



# St. Joan of Arc School

March 6, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

This week we celebrate Dr. Seuss and Read Across America, so far our students have read 100 books and it is only Wednesday.

We will begin next week with the dedication of our new Chapel and Parish Life Center on **March 10**. **There will be no 8:30am Liturgy in the Church on March 10.**

Parents and students are invited to the Parish Life Center for the blessing followed by Liturgy at 11:15am. Students are to be in their **formal school uniform** for the dedication. Students and parents need to arrive at 9:30am. Please park in the school lot and enter through the main entrance – (same entrance as the students enter in the mornings.) We will gather in the gym for a blessing by Archbishop Lori and song by our students. After the blessing students and their parents may move to the Church for the 11:15am liturgy. A reception in the Church Hall will follow the Liturgy. Families may also tour the Chapel and Parish Life Center until 2:00pm.

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10 at 2:00am. Clocks will go ahead one hour. *Don't be late for Mass on Sunday!*

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.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal



## Important Events

March 4 - 8	Dr. Seuss Week – see details below
March 7	School Reconciliation 10:00am
March 8	Uniform Swap 8:15am – 10:00am, 2:00pm – 3:30pm T2 Closes Stations of the Cross – 2:10pm
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	Pi Day 3.14 Dessert Night – You're about to be served! 6:00 -8:00pm
March 15	End of Hershey Park ticket sales Stations of the Cross – 2:10pm End of Joe Corbi sales Report Cards sent home
March 18	School closed – no aftercare
March 19	Liturgy 8:30am and Awards Assembly
March 22	Stations of the Cross – 2:10pm

March 25	Picture Day – Individual
March 26	Domino Relay – See attached flyer
March 27	10:00am Living Stations 12:05 dismissal
March 28	Faculty Retreat - School closed
March 29 – April 5	Easter Break

### **Domino Relay**

Full Cereal Boxes are needed for our Domino Relay on March 25. See attached flyer for details.

### **Nurse's Note**

#### **Hearing and Vision Screening Results**

The results of all Hearing and Vision Screenings will be sent home with your child this week. While some screenings took place at the end of November, some were just completed last week. Upper Chesapeake Medical Center's Outreach Department asked that I send all results at the same time.

If your child failed either Vision or Hearing, it is suggested that you follow up with their Primary Care Provider. If you have any questions, please let me know.

**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 – Each 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 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.

### **Annual Tree Program**

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

### **Dr. Seuss Week at SJA**

We will celebrate Dr. Seuss March 4 – 8. Listed are the themes for each day and the special dress or the day.

- March 4 - Monday-*I Am Not Going to Get up Today*- Wear pajama pants and favorite sweatshirt.
- March 5 - Tuesday-*The Cat in the Hat Day*-wear a hat today
- March 6 - Wednesday- *Horton Hears a Who Day* - Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss Character, or wear a Dr. Seuss T-shirt, PreK – Grade 2 attend play – “Cat in the Hat”
- March 7 - Thursday- *Fox in Socks Day*-Wear a pair of Silly Socks
- March 8 - Friday-*My Many Colored Days*- Wear your class colors!  
Pre-K and 8th Grade-Pink  
K and 5th Grade-Green  
1st and 4th-Purple  
2nd and 6th-Red  
3rd and 7th-Orange

### **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.

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)

### **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 end March 15. See attached flyer for details.

**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.

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.



# 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.*



**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.

# 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)**



# *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".





**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](http://www.neighborhoodforest.org) or [www.facebook.com/neighborhoodforest](https://www.facebook.com/neighborhoodforest).

Warmly regards,  
Mrs. Stephanie Cosgrove



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)**

