



St. Joan of Arc School



September 6, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Thank you again for following our Transportation Procedures for drop off and pick up. All students should go through the drop off line. Please do not park and walk your students to the door. Remember, if your student arrives after 8:10am, a parent will need to escort the student to the Law Street Door and bring them to the office.

Reminder that the office is closed from 2:45pm to 3:10pm for dismissal. Please do not call the office during this time.

Teachers and students continue to review our Standard Response Protocol Procedures. This morning we held our “evacuation drill.” The students are doing an amazing job following the directions of their teachers.

Join us on 9/11 as SJA commemorates and recognizes our military and first responders with our annual Freedom Walk to Festival Park. Parents who wish to join us to help chaperone the walk need to be up to date with their Virtus Training. Please contact Mrs. Franke pfranke@stjoanarc.org with questions about your Virtus status. Parents who are walking as chaperones need to report to the office beginning at 8:45am with their license to receive a name badge. Students will depart from SJA at 9:00am. The Ceremony is 9:30 am at Festival Park.

As part of the new Parish Life Center, we will be putting in a Corner Stone to represent the completion of our new space. This stone will be put into place by the contributions of the students of St. Joan of Arc. We will hold student dress down days throughout the Fall asking students to contribute \$1.00 until we raise enough for the Corner Stone. The first dress down will be on September 8. Student may wear their SJA PE shorts with their favorite sports team t-shirt or jersey and bring \$1.00 for a contribution. We are excited to put a lasting memory into our new space.

Our first school liturgy is September 12 at 8:30am. All are welcome to join us.

God Bless,
Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal

Important Dates

September 7	Electrical Connection	School closed	No aftercare
September 8	Corner Stone Sports Dress Down		
September 11	Freedom Walk to Festival Park	9:30am	
September 12	Back to School Liturgy – all are welcome!	8:30am	
September 15	Family income Survey Due		

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

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

Nurse's Note

Welcome Back to SJA for the new school year. As we embark on a new year, I wanted to send a reminder about the importance of breakfast and healthy snacks and lunch for our students.

Breakfast is truly the most important meal of the day and sometimes the hardest to do. PLEASE make sure your child eats breakfast before coming to school each day. A protein filled breakfast helps carry them until lunch time. But something is better than nothing! If you are running late, a protein bar, granola bar, breakfast bar, dry cereal are all quick choices that can be eaten on the drive to school. This helps cut down on late morning headaches, stomach aches and difficulty paying attention.

Please send a nutritious snack with your child each morning. A list is included for some ideas to try. Don't forget their water bottle!!!

RaiseRight – formally SCRIPT

RaiseRight is Gift Card Fundraising. Every purchase earns revenue for you and the school. RaiseRight Fundraising continues all year round. Start earning by logging into RaiseRight with the school code A9C13C7351446 at RaiseRight.com. Half of your earnings can be deducted from next year's tuition. Connect to their app and browse available brands and bonuses. See the attached documents for more information.

Trex Program

Our school participates in the Trex Program and there are two ways families can help. You can bring in plastic bags (see poster and video) and/or you can volunteer to take plastic to donation sites. (Bringing in plastic bags does not get volunteer hours) We weigh the plastic after it comes to school and then take it to donation sites in the area to be recycled. In the past our school has won planter boxes and wind chimes for the amount of plastic we have recycled. If you are looking for volunteer hours you can sign up to take the bags to one of the donation locations. There are bins outside ShopRite and Weis. Mrs. Simmons can also give you other drop off locations if you are interested. Depending on how many families sign up, it could be a bi-weekly volunteer job and spans the entire school year. The bags are very light to carry but if needed we can help your student carry them to your car at pick up time. Please email Mrs. Simmons (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

The first HSA fundraiser for the 2023 -2024 school year will be Charleston Wrap from September 11 to October 2. Packets will be sent home on September 11. If you would like to help with the fundraiser, please email the office, svara@stjoanarc.org

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 will be teaching this to our students upon their return to school. Attached is information about the SRP.

