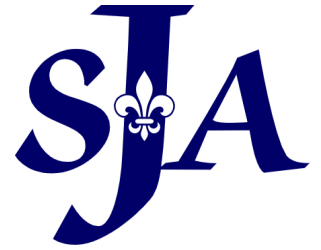


# St. Joan of Arc School

## Parent Newsletter



September 25, 2024

Dear St. Joan of Arc Families,

We have some fun activities coming up for the Fall. The Blessing of the Pets on October 3 provides a time for your student to show off a furry friend. Trunk or Treat is coming up on October 25. As you plan those Halloween costumes, please remember that the best costumes reinforce positive values for our students, like superheroes and saints.

Parent conferences are to be held on Thursday, October 10, virtually, and Friday, October 11, in person. Please respect the fifteen minutes limit on the conferences so our teachers can see as many parents as possible. Progress reports will go out by October 11 for students receiving them.

God bless,  
Joe Schmitz  
Principal

### Important dates

- **Oct 3** Pet Blessing 2:30 pm
- **Oct 4** No school Professional day
- **Oct 7** Class/Individual Picture Day
- **Oct 10** Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
- **Oct 11** Half day dismissal 12:05 / Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Oct 25** Trunk or Treat

### Blessing of the Animals - Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

Parents may bring their pets to be blessed on October 3rd. Please follow the guidelines listed for the blessing.

- Parents need to notify their student's teacher that they are attending the pet blessing.
- Pets need to be leashed or in a crate.

- Parents may arrive at 2pm with their pets and pull into the normal dismissal lot
- Teachers will be on duty to direct cars like normal dismissal.
- Lot will close at 2:15 for safety.
- Parents and pets will exit their cars and move to the grassy area next to the playground/parish center.
- Pet blessing will start promptly at 2:30
- After blessing students will return in school for dismissal and parents will return to cars

### **Family Income Survey**

Every year our school has an opportunity to participate in federal and state programs that benefit our students with a variety of materials and services. In order to determine the funding available for these programs, we must have an accurate record of family income information. To obtain this information, we are asking each family to complete our **2024-2025 Income Survey**. Ten minutes of your time can translate to large benefits for our school community. Please click the link below to complete the income survey. Your child will receive a dress down pass for you completing the survey.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeg-3NogRHUiT\\_1oQFpmd1er1ZEEcWYmXGJpa miHBUY8wYNOQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeg-3NogRHUiT_1oQFpmd1er1ZEEcWYmXGJpa miHBUY8wYNOQ/viewform)

### **Nurse note**

**Attendance:** If your child is going to be absent from school, arrive late or leave early~~ Could you please email their homeroom teacher along with 'attendance'

**Illness:** If your child is not feeling well in the morning, please consider keeping them home to evaluate their condition. This would be for any fever above 100.4, excessive coughing, stomach issues or sore throats

**Water Bottles:** Please be sure to send a refillable water bottle with your child to school each day.

**Looking for a Substitute Nurse:** If you are an RN with an active license and would like to substitute from time to time, please contact me; [sbaer@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sbaer@stjoanarc.org). or 410-272-1387 ext. 153.

**Hearing and Vision Screenings:** These will be held on Monday, November 11th. The screening is for all PreK students, students new to our school, Grade 1 and Grade 8 students. If you are

concerned about your child's vision or hearing, please let me know and they can be screened as well.

**Volunteers Needed for Hearing and Vision Screenings.** If you are VIRTUS trained and interested in walking students back and forth to the screening, please let me know.

[sbaer@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sbaer@stjoanarc.org). The Screening will be held on Monday, November 11th.

**Just a reminder....**

Please make sure your student is coming to school each day with their lunch. We unfortunately can not have food deliveries to school or fast food brought to our students. Thank you parents for your understanding.

**Parent conferences**

Parent conferences will be held Thursday, October 10th in the evening as well as the afternoon of Friday, October 11th. Your child's teacher will be reaching out with a sign up on October 1st.

**Stem Camp**

We're already looking forward to seeing you next summer the week of July 7-11.! Take advantage of the exclusive opportunity to pre register and secure your child's spot for our all-new 2025 program by visiting [The Camp Inventions](#) to go directly to SJA's page and save \$50 when you use the code CAMP2025 by Sept. 30.

**Picture Day**

October 7th is picture day here at SJA. There will be a class picture as well as individual pictures taken. The individual picture is for this year's Yearbook. Please check to make sure your child is in proper complete dress uniform. Order packets will be going home next week.

**Uniform Policy**

Now that we are all starting to settle in this school year, it is a great idea to review our school's [handbook](#) . Please take a few extra minutes to review our Uniform Policy. The policy states what uniform may be worn and what jewelry may be worn. Specific jewelry mentioned in our policy is the only jewelry permitted to be worn at school. Thank you for your understanding and having your student in the proper uniform each day at school.

