



# St. Joan of Arc School

April 24, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Thank you to all those who came out to support our HSA BINGO last Friday. A great time was had by all who attended. April 29 is ICY Delight Spirit Night, see attached flyer for details. Please mark your calendar for Family Outdoor Movie Night on May 17. Your support helps our school!

Race for Education is Friday, April 26. Please send completed letters to school. Details of prizes are attached. We have a few students who have qualified for “Pie in the Face.” What a great way to end the race!

Thank you again for your cooperation and patience as we move into our new spaces. [Click here](#) to see the video from Dedication Day!

Reminder that contracts are also due on April 26 for the 2024-2025 school year. See details below.

Thank you to those who already sent in PJ’s for our Casey Cares collection – See attached flyer for more details.

Wednesday, May 1 is our May Crowning at 2:00pm. Parents are invited to attend. Students are encouraged to bring a single fresh flower to create class bouquets to place at the Grotto.

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal



## Important Events

April 26	RACE for Education 12:05 dismissal Aftercare until 4:00pm –Registered students only
April 29 – May 3	Spring Map Testing Week
April 29	ICY Delight Spirit Night 1:00pm- 9:00pm
April 30	Liturgy 8:30am Grade 7 – Pre HSPT Test
May 1	May Crowning 2:00pm
May 3	Joe Corbi – Dress Down Day with Pass
May 6	Last day for volunteer hours to be submitted this year.
May 7	Liturgy 8:30am Vocation Day
May 8	Grade 6 -7 Field Trip to Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
May 10	Pre K and K field trip to Fairview Farm Middle School Social 6:30pm – 8:30pm
May 14	Liturgy 8:30am Grade 8 Retreat – on Campus
May 16	Spring Concert – 6:00pm
May 17	Race for Education – Dress Down Day with Pass
May 20 -24	Spirit Week
May 21	Liturgy 8:30am
May 23	Iron Birds Game – 7:30pm
May 24	Field Day/Kick Ball Game 12:05 dismissal
May 27	School Closed

### **MAP Testing/PreHSPT**

Spring MAP Testing will be the week of April 29. All students in Grades 2 – 8 will be testing in ELA, Reading and Math. Students in Grades 3, 5, 7 will be also be testing in Science. Grade 7 students will take the Pre High School Placement Test on April 30. Please be sure your students are well rested during this week.

### **Race for Education**

Race for Education is Friday, April 26. Race for Education will be raising money for physical education equipment. Students will need to come dressed wearing their PE uniform. All forms are due tomorrow in order to qualify for the dress down pass.

### **Enrollment for 2024 –2025 School Year**

Contracts and FACTS for the 2024-2025 school year are due April 26th.

1. Log into the Parent Portal through SchoolAdmin. <http://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com>
2. Select Continue Enrollment Process.
3. Complete the contract. (Once **all** contracts are completed for the students in your family, you will be able to proceed to finalize your FACTS agreement.)
4. Click the "Sign up for FACTS..." button on your student's checklist to begin finalizing your agreement.

If you have any questions, please call Elisa Maid.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Trex Program**

Thank you to all the families who sent plastic to school to be recycled and those families who helped recycle it. As a school we have kept over 200 pounds of plastic out of the landfills! Our last day to collect plastic is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. After May 3<sup>rd</sup>, you may continue to recycle plastic by taking it to local grocery stores and recycling it there. If you have any questions, you can email Mrs. Simmons. Again, thanks for a great year! [rsimmons@stjoanarc.org](mailto:rsimmons@stjoanarc.org)

### **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)

### **Iron Birds Baseball**

Join us for a relaxing evening of baseball. Listen to our students sing the National Anthem to start the game, share time with family and friends and support the upcoming baseball stars of tomorrow. Purchase tickets – [click here](#).

### **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**

April 29 – **Icy Delight Spirit Night**

May 17 – **Family Outdoor Movie Night – details to follow**

### **RaiseRight Fundraiser**

Limited-time \$5 and \$10 gift cards are back including brands like Amazon, Walmart, and Starbucks. RaiseRight has added Arby's eGift cards that currently earn 8%.

*Upcoming Bonuses -*

Mother's Day Bonuses through May 3

Raise Days running May 2-3.

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

May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> - Women's Retreat with Christian Performer, Sam Kauffman.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Parish Mission with, Robert Feduccia.

See the [parish website](#) for more 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.

# ICY DELIGHT SPIRIT NIGHT

2310 E CHURCHVILLE RD  
BEL AIR, MD 21015

MONDAY, 29 APR

1 P M - 9 P M

PRESENT FLYER AT  
CHECKOUT





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)**

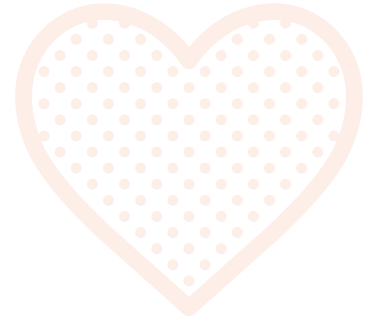
Come ready to create!

**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

# 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.**

