



# St. Joan of Arc School

January 24, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Thank you students and parents for transitioning quickly to our virtual asynchronous learning. Our next snow day will follow these same procedures.

We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 28 – February 2. See the attached information for updated details of our week.

Please be considerate of our neighbors. Do not park in the crosswalks, in front of driveways, or double park at pick up and drop off.

Reminder, those picking up for clubs need to pull into the lot just as we do for afternoon pickup. All clubs will dismiss at 4:15pm. Please be patient so everyone is safe.

Help us spread the word about SJA's Open House. Please share this link on your Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/6934042706721500>

Support the Home Team... Friday, January 26 is a Ravens Dress Down Day. Students can wear their St. Joan of Arc sweatpants with a Ravens or purple/black jersey, t-shirt, sweatshirt.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

## Important Events

January 17 – March 15	Hershey Park ticket sales
January 19	Raven Dress Down Day
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



## Update from the Archdiocese of Baltimore- Chapter 11 Process Information

The Archdiocese of Baltimore is in a Chapter 11 Reorganization process and as we all work through these steps, there are some items that the parish/school is doing to fulfill the court ordered requirements. One of those requirements is for all parishes and schools to make public that a final date has been decided upon that will serve as a deadline for anyone who has a claim, to submit it to the court. Please [click here](#) for more information.

### **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.

### **Good Samaritan Food Collection**

Help stock our food pantry for the winter months. Items will be collected throughout Catholic Schools Week – January 28 – February 2. See attached flyer for needed items

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **HSA**

Support SJA on Monday, February 5 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the Panera in Beards Hills. See attached flyer for more details.

**St. Joan of Arc Parish News**

Cana Dinner & Marriage Celebration – February 10.

Treat your beloved to a lovely night out starting at 5:00pm Mass with a renewal of vows, followed by cocktails and a catered dinner with other married couples and singles. For more information [click](#) here.





## WE ARE A PROUD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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social media using #ArchBaltCSW24

### **Sunday, January 28 - 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.

*Students wear your SJA uniform to Church, take a photo with a priest, deacon, pastor or a teacher, send the photo to [emaid@stjoanarc.org](mailto:emaid@stjoanarc.org). You will receive a dress down pass for Friday, February 2.*

### **Monday, January 29 - Celebrating Our Parish Staff**

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

### **Tuesday, January 30 – Celebrating Our Community**

Students 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, January 31 - Celebrating Our Students**

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

*Students have a comfy day at school. Wear your SJA sweatpants and your favorite sweatshirt to school.*

### **Thursday, February 1 – 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.

*Dress down day for students who received a pass.*

# SJA Good Samaritan Pantry

SJA students is collecting the following items over the next two weeks!

January 28 – February 2

Please consider sending in the donations assigned to your grade.



GRADE	DONATION Small sizes!
Prekindergarten & 8th grade	Pasta and sauce, Mac and Cheese
Kindergarten & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Applesauce, cans of fruits – low sugar, grape jelly
1 <sup>st</sup> grade & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Body wash, shampoo, laundry detergent (prefer Tide pod type detergents)
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Cans of vegetables, can openers
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade & 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper

Let's all help to support the needs of those in our community!



## HELP SUPPORT

# St. Joan of Arc School

### JOIN US IN THE CAFE OR ORDER ONLINE.

**WHERE:** 1022 Beards Hill Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001

**WHEN:** Monday, February 5, 2024

**FROM:** 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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# FAMILY NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 | 7:35 PM  
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**BALTIMORE BLAST**  
**VS. KANSAS CITY COMETS**



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*Rise ABOVE*

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



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**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](mailto:mmeszaros@baltimoreblast.com)

**PURCHASE TICKETS**  
[baltimoreblast.com/archdiocese/](http://baltimoreblast.com/archdiocese/)



*Back by popular demand*

# *Pancakes for Pollinators*



February 13, 2024

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with your SJA family by participating in this years 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







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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](mailto:mfield@stjoanarc.org)  
Megan Reith | [mreith@stjoanarc.org](mailto: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.

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