



St. Joan of Arc School

May 8, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Thank you all for all of your patience as we take over our new spaces. *PreK* has claimed their new classroom, and Mrs. Dandino has a classroom for *Music*. *Aftercare* along with afterschool *Band* are completely in the school now and all pick ups occur off the Plater Street parking lot.

Our phone system has also been update so when calling the school please listen to the full message as our menu options have recently changed. Calls will be directed to the extension chosen by the caller rather than immediately transferred to the main office.

We know that there are only 4 weeks of school left, but students still need to be in the correct uniform every day. Tomorrow is our \$1 dress down day. Please be sure that students follow the policy in the Handbook.

Our HSA is sponsoring a Free Family Movie Night on May 17 beginning at 6:30pm. Bring your chairs and fill the SJA Outdoor Theater for an evening of fun and laughter. Food will be available for purchase.

Please also consider joining us for a night out at the Iron Birds game on May 23. More details and link to purchase tickets are below.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal



Important Events

May 9	\$1 Dress Down Day
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 – details below
May 17	Race for Education – Dress Down Day with Pass HSA Family Movie Night – 6:30pm
May 20 -24	Spirit Week – See attached flyer for details
May 21	Liturgy 8:30am – Fr. Willie Celebration
May 22	Waste Free Wednesday
May 23	Iron Birds Game – 7:05pm
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
June 3	PreK Celebration Last Day for PreK
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

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.

Spring Concert May 16

- Band students only, arrive at the back entrance to the Church Hall at 5:30pm. Parents need to enter through the front Church doors at 5:45pm.
- 8th grade students report to Mrs. Dandino in the Church at 5:30pm.
- PreK - 7th grade students report to school at 5:40pm - no earlier. Students enter through the Main School entrance.
- Church will be open for parents at 5:45pm
- Band will perform first, then the PreK students. PreK students will be released to their parents after they sing. They may sit with their parents or leave to go home.
- No students will return to the school building after the concert.
- Teachers will notify students and parents what to wear for the concert.

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.

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 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.

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

New brand! You can now purchase Ikea eGift cards through RaiseRight to support SJA. Current bonuses on select brands continue through May 10. A new set of brands will have bonuses beginning May 11. Log into [RaiseRight.com](https://www.raise-right.com) to view brands and bonus dates.

Use school code A9C13C7351446 to earn for SJA if you haven't created an account yet.

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.

June 2nd and 3rd – Parish Mission with, Robert Feduccia.

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

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



Use these gift cards instantly

Shop eGift cards and add money to your reloadable cards to use funds right away—no planning necessary.



eGift cards

- Immediately sent to your account—perfect for last-minute purchases, including unplanned shopping trips or a quick bite to eat
- Simply pull up your eGift card on your phone to check out, or print it before you go to the store
- Schedule eGift cards to arrive in a friend's inbox at a specific time for a surprise gift
- Easily keep track of all your eGift cards with your Wallet

To shop eGift cards: In the RaiseRight mobile app, choose a category then **Filter > Product Type > eGift Card**. On **RaiseRight.com**, choose **Card Type > eGift Card**.



Reloaded money

- Keep shopping with gift cards you already bought from RaiseRight™ by adding funds on the spot—like at the gas pump or in the grocery store checkout line
- Don't wait for new cards to get shipped to your home or to your coordinator
- Easily keep track of the money you've added with your Wallet

To shop physical gift cards that are reloadable: In the RaiseRight mobile app, choose a category then **Filter > Product Type > Reloadable**. On **RaiseRight.com**, choose **Card Type > Reload**.

Available for 400+ brands



"It's all about eGift cards and reloadable cards. I purchase my eGift cards on my phone right at the checkout. I add money to my gas gift card right at the pump before gassing up. Teacher gift? Someone's birthday? Print right from home or send it as an email gift! I love the convenience, flexibility, and earnings gift card fundraising offers."

Jessica V., earns for school tuition



eGift cards and money added to reloadable gift cards placed and paid for with online payments (credit card or a linked bank account) are typically available in minutes. Brands indicated as Overnight Reload paid for with online payments and placed before 3:30 p.m. ET will typically be processed overnight and available the next business day—a limited number of these brands may take up to two business days. eGift cards and money added to reloadable cards placed and paid for with check must be released by the organization's coordinator before the order can be processed. The merchants represented are not sponsors or otherwise affiliated with RaiseRight™. The logos and other identifying marks used are trademarks of and owned by each represented company and/or its affiliates. Please visit the company's website for additional terms and conditions. © 2024 RaiseRight



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

Spirit Week at SJA!

May 20 - May 24, 2024

Monday, May 20: Vocabulary Day

The purpose of this day is to encourage students to love words and to teach them new ones. Choose a new word and personify it in costume. SJA will become a living, breathing dictionary! In addition to the costume please include a sign spelling the word correctly and large enough for everyone to see.



Tuesday, May 21: Dress Up Day

After 12 years of being the Pastor at SJA, Father Willie will be retiring. Students come in their dress up clothes to help celebrate his retirement. We will attend Liturgy at 8:30am followed by a presentation in the Gym.

Wednesday, May 22: Baseball Day



Dress in your favorite jersey and enjoy a special hot dog lunch. Make sure to bring a beach towel to enjoy lunch outside. Please [click here to purchase lunch](#).

Thursday, May 23: Fiesta Day

Our Spanish program at SJA focuses on language and culture. Students are encouraged to dress in Spanish/Latin colors and add on ribbons or sombreros. It will be a festive day with music and prayer.

Elementary School Students will have lessons on Spanish Culture. Middle School students will be holding a fiesta in the church hall.



Iron Birds Game

Did you know nearly 30 percent of MLB players come from Latin American countries? Come tonight and join Mrs. Dandino on the field for the National Anthem before the game starts. [Click here to purchase tickets](#). Please email Elisa Maid if you would like to participate in singing.

Friday, May 24: Field Day

Get ready to have some fun! Field Day will be held at Festival Park from 9:00am – 11:15am. Students wear their class colors, SJA gym shorts and sneakers. *Class Colors - PreK and 8 – pink, K and 5 – green, 1 and 4 – purple, 2 and 6 – red, 3 and 7 – orange*



We will wrap up the week with our traditional kickball game-- 8th Grade vs Teachers!

School will dismiss at 12:05pm – no aftercare.