



St. Joan of Arc School

January 17, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Winter is here! As of today, we have used the 3 snow days built into our calendar. More snow has been predicted for Friday and throughout the winter. Moving forward any additional snow days will be virtual days for our students. Teachers will post details and assignments on their websites for the students. Students are required to complete the work in order for the day to be counted as a school day. Remember we follow Harford County Public Schools for weather related delays and closings.

This week is predicted to be very cold. Be sure your student has their second layer with them each day. Sweater, sweater vest, ¼ zip, sweatshirt can all be worn inside during the school day.

Due to the weather we have had to adjust our MAP Assessment schedule. We will begin testing tomorrow for grades 2 – 8, with an adjusted schedule. Be sure students are well rested, have breakfast and remind them to do their best.

We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 28 – February 2. More information about the week is attached to this newsletter.

Clubs start this week. 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.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal



Important Events

January 16 - 19	Winter MAP Assessment
January 17 – March 15	Hersey Park ticket sales
January 28 – February 2	Catholic Schools Week Food Collection for Good Samaritan House
January 30	School Liturgy – 8:30am Open House by registration only
February 2	12:05 dismissal - No aftercare
February 6	School Liturgy – 8:30am
February 13	No School Liturgy – Shrove Tuesday Pancakes for Pollinators Breakfast – see attached flyer
February 14	Valentine’s Day Ash Wednesday – Liturgy 8:30am
February 16	STEM Project Day 12:05 dismissal - No aftercare
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 be 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.

AOB Family Baltimore Blast Night

On **Friday, February 2, 2024**, the Baltimore Blast is hosting a family night for the Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools. See attached flyer for more information.

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.

Hershey Park

It's that time of year again! Discounted HersheyPark tickets are on sale. Ticket sales will run from January 17-March 15 2024. Click [here](#) to purchase your admission, meal, and parking tickets today! Please email svara@stjoanarc.org with any questions.

Grant & Aid Applications

The 2024-2025 Grant & Aid Application 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**

Think Summer!

Start planning for the summer of 2024 – Sign up to attend Camp Invention. See attached Flyer for details.

Parish News

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



WE ARE A PROUD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Share why you love Catholic Schools on
social media using #ArchBaltCSW24

Sunday - Celebrating Our Parish School

Students will welcome in Catholic Schools Week by speaking at St. Joan of Arc and St. Patrick's in Havre de Grace about their experience at SJA.

Monday- Celebrating Our Parish Staff

Students will celebrate the support of our Parish Staff by making cards/gifts for the Parish Staff.

Tuesday – Celebrating Our Community

Student's will Celebrate our Community by making cards for community members.

Open House for new prospective families from 8:30-10:30am by registration only.

Week long collection of food pantry donations.

Wednesday - Celebrating Our Students

Chick-fil-A breakfast sandwiches will be served in the morning with special student activities throughout the day.

Thursday – Celebrating Our Families

Students will be making thank you cards for their parents. A future tour date will be given upon completion of the new building and parents will be welcomed into their child's classroom.

Friday - Celebrating Our Faculty

Students celebrate their teachers with special surprises. Lunch will be provided by HSA for the Faculty - 12:05pm dismissal.



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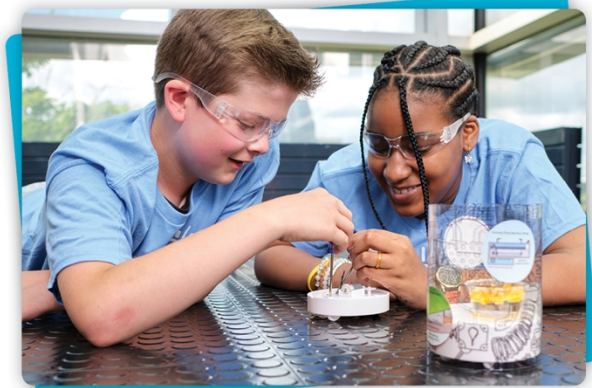
LEARN MORE AT [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp)



Fifth graders build collaboration skills as they create their own sports ball, game board and brand.



Second graders explore STEM concepts through glowing circuitry and hands-on projects.



Fourth graders gain confidence while reverse engineering their robotic lab-on-wheels.

DISCOVER FUN ADVENTURES IN A TYPICAL DAY AT OUR ALL-NEW 2024 PROGRAM

A.M. BASE CAMP

Drop off your camper with qualified local educators who start each day with games that ignite creativity.



IN THE GAME™

Campers team up as they investigate the science of sports ball design and personalize a light-up game board, then add a unique logo and name!



LET'S GLOW™

When they build a customized Glow Box, campers discover different forms of light, finding inspiration in illuminating inventions and animals that glow!

GAMES & LUNCH

Half the campers head outside to play action-packed games while the others eat lunch — and then they switch.



OPERATION: HYDRODROP™

To cultivate awareness of real-world water challenges, campers engineer a tiny house with crops to explore water-based technology and sustainable design thinking.



PROTOTYPING STUDIO™

Campers get creative as they transform their ideas from initial sketches to working prototypes using everyday items.

P.M. BASE CAMP

The day wraps up as campers wind down with problem-solving games.

All images feature actual campers enjoying our new 2024 program.

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

Grades: K - 6th

Location: St. Joan of Arc School
230 S Law St, Aberdeen, MD 21001

Date: July 8 - 12, 2024

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
\$270 (before discount)
Extended Day Hours Available: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM | Additional \$100

Camp Directors:

Melissa Field | mfield@stjoanarc.org
Megan Reith | mreith@stjoanarc.org

Exciting news for this location: We are offering an Extended Day experience, making our program schedule more convenient for busy families. With Extended Day, your program will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with an additional cost of \$100 per week. To sign up for this program schedule, please select the Extended Day option during checkout.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://www.invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.

SAVE \$25 WITH CODE

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AT [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp)

Offer expires March 27, 2024

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ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

FAMILY NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 | 7:35 PM
SECU ARENA (TOWSON UNIVERSITY)



BALTIMORE BLAST
VS. KANSAS CITY COMETS



Catholic
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Join Catholic school families from around the archdiocese for a night of fun!



First Kick by Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools **Special Guest**

Choir Performance: Resurrection-St. Paul School

Band Performance: Immaculate Conception School, St. Louis School, and Saint Ursula School

\$23 per ticket

Questions?! Contact Mark Meszaros at mmeszaros@baltimoreblast.com

PURCHASE TICKETS
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Back by popular demand

Pancakes for Pollinators



February 13, 2024

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with your SJA family by participating in this year's Pancakes for Pollinators! Bring in a donation of at least \$1 and the 8th grade class will cook and serve you a homemade pancake breakfast.

- What:** Pancake Breakfast
- When:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- Time:** 8:30-9:30 am
- Where:** Your homeroom classroom