John Carroll Musical Auditions

John Carroll High School is holding children's auditions for *The Sound of Music*. They are holding auditions for the following roles:

Kurt von Trapp (age 11, falsetto) Gentle and mischievous.

Brigitta von Trapp (age 10) Smart, reads a lot.

Marta von Trapp (age 7) Very sweet and gentle.

Gretl von Trapp (age 5) Must have the cute factor.

Auditions will be held at the John Carroll School Auditorium 703 E. Churchville Rd. Bel Air, MD on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Any child wishing to audition should arrive wearing comfortable clothes/closed-toed shoes and should be familiar with the song Do-Re-Mi from the show. No other audition preparation is needed.

For any child entering 2nd to 8th grade who loves performing, John Carroll's Musical Theatre Academy may be a perfect extra-curricular option! We are currently registering for our Fall (and Spring) Musical Theatre classes. For those who have participated in the Academy before, we are changing things up just a bit to offer more performance opportunities. The Musical Theatre classes are now broken into two semester sessions. They meet on Saturday mornings as they have in the past, but the time has been extended to a 2-hour class with a performance opportunity at the end of each semester (instead of just one show in May.) **This December, the Musical Theatre Academy will present *Annie, KIDS!*** under the instruction of John Carroll's Fall show choreographer, Rachel Miller (from the John Carroll class of 2019). This is a FUN show with many roles to showcase your child's talent!! Look for more information and Registration on our website: <https://www.johncarroll.org/patriot-experience/arts/academy-of-performing-arts-dance/musical-theatre-academy>

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

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.

Student Accident Insurance

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

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!



SJA Men's Group

Beginning on September 2nd, our SJA Men's Group will be focusing our efforts using a Knights of Columbus series: *"Into the Breach"*. This series is a "call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to wholeheartedly embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis". View the trailer below.

We'll meet two Saturdays per month and will discuss the "Into the Breach" topic and then review and discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. We meet at 8:00 - 9:15am in the Parish Meeting House. All men 18 years and older are welcome!

We keep our meetings "short and to the point" to allow men to get home early for Saturday "family time" or to action weekend "to do" lists.

Registration is free. [Deacon Ray Van Pelt](#) will facilitate our study. For any questions contact him directly or [register online](#).

Dates are:

Sep 2nd and Sept 23rd

Oct 14th and Oct 28th

Nov 4th and Nov 18th

Dec 2nd and Dec 16th



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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

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



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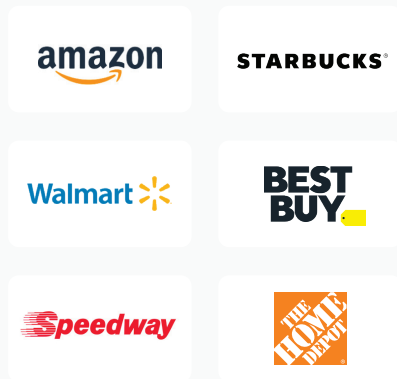
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Groceries	\$400	4%	\$192
Gasoline	\$300	3%	\$108
Dining Out	\$250	10%	\$300
Entertainment	\$200	8%	\$192
Clothing	\$250	8%	\$240
Home Improvement	\$100	4%	\$48
		Total	\$1,080

*Based on average spend for a household family of 4



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RaiseRight

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- 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 15th 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.

How does the challenge work?

- Register on **NexTrex.com** to obtain access to the Trex Portal
- Determine a 12-month collection time period
- Collect a minimum of 1,000 lbs.
- Report recycling totals at **my.trex.com**

- Weigh, record and attached pictures
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling

Stores prefer smaller and more frequent amounts in the provided bin. Please contact store ahead of time with larger amounts.

What does Trex provide?

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters

What can I win?



