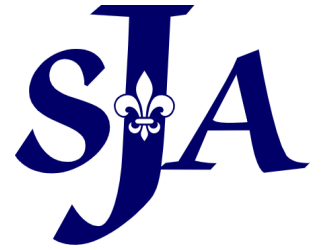


St. Joan of Arc School

Parent Newsletter



October 2, 2024

Dear St. Joan of Arc Families,

We made it to October! A couple gentle reminders : Please have students here before 8:10. Homeroom starts at 8:00, so that they can settle in before the first class starts at 8:10. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Confirmation Mass last Saturday. It was a beautiful Liturgy, and Bishop Lewandowski always makes it enjoyable for the young people receiving the Sacrament. I hope it was a special time of celebration for your family.

The Parent Student Handbook will be posted to the school website with some minor amendments. I have made a couple of minor edits to highlight that violations of the acceptable use policy are subject to school discipline, and to emphasize the only jewelry permitted during the school day.

I hope that many of you are planning to join us for the blessing of pets on Thursday afternoon, October 3, which is a day before the Feast Day of St. Francis Assisi, a renowned lover of animals. We ask that you please have your pet on a leash or in a crate.

God bless,
Mr. Schmitz

Important Dates

- **Oct 3** Pet Blessing 2:30 pm
- **Oct 4** No school Professional day
- **Oct 6** Family Mass 11:15am
- **Oct 7** Class/Individual Picture Day
- **Oct 10** Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
- **Oct 11** Half day dismissal 12:05 / Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Oct 25** Stem Buddy Day / Trunk or Treat/ Middle School Social

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

Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are now open!

If your current student has a sibling who is ready to come to SJA please get their application in soon. PreK 3, PreK 4, Kindergarten and 6th grade are sure to fill up soon. Click the [link](#) to apply. If you are an existing student Re- enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year will begin on Dec 1st.

If you have any questions please contact Elisa Maid, Advancement Director.

Family Mass

Join our school and church community this Sunday October 6th at 11:15am Mass.

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 sent out a Sign Up yesterday October 1st. Please be sure to sign up and a gentle reminder conferences are in 15 minute increments.

Lunch Volunteers Needed

This year SJA will be starting a hot lunch program weekly on Wednesdays. We are looking for lunch volunteers to help deliver food to classrooms. You can choose one lunch period or both.

Every Wednesday 10:45am - 11:30 and/or 11:30 - 12:15

Please email pfranke@stjoanarc.org. In your email indicate the time you would like to volunteer. Please note this is a school year commitment. You must be **VIRTUS** trained to volunteer.

Picture Day

October 7th is picture day here at SJA. An order form was sent home earlier this week with your student. 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.

School wide Stem Day

On October 25th our school will be participating in a Stem day. Please click the [link](#) to donate items needed for our activities. We appreciate your help and support for this event.

HSA NEWS

Just a reminder all Charleston Wrap paper orders need to be turned into the office by Friday at 12:00pm.

Trunk or Treat October 25th

Please click the [link](#) to donate to 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. See the flyer attached below. If you have any questions about the event please reach out to the HSA President Jen Vass @ jennifervass1018@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE World's Finest Candy Bar Fundraiser kick off is October 16th !

Service Opportunity

“Miracle League” is an organization that hosts baseball games for those who have special needs. They have their own baseball diamond, have a full field of players in complete uniform, and dedicated coaches who encourage their athletes to do their best! I have volunteered with the organization a few times at their Lehigh Valley location, and it is a lot of fun!

Anyone 12 and older is welcome to volunteer! Volunteers will be playing baseball alongside the athletes as “buddies” and cheering on each team!

Here is the [link](#) to register and the [website](#) for further information.

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. *We do have some cases of Streptococcus, Flu and Pneumonia around the building. If your child isn't feeling 100%, please consider keeping them home. Thank you!*

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 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. The Screening will be held on Monday, November 11th.

