



# St. Joan of Arc School



October 4, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

We had our pet blessing today. This is always an exciting time at SJA. Congratulations to our new student council leaders. Ashling, Osias, Cailinn, Brooklyn, Delaney, and Hailey. Thank you to all that stepped up and ran for office.

As our building continues to grow, we wish to announce that SJA is expanding and offering a PreK 3 program for the 2024 -2025 school year. Please see below for more information and how to apply.

“Joy is Our Strength” t-shirt 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.

Today your student brought home a Picture Day order form. All students will be photographed for the yearbook and class pictures will be taken. All students are to wear their formal uniforms, no PE uniforms. Students in grades 7, 2 and 3 may bring tennis shoes to change for PE class. Only students who bring an order form and payment will receive pictures.

Thank you to the students who participated our “corner stone” dress down day last week. We will hold our next one on October 5. Students bring \$1.00 and may wear their PE shorts, tennis shoes and their favorite appropriate T-shirt or sweatshirt. Thank you for supporting our “corner stone.”

Please consider attending the ALIVE! Mass on Sunday October 8 at 11:15am. See details below. Students attending will receive a special treat from Ms. Kestler.

Happy St. Francis Day!

God Bless,  
Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

### **Important Dates**

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 9	Class Pictures
October 10	Liturgy 8:30am
October 13	Grade 5 and 8 – Mt. Harmon Field Trip Last Day for T-shirt orders
October 17	Liturgy 8:30am SJA Restaurant Night at All American Steakhouse

### **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. <https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stjoanarc/prek3>

If you would like to speak more about this program, please contact Elisa Maid.

### **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.

### **SJA Military Families**

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 [emaide@stjoanarc.org](mailto:emaide@stjoanarc.org) if you are an active military family.

### **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.

### **HSA**

**Charleston Wrap** Thank you to everyone who sold and purchase wrapping paper for our fundraiser.

### **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. Sign-ups for volunteers, parking spots and donations will open on Monday, October 9 through Track it Forward.

### **RaiseRight Fundraiser**

Bonus Fest is Oct 6-29 and is four weekends of 3-day Bonuses. It will include eGift and Physical gift card bonuses. Use school code A9C13C7351446 to earn for SJA and check RaiseRight every Friday this month for weekend bonuses. Any physical card orders are due October 15.

### **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.

### **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!



### **Archdiocese of Baltimore**

For more information on the Chapter 11 Reorganization filing by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, please visit <http://www.archbalt.org> for the many resources available, including answers to your questions, an explanatory video, Catholic Review coverage and links to other dioceses who have gone through this same process.



### **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.

## St. Joan of Arc School

**Class/Individual Pictures In School Uniform: Monday, October 9, 2023**

*Your child must bring this envelope to the camera or their individual picture will not be taken.*

Use this envelope to purchase a **CLASS Picture** and/or an **INDIVIDUAL PACKAGE**.

1. Everyone should come to school prepared to be photographed in their class picture.
2. Each child needs a separate order envelope with payment or their individual photo will not be taken.
3. Check the Packages and or A La Carte items you are purchasing.
4. Clearly Print **ALL General Information**. Pictures will be returned to the teacher's name on this form.
5. Pay online, complete charge information or enclose **EXACT** amount of cash, or check PAYABLE TO **GALEONE PHOTOGRAPHERS**. **\*\*There is a \$15 fee for all returned checks\*\***

**Information must be completely filled out. (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)**

Student's First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Order cannot be completed if Teacher's Name & Grade are not given above.**



Image # (office use only)

Memory Mate shown above included  
With 1 M, 2 M, 3 M, & 5 M

<b>Plus</b>	<b>1M Memory Mate ~ Individual Picture with Class picture on an 8x10 sheet</b>	With Retouching <input type="checkbox"/> \$48
	1 - 8x10 Individual Portrait 1 - 5x7 Individual Portrait 2 - 3 1/2 x 5 Individual Portrait 16 - 2x3 Wallets of Individual	No Retouching <input type="checkbox"/> \$40

<b>Plus</b>	<b>2M Memory Mate ~ Individual Picture with Class picture on an 8x10 sheet</b>	With Retouching <input type="checkbox"/> \$43
	1 - 5x7 Individual Portrait 2 - 3 1/2 x 5 Individual Portrait 16 - 2x3 Wallets of Individual	No Retouching <input type="checkbox"/> \$35

<b>Plus</b>	<b>3M Memory Mate ~ Individual Picture with Class picture on an 8x10 sheet</b>	With Retouching <input type="checkbox"/> \$38
	1 - 5x7 & 4 - 2x3 Wallets of Individual	No Retouching <input type="checkbox"/> \$30

<b>Plus</b>	<b>5M Memory Mate ~ Individual Picture with Class picture on an 8x10 sheet</b>	With Retouching <input type="checkbox"/> \$30
		No Retouching <input type="checkbox"/> \$22

