



St. Joan of Arc School

February 21, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Please mark your calendar for **March 10**. Archbishop Lori will visit to dedicate and bless our new Chapel and Parish Life Center. Parents and students will be invited to the Parish Life Center for the blessing at approximately 9:30am followed by Liturgy. More details to follow.

Some of our parents have reported that they did not receive an email last week through our SWIFT K notification system. There seems to be a communication problem between the system and *gmail* accounts. We are working to fix the problem.

We have been asked by the Aberdeen Police department not to double park on Law Street or Plater Street during our pick up or drop off times. Those not following these laws may possibly receive a citation. Information about pick up and drop off procedures can be found in the Handbook on page 15.

The 24 –25 School year Grant & Aid application deadline is **February 28, 2024**. There are no exceptions, if you have questions, contact Pam Franke at pfranke@stjoanarc.org.

Deadline to re-register is **March 1, 2024** for the 24 -25 School Year. Click [here](#) to register. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Elisa Maid.

See attached letter for tuition rates and information for the 2024 -2025 school year.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal



Important Events

February 23	Stations of the Cross – 2:00pm
February 25	Uniform Swap 10:00am -11:15am
February 27	School Liturgy – 8:30am
February 29	Leap Day! What will you do?
March 1	Professional Day – School Closed
March 4 - 8	Dr. Seuss Week
March 5	School Liturgy – 8:30am
March 7	School Reconciliation 10:00am
March 8	Uniform Swap 8:15am – 10:00am, 2:00pm – 3:30pm T2 Closes Stations of the Cross – 2:00pm
March 10	Dedication of Chapel and Parish Life Center
March 11	Uniform Swap 8:15am – 10:00am
March 12	School Liturgy – 8:30am
March 14	Dessert Night – You’re about to be served! 6:00 -8:00pm
March 15	End of Hershey Park ticket sales Stations of the Cross – 2:00pm
March 18	School closed – no aftercare
March 19	Liturgy 8:30am Awards Assembly
March 22	Stations of the Cross – 2:00pm
March 25	Picture Day
March 27	10:00am Living Stations 12:05 dismissal
March 28	Faculty Retreat - School closed
March 29 – April 5	Easter Break

Annual Tree Program

SJA will participate in the Annual Free Tree Program. See the attached flyer for information on to receive a free tree.

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. Only a few spots left! [Click here](#) to apply.

Nurse's Note

It is that time of year! We are currently having a large amount of ill students. Their symptoms vary from fevers, headaches, sore throats, cough, stomach aches to Covid and Flu.

We are asking if your student complains of any of these things, please keep them home and evaluate them for at least 24 hours. Please DO NOT medicate them and send them to school. We need to try to keep our students, faculty and staff healthy! If we work together, we can do these!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me: sbaer@stjoanarc.org.

Pick up and Drop off

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 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.

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.

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 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

RaiseRight Fundraiser is active all year! Use school code A9C13C7351446. [Click here](#) to sign up. Upcoming Bonuses - Raise Days running February 29 - March 1. Bonuses only for eGift cards and reloadable gift cards.

Joe Corbi Pizza sales begin February 29. Look for information and a flyer on Monday, February 26.

Save the Date – BINGO – April 19.

Uniform Swaps – See flyer for dates and times.

St. Joan of Arc Parish News

Lenten Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross every Friday until March 22.

Doors open at 4:30pm; Stations are at 7:00pm. See the [parish website](#) for more details.



Uniform Swap

Feb 25- 10am-11am

****Sunday After the 8:30 Mass & Before the 11:15 Mass**

March 8- 8:15am-10am, 2pm-3:30pm

Friday

March 11- 8:15am-10am

Monday

**SJA Church Hall
(basement of church)**

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)**



Neighborhood Forest

giving trees to children

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This spring, we are thrilled to announce our participation in [Neighborhood Forest's](#) 15th Annual Free Tree Program as part of our Earth Week celebrations from April 22nd to 26th!

Since 2010, Neighborhood Forest has engaged over 1,500 institutions, reached over 500,000 families and planted over 130,000 (mostly urban and residential) trees through the hands of children and parents across North America.

We are excited to be participating in this wonderful program that teaches youth about the importance of environmental stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow.

Please fill out the following online registration form by March 15th and receive a free tree (6-12 inches in size) during Earth Week (April 22-26). The tree species will be announced in early April. Neighborhood Forest aims to provide native trees in all regions they serve.

Register to receive a free tree for Earth Day to plant with your child:
<https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration/?school=26462>

You will also have the option to donate and/or purchase additional trees and tree-related educational products (via the registration form). Please note this is optional and any purchases/donations will help fund more free trees for kids in the program.

Other products that are purchased by you will be fulfilled by Neighborhood Forest.

Instructions on planting and caring for the trees, along with species details, will be emailed a few days before the tree delivery and will also be accessible online.

Thank you for your support and participation. For more information about this program, please visit www.neighborhoodforest.org or www.facebook.com/neighborhoodforest.

Warmly regards,
Mrs. Stephanie Cosgrove



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith. Focused on the Future

The budget has been developed and tuition has been set for the 2024 - 2025 school year. There is a tuition increase of \$150.00 this year, approximately 1.7%. This is to accommodate adequate compensation for our faculty. In order to recruit and retain highly qualified educators, we are working towards compensation at 80% of the rate for Baltimore County teachers. We are grateful to our faculty for their commitment to Catholic Education.

2024 -2025 TUITION RATES

	<u>1 Child</u>	<u>2 Children</u>	<u>3 Children</u>	<u>4 Children</u>	<u>5 Children</u>
Active Catholic	\$7,950.00	15,400.00	22,600.00	29,550.00	36,250.00
Non-Catholic	\$8,950.00	17,400.00	25,600.00	33,550.00	41,250.00

- Technology Fee is included in the tuition rates.
- The Catholic Tuition Discount Form must be submitted each year in order to qualify for the Catholic discount of \$1,000.00 per child.
- A Multi Child Discount is given in this way: a \$500.00 discount for two children; a \$1,250.00 discount for three children; a \$2,250.00 discount for four children, and \$3500.00 discount for five children.
- 8th grade fee is \$200.00. Final payment is due by April 15, 2025
 - Includes Yearbook, Retreat and Graduation Fees

Application and Registration Fees (non-refundable)

New Students

Application Fee: \$99.00

Registration Fee: \$175.00

Continuing Students

Re-registration \$200.00 each year*

*Please note that \$75.00 of the re-registration fee will be waived for students re-registering by February 10, 2024.

FACTS Tuition Management and Financial Aid Information for the 2024-2025 School Year

FACTS will continue to serve as the preferred provider for financial aid and tuition management service within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. FACTS Tuition Management Company will collect all tuition payments, including payment in full, semi-annual and monthly payments. **ALL FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP AND MAKE PAYMENT THROUGH FACTS** utilizing automatic bank payments (EFT) or by credit card. (*There is an additional fee for processing the credit card option). Easy and convenient online registration is available.

FACTS Grant and Aid

Tuition Assistance for the 2024-25 School Year is available through the Archdiocese of Baltimore for all families who qualify. To apply, please visit the FACTS Grant and Aid website at www.factstuitionaid.com. FACTS Grant and Aid application fee is \$35.00. The deadline to apply for Archdiocesan Assistance is February 28, 2024. FACTS will require the submission of 2022 Tax Return and 2023 W2.

Additional assistance is available through St. Joan of Arc School and Parish. The process of using FACTS will be the same for AOB or local assistance distribution. Our goal is to help all families afford a Catholic education for their children. Additional funds are available through **Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program** for those students who qualify by income. For more information, go to <http://marylandpublicschools.org/pages/boost/index.aspx>