



St. Joan of Arc School



September 27, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Already the last week of September! Our school year is in full swing and the Parish Life Center and Chapel are continuing to grow and take shape. What an exciting time at SJA!

Historically, SJA has had a high active military population. We are trying to get an accurate count of active military families and also put you in touch with other families. Please email Elisa Maid emaid@stjoanarc.org if you are an active military family.

“Joy is Our Strength” t-shirts orders can be place through October 13. Students are allowed to wear the t-shirt as part of their uniform on Wednesdays. See below for the link to place your order.

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4. Please join us for our annual Pet Blessing. Details and information are listed below.

Thank you to the students who participated our “corner stone” dress down day last week. We will hold our next one on October 5.

We still have a few families that have not completed the Family Income Survey. Please look for an email from Mrs. Tobias for more information.

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates

September 28	Shelter Drill
September 25 - 29	Student Council Elections
October 2	Last day for Charleston Wrap Sales
October 3	Liturgy 8:30am
October 4	St. Francis Feast Day – Pet Blessing 2:30pm
October 5	Corner Stone Dress Down \$1
October 6	AOB PD School Closed no aftercare
October 8	ALIVE Mass 11:15am
October 17	SJA Restaurant Night at All American Steakhouse

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.

Blessing of the Animals – Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

Parents may bring their pets to be blessed on October 4. Please follow the guidelines listed for the blessing.

- Parents need to notify their student's teacher that they are attending the pet blessing.
- Pets need to be leashed or crated.
- Parents arrive at 2:20 pm with their pets and pull into the normal dismissal lot.
- Teachers will be on duty to direct the cars.
- Lot will close at 2:30 pm for safety.
- Parents and pets will exit their cars and move to the grassy area next to the playground/parish center.
- Students will be brought out at 2:30 pm and may join their families.
- After the blessing, families *with* pets will return to their cars first with their students and be dismissed from the lot.
- The rest of the students will return to the building and we will continue with normal dismissal.

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.

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

If you have not done so, please complete today.

Nurse's Note

Please DO NOT send ANY medications to school with your child without sending them to the Nurse's Attention. Students MAY NOT administer medications on their own whether orally or topically. All medication must be stored in the Nurse's Office for the safety of all of our students.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me: sbaer@stjoanarc.org.

STEM

Once again SJA will participate in the Annual Maryland STEM Festival. See the attached information for details.

HSA

Charleston Wrap sales ends on October 2. See attached flyer for more information. If you would like to help with the fundraiser, please email the office, svara@stjoanarc.org

Restaurant Night

The first Restaurant Night of the school year will be October 17 at the All American Steakhouse, eat in or carry out. See the attached flyer for more details.

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.

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

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.

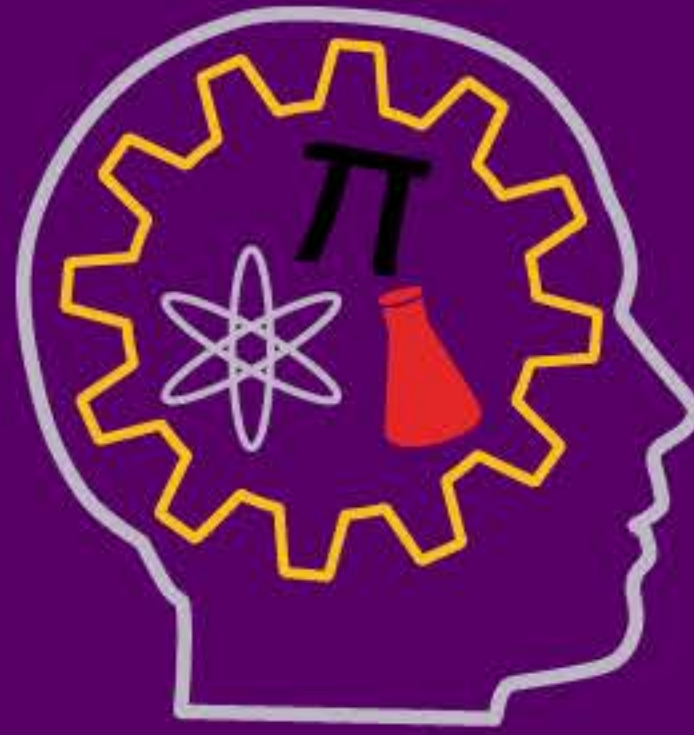


Come and join us for an uplifting family celebration! Open to all! Be Uplifted, Be Alive!

NINTH ANNUAL

Save
the Date

MARYLAND
STEM
FESTIVAL



2023

October 13 - November 11

The Theme Is...



**A month-long festival to encourage
student interest in STEM!**

MarylandStemFestival.org



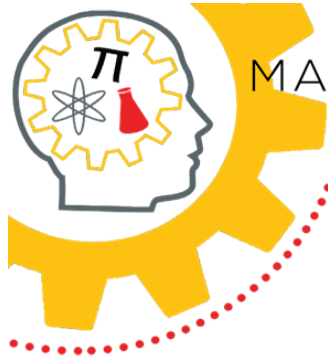
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MARYLAND STEM FESTIVAL

BRINGING STEM TO YOU

Free Events in Harford County:

10/14	11:20-2:30 pm	Observatory	Thomas Run, Bel Air
10/19	3:00-4:00 pm	Lego Club	Edgewood Library
10/19	4:30-5:30 pm	Pop Up STEM	Edgewood Library
10/20	10:00-4:00 pm	Block Party	Abingdon Library
10/20	2:00-3:00 pm	Block Party	Aberdeen Library
10/20	2:00-3:00 pm	Block Party	Fallston Library
10/24	11:00-12:00 pm	Experiment & Explore	Bel Air Library
11/02	10:30-11:15 am	Experiment & Explore	Fallston Library
11/03	2:00-3:00 pm	Block Party	Aberdeen Library
11/03	2:00-3:00 pm	Block Party	Fallston Library
11/09	6:00-7:00 pm	Lego Club	Whiteford Library

More Free Events:

10/14	10:00-11:30 am	Games to Developers	Online
10/14	2:00-4:00 pm	Agar Art	BUGSS -Baltimore
10/21	10:00-12:00 pm	Agar Art	BUGSS-Baltimore
11/28	2:00 pm	Intro to Coding	for middle school girls-online

Find even more events @
<https://marylandstemfestival.org/>



U.S. ARMY



APG STEM DAY 2023

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

EVENTS FROM 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

APG STEM DAY will feature hands-on activities, STEM games, and interactive technology demonstrations from the world class Army labs at Aberdeen Proving Ground



This is a free event, open to the public. Guest should use the Maryland Boulevard (Route 715) Gate for entry to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

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 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.

Charleston Wrap[®]
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.

**SJA'S FIRST
RESTAURANT
NIGHT!**

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 17,
11:30AM-10:30PM**



**3720 CHURCHVILLE RD,
ABERDEEN
PRESENT FLYER FOR A PORTION
OF YOUR BILL TO BE DONATED
BACK TO SJA
DINE-IN OR CARRYOUT**

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!



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.

