



St. Joan of Arc School

January 31, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week. Our students welcomed the week attending their parish services and sharing about SJA with their communities. Monday, we thanked our parish staff for their continued support. Tuesday, we reached out to local community members with thank you cards. Today, we welcomed Chancellor Greg Farno from the Department of Catholic Schools and to our campus to share the joy at SJA. Students enjoyed Chick –fil-A breakfast, Buddy Activities and BINGO. Friday, we will recognize our teachers for their dedication and hard work. Everyone is welcome to join us for our prayer service at 11:15am in the Church to close out Catholic Schools Week. Dismissal will be at 12:05pm.

Reminder that our School day begins at 8:10am. Students should arrive beginning at 7:50am go to their homeroom, and be ready for prayer to start the day at 8:10am. Students arriving after 8:10am are to be brought to the Law Street entrance and signed in by their parent.

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. Parents need to stay in their cars on the lot. Students will come to the car.

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.

Our **Food Collection** for Good Samaritan House goes through Friday, February 2. Please consider making a donation.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal



Important Events

January 28 – February 2	Catholic Schools Week Food Collection for Good Samaritan House
February 2	11:15am Prayer Service 12:05 dismissal - No aftercare
February 4	
February 5 - 8	Student Council - Valentine Candy Grams Sales 50¢
February 6	School Liturgy – 8:30am
February 9	MS Valentine Social 6:30pm – 8:30pm.
February 12	Dress Down Red t-shirt/sweatshirt and SJA sweatpants Class Valentine Parties 2:15pm
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
February 20	School Liturgy – 8:30am
February 23	Stations of the Cross – 2:00pm

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

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.

Current Positions at SJA

St. Joan of Arc School is seeking candidates for the following positions: Extended Care Staff (3:00pm - 6:00pm M-F) and Summer Camp Counselors (June & July). If you are interested please contact: extendedcare@stjoanarc.org

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!

SJA Summer Camp applications are now open. See attached flyer for information and registration.

Camp Invention, hosted at SJA is a separate application. [Click here](#) for Camp Invention registration..

HSA

Panera Bread Fundraiser

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

RaiseRight Fundraiser

RaiseRight Fundraiser is active all year! Need a refresher on how it works? Sign up for a RaiseRight account linked to our school. Use school code A9C13C7351446 to earn for SJA if you haven't created an account yet.

Browse gift cards (and percentage earnings for each) on their site from hundreds of brands. Search for stores/restaurants/websites where you normally shop, and compare percentages to what you may earn on your own bank or credit card rewards.

Buy e-cards to use right away, or store in a virtual wallet. The earnings go to the school automatically. Half of your earnings can be applied towards your next year's tuition.

If you choose physical gift cards, place your order by Feb. 15 to be included in the next school group order. It's been taking about a week to ship. E-cards are always available to purchase anytime, and almost immediately available.

Current Bonuses - Valentine Bonuses running January 27-February 9. Bonuses increase earnings for varying select brands for a limited time - e.g. increasing a brand's normal 12% earnings to 17% for 10 days.

St. Joan of Arc Parish News

Pre- Lent Event – February 4th

On Sunday at 9:30am we will have our next Parish Faith Formation Event: Our 'Pre-Lent Event!' Parish Faith Formation is for ALL parishioners, young and old, families and singles! We will have hospitality, music, prayer, seasonal activities and discussion for all ages. For more information, [click here](#).

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.



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 th grade	Applesauce, cans of fruits – low sugar, grape jelly
1 st grade & 4 th grade	Body wash, shampoo, laundry detergent (prefer Tide pod type detergents)
2 nd grade & 6 th grade	Cans of vegetables, can openers
3 rd grade & 7 th grade	Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper

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

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
Schools
Rise ABOVE

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
baltimoreblast.com/archdiocese/





Welcome to St. Joan of Arc School's 2024 Good Vibes Only Summer Camp! We look forward to providing your child with the best summer ever. SJA is offering 8 weeks of summer camp, making it easy to fit one or more weeks into your schedule. To register [click here](#).

Week 1: Around the World - June 10-14, Camp Cost \$260 (5 days)

We will travel around the world in 5 days! Fun facts, games, traditions and food samples from around the world, ending the week with an International Dance Party!

Week 2: Nature Week - June 17-21, Camp Cost \$208 (4 days)

Nature, Nature, Nature! Learn about critters and their habitats, as well as our outdoors with Mrs. Simmons! Please note there is no camp on Wednesday, June 19th.

Week 3: Creative Chefs - June 24 -28, Camp Cost \$310 (5 days)

We will cook all week preparing dishes that the kids will eat from fresh ingredients. Everyone will learn kitchen safety and how to use kitchen tools to make yummy foods!

Week 4: Independence Week - July 1-3, Camp Cost \$156 (3 days)

Hot dogs, Baseball and Apple pie! This 3-day week is all things USA!

Week 5: Camp Invention - July 8-12, See Separate Registration (5 days)

Camp Invention is a high-energy, hands-on STEM Camp. Register at [Camp Invention](#).

Week 6: Water Fun - July 15 -19, Camp Cost \$260 (5 days)

Water, water everywhere! Join us for lots and lots of outdoor water fun!

Week 7: Art/Music – July 22 – 26, Camp Cost \$260 (5 days)

Come ready to create!

Week 8: VBC Week - July 29- August 2, Camp Cost \$180 (5 days)

This is an add on to SJA VBC. To register for VBC please contact the parish. Hours for this week are M-Thurs 11:30am – 5:00pm and Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm



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

FUND4U

Use this code during checkout

**USE OUR PROMO CODE AT
ONLINE CHECKOUT** from 4pm-8pm

- ✓ Online at Panerabread.com
- ✓ In the Panera App
- ✓ At the kiosk in cafe

20% OF TOTAL NET SALES WILL BE DONATED TO YOUR ORGANIZATION.*

Bring this flier or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.

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**Services vary by cafe.

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

