St. Joan of Arc School Parent Newsletter



September 18, 2024 Dear St. Joan of Arc Families,

I enjoyed meeting many of you at our Back to School Picnic Friday. I look forward to meeting other parents at other school events. Please be patient with me as I learn your names. I am processing a lot of new information!

God bless, Joe Schmitz Principal

Important dates

- Sept 18-20 MAP testing grades 2-8
- Sept 23 Restaurant Night at Aberdeen Chic-fil-A
- Oct 3 Pet Blessing 2 pm
- Oct 4 No school Professional day
- Oct 7 Class Picture Day
- Oct 11 Half day dismissal 12:05
- Oct 25 Trunk or Treat

<u>Social Media</u>

Please follow us on our social media platforms to see the latest happenings at St Joan of Arc.

https://www.facebook.com/school.SJA.org https://www.instagram.com/schoolst.joanofarc/ .

MAP TESTING

Our Fall MAP testing is being held this week September 18-20 for all 2nd-8th graders. Make up testing will be held the following week. Please make sure your student is getting a good night's rest and having a healthy breakfast each morning.

Uniform Policy

Now that we are all starting to settle in this school year, it is a great idea to review our school's <u>handbook</u>. 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.

Student Birthdays

We understand that your child celebrating their birthday is important. We ask that no birthday treats be brought into the classroom. This is to be cautious for those with food allergies. Your students' teacher will help make their day special in the classroom.

Family Survey

We need your help! 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 here to access the link to complete the income survey by this Friday September 20.

<u>Spirit Wear</u>

All orders for spirit wear are now closed. On Wednesday your student may wear this year's AOB theme shirt or one from years past with either their PE bottoms or their dress uniform bottoms.

<u>Nurse note</u>

Reminder from the nurse..

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; <u>sbaer@stjoanarc.org. or</u> 410-272-1387 ext. 153.

Donations

We are in need of copy paper and water bottles. Please use the Sign-Up Genius<u>link</u> to sign up. 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. We have a goal of raising \$6,000 this year for SJA from this fundraiser. Your student came home last week with a fundraising packet . Please use this link to <u>register</u> 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 <u>chinch@stjoanarc.org</u>.

We will be having our first Restaurant night on September 23rd at the Aberdeen Chil-Fil-A. (see flyer below)

SAVE THE DATE .. Trunk or Treat October 25th

Drop off / Pick up

Parents a gentle reminder to please be mindful of the crosswalks and fire hydrants when dropping off and picking up. Also, drop off begins at 7:50 am, our first bell to start the school day is 8:10. Any student dropped off after 8:10 must be walked into school and will be marked late for the day. For dismissal, please have your students number available when entering the parking lot to be scanned. We appreciate your understanding as we continue to get our routines down in the morning and afternoon.



Parish Bulletins

<u>St Joan of Arc Church</u> <u>St Patrick's Church</u>

On Sunday, September 22, at 11:00 a.m. We will be having an outdoor Mass and Picnic at St. Patrick Church, 615 Congress Avenue in Havre de Grace. This is a chance for members of our two Pastorate parishes, St. Joan of Arc and St. Patrick to come together for Mass, followed by fellowship, food, games, music, and a lot of fun. It is a tremendous opportunity for families from both parishes to get to know one another and build a bond as a pastorate community. Please note that the 11:15 Mass at St. Joan of Arc, and the 10:30 and 12:00 Masses at St. Patrick will not be taking place on that day so that we can come together for this celebration of and for our pastorate.



SJA Spirit Night

Monday, September 23rd 5:00pm-8:00pm

Come support your school at their Spirit Night and 10% of the evening's sales will be donated back to your school! Make sure to mention "St. Joan of Arc Spirit Night" at the register or use the code "SJASPIRIT" when placing a mobile order.





St. Joan of Arc School



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

to access our handy

Participant Portal.

Very important!

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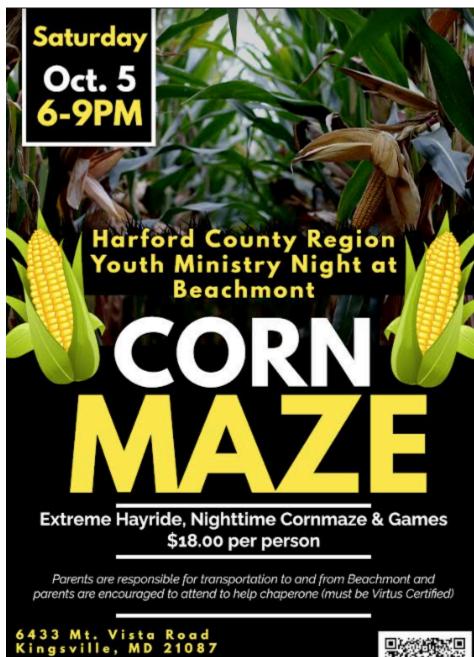
2. SHARE

INVITE 10 + friends and family to support our cause! Share a link to our www.registercw.com sale using the TEXT & EMAIL invitation tools. invitation tools in the 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!





Register no later than October 3rd

To register visit our website saintmarkfallston.org/corn-maze

