



# St. Joan of Arc School

March 20, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Thank you everyone who joined us for Liturgy, Awards and Parent Visitation yesterday. It was a beautiful day to share all the great things happening on our campus.

We have extended our Hershey Park ticket sales until April 12. This is a great opportunity to purchase reduced price admission, meal and parking tickets. Every 10 tickets we sell provides a free ticket for one of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to attend their trip in the spring.

We are still in need of Cereal for our Domino Relay. The more boxes the more dominos in the relay and the more donations we can make to “We Can Cerve,” “Harford Family House,” and “The SJA Good Samaritan House.” See attached flyer for details.

Picture Day is March 25. Students may dress up for these photos. Order Forms were sent home today.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal



## Important Events

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 - no aftercare
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	Liturgy 8:30am Pre K Meet and Greet
April 12	Hershey Park tickets sales ends
April 15	Joe Corbi pick up day.
April 19	BINGO 6:30pm

## 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))

## **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 extended to April 12. 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 until 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.

### **Chess Club**

Chess Club forming! See attached flyer for information and permission slip.

### **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..

### **Home School Association**

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

**BINGO – April 19** - See attached flyer for information.

Use this link to purchase tickets <https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stjoanarc/bingo>

### **St. Joan of Arc Parish News**

Last Lenten Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross is March 22. Doors open at 4:30pm; Stations are at 7:00pm. See the [parish website](#) for details of the Holy Week Schedule.

MSGR. ODWYER Retreat House presents “*Wonder with JPII*” 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.

**Attention! Attention! Attention!**

**Chess Club Forming**

**Grades 4-8**

When: Tuesdays starting April 16th and ending May 14th.

Time: 3:15-4:15

Where: St. Joan of Arc –Grade 5 classroom

Bring a chessboard and chess pieces (if possible)



Students will meet once a week to learn how to play chess, practice strategies, and play matches.

Parent volunteers who are knowledgeable in the area of chess are welcome to help with the teaching of chess.

Please sign and return the permission slip by March 27, 2024.

Mrs. Baur

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My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has permission to participate in chess club on Tuesdays from April 16th-May 14th.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# *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".





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



# SJA BINGO NIGHT

\$20 pre-sale  
\$25 CASH  
at the door

Join us for an unforgettable evening of excitement, camaraderie, and the thrill of the win! Get your daubers ready and mark your calendars for an evening filled with anticipation and fun

**CASH  
PRIZES**

**BASKET  
AUCTION**

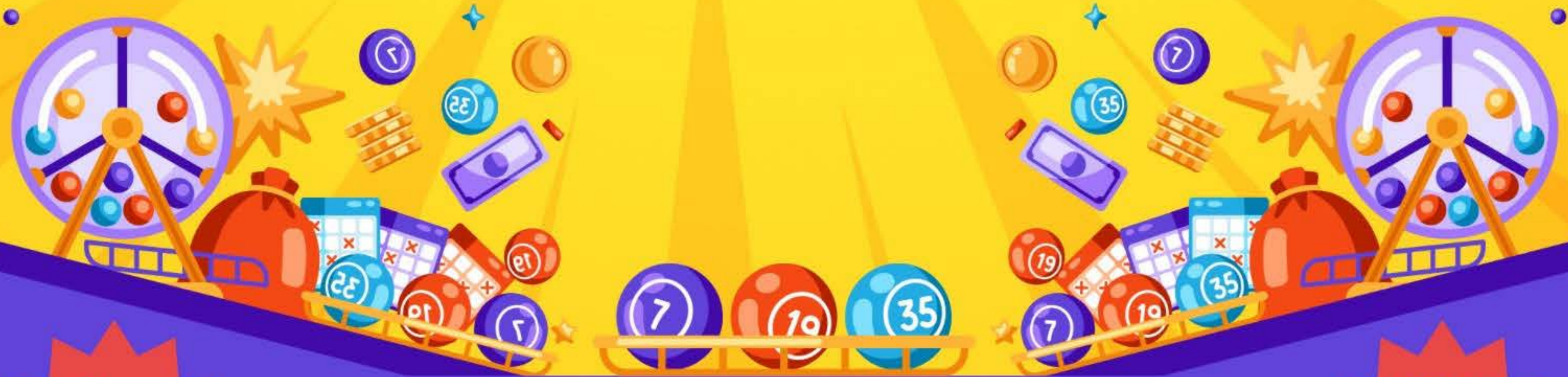
**ONLY WATER &  
SNACKS FOR  
SALE**



Friday, 19 April  
Doors open at 6:30pm  
Games start at 7pm



St Joan of Arc  
Church Hall (Basement)



