



St. Joan of Arc School

June 18, 2024

Dear SJA Families,

Summer is officially here. Both SJA Camp and Band Camp are underway with excitement and lots of smiles. There are still spaces open for Camp Invention July 8 – July 12 and Vacation Bible Camp July 29 – August 1. Click [here](#) for Camp Invention. Click [here](#) for VBC.

Reminder that students should be completing their Summer Work. Assignments are due on August 26. Information can be found on the school website under [resources](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Parents ***do not*** need to purchase Yoga Mats for the 2024 -2025 school year.

At this time, we would like to welcome, Mr. Daniel Hull to our Middle School team and Ms. Taylor Lookingbill to our PreK program. Our SJA community is excited to welcome them for the 2023-2024 school year. We are continuing to interview for other open positions and we will share additional information throughout the summer.

We are looking for families to represent SJA in the Havre de Grace 4th of July Parade on July 6th. Information is below on how to sign up.

Reminder that summer office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:30am-2:30pm. The next Newsletter will be posted on July 17.

God Bless,

Ms. Dianne Kestler
Principal



Important Events

June 17 - 21	Nature Camp
June 24 - 28	Creative Chefs Camp
June 25	Band Camp
June 30	Celebrate Fr. Willie – 11:15am Mass and Reception
July 1- 3	Independence Camp
July 2	Band Camp
July 6	4 th of July Parade in Havre de Grace
July 8 - 12	Camp Invention
July 15 - 19	Water Fun Camp
July 22 – 26	Art/Music Camp
July 28 – August 1	Vacation Bible Camp

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. 8th grade student copies are included in their 8th grade fee.

Preparing for 2024 -2025

Check list items in school admin need to be completed by July 1, 2024. [Click here](#) to complete.

Uniforms for 2024 -2025

Purchase new uniforms from [FlynnO'Hara](#) Uniforms. Sign up for Emails to get promotions throughout the summer months.

Used uniform dates and times will be posted on Social Media.

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.

Upcoming Scholarship Opportunity for the 2024-2025 School Year

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will have two \$250.00 scholarships for this coming school year (2024/2025). One for rising 4th and 5th graders, and another for rising 6th, 7th, & 8th graders.

In order to apply each candidate must have the following qualifications:

- Have a Veteran in their family (living or deceased) who was honorably discharged.
- Applicants must be United States Citizens

In order to apply, candidates need to:

- Submit a 2-4 paragraph essay on their Veteran family member, or write about what Patriotism means to them OR Draw a picture of their Veteran family member with an explanation of what Patriotism means to them.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a community leader (teacher, priest, scout leader, etc.).
- All submissions need to be turned into St. Joan of Arc School Main Office with the candidate's First Name, Last Name, and Grade by September 11, 2024.
- Winners will be presented with their certificates at the Trimester 1 award ceremony.

Nurse's Notes

Health Forms for the next school year are available on the school's website, under [Nurse](#). Paper forms were sent home. Be sure to get wellness checkups over the summer. Contact sbaer@stjoanarc.org with any questions.

Parish News

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.

St. Joan of Arc News

Celebrate Fr. Willie



After 36 years of priesthood and 12 years of ministry at St. Joan of Arc Parish, Fr. Willie Franken, our Pastor, is retiring, with our gratitude for his selfless service and steady leadership all these years. There will be a special Mass of farewell and thanksgiving on Sunday, June 30th at 11:15 AM to which all are invited. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Parish Hall. Come and wish Fr. Willie well on his retirement and thank him for his priestly ministry to our community.

Vacation Bible Camp

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

Family Morning Sports in the PLC

During the Summer, we're inviting Parish & School families to come spend time together using our beautiful new space!

We'll be opening the Gym for basketball, and maybe some other indoor sports on select Saturday mornings, from 9am to 11am.

Several Virtus-trained adults are needed to volunteer on a rotating basis to help coordinate activities and provide support.

The dates we've scheduled are June 29th, July 13th, July 20th, and August 10th.

Contact Nathan McVey in the parish office for more info or to Volunteer. Thank you!

St. Patrick News

Join us in representing the Pastorate of St. Patrick and St. Joan of Arc in the annual Havre de Grace Independence Day Parade.

Please contact St. Patrick Parish Office at 410-939-2525 to sign up!

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



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 26	Memorial Day	School closed	No aftercare
May 30	Grade 8 Graduation	4:00pm	No aftercare
June 4		12:05 dismissal	
June 5	Last Day of School	12:05 dismissal	No aftercare