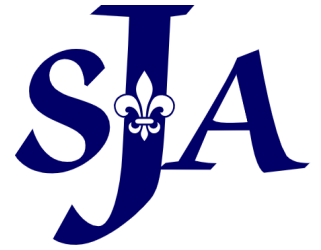


# St. Joan of Arc School

## Parent Newsletter



September 4, 2024

Dear St. Joan of Arc Families,

I am pleased to be able to introduce myself as the new principal of St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. I am looking forward to meeting you all and providing more of a detailed introduction at Back To School Night, tomorrow, Thursday September 5, from 6:00 – 7:30.

I am still acclimating myself to the students, teachers, and processes of the school. I have felt very welcome, and hear wonderful things about the school from the parents I have met, the staff, and people in the community. I look forward to working with the teachers and staff here to provide your children with an education that is faithfully Catholic and academically enriching.

We will be having a fire drill sometime early in the school year. I would also like to remind you that our students' Freedom Walk will take place next Wednesday, September 11, to celebrate the sacrifices which have been made on our behalf by members of the armed services to protect our freedoms.

God bless,  
Joe Schmitz  
Principal

### **Important dates**

- **Sept 5** - Back to School Night 6-730pm
- **Sept 9** - Charleston Wrap Fundraiser begins
- **Sept 11**- Freedom walk
- **Sept 13**- Back to school picnic 4:30-6:00
- **Sept 23**- Restaurant Night at Aberdeen Chic-fil-A

### **Drop off**

Thank you so much for your patience during morning drop off and pick up. This is just a reminder that any student dropped off after 8:10am must be walked in to school by a parent at the main entrance of school.

## **Nurse note**

Welcome back to SJA for the new school year. As we embark on a new year, I wanted to send a reminder about the importance of breakfast and healthy snacks and lunch for our students.

Breakfast is truly the most important meal of the day and sometimes the hardest to do. PLEASE make sure your child eats breakfast before coming to school each day. A protein filled breakfast helps carry them until lunch time. But something is better than nothing! If you are running late, a protein bar, granola bar, breakfast bar, dry cereal are all quick choices that can be eaten on the drive to school. This helps cut down on late morning headaches, stomach aches and difficulty paying attention.

**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@stjoanarc.org](mailto:attendance@stjoanarc.org)'. This will alert the nurse and the main office.

**Prescription Medications:** If your child needs any medication while at school (Inhalers, Epinephrine Auto Injectors, Benadryl etc.) please send them in as soon as possible with a signed Physician's Order.

**Over The Counter Medications:** Remember if your child is to receive any medication at school, I must have a signed Physician's Order to give that medication. All Over the Counter Medications must be sent in to be administered. There are no stock medications available.

**FORMS:** Please complete any outstanding forms from SchoolAdmin. You can either upload them back to SchoolAdmin or email them directly to me. [sbaer@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sbaer@stjoanarc.org).

**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.

## **Back to school night**

Please join us Thursday September 5th at 6:00pm in our Church hall for Back to School Night. We will also be holding a uniform swap prior in the PLC hall 5:15-5:45 pm. Below you will find the schedule for the evening.

### **Back to School Night Parent Schedule**

#### **5:15 - 5:45 Uniform Swap in PLC hallway**

#### **6:00 - 6:30 General meeting in Church**

- Father Francis
- Principal
- Nurse
- HSA Rep

**6:30 -6:40 Travel to school for 1st Session .. Parents will be asked to enter through the Parish Life Center doors . We will also have our HSA set up to share events we will be holding throughout the year and ways you can sign up for volunteer opportunities.**

#### **6:40 - 7:00 Session 1**

- Kindergarten **Rm 110**
- 1st Grade **Rm 105**
- 2nd Grade **Rm 104**
- 3rd Grade **Rm 107**
- 4th Grade will go to homeroom **Rm 108 for ELA / SS**
- 5th Grade will go to homeroom **Rm 203 for Math/ Science**
- ALL 6 - 8th grade parents to **Rm 205**

#### **7:00- 7:10 Travel to Session 2**

#### **7:10 - 7:30 Session 2**

- Kindergarten **Rm 110**
- 1st Grade **Rm 105**
- 2nd Grade **Rm 104**
- 3rd Grade **Rm 107**
- 4th Grade will go to **Rm 203 for Math/Science**
- 5th Grade will go to **Rm 108 for ELA/SS**
- ALL 6th - 8th parents to **RM 205**

We will stay on schedule and sessions will promptly end at 7:30 for our teachers to meet and our parents to move out of the building.

#### **7:30 - 7:45 Teacher Meeting Library**

### **Freedom Walk**

As a school we will be remembering the events of September 11th on Wednesday September 11, 2024. Please add red, white, or blue along with your PE uniform shorts.

