



# St. Joan of Arc School

March 13, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

What a beautiful day we had on Sunday, March 10 with the dedication of the Chapel and Parish Life Center. Special thank you to all the parents who brought their students to participate in the many pieces of the celebration. We pray our new spaces will bring many *joyful* celebrations to our community.

Although the Parish Life Center was dedicated on Sunday, we are still not safely ready to use the space for instruction. Our hope is that when we return from our Easter Break we will be fully operational.

As promised from Catholic Schools Week, we will have parent visitation on March 19. Join us for Mass and the Awards Assembly beginning at 8:30am in the Church, followed by school visitation from 10:00am - 11:10am. All visitors will need to sign in and be put through our **Raptor System** to visit the school and classrooms. A driver's license is needed that day. In order to speed up the process on March 19; you can be pre - approved and have your name tag waiting for you when you enter by completing the Parent Visitation Day Form. [Click here](#) to complete.

Please contact the school office if you have questions. (410) 272 - 1387 or [svara@stjoanarc.org](mailto:svara@stjoanarc.org)

Don't forget to send in a cereal box for the Domino Relay. All cereal will be donated after the relay to "We Can Cerve," "Harford Family House," and "The SJA Good Samaritan House." See attached flyer for details.

Last chance to order Joe Corbi's and to purchase Hershey Park Tickets at a reduced rate is March 15. This is also the last day to order a free tree for Earth Day. Don't miss out on these chances to support SJA! See the attached flyers for details.

Students can wear the Spring uniform options beginning April 8. We will hold one more uniform swap on March 20, 8:00am – 10:00am and 3:00pm to 5:00pm. See attached flyer for more details.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

## Important Events

March 14	Pi Day 3.14 Dessert Night – You're about to be served! 6:00 -8:00pm
March 15	End of Hershey Park ticket and Joe Corbi sales Stations of the Cross – 2:10pm Report Cards sent home
March 18	School closed – Teacher PD Day no aftercare
March 19	Liturgy 8:30am and Awards Assembly Parent Visitation Day 10:00am – 11:10am
March 20	Uniform Swap
March 22	Stations of the Cross – 2:10pm
March 25	Picture Day – Individual Chick –fil-A Night
March 26	Domino Relay – See attached flyer
March 27	10:30am Living Stations 12:05 dismissal
March 28	Faculty Retreat - School closed



March 29 – April 5	Easter Break
April 8	School reopens – Spring uniform Casey Cares Pajama Drive begins
April 9	Pre K Meet and Greet

### **Nurse's Note**

**Health Forms** for the next school year are available on the School's website, under Nurse. Paper forms will be sent home after Spring Break.

Please continue to contact me if your child is absent from school along with their teachers. Please include their symptoms so illnesses can be tracked. ([sbaer@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sbaer@stjoanarc.org))

### **Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools Stakeholder Survey**

The Archdiocese of Baltimore and SJA are committed to seeking ways to improve and enhance our educational practices to better meet the needs of our students, families and staff.

With this in mind, we have launched the Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools Stakeholder survey, which is a vital component of our ongoing efforts for continuous improvement. This survey aims to gather valuable feedback from every member of our school communities, helping us gain insights to strengthen our school culture, climate, and Catholic Identity. Parents and Guardians are asked to complete the survey by March 15. It is important that all stakeholder groups complete the survey. Please note, survey responses will remain anonymous to encourage candid and honest feedback.

[Click here](#) to complete the survey.

### **Hershey Park – Every 10 tickets sold provides a free ticket for one of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to attend their trip in the spring.**

Discounted Hershey Park tickets are on sale. Ticket sales end 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.

### **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.

### **BOOST Scholarship Program**

The BOOST (Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today) Scholarship Program provides scholarship awards for some students who are eligible for the free or reduced-price school meals program (FARMs) to attend eligible nonpublic schools. Please click [here](#) for more information.

The parent application for the 2024-2025 school year will be open from February 28 – May 3, 2024.

This program is run through the State of Maryland. If you have any questions please email them to [boost.msde@maryland.gov](mailto:boost.msde@maryland.gov).