Trex Bench

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



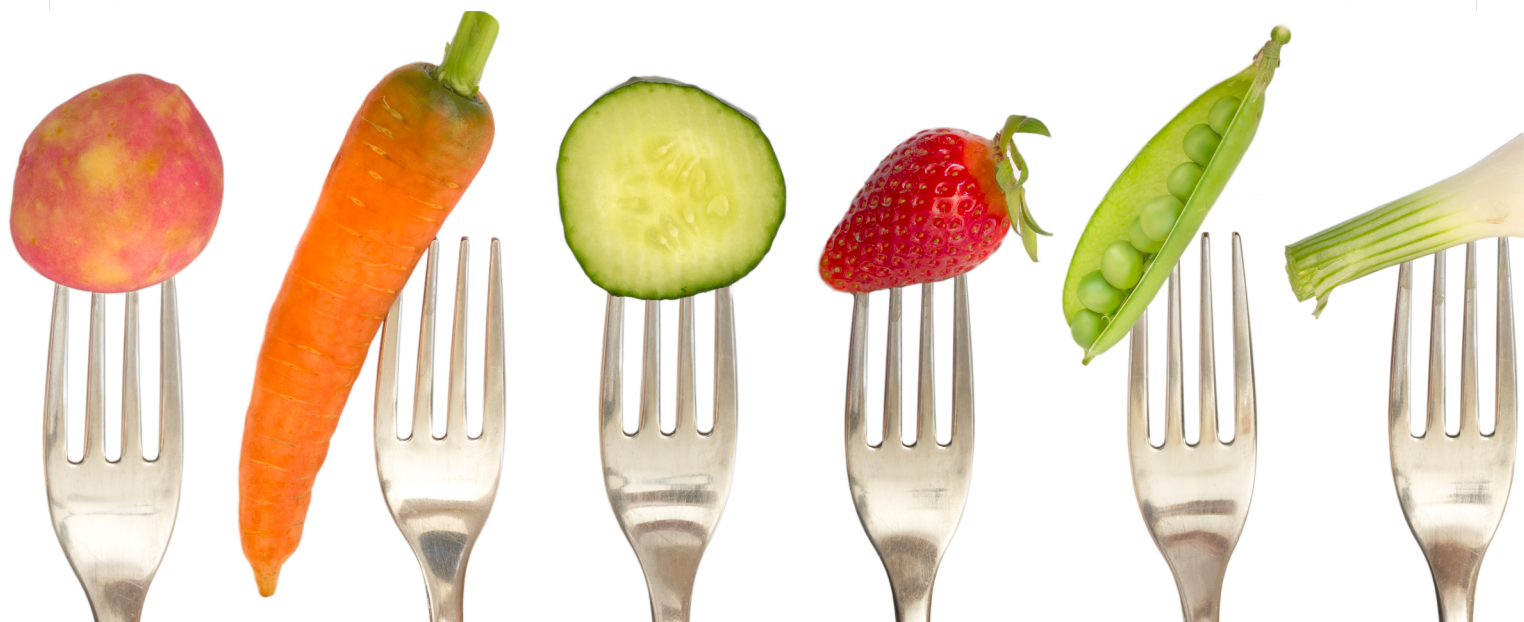
Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

Register on the website **NexTrex.com**

Healthy Snack Ideas



Yogurt

Popcorn

Pretzels

Smoothies

Trial Mix

Hummus and Raw Vegetable

Cheese Sticks/String Cheese

Cheese and Crackers

Granola Bars

Apple Sauce

Fresh Fruit/ Fruit Kabobs

cottage Cheese

Turkey Roll Ups- Turkey wrapped around cheese and veggies

Muffins

Protein Bars

Dried Fruits

Hard Boiled Eggs

Celery Sticks with Cream Cheese or Nut Butter- Add raisins

Dry Cereal

Oatmeal

Pizza Snacks- Sliced Tomato, Cheese and Pepperoni

Veggie Chips

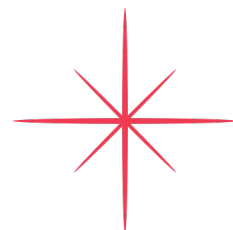
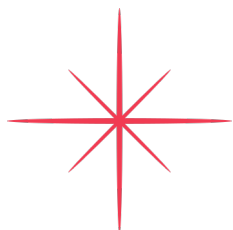
Fruit Snacks

Chips and Guacamole or Salsa

Cheese or Ham Roll Up- slices wrapped around veggies



Brain Power!





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.