PRINT CARDHOLDER'S NAME ABOVE _____									EXP: ___ / ___ Month / Year
SIGNATURE ABOVE _____									Must be given
House Address Number _____			Zip _____			Sec Code _____			

Check all Packages Purchased

**Pkg. J 5x7 Class Photo  \$12**

**\*Retouching** will remove facial blemishes & scars on your photos.

A LA CARTE ( Individual Photo Only )	
"A1" <input type="checkbox"/>	10x13.....\$23.00
"A2" <input type="checkbox"/>	1-8x10.....\$15.00
"A3" <input type="checkbox"/>	2-5x7.....\$15.00
"A4" <input type="checkbox"/>	16-Wallets.....\$18.00
"A5" <input type="checkbox"/>	1-Digital Image.....\$30.00
"A6" <input type="checkbox"/>	2-Photo Magnets.....\$18.00
"A7" <input type="checkbox"/>	1-Magazine Cover....20.00
"A8" <input type="checkbox"/>	1-Mouse Pad.....\$22.00
"A9" <input type="checkbox"/>	1-Fun Pack.....\$20.00
"A10" <input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. ruler, tags & Bookmarks with Your Photo
"RT" <input type="checkbox"/>	2-Key Chains.....\$20.00
	Same pose on both keychains
	Retouching- Face only-\$10.00
	This is an add on to an A LA Carte item

LIST ALL PACKAGE(S) PURCHASED BELOW	WRITE THE AMOUNT YOU ENCLOSED BELOW

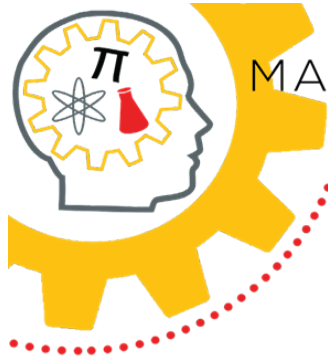
I HAVE PAID WITH  CASH  CHECK  CHARGE  ONLINE →→

EXACT AMOUNT ONLY PLEASE. CHANGE NOT AVAILABLE AT CAMERA.

*Please write school, child's name and phone number on all checks.*

**Pay Online**  
[www.GaleonePay.com](http://www.GaleonePay.com)  
 WRITE YOUR ONLINE PAYMENT CONFIRMATION CODE

*Order form must be given to the photographer on picture day*



# MARYLAND STEM FESTIVAL

BRINGING STEM TO YOU

## Free Events in Harford County:

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

## More Free Events:

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

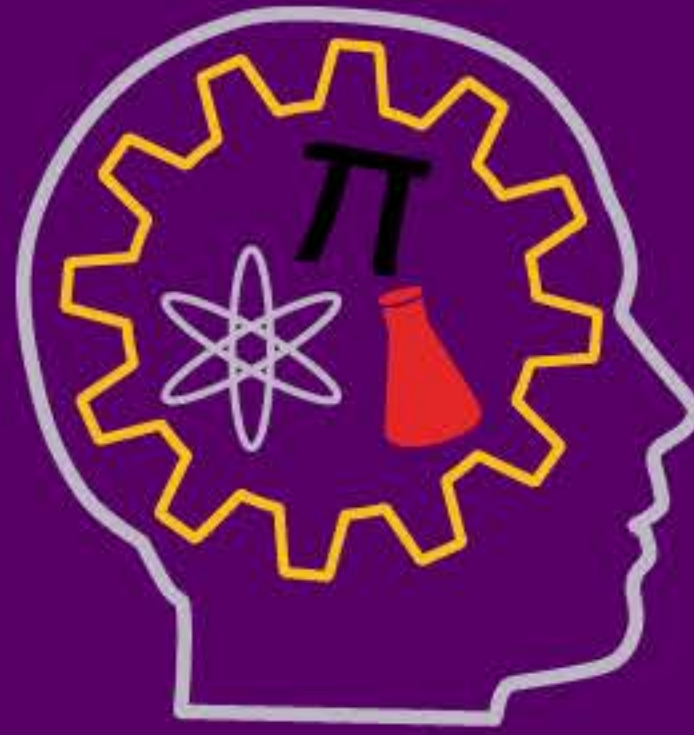
Find even more events @  
<https://marylandstemfestival.org/>



# 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](https://MarylandStemFestival.org)



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**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!*



# BONUS FEST

October 6-29



## 4 weekends of bonuses

Shop new bonuses every weekend, Friday-Sunday. Earn more on your everyday shopping and make a bigger impact on your organization.

### Things to know

- Bonuses start each weekend at 12:00 a.m. ET Friday and end at 11:59 p.m. ET Sunday.
- Offers will be announced each Friday via email and on Facebook.
- All gift card types are included (eGift cards, physical cards, and money added to reloadable cards).

### How to participate



#### Already have a RaiseRight participant account?

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



#### Don't have an account yet?

Follow the easy steps to get started at [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](https://RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning).  
Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.



# 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.





# 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!*