### **Pick up and Drop off**

Reminder that 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.

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

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.

### **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. RaiseRight currently has a 'Feeling Lucky,' for more details please see attached flyer.

**Joe Corbi Pizza** sales end March 15. See attached flyer for details.

**Chick –fil-A Spirit Night** – Monday, March 25. See attached flyer for details.

**Save the Date – BINGO** – April 19.

### **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.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day – March 17 at **St. Patrick's in Havre de Grace**. 3:00pm – 6:00pm. [Click here](#) for more details.

MSGR. ODWYER Retreat House presents "*Wonder with JPPI*" for MS Students June, July, August 2024. See attached flyer for details.

### **Community News**

The City of Aberdeen produces a weekly electronic newsletter, **the Aberdeen Advocate**, packed with all the latest happenings in and around town, including new businesses, construction updates, and local events & activities! [Click here](#) to subscribe.

**Harford Family House** supports families and adult individuals who are experiencing homelessness. See the attached flyer for opportunities to volunteer to support their program this summer.

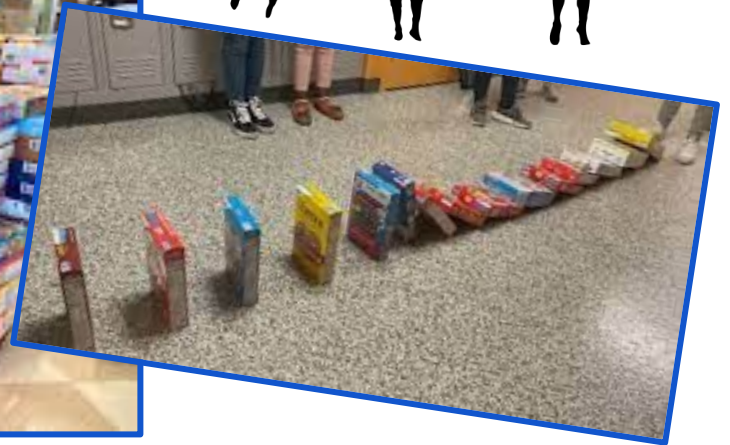
# *Filling our walls with Joy*

## **Domino Relay**

*March 26, 2024*

Please help the SJA community fill our new building with JOY by bringing in boxes of cereal! We are going to enter into our new building with thanksgiving and praise, giving JOY to the Lord for the all He has done, and especially for our new building!!!

The donated items will be used to make one, epic, domino relay. After the event all items will be donated to the "We Can Cerve", "Harford Family House" and "The SJA Good Samaritan House".



# Uniform Swap

March 20 Wednesday  
8am-10am & 3pm-5pm

**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
  - Only Bring in uniform Pieces with SJA Logo (if that piece of clothing requires the logo)
  - 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)



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





# St. Joan of Arc HSA 2024 Joe Corbi Fundraiser



**Sale starts TODAY!!**

**Orders & money due: March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Online ordering closes on the above end date.

**Pick Up: Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Put a reminder in your phone to pick up your order!



Get a chance to  
"CRACK THE VAULT"  
and win **\$20,000 CASH**  
when you register for online sales!

Go to [www.joecorbi.com/prizes/crackthevault](http://www.joecorbi.com/prizes/crackthevault)

**Create your own POP-UP STORE!!**

### ONLINE ORDERING INFO:

Go to [www.joecorbi.com](http://www.joecorbi.com). Click PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION @ top of page; click REGISTER NOW *or* scan the QR code; Use **Organization #2581** to create *YOUR* 6-digit Participation Code. **DO NOT use an old Participant Code!** Set up a new PC for this sale!! Family & friends can order and pay online! See box below on how to earn discounted product!



**Online ordering ends on 3/15/24**

## We are raising \$\$ to support the HSA!

**LET US HELP YOU SPREAD THE WORD ~Earn UP TO 50% OFF your 1<sup>st</sup> item ordered online!**

When you set up your Participant Account for the first time, enter your family, friends, and co-workers' emails and/or cell phone numbers. You will get 10% off for every 10 names (along with email and/or cell #) entered at that time, up to 50% off your 1<sup>st</sup> item ordered online! Once registered, you cannot go back and enter more emails/cell phone #'s to get the % off coupon.



