



# St. Joan of Arc School

October 11, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

On Sunday October 8 many of our students participated in the ALIVE Mass at 11:15am. The choir was amazing and it was wonderful to see so many school families at St. Joan of Arc Church. Mark your calendar for the next ALIVE Mass on November 12.

Last day to order “Joy is Our Strength” t-shirts is 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.

Please be sure your students are prepared for school each day. Each student should have a refillable water bottle, snack and a lunch. Students need to be in correct uniform including: socks, shoes and belt with shorts and pants. Please label all second layers: sweaters, sweatshirts and ¼ zips. These items are consistently found around school with no names.

Remember the office is closed 8:00am – 8:15am and 2:45pm – 3:15pm for phone calls so that we can conduct arrival and dismissal.

It is a month away, but November 1 begins our winter uniform season. Be sure you are prepared. See below for dates and times of our uniform swaps.

Happy Fall!

God Bless,  
Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

### Important Dates

October 13	Grade 5 and 8 – Mt. Harmon Field Trip Last Day for T-shirt orders
October 14	Uniform Swap - Church Hall 6:00pm – 7:00pm
October 17	Liturgy 8:30am SJA Restaurant Night at All American Steakhouse
October 23	Uniform Swap - Church Hall 8:00am -11:30am 1:30pm -5:30pm
October 24	Liturgy 8:30am TCHS Choir Visits 12:30 pm
October 26	Grade 8 Bible Museum
October 27	Trunk or Treat 5:00pm to 7:00pm Middle School Social 6:30pm -8:30pm
October 29	Uniform Swap - Church Hall 10:00am – 11:00am
October 31 Halloween	No School Liturgy Class Parties 11:00am to 11:45am STEM Day – Maryland STEM Festival 12:05 dismissal
November 1	Liturgy 8:30am All Saints Day – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Presentations

## **Yearbooks**

2022-2023 Yearbooks are for sale while supplies last. Please click [here](#) to purchase.

## **PreK 3 Program 2024 -2025 School Year**

The SJA PreK 3 program will be full day/5 days a week. Students must be 3 years old on or before September 1st and must be potty trained. No exceptions. We are first opening this program up to current SJA families with siblings who meet this requirement. We will only be accepting 12 students. If you are interested in applying, please complete the application along with the \$99 fee. [Click here](#) to apply.

**Applications** have opened for the 2024-2025 school year for all grades. Help spread the word. Please contact Elisa Maid with questions at [emaids@stjoanarc.org](mailto:emaids@stjoanarc.org) **Open House** is November 9. [Click here](#) to share this event on your facebook page.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:sbaer@stjoanarc.org).

## **Substitute Nurse**

We are looking for a Substitute Nurse for the beginning of December through the first week of January. You must be a RN with a current license and need to be VIRTUS trained. If you know anyone that would be interested, please contact Susan Baer; [sbaer@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sbaer@stjoanarc.org) or 410-272-1387.

## **STEM**

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

## **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**

Registration for After Care DROP IN has been reopened. This is for occasional use after care. You will need to request 48 hours in advance when you need to use aftercare. This form can be found on the extended care webpage using the drop in tab at the top. Drop in students may not come to after care without requesting first. Before care is still full.

## **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.

### **Trunk or Treat**

HSA is hosting SJA's annual Trunk or Treat on Friday 10/27 from 5:00-7:00pm. We have plenty of opportunities to volunteer. Please visit [Track It Forward](#) to sign up and earn hours. Join us for a night full of Food, Games, Contests, and Trunk or Treating. See attached Flyer.

### **Uniform Swap**

Winter Uniforms begin November 1. Come check out the uniform swap to see if we have any items you may need. Feel free to bring clean items that are gently used to the swap if you are able! Volunteers are needed to work the swap. Please visit [Track It Forward](#) for opportunities. See attached Flyer.

### **RaiseRight Fundraiser**

Bonus Fest continues every weekend this month. Check RaiseRight.com every Friday for the weekend bonuses. Home Depot is this weekend's featured brand. Physical gift card orders are due the 15th for October. Use school code A9C13C7351446 to earn for SJA if you haven't created an account yet. Thank you to all those who have already ordered this year.

### **Parish News**

#### **Pastorate Information**

As you may know, St Joan of Arc and St Patrick's will be forming a pastorate by July, 2024. To explain this process and our planning to date, we will have an information session for all parishioners on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 in the Church Hall. We invite all parishioners to join us as a representative from the Archdiocese along with our parish leadership will be available to provide discuss this important effort. See attached information.

#### **Local News**

The Aberdeen Advocate is a free weekly electronic newsletter that shares information and upcoming events in Aberdeen. [Click](#) here to subscribe.

Empower Her is a local program through [Inner County Outreach](#) designed to help young ladies develop self-esteem, self, awareness, leadership, and self-respect. Contact [hello@innercountyoutreach.org](mailto:hello@innercountyoutreach.org) for more information.





