



St. Joan of Arc School



September 20, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

The students are doing an amazing job and working hard on the MAP Growth Assessment Tests. The test measures individual Student growth and gives us data to plan instruction. Please try not to schedule appointments during testing time. Students tend to do better when taking the test in their regular classroom. Students need to get a good night sleep and have a good breakfast the days of their tests.

On Wednesdays you see our teachers wearing their “Joy is Our Strength” t-shirts. Students and parents may also purchase their own t-shirts. Students are allowed to wear the t-shirt as part of their uniform on Wednesdays.

We are ¼ of the way to purchasing our “Corner Stone.” Our second “Corner Stone” dress down day will be Friday, September 22. Students may wear their tennis shoes, PE short and their favorite school appropriate t-shirt or sweatshirt and bring a \$1.00 donation.

The Parish Picnic is September 24 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. More information is listed below. Come join the Fun!

Thank you to those who completed the Family Income Survey!

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates

September 18 - 29	MAP testing
September 25 – 29	Make-up MAP testing
September 26	Liturgy 8:30am
September 28	Shelter Drill
September 25 - 29	Student Council Elections
October 3	Liturgy 8:30am
October 4	St. Francis Feast Day – Pet Blessing 2:00pm
October 6	AOB PD School Closed no aftercare
October 8	ALIVE Mass 11:15am

T- Shirt Sale

Show your school pride by purchasing your “Joy is our Strength” t-shirt. Please [click](#) here to access the order form. If purchasing for multiple students, enter the name of the youngest student and their grade. Orders will not be accepted after October 13, 2023.

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 were due 9/15/23.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD_rwmk3cGmRcKE698Uawfm9HflOymwxu92t-VyFK_xitlFg/viewform

If you have not done so please complete today.

MAP Testing

Students who missed testing will make-up September 25 – 29.

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

RaiseRight

Mark your calendars! "Raise Days" on September 21-22 will have limited time bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. Now is the time to stock up on eGift cards and reloadable gift cards and maximize earnings.

Log into RaiseRight app on Wednesday, September 20 to preview bonuses (preview is only available in app, not website). Now is the time to create a free account if you haven't already done so. Use the school code A9C13C7351446. Remember half your earnings can be applied to next year's tuition.

RaiseRight is unique in that you are not buying extra products - just gift cards for places for purchases you were already going to make. Check out the app and website to see how much could be earned from your own grocery shopping and essentials. Take the extra step to purchase gift cards through RaiseRight first to raise money for SJA. Half of your earnings can be deducted from next year's tuition.

Trex Program

Bring plastics bags to school and drop them in the TREX Box.

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

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

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. 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.





RAISE DAYS

SEPT 21 - 22

135+ Bonuses • Earnings up to 22%

Things to Know

- 2 days only. 135+ brands on bonus.
- Bonuses apply to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards only.
- Participants must have an online account to participate.

How to Participate

Already have a RaiseRight participant account?

View and shop bonuses September 21-22 on the RaiseRight mobile app or at [RaiseRight.com](https://www.RaiseRight.com).

Don't have a RaiseRight yet?

Follow the easy steps to get started at [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](https://www.RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning).

Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.

Get a Sneak Peek of all Raise Days bonuses

Exclusively in the RaiseRight mobile app, Wednesday, September 20



SJA HSA

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!