



St. Joan of Arc School

April 3, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Spring is in the air. I pray everyone is enjoying the break. The Orioles seem to have gotten off to a great start. Go O's!

If all goes as planned for the rest of the week, it looks like we will be able to have PE classes in our new Gym. I know the students will be excited to be in the new space.

Remember when student return on April 8 they can wear the Spring uniform options. Please check the attached list for details.

There is planned construction on Law Street on Monday and Tuesday, April 8 and 9. Law Street from Plater to Market may be blocked for periods of time. Use Plater Street to access the lot for pickup and drop off.

Enjoy the rest of the time with your families!

Happy Easter and God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal



Important Events

March 29 – April 7	Easter Break
April 8	School reopens – Spring uniform Casey Cares Pajama Drive begins – see attached flyer
April 9	Liturgy 8:30am Pre K3 Meet and Greet
April 12	Hershey Park ticket sales end
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 –see attached flyer for needed items
April 23	Liturgy 8:30am
April 26	12:05 dismissal
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)

The Maryland Department of Health has now officially adopted the respiratory virus guidance to apply to the school setting, which is the same guidance announced by the Department of Catholic Schools on Monday, March 11th. Respiratory illnesses, including COVID, no longer require a mandatory 5-day isolation period. This direction from MDH supports the action taken by the Department of Catholic Schools.

There is no longer a '5 day quarantine period' with Covid illnesses. You may return to school after you are symptom free for 24 hours without medications. 'Please see the attachment below.

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 8th 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 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.

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

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!

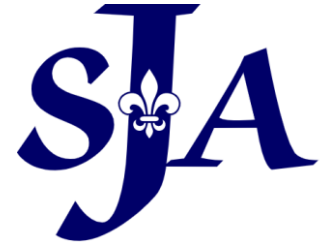
St. Joan of Arc Parish News

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
- 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
- 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**

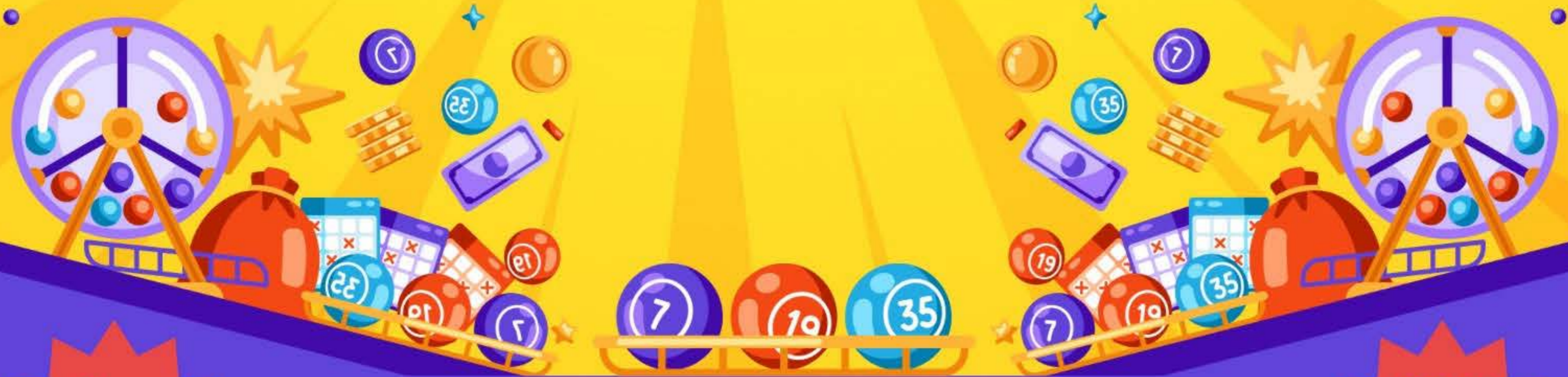
**ONLY WATER &
SNACKS FOR
SALE**



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)



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

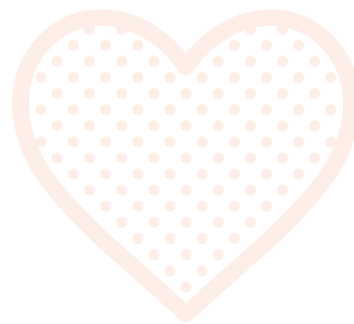
My child, _____, has permission to participate in chess club on Tuesdays from April 16th-May 14th.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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

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.

