



St. Joan of Arc School

January 10, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Our building is progressing. There are a lot of questions about when we are moving in. That exact date has not been determined at this time. However, when the space is complete, scheduled tours will be available. Thank you for your continuous support and patience through our growing pains.

MAP Assessments will be the week of January 16-19. We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 28 – February 2. Look for specific details in next week’s newsletter.

Please take note of reregistration information and our weather related closing/delay policy listed below.

Various winter clubs will start the week of January 16. Parents need to pull into the lot just as we do for afternoon pickup. All clubs will dismiss at 4:15pm except for Happy Feet. Ms. Reith will contact Prek and K parents with specific instructions.

It is with sadness and gratitude that I let you know that Mrs. Rodriguez will be leaving us to spend more time with her family. January 19 will be her last day. Mrs. Katherine Lewis will be joining us as our Spanish teacher beginning January 25. We thank Mrs. Rodriguez for her 5 years of service to SJA.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal



Important Events

January 15	School Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
January 16 - 19	Winter MAP Assessment
January 16	School Liturgy – 8:30am
January 28 – February 2	Catholic Schools Week Food Collection for Good Samaritan House
January 30	School Liturgy – 8:30am Open House
February 2	12:05 dismissal - No aftercare
February 6	School Liturgy – 8:30am
February 13	No School Liturgy – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast
February 14	Valentine’s Day Ash Wednesday – Liturgy 8:30am
February 16	STEM Project Day 12:05 dismissal
February 19	School Closed – President’s Day

Weather related Closings/Delay Policy

St. Joan of Arc School follows the same procedures for school closing and delays as does **Harford County Public School System**. If Harford County schools close early because of inclement weather, SJA will do the same.

Extended Care will not open on days when school is closed. Morning Care will not be open when school is opening late. If school is dismissed early, Extended Care will be open until 1 hour after dismissal.

A SwiftK message and Facebook post will be sent for closings and delays also.

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 will only be accepting 12 students.

[Click here](#) to apply.

Applications have opened for the 2024-2025 school year for all grades. [Click here](#) to apply. Please contact Elisa Maid with questions at emaid@stjoanarc.org

New Student Applications

Applications have opened for the 2024-2025 school year for all grades. Click [here](#) to apply. Please contact Elisa Maid with questions at emaid@stjoanarc.org

Registration for Continuing Students

Current SJA students are able to register for the 2024-2025 school year. Please click [here](#) to continue the enrollment process and complete the registration form and fee. SAVE \$75 on re-registration if paid on or before February 10, 2024. Re-registration increases to \$200.00 if paid after February 10, 2024. DEADLINE FOR RE-REGISTRATION is March 1, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Elisa Maid.

Grant & Aid Applications

The 2024-2025 Grant & Aid Applications opened on November 1, 2023. You may access the application by clicking [here](#). Please be sure to complete your application early as the deadline is February 28, 2024 **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Should you have any questions please contact Pam Franke at pfranke@stjoanarc.org.

FACTS has a phone line for applicants to call if they need assistance with the Grant & Aid application. Their representatives are happy to help with the application form, documentation, or other general questions! **(866) 315-9262**

Jump Rope Club

Join the SJA Jump Rope Club! See attached permission form to sign up. Due January 10.

Knitting and Crochet Club

Join the Knitting and Crochet Club! See attached flyer for information. Due January 10.

Culture Club

Join the Culture Club! See attached flyer for information. Due January 15.

Parish News

For more information on Parish Activities [click](#) here.



Knitting and Crochet Club



Start: Tuesday January 16, 2024

End: Tuesday March 26, 2024

Time: 3:15pm-4:00pm

Where: Grade 5 classroom: Mrs. Baur will chair the club.

Students must provide their own knitting needles or crochet hook (H-8 size works well.)

Students will learn the basic stitches for knitting and/or crocheting. The final project will be a scarf or a potholder.

Please cut on the dotted line and send in the bottom portion.

My child, _____, has permission to participate in the knitting and crocheting club.

Parent signature: _____

Please return to Mrs. Baur by Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

Culture Club Permission Slip

WINTER SESSION: January 23, 30
February 13, 20, 27
March 12, 19, 26



Time: 3:15 - 4:15
Where: St. Joan of Arc School, 3rd grade room
Who: Students in Grades 2 - 8 (maximum 15 students)

Club members will learn of a different place each session. Places include Korea, Italy, Germany, Antarctica, Hawaii, Iceland, Kenya, and Australia! Students will learn of a local holiday, a few culture differences, some history, the landscape, and of course, the food! Snacks will be provided and all allergies will be crosschecked.

Please fill out 1 permission slip for each child in your family.

Return permission slips no later than Monday January 15 to Mrs. Camarota

My child _____ Grade. _____ has my permission to participate in SJA Culture Club. Please list allergies _____

How is your child going home? Car _____ Aftercare _____

Carpooling (your child may only go with people from this list):

(List people, other than yourself, that may be picking up your child from the club)

Person completing this form _____

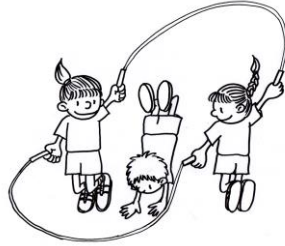
Parent signature _____ Date _____

Email address

SJA Jump Rope Club Permission Slip

Winter Session:

- Group 1- 1/16, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27, 3/12
- Group 2- 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 3 /5, 3/19



Time: 3:15-4:15 pm

Where: St. Joan of Arc School

Who: Students in 1st Grade through 8th Grade (maximum 12 students per group)

Club members will learn new skills in jump rope from single rope to partner skills to double dutch. During the session the club members will also learn competition events and compete in school virtual competition sponsored by *Learnin' the Ropes*, a non-profit jump rope organization. Students are invited to bring their own jump rope but having a rope is not necessary to participate in this club. Students should bring tennis shoes to wear during club meetings.

Please fill out 1 permission slip for each child in your family.

Return permission slips no later than Wednesday, January 10th to Ms. Reith or Mrs. McNiel

My child _____ Grade _____ has my permission to participate in SJA Jump Rope Club.

How is your child going home? Car _____ Aftercare _____

Carpooling (your child may only go with people from this list):

(List people, other than yourself, that may be picking up your child from the club)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Person completing this form- _____

Parent signature- _____ Date _____

Email address- _____

Phone number- _____