## **Donations**

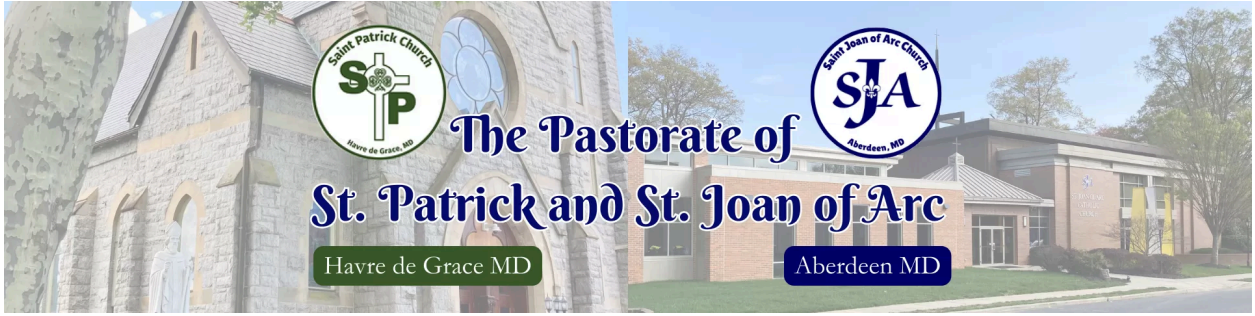
Please use the Sign-Up Genius [link](#) to sign up for donations. All donations are to go straight to the office. Please track your hours on the Track it Forward App. Your hours will be approved once your donation has been received.

## **HSA NEWS**

Our Charleston Wrap fundraiser will be running til Sept 30th. Currently we have sold almost \$4500.00 worth of retail. We still have 5 days to go. Please use this link to [register](#) if you haven't done so. You can find our school code on the flyer attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions please email [chinch@stjoanarc.org](mailto:chinch@stjoanarc.org).

## **SAVE THE DATE .. Trunk or Treat October 25th**

In next week's newsletter there will be the link for a Sign Up Genius for our Trunk Or Treat. This is a great event where our families can come together, have fun, the kids are able to dress up and trick or treat. There are plenty of different ways to participate in this event. If you would like to Chair this event please reach out to the HSA President Jen Vass @ [jennifervass1018@gmail.com](mailto:jennifervass1018@gmail.com).



## **Parish News**

[St Joan of Arc Church](#)

[St Patrick's Church](#)



PREREGISTER AND  
**SAVE \$50**  
ON ALL-NEW FUN IN 2025!

Join us for BRAND-NEW adventures next summer. Preregister today for the season's biggest savings, and we'll see you in 2025!



**SPOTS ARE LIMITED!**

Visit [INVENT.ORG/CAMP2025](https://www.invent.org/camp2025) to secure yours today.

## SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

**Location:** St. Joan of Arc School  
230 S Law St, Aberdeen, MD 21001

**Dates:** 7/7/2025 - 7/11/2025

**Times:** 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

**Grades:** Rising K - 6th

**Price:** \$275 (Before discount)

**Directors:** Megan Reith and Melissa Field

**Director Emails:** [mreith@stjoanarc.org](mailto:mreith@stjoanarc.org); [mfield@stjoanarc.org](mailto:mfield@stjoanarc.org)

Exciting news for this location! We are offering an Extended Day experience, making our program schedule more convenient for busy families. With Extended Day, your program will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with an additional cost of \$100 per week. To sign up for this program schedule, please select the Extended Day option during checkout.





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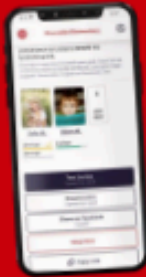


### REGISTER. SHARE. SHOP. SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause.  
From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more,  
our online store has something for every occasion - even if it's just for you!

Our Organization ID:

**20044**



#### 1. REGISTER

**REGISTER** now as a participant at [www.registercw.com](http://www.registercw.com) to access our handy invitation tools in the Participant Portal. Very important!

#### 2. SHARE

**INVITE** 10+ friends and family to support our cause! Share a link to our sale using the **TEXT & EMAIL** invitation tools. Don't forget to share on **SOCIAL MEDIA**, too!

#### 3. SHOP

**SHOP** online and help us reach our **GOAL** today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!



Charleston Wrap  
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.

**Saturday**

**Oct. 5  
6-9PM**

**Harford County Region  
Youth Ministry Night at  
Beachmont**

# **CORN MAZE**

**Extreme Hayride, Nighttime Cornmaze & Games  
\$18.00 per person**

*Parents are responsible for transportation to and from Beachmont and  
parents are encouraged to attend to help chaperone (must be Virtus Certified)*

**6433 Mt. Vista Road  
Kingsville, MD 21087**

**Register no later than October 3rd**

To register visit our website  
[saintmarkfallston.org/corn-maze](http://saintmarkfallston.org/corn-maze)