### Prizes~Prizes~Prizes!



**Sell 4+ items per FAMILY...Get an OUT OF UNIFORM Day!!**

Please be sure to send *each student name and homeroom* to the email below so can *each student* gets an Out of Uniform pass. Out of Uniform date to be announced later.

**Top Seller will earn...  SKY ZONE TRAMPOLINE PARK Family Fun Pack!!**

Family Fun Pack = 4 1-hour passes, 1 large~1 topping pizza, 4 fountain drinks! An \$80 value. Good at 23 W. Aylesbury Rd. Timonium, MD 21093 or Rt 40, Rosedale, MD. Cannot be used during Glow or Toddler Time. Some restrictions apply. Jump times may not be reserved.

**Sell 2 items...Get a PRIZE! See flyer for details.** Check out the Eggceptional prize video at [www.smartfundraising.com/prizes](http://www.smartfundraising.com/prizes).

#### IMPORTANT DETAILS

Make check/money orders payable to **St. Joan of Arc HSA**. Highlight the items ordered on the Summary Sheet ...Fill out the Summary Sheet completely in case we need to contact you...Return **SUMMARY SHEET, CASH, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER** in an envelope...Keep the order form for your records.

**No Refunds!!**

#### HOW TO HELP

Show the catalog to friends, relatives, and staff. Collect payment when order is taken. Or, add your family, friend's & co-worker's cell phone or email address when you register to sell virtually. We will help you spread the word about your fundraiser! ~DO NOT COLLECT TAX~

To make sure your order gets placed, have your customers place their order online or, collect cash or checks, *made out to you*, then *YOU* put the order in online!  
*This will eliminate the chance of your order not getting to the chair.*



Thank You So Much

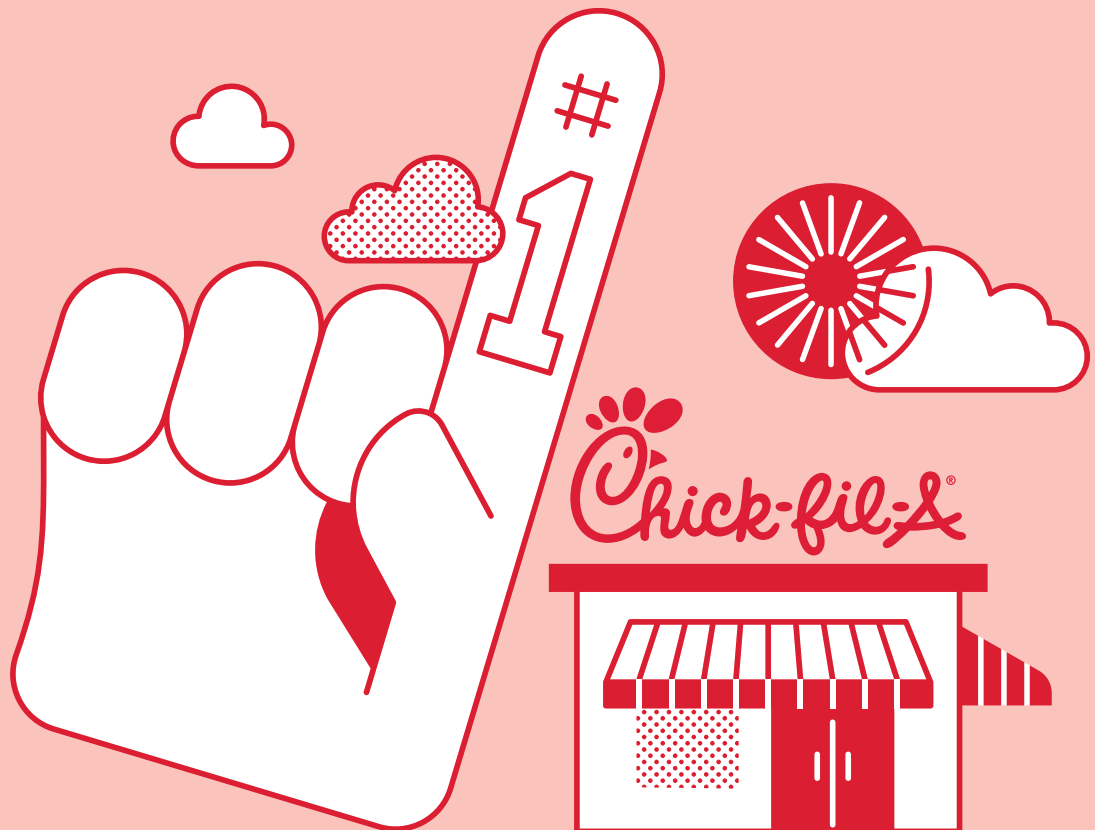
**If you have any questions, please contact Christina Hinch @ [CMHinch33@gmail.com](mailto:CMHinch33@gmail.com)**