Over  
\$300 in  
prizes

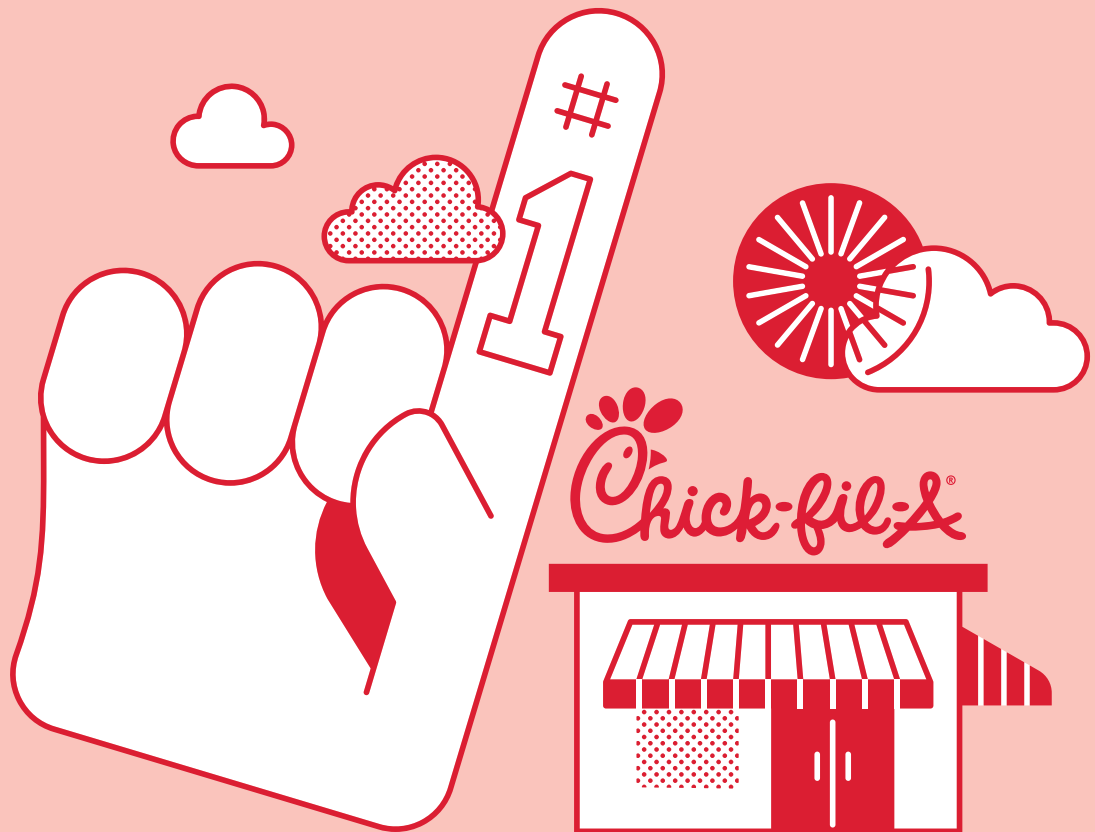
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an envelope with \$20 marked "HSA Bingo"  
to your homeroom teacher

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&  
FOOD

# Spirit Night

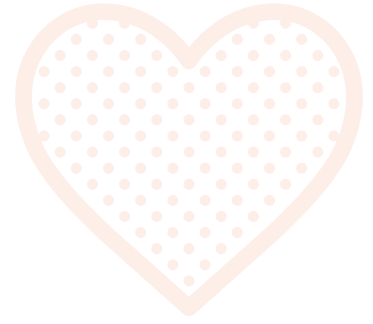
Monday, March 25th, 2024  
5:00pm-8:00pm

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.



# My School Cares Program

Courtesy of the Greater Baltimore  
Area Chick-fil-A Restaurants



## Collection Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

*Pajama collections can be held between February 5–April 30, 2024.*

## Service Project: Casey Cares Pajama Drive

**ABOUT CASEY CARES:** Casey Cares is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of critically ill children and their families by providing opportunities for family fun and engagement outside of the doctor appointments and hospital stays.

One of the major needs for Casey Cares is donations of New Pajamas for infants through young adult sizes. They provide fun pajamas to children on their birthdays, in the hospital and during in-home treatments to cheer them. They work with regional hospitals to provide pajamas throughout the year and give out over 60,000 pairs each year.

**LEARN MORE:** [www.caseycares.org](http://www.caseycares.org)

## Join in the fun and win prizes!

### Individual Prizes:

**PARTICIPATION PRIZE:** Each student who donates a new pair of pajamas will receive a coupon good for a free Chick-fil-A® Kids Meal (Elementary School) or Chick-fil-A® Sandwich/8 ct. Nuggets (Middle School). Value approximately \$5.29–\$6.59 per student.

**SUPER STAR PJ COLLECTOR:** Any individual that collects more than 40 new pairs of pajamas by hosting their own drive will receive a 20" Plush Chick-fil-A® Cow, and Chick-fil-A® Catering Tray Card good for a free small tray (value: \$70).

### Team Prizes:

**TOP 3 FUNDRAISING SCHOOL HOMEROOMS:** (Collecting over 40 new pair of pajamas)

- Prize: Milk & Cookie Party and Small Plush Cows delivered to your school (value: \$105.00).
- Homeroom Teacher will receive a coupon for a Small Chick-fil-A® Catering Tray (value: \$37.00).

*The participating school may submit up to (3) homeroom classes that qualified in collecting over 40 new pair of pajamas. In the event of a tie, the school will make the final decision on the top 3 homerooms selected to win the Milk & Cookie, Small Plush Cow party.*

**TOP FUNDRAISING GRADE LEVEL:** (Collecting over 100 pairs of pajamas)

- Prize: 5 ct. Nuggets, Buddy's Fruit Apple Sauce & Cookie (Elementary School) or 8 ct. Nuggets, Chips & Cookie (Middle School) party for the entire class level (value: \$9.00 per student served)!

*The participating school may submit only (1) grade level who qualified in collecting over 100 new pairs of pajamas. In the event of a tie, the school will make the final decision on the top grade level selected to win the lunch prize.*

**All pajamas will be collected by a Baltimore Area Chick-fil-A® or Casey Cares representative on Tuesday, April 30. Tracking sheets must be used & turned in for prizes. No exceptions.**





MSGR. O'DWYER RETREAT HOUSE PRESENTS  
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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)