



# St. Joan of Arc School

October 18, 2023

Dear SJA Families,

Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who participated in the Math Olympiad at The Catholic High School of Baltimore on Saturday. Ashling, Emaline, Ariana, Reagan, Genevieve, Sophia, Ellie and Cailinn did an amazing job representing SJA at this yearly event.

Remember the lot closes at 8:10am in the morning. Students arriving after this time need to be taken to the Law Street Door by a parent and signed in late. The main entrance remains closed from 8:10am to 3:10. Anyone needing to enter the building during these times must use the **Law Street** entrance.

Students grades are updated weekly in PowerSchool for students in grades 3 – 8. All parents have access to this system. Please contact your student’s teacher if you have difficulty accessing this information.

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.

As the weather begins to turn cooler, students need to have their second layer with them for recess and PE class. Please be sure your student’s name is in their second layer.

November 1 begins our winter uniform season. Be sure you are prepared. See below for dates and times of our uniform swaps.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Restaurant Night at the All American Steak House.

God Bless,  
Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

## Important Dates

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 25	Associate Superintendent Visit – Mrs. Karen Murphy
October 26	Grade 8 Bible Museum D.C.
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	12:05 dismissal No School Liturgy Class Parties 11:00am to 11:45am STEM Day – Maryland STEM Festival
November 1	Liturgy 8:30am All Saints Day – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Presentations
November 9	Open House 8:30am – 10:30am By registration only

## **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 [emaid@stjoanarc.org](mailto:emaid@stjoanarc.org) **Open House** is November 9. [Click here](#) to share this event on your facebook page.

## **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.

## **HSA**

### **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. The Gap is this weekend's featured brand. Limited time \$5 and \$10 gift cards are also back now for early Christmas shopping.

Use school code A9C13C7351446 to earn for SJA if you haven't created an account yet.

## **Parish News**

**November 1st** is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. Just like Sunday, Catholics are expected to participate in Mass. We will have two Masses at St. Joan of Arc on All Saints Day: all are invited to join our

school kids at 8:30 AM Mass, with music provided by the SJA Voices School Choir. For those unavailable during the workday, we also have Mass at 7:00 PM. All welcome.

**November 2nd** is All Souls Day. We invite all our parishioners to come to a special “Mass of Remembrance” at 7:00 PM, where we will remember all whom we have lost from our parish this past year, and all our friends and relatives who have passed on to life eternal before us.

### **Flu Shot Clinic**

A FREE flu shot clinic will be held at St. Joan of Arc Parish on Thursday, November 9th from 10 AM to Noon, downstairs from church in the Parish Hall. In addition to the latest influenza vaccine, you can also get your COVID-19 booster shot and pneumonia vaccine. All you have to do is bring your government issued ID and your insurance card if you have one.

You can also shorten your visit by printing out and completing [THIS IMMUNIZATION CONSENT FORM](#) ahead of time.

### **Local News**

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



# 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)

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HSA Proudly Presents

# TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday,  
**OCTOBER 27TH**

Best Costume  
& Car Contest

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

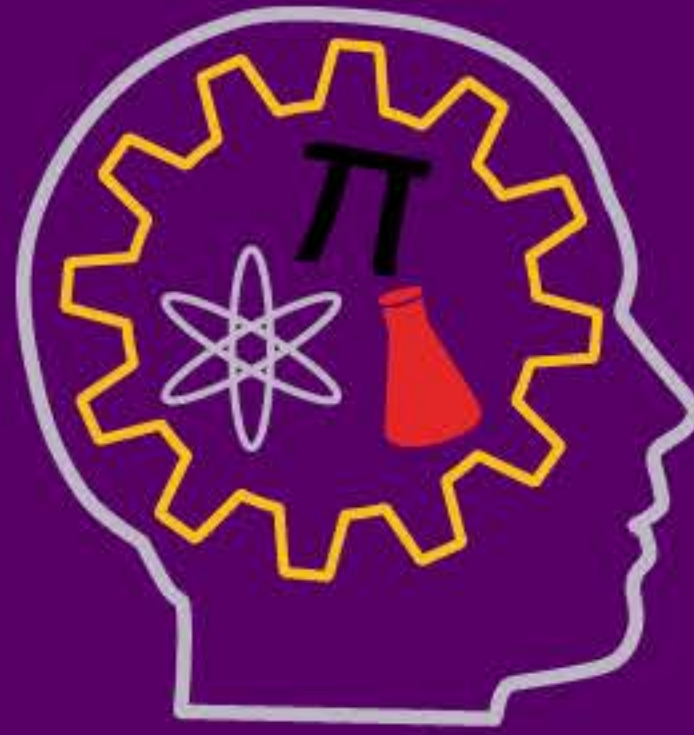
**Food & Drinks** ~ **Games** ~ **Music** ~ **Raffles** \*cash only\*



# 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!**

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