We are unable to store items left behind. If you are unable to pick up your order, please make arrangements for another person to get it for you. FOOD NOT PICKED UP WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.

# Spirit Night

Monday, March 25th, 2024  
5:00pm-8:00pm

Join us for food and fun. Come support St. Joan of Arc and 10% of the evening's sales will be donated back to your school. Make sure to mention "St. Joan of Arc Spirit Night" at the register or use the code "SJASPIRIT" when placing a mobile order.





# Feelin' Lucky?

MARCH 11-15

\$50

Purchase a gift card or eGift card from any brand to be entered to win a \$50 gift card from your choice of 1 of 5 sponsoring brands.



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## Giveaway details

- 1 entry = any online order of at least \$25, March 11-15.
- Limit of one entry per participant per day.
- 5 lucky participants will be randomly selected to win a \$50 gift card (1 per day).

*Plus, each of your qualifying purchases counts as an entry for your organization to win free organizational shipping for a year.*

Place an order now in the RaiseRight™ mobile app or at [RaiseRight.com](https://www.RaiseRight.com)



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# WONDER with JPII



## CREATION

Day 1 - We will WONDER at the created world around us, through exploration, observation, and learning about God as Creator.

## LEADERSHIP

Day 2 - We will WONDER at the unique leadership gifts that we all have and put them into practice them on the Low Ropes Course.

## CHALLENGE

Day 3 - We will WONDER at new heights while challenging ourselves on our High Ropes Course!

Join us for 3 full days of programming all about what it means to be created in God's Image! We will utilize Pope St. John Paul II's teachings to explore our relationships with God, ourselves, others, and creation! There will be time for prayer, small group discussion, team building challenges, games, pool time, and more!

### CHOOSE YOUR SESSION:

JUNE  
25-27

JULY  
16-18

AUGUST  
6-8

FOR INCOMING  
6TH, 7TH, & 8TH  
GRADERS!

All sessions run 8:30-3:00

REGISTER USING THE QR CODE

\* price increases after 3/15\*

Limited spots, sign up today!

COST:  
\$175

Questions?

[faith.brake@archbalt.org](mailto:faith.brake@archbalt.org)



# SUMMER 2024

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Homeruns for the Homeless

Ripken Stadium

July 23rd

1-2 hour shifts between 6:30AM – 8:00PM

Ages 13 and up

- Filling coolers with ice/water/Gatorade
- Score keepers
- Assisting with the Golden Arm competition
- Runners
- Shagging balls (bring baseball glove if you have one)

### Hope for Harford's Homeless Golf Invitational

Maryland Golf & Country Clubs

August 5th

Shifts between 8:00AM - 5:30PM

- Assisting with registration
- Raffles
- Scoring and spotting
- Fundraising

### Charm City Moonlight Run

Harford County Equestrian Center

July 13th

6:15PM – 10:15PM

All ages, however, if under 13, parent must be present to assist and will be dependent on responsibility

- Pre-race set up
- Parking
- Distributing t shirts and medals
- Directing participants
- Clean up



Interested individuals should contact Sue LeBuhn at [SLebuhn@harfordfamilyhouse.org](mailto:SLebuhn@harfordfamilyhouse.org)