



# St. Joan of Arc School

May 22, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Spirit Week has been full of smiles and fun. Field Day is Friday, May 24 with 12:05 dismissal. - No Aftercare. Parents are welcome to walk with us from school at 8:40am and join in on all the festivities.

Fr. Willie appreciated his celebration on Tuesday and sent us off with a special blessing. Thank you to all who attended and helped with our gift for him. We will surely miss his presence.

Tickets are still available for the Iron Birds game at 7:05pm on May 23. Gates open at 6:00pm. Students singing the National Anthem need to wear their SJA spirit wear. Link to purchase tickets is below.

Check the calendar below for all the activities leading up to the end of the school year. Homeroom teacher will be in touch about any class specific events.

Please join us on June 6 for Liturgy and Awards at 8:30am to end the school year. As we wind down this school year and look to 2024 -2025, I have attached a calendar of our start date, school closings and early dismissals for your planning.

On July 1, St. Joan of Arc and St. Patrick will be forming a Pastorate. Please [click here](#) for information about the process and to help answer questions you may have.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal



## Important Events

May 20 -24	Spirit Week – See attached flyer for details
May 23	Iron Birds Game – 7:05pm gates open at 6:00pm
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 Rita’s Fundraiser
May 30	St. Joan of Arc Feast Day
May 31	Grade 8 Graduation – 4:00pm No aftercare
June 2	ALIVE Mass – 11:15am
June 3	PreK Celebration Last Day for PreK
June 4	Class Parties 2:10pm
June 5	12:05 Dismissal Aftercare open until 4:00pm
June 6	Last Day of School Liturgy and Awards 8:30am 12:05 Dismissal No Aftercare
June 7	Last Day for Teachers
July 6	Save the Date – 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Havre de Grace

### **2023 -2024 Yearbook**

[Click here](#) if you would like to purchase a copy of the 2023-2024 SJA Yearbook. The cost is \$24.38 (including tax and processing fee) Purchasers will need to click on Aberdeen and St. Joan of Arc School. Yearbooks will be distributed in the Fall.  
8<sup>th</sup> grade student copies are included in their 8th grade fee.

### **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.

### **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))

### **Iron Birds Baseball – May 23**

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](#). Parents please email Mrs. Maid [emaid@stjoanarc.org](mailto:emaid@stjoanarc.org) if your student will be singing at the park.

### **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.

### **Think Summer!**

Spots are still available for some of our Camp Week. Contact the office if you have questions. 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**

Thank you to our hard working HSA board members who worked so hard throughout the year to raise funds and plan activities to support our school.

Final Spirit night is May 29 at Rita's in Aberdeen. See attached flyer for details.

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

“Behold the Lamb of God” – Vacation Bible Camp – **July 29 – August 1**. Click [here](#) for more information and how to sign up.



## Memorial Day Mass – **Monday, May 27**

We will celebrate Mass at 8:30am and remember all those who have sacrificed for our Nation and lost their lives in war.

We will have representatives from local Veterans groups and organizations present after Mass to offer information and awareness of services available to Veterans and families. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

All military, law enforcement, health care, and first responders are welcome to wear their uniforms.

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

See the [parish website](#) for other events and more information.

## **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.

## 2024-2025 School Year – Schedule for School Closings and Early Dismissals



Please note that this calendar is subject to change

August 26	First Day of School Grades K – 8 <i>PreK 3 –PreK 4 Gradual Entrance</i>	12:05 dismissal	No aftercare
August 27	K students will dismiss at 12:05 Grades 1 – 8 Full Day <i>PreK 3 –PreK 4 Gradual Entrance</i>		No aftercare for PreK and K
August 28 - 29	Grades K – 8 Full Day <i>PreK 3 –PreK 4- 12:05 dismissal</i>		No aftercare for PreK
August 30		12:05 dismissal All students	No aftercare
September 2	Labor Day	School closed	No aftercare
October 4	Professional Day	School closed	No aftercare
October 11	Parent Conferences	12:05 dismissal	
November 15	End of T1 ½ day asynchronous for students – no students on campus (Teachers on campus)		No aftercare
November 26	Grandparents Day	12:05 dismissal	No aftercare
November 27 - 29	Thanksgiving Break	School closed	No aftercare
December 20	Christmas Break	12:05 dismissal	No aftercare
December 23 – January 1	Christmas Break		No aftercare
January 17		12:05 dismissal	
January 20	MLK Jr Day	School closed	No aftercare
January 27 – January 31	CSW	12:05 dismissal on January 31	No aftercare
February 14	Faculty Retreat	School closed	No aftercare
February 17	President’s Day	School closed	No aftercare
February 28	End of T2 ½ day asynchronous for students – no students on campus (Teachers on campus)		No aftercare
March 18	Inclement Weather Day 1 – Closed if no snow days used	School closed	No aftercare
March 21	Professional Day	School closed	No aftercare
March 24		School closed	No aftercare
April 16		12:05 dismissal	No aftercare
April 17 –April 25	Easter Break	School closed	No aftercare
May 15	Inclement Weather Day 2 – Closed if no snow days used		No aftercare
May 23		12:05 dismissal	No aftercare
May 27	Memorial Day	School closed	No aftercare
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Grade 8 Graduation</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	No aftercare
June 4		12:05 dismissal	
June 5	Last Day of School	12:05 dismissal	No aftercare



# **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!**





# **Fundraiser**

**Wednesday, May 29th  
ALL DAY!**

**Rita's of Aberdeen  
772 W. Bel Air Avenue  
Aberdeen, MD**

**20% of Sales Support**

**SJA St. Joan of Arc**  
A Catholic STEM Elementary School

**\*You must present this  
flier or mention SJA at  
time of purchase for**



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