



St. Joan of Arc School

May 1, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

I cannot believe it is May 1st. This afternoon we had our May Crowning. What a beautiful way to show our dedication to Mary our Mother. The flowers the students added to the Grotto enhanced the beauty of our prayers.

The Casey Cares collection was amazing. Thank you for your generous gifts for children in need.

Our students have worked very hard this week completing their MAP Growth Assessments. One more day of testing tomorrow for grades 3, 5 and 7 for Science. Monday, May 6, grade 7 will complete the Reading Test. Students who were absent this week will complete makeups by May 10. Results of the testing will be included in the end of the year Report Card.

These last 6 weeks of school are filled with many activities. Please be sure to check the Newsletter and teacher websites for updates.

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal



Important Events

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 Waste Free Wednesday
May 10	Pre K and K field trip to Fairview Farm Middle School Social 6:30pm – 8:30pm
May 14	Liturgy 8:30am Grade 1 field trip to Fair Hill Nature Center Grade 8 Retreat – on Campus
May 15	Waste Free Wednesday
May 16	Spring Concert – 6:00pm
May 17	Race for Education – Dress Down Day with Pass HSA Family Movie Night – 6:30pm
May 20 -24	Spirit Week
May 21	Liturgy 8:30am
May 22	Waste Free Wednesday
May 23	Iron Birds Game – 7:30pm
May 24	Field Day/Kick Ball Game 12:05 dismissal – no aftercare
May 27	School Closed
May 28	Grade 8 trip to Hershey Park
May 29	Waste Free Wednesday
May 30	St. Joan of Arc Feast Day
May 31	Grade 8 Graduation – 4:00pm No aftercare

Waste Free Wednesday

Waste Free Wednesdays began today. Thank you to all our students who remember to pack their lunch in a way that is helpful to our environment. See attached flyer for more details. We will continue to have Waste Free Wednesdays for the rest of the school year.

Race for Education

Thank you for your support with the Race for Education. All funds raised go directly to our school to support our physical education program. Your generosity is appreciated.

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)

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 3rd. After May 3rd, 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

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

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

May 17 – **Family Outdoor Movie Night** – See attached flyer for details about this free fun event.

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 3rd and 4th - Women's Retreat with Christian Performer, Sam Kauffman.

June 2nd and 3rd – 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.

Waste Free Wednesday Returns



When: Begins May 1, 2024

Why: To help the environment by reducing the amount of school waste.

How: Bring your lunch into school in 3 reusable containers & receive an extra Responsibility Point on PBIS Rewards!



SJA HSA PRESENT

OUTDOOR MOVIE

Night



**FREE
ENTRY**

FEATURING:

MONSTERS INC.

17 May
6:30

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



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