# 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:

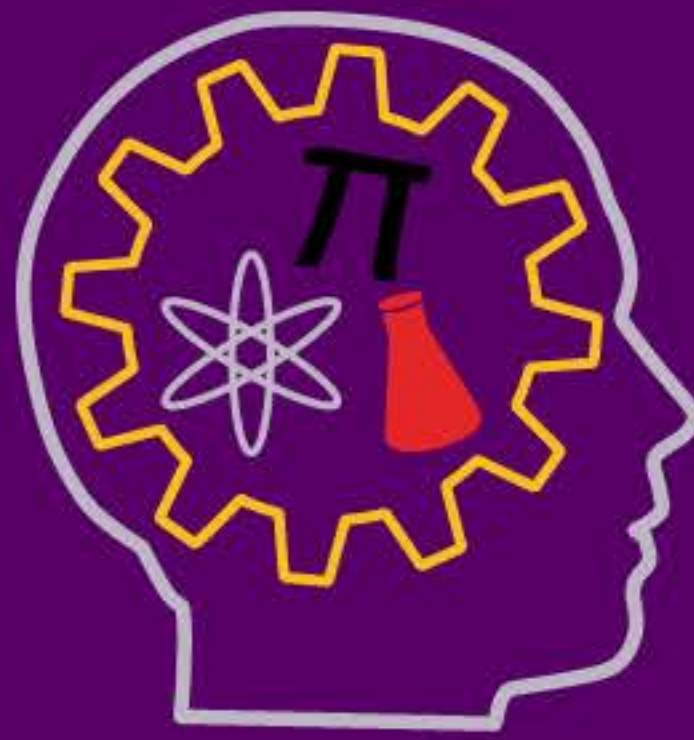
- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



# 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



/MarylandSTEMFestival



mdstemfest



@mdstemfest

**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**

# Uniform Swap

OCT 14, SAT, 6:00PM-7:00PM

\*\*AFTER the 5:00pm SAT mass

OCT 23, MON, 8:00-11:30, 1:30-5:30

OCT 29, SUN 10:00AM-11:00AM

\*\*After the 8:30 Mass & Before the 11:15 Mass

SJA Church Hall  
(basement of church)

\*\*\*\*PLEASE ONLY ENTER THROUGH THE BACK DOOR OF THE CHURCH – The back parking lot in the alley- after care pick up lot. DO NOT USE THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CHURCH OR THE SIDE DOOR; as to not disturb the masses going on)

**FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE**

- The Swap is Free
- You don't have to bring in old uniform clothes to pick out clothes
- Bring in old uniforms, shoes, accessories that no longer fit your child
- PLEASE make sure uniforms are CLEAN
- We have the following items. Keep in mind the swap is first come first serve, so items may be taken. Sizes are limited, what we have is what students have grown out of.
  - \*Khaki: Pants, Shorts, Skorts
  - \*Polo: Long Sleeve and Short Sleeve
  - \*Plaid Skirt
  - \*Shoes
  - \*Jumper Dress & Long Sleeve, Short Sleeve White Collared Shirt
  - \*Cardigans
  - \*GYM: Gray T-shirt: Short Sleeve, Long Sleeve, Sweat Shirt, Sweat Pants, Shorts

\*\*\*\* The swap is as good as we all make it, bring in your Clean Uniforms and Grow the Swap Collection we have to benefit from

\*\*\*\* Volunteers needed, look at track it forward to sign up

\*\*\*\* Students are welcome to come along with adult (weekend swaps)

St. Joan of Arc School

HSA Proudly Presents

# TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday,  
**OCTOBER 27TH**

Best Costume  
& Car Contest

5:00pm - 7:00pm  
**SJA PARKING LOT**

**Food & Drinks** ~ **Games** ~ **Music** ~ **Raffles** \*cash only\*





# Be Missionary Disciples

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### *What is a pastorate?*

- A pastorate can be two, three, and in some cases up to five, parishes who share one pastor in order to marshal resources and amplify the ministries and Catholic presence in a region.
- There is no one way that a pastorate operates; It is dependent on the unique situation of the parishes involved and their histories together.
- Leadership groups may come together or remain separate.
- Parishes may discern a merger in the future, but in the beginning remain as separate entities.

### *How is a pastorate formed?*

A pastorate is **formed** through the appointment of a single pastor. The Pastorate of St. Joan of Arc and St. Patrick will be formed when the Archbishop appoints one pastor as pastor of both parishes.

*“If the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters.”*

*Pope Francis*

As Christian communities, we are devoted to building up the kingdom of God here on Earth so, naturally, every parish is engaged in tremendous ministry to this end. But there will always be limited resources of time, talent and treasure and a need to direct them to those efforts that will be most pleasing to God in fulfilling the Great Commission. Also, there will always be shifting cultural and demographic phenomena to which we must respond. Forming a pastorate helps to ensure that the most impactful efforts are discerned, supported, and sustained.

## *What can our parishes be doing now? How can we get started?*

Multi-parish pastorates can be exploring ways to build relationship with each other, which cultivates trust and opens hearts and minds to a future forged together. Some suggestions to do this include:

- Come together for times of shared prayer, liturgies and sacramental milestones;
- Bond with each other through service to others and fellowship gatherings;
- Co-host speakers, events or workshops focused on faith formation or social justice;
- Explore opportunities for ministries to evolve into pastorate-wide ministries;
- Publish Mass, confession, adoration or devotional times for all the pastorate parishes;
- Coordinate homilies (especially when preached in a series) so everyone hears the same message;
- Learn together about the community demographics and parish cultures that shape evangelization opportunities throughout the pastorate;
- Establish and publicize a process for using offertory envelopes at any parish in the pastorate;
- Gather the Pastoral Councils and/or Finance Councils for joint meetings or retreats;
- Explore the potential to share staff among the pastorate parishes;
- Consider how buildings on each of the campuses can take on a pastorate-wide function;
- Create a pastorate website portal or shared website;
- Create a pastorate-wide bulletin.

This coming year St. Joan of Arc and St. Patrick will be coming together to build relationships and start working together.

*Join us for an information session on*

*October 15<sup>th</sup>*

*St Joan of Arc – 12:30 at SJA Church Hall*

*St Patrick's – 1pm at St Patrick's Church Hall*

*Archdiocesan staff are eager to assist you!*