### **Raise Right**

RaiseRight is a Gift Card Fundraiser for our school. Every purchase earns revenue for you and the school. RaiseRight fundraising continues all year round. To create an account please go to [RaiseRight](#) use the school **code A9C13C7351446**. If you're a returning RaiseRight participant, invite friends and family to help you earn this year. Use the RaiseRight app and visit Account > Settings > Invite Friends & Family to email or text your personal invite link. You can look for the RaiseRight flyer at Back to School night with the QR code to link to earn for SJA.

### **Track It Forward**

This is the website we use to track volunteer hours for the year. Each family is required to volunteer 20 hours per school year. If you choose not to volunteer, your FACTS account will be billed on May 14, 2025 for \$10.00 per incomplete hour for up to 20 hours. Existing families, please make sure your information is correct and you have an account on Track It Forward. New families, please click the link below to register and create an account for the school year. Each family only needs one account. Some opportunities are already available. We are looking forward to having volunteers back in our school! For questions about Track it Forward or volunteer hours please contact Christina Hinch at [chinch@stjoanarc.org](mailto:chinch@stjoanarc.org)

### **Donations**

We are in need of copy paper. Please use the Sign-Up Genius [link](#) to sign up . If you send a ream of paper in with your student, please label it with your first and last name so we can keep track of who has sent them in. All donations are to go straight to the office. Please track your hours on the site and we will approve them when we receive your donation!

### **Spiritwear**

Show your school spirit and purchase your [SJA wear](#). The store will be open until Friday September 13th to get all orders in.

**Weekly SJA themed tshirts-** This year's AOB theme is "Give Thanks with A Grateful Heart". SJA has decided to use "Be Grateful and Give Thanks" for our tshirt logo. The deadline to order shirts is Friday, September 13. Once orders are delivered, students may wear these shirts every Wednesday with their PE bottoms or dress uniform bottoms unless otherwise stated. Please click [here](#) to place your orders.

## **HSA News**

HSA will be set up at our Back to School night on September 5th for you to sign up to volunteer at our upcoming events throughout the school year. Our first event will be our Back to School Picnic Friday, September 13h 4:30-6:00 PM. HSA will provide popsicles for the event, please feel free to bring your own dinner and a blanket for the black top. Also, our Charleston Wrap Fundraiser will be starting on September 9th. This is a great time to start your holiday shopping all while helping raise money for our school. Your child will be coming home with a packet and information as the fundraiser grows closer.

HSA will be holding our first Restaurant Spirit Night on Monday, September 23, 2024 at the Aberdeen Chick-fil-A. A flyer will be sent home closer to the event.



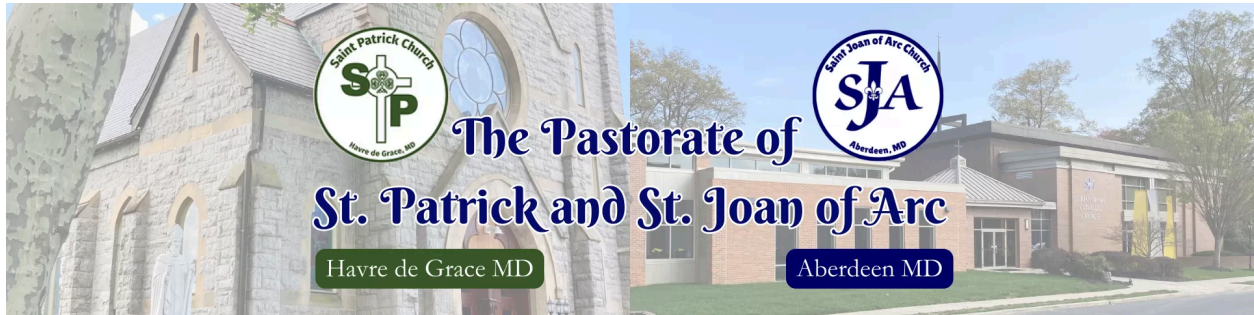
## **Upcoming Scholarship Opportunity for the 2024-2025 School Year**

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, candidates need to:

- Have a Veteran in their family (living or deceased) who was honorably discharged. Applicants must be United States Citizens.
- Submit a 2-4 paragraph essay on their 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.



## Parish Bulletins

[St Joan of Arc Church](#)

[St Patricks Church](#)

**Pastorate Picnic**

**SUNDAY SEPT 22 2024**

**Mass celebrated outside at 11:00 AM**  
**Followed by Fellowship, Food, Family Games, Music and More**

**ST. PATRICK PARISH | 615 CONGRESS AVE  
HAVRE DE GRACE  
(Outside Parish Hall)**

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