



# St. Joan of Arc School

February 7, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Thank you for all the donations for our Good Samaritan House, there is great need at this time of year to replenish our food pantry. Your generosity has helped local families in need.

Please mark your calendar for **March 10**. Archbishop Lori will visit to dedicate and bless our new Chapel and Parish Life Center. More details to follow in next few weeks.

Next week will be busy with different activities. Take note of the list of events and two dress down days: **Monday, February 12**, *red t-shirt/sweatshirt* and SJA sweatpants.

**Tuesday, February 13** is Shrove Tuesday. Students bring \$1 and can enjoy a pancake breakfast prepared by our 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Wednesday, February 14** is Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. Students will attend church service at 8:30am with the parish. Parents are welcome to join us.

**Friday, February 16**, last Corner Stone Dress Down Day, \$1 - full dress down day (no leggings.)

The faculty and staff would like to thank the parents and students for all the wonderful gifts we received on Friday of Catholic Schools Week. SJA families are wonderful!

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal



## Important Events

February 7 - 9	Student Council - Valentine Candy Grams Sales 50¢
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 Grades (PreK – 5)
February 13	No School Liturgy – Shrove Tuesday <b>Pancakes for Pollinators Breakfast – see attached flyer</b>
February 14	Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday – Liturgy 8:30am
February 16	STEM Project Day Last Corner Stone Dress Down Day \$1 (no leggings) <b>12:05 dismissal - No aftercare</b>
February 19	<b>School Closed – President's Day</b>
February 20	School Liturgy – 8:30am
February 23	Stations of the Cross – 2:00pm
February 27	School Liturgy – 8:30am
February 29	Leap Day! What will you do?

## 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](mailto:sbaer@stjoanarc.org).

Thank you for your help and understanding!

### **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.

### **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.

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

### **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](mailto: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](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!

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**

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 through 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**

#### **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.



### **Pastorate News**

The Pastorate of Prince of Peace and St Francis de Sales is bringing Cooper Ray to St Francis de Sales on Saturday evening (2/10). SJA families are invited to share family friendly music and faith. See attached flyer.



# 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.
- 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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>

*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





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

# Joy Filled Families of Faith



**Cooper Ray**  
Speaker & Musician

Cooper is a dynamic & light-hearted speaker and musician who shares his faith with honesty and passion. Through music, story, humor, and audience participation, Cooper leads groups of all ages to a greater awareness of who they are as Catholic Christians and how to recognize God's presence in their lives.

Families of all shapes & sizes are invited to

“A night of music, stories, fun, encouragement, and prayer for the WHOLE family!”

**SATURDAY FEB 10, 2024**

**SFDS CAMPUS**

**6PM DINNER KILDUFF HALL**

**6:30PM SPEAKER MAIN CHURCH**

**RSVP**  
**for Dinner**

