Students** are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

**Adults and staff** are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



## EVACUATE

**"To a Location"**

**Students** are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

**Adults and staff** are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



## SHELTER

**"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"**

**Hazards** might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

**Safety Strategies** might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

**Students** are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

**Adults and staff** are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.





September 6, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We need your help! Every year our school has an opportunity to participate in federal and state programs that benefit our students with a variety of materials and services. Some examples of available opportunities are:

- The Maryland Textbook & Technology Funding Program
- The Nonpublic Aging School Program
- Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV services under the Every Child Succeeds Act
- Discounted rates on high speed internet services and infrastructure through the School and Libraries Universal Service Program or E-Rate Program

In order to determine the funding available for these programs, we must have an accurate record of family income information. To obtain this information, we are asking each family to complete our **2023-2024 Income Survey**. Ten minutes of your time, can translate to large benefits for our school community.

Please use the following link to complete the Survey.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD\\_rwmk3cGmRcKE698Uawfm9HflOymwxu92t-VyFK\\_xitlFg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD_rwmk3cGmRcKE698Uawfm9HflOymwxu92t-VyFK_xitlFg/viewform)

Please be assured that the information you provide is held in strict confidence. The information provided is maintained securely by our school and the information is used ONLY for the purposes described above.

As always, thank you for your support and cooperation, **we ask that you please complete the survey by FRIDAY, September 15, 2023.**

God Bless,

Ms. Kestler



September 12, 2023

Dear Parents,

In September, January and April your child will take a MAP<sup>®</sup> Growth<sup>™</sup> test from NWEA<sup>®</sup> on a computer or tablet. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique, and it adapts to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject and have the same starting performance level. Each school year, students in grades 2 - 8 take the tests in September, January and April. Students in grades 2 – 8 will take tests in Reading, Language Arts and Math. Grades 3, 5 and 7 will also take a test in Science. Following each testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit).

Sincerely,

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal



## RaiseRight

RaiseRight is gift card fundraising that allows you to fundraise while doing your everyday shopping. Groceries, dining out, home improvement, and everything in between. It's the most convenient and effective way to fundraise because earning becomes part of your everyday life.

No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

### How it works:

- Buy gift cards at full value from 750+ brands. Pick from eGift cards and physical gift cards. (Brands include Apple, Children's Place, Home Depot, Shoprite, Weis...to name a few)
- Earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy. (Percentages are listed with each card in the app and online, they vary by brand and card type. Sometimes there are short term bonuses for a weekend or holiday that increase your earnings for select brands.)
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases.
- Watch your fundraising account grow throughout the year, thanks to the brands that give back to support your community! Half of your earnings can be deducted from next year's tuition.

### Get started today!

Create a free fundraising account on the RaiseRight mobile app or at [RaiseRight.com](https://www.RaiseRight.com). Use school code [A9C13C7351446](https://www.RaiseRight.com).

eGift Card purchases made online or in the app are processed by RaiseRight quickly and are almost immediately available for use.

Any physical gift cards orders should be placed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. The timeline for shipping is not a guarantee, but typically is within five days of the school order being placed. They will be sent home with your child once they are in.

# Help Support St. Joan of Arc School!

Participation Reward:

*All families that sell 10 items or more, will receive an out of uniform day!*

 Shop online & share with friends!

Order Deadline  
October 2, 2023



Participant Registration

## STEP 1: REGISTER



Simply scan the QR code to the left or visit [registercw.com](http://registercw.com) to access your participant dashboard and unlock your participant link (use the organization ID). You can check your progress anytime!

## STEP 2: SHARE



Use the sharing tools to TEXT & email our fundraising link to your friends & family. Don't forget to share your unique shopping link on social media, too!



**BONUS! WIN A PRIZE** when you receive 10 and 20 visits from your friends & family!

Organization ID:  
20044

## Ordering from the catalog?

**SAFETY FIRST! No door-to-door sales without adult supervision!**

- Make checks payable to: St. Joan of Arc School
- Return all money and the top 2 copies of the order form by the order deadline date - **please keep the pink copy of the order form for your records!**
- **Delivery Information:** Paper order forms will not be included in your product box. If you misplace your pink copy, your product box will have instructions on the side label on how to view a digital copy of your order form.

\* Stock is limited, not all products featured in printed catalogs will be available for online purchase.

\*Online orders ship directly to the purchaser and are subject to shipping and sales tax.

\*Prizes will be sent to the organization for distribution.

\*FREE shipping available, see online for details.

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Halloween

# TRICK OR TREAT

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 27**

SJA  
PARKING LOT  
05:00PM - 07:00PM

CANDY • COSTUME CONTEST • GAMES

RAFFLES • MUSIC

RAFFLES ARE  
CASH ONLY

*Don't forget to wear your costume!*