



# St. Joan of Arc School

April 10, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

What an amazing week we are having! Students having PE class in our new Gym, the new secure entrance being used for pick up and drop off, a solar eclipse and a meet and greet with our newest Knights, the PreK3 class.

Thank you all for your cooperation and patience as we move into our new space.

Students in their spring uniforms is a true sign of SPRING! Please be sure your student is in the correct uniform.

BINGO is back at SJA on April 19. Gather your friends and purchase your tickets [here](#) for a fun night at SJA.

Only 3 days left to purchase Hershey Park tickets at a reduced rate and to help support our school.

Friday, will be a special sports dress down day for all students. Students can wear their SJA gym shorts, favorite sports jersey or t-shirt and their tennis shoes.

Happy Easter and God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal



## Important Events

April 11	Grades 2 and 3 Baltimore Museum of Industry Field Trip
April 12	Hershey Park ticket sales end JC Rock Band 12:30pm
April 15	Joe Corbi pick up day.
April 16	Liturgy 8:30am
April 19	BINGO 6:30pm
April 22	Earth Day/STEM Day/Buddy Day
April 23	Liturgy 8:30am
April 26	12:05 dismissal
April 29	Spring Map Testing Week
April 30	Liturgy 8:30am

## Nurse's Notes

**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))

## **Water Bottles**

Please make sure you are sending your child to school with a refillable water bottle. We have been going through large amounts of plastic, single use water bottles here at school.

## **Allergies!!**

It is that time of year and the pollen counts are already soaring. If your child suffers from seasonal allergies, please be sure to medicate them prior to their arrival at school. We are seeing a lot of watery

eyes, nasal congestion and coughs that could be helped with this extra step at home. If your child needs to receive medication here at school, please send it in with a signed Medication Administration Authorization Form. [Click here](#) for form.

**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 Main entrance by their parent.

**STEM**

Check out this [link](#) for some exciting STEM Kits and opportunities.

**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**

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

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

Joe Corbi pick up day is April 15. The total sales were \$10,907. SJA profits \$2,821. Great Job everyone!

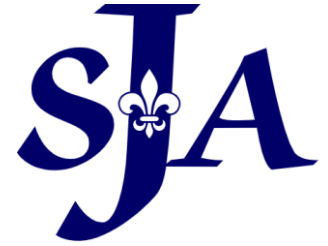
**St. Joan of Arc Parish News**

See the [parish website](#) for upcoming events.

**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.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM 2023-2024



School uniforms are purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniform Company.

Flynn O'Hara Uniforms  
8868 Waltham Woods Rd.  
Parkville, MD 21234  
410-828-4709  
<https://flynnohara.com/>

The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of that individual and his/her parents. We expect students to maintain the type of neatness and grooming that does not interfere with the health and safety of themselves or others, nor with the educational process or religious dimension of the school. All uniforms must be clean, in good repair and properly fitted. All clothing must be labeled with the child's name.

The school recognizes that particular hairstyles are often part of racial, ethnic, spiritual, and cultural identity and practice. Accordingly, it is the policy of the School to permit individual families to decide the appropriate cared-for *hairstyle* for their children. All hairstyles need to be of natural colors. Boys need to be clean shaven.

### **PREK FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS** (Nov. 1; March 31)

#### **Girls and Boys**

- Short or long sleeve navy uniform polo shirt
- Khaki elastic waist pants; no snaps, buttons, zippers or belts (No jumpers for PreK)
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos

### **PREK SUMMER UNIFORMS** Options (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)

#### **Girls and Boys**

- Short sleeve navy blue uniform polo shirt
- Khaki elastic waist shorts no snaps, buttons, zippers or belts
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo. (Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo maybe worn with shorts.)
- Solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos

### **GRADES K-5 FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS** (Nov. 1; March 31)

#### **Girls**

- SJA plaid jumper (jumpers should be no more than 2 inches above the knee) with white peter pan collar blouse (cotton or polyester)  
or
- Khaki slacks with SJA navy banded bottom shirt, or SJA navy polo shirt (tucked in and worn with brown or black belt)
- Navy tights, navy leggings with white or navy socks that cover the ankle, navy knee socks, white or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- Jewelry: watches, 1 pair of small earrings worn in the earlobe, one ring, a religious cross medal worn on a thin chain
- No make-up

- ONLY clear/natural nail polish and natural nails are permitted
- No Smart watches are permitted

**Boys**

- Khaki trousers (worn with brown or black belt)
- Long or short sleeve navy blue SJA polo shirt (tucked in)
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoe
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain
- No Smart watches are permitted

**GRADES K-5 SUMMER UNIFORMS Options** (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)

- Khaki shorts (worn with brown or black belt)
- Khaki uniform skort (girls)
- SJA navy blue polo shirt (tucked in)
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- No long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts nor leggings worn under shorts or skort.
- Girls may wear SJA plaid jumper (jumpers should be no more than 2 inches above the knee) with white peter pan collar blouse (cotton or polyester)
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo. (Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo maybe worn with shorts or skort)
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**MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8 FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS** (Nov. 1; March 31)

**Girls**

- SJA plaid skirt or khaki slacks (worn with a black or brown belt)
- SJA navy polo shirt (tucked in)
- Navy tights, navy leggings with white or navy socks that cover the ankle Navy knee socks, white or navy socks that cover the ankle - no logos
- **Second Layer**- Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain, one small pair earrings worn in the ear lobe or 1 pair of small hoop earrings, one ring
- No make-up
- Only natural nails are permitted with clear/natural nail polish
- No Smart watches are permitted

**Boys**

- Khaki trousers (worn with brown or black belt)
- Navy blue SJA long or short sleeve polo shirt (tucked in)
- **Second Layer**-Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain
- No Smart watches are permitted

**MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8 SUMMER UNIFORMS Options** (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 – June 8)

- Khaki shorts worn (worn with brown or black belt)
- Khaki uniform skort or SJA plaid skirt (girls)
- SJA navy polo shirt (tucked in)

- White or navy socks that cover the ankle – no logo
- Uniform tan buck shoes
- No long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts.
- No leggings may be worn under shorts or skort.
- **Second Layer-** Navy cardigan sweater, pullover sweater, sweater vest or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo. (Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo maybe worn with shorts.)

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM (PreK – Grade 8)**

#### **Summer PE Uniform (August 29 - Oct. 31; April 1 - June 8)**

- PE uniform instead of the regular uniform on PE days
- Regular tennis shoes that tie or have Velcro closings are required.
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- Grey short sleeve t-shirt with SJA logo
- Navy micromesh gym shorts with SJA logo
- **Second Layer-**Navy Crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo
- No jewelry is permitted on PE days
- Parents should make sure that the student is dressed properly for weather conditions.

#### **Winter PE uniform (Nov. 1; March 31)**

- Regular tennis shoes that tie or have Velcro closings are required
- White socks that cover the ankle – no logos
- **Second Layer-**Navy Crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo
- Grey t-shirt, long or short sleeves, with SJA logo
- Navy uniform sweatpants with SJA logo
- No jewelry is permitted on PE days
- Parents should make sure that the student is dressed properly for weather conditions.

#### **Additional information:**

- Spirit wear and hoodies are not part of the regular uniform. Jackets are not to be worn in the building. Second layers for regular uniform are: Navy cardigan, pullover or vest sweater with SJA logo, navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo, Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SJA logo (Summer and Spring only.)
- PE Uniform second layer is Navy crewneck sweatshirt with SAJ logo.
- Hats/caps may not be worn inside the building.
- Complete uniforms, with shirts neatly tucked in and buttoned, are to be worn every day, except for the day on which a student has Physical Education or on Mondays.
- Fad or costume jewelry is not permitted. Girls are permitted small post earrings no larger than a dime. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings in school or at school related activities. Boys and girls may wear one bracelet and a watch, and one necklace with a small pendant.

### **Out of Uniform Days**

On occasion, there may be out of uniforms days scheduled. Clothing may not contain terms, logos, pictures, cartoons, slogans, writing, or images that are offensive, political, harassing, or discriminatory in nature.

#### **Students also MAY NOT WEAR:**

- Dresses, skirts, or shorts more than 2 inches above the knee
- Sandal, flip flops or other open shoes (safety reasons)
- Pants or jeans with tears, shreds or holes
- Tightly fitted or revealing clothing. (leggings must be worn with a long shirt that covers the top half of the leg)
- Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, or shirts with cut – out shoulders

\*\*When in doubt, do not wear it to school.

If an article of clothing is deemed to be inappropriate, a student may be required to alter his/her apparel.

Students who are wearing inappropriate clothing will not be permitted to attend classes until that clothing has been changed. Parents will be notified in this event.

**Field Trips**

Students are expected to wear their regular uniform on all field trips unless otherwise specified.

**Lost and Found**

St. Joan of Arc requires that all items of clothing be labeled with the child's first and last name. In that way, we may return clothing that is left in an area other than the child's classroom. Due to limited space, unclaimed clothing will be held for one month in the lost and found bin and then be donated.



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**

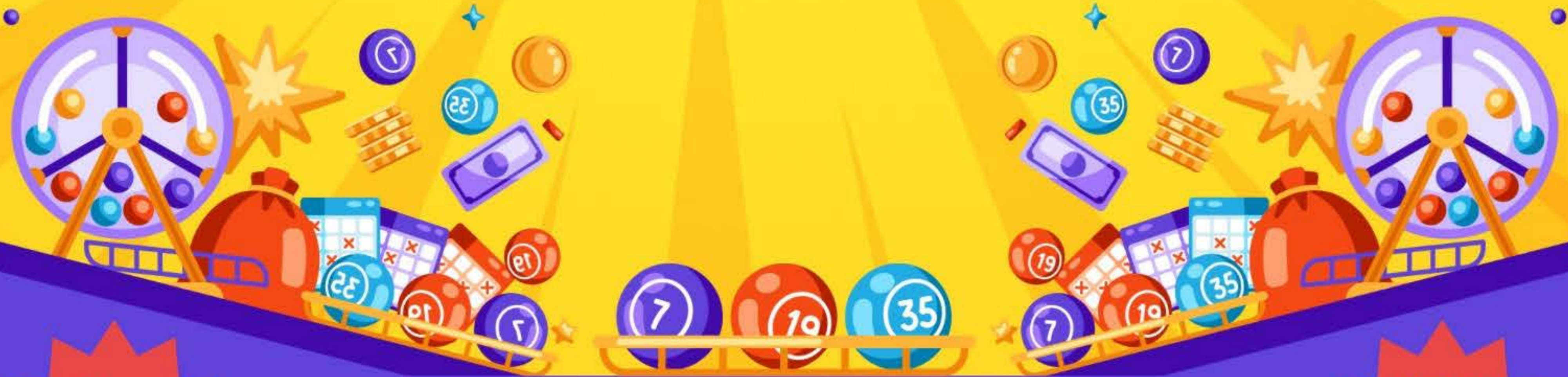
**ONLY WATER &  
SNACKS FOR  
SALE**



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



St Joan of Arc  
Church Hall (Basement)



Over  
\$300 in  
prizes

Order tickets on the SJA website or send  
an envelope with \$20 marked "HSA Bingo"  
to your homeroom teacher

BOYB  
&  
FOOD

# SJA Earth Day

# 2024



We are celebrating Earth Day! You can help by donating the following items:

- Milk Jugs
- Water bottles
- coffee cans
- Rocks/Shells (3"-5")
- Small Plastic or cardboard containers (such as yogurt/applesauce/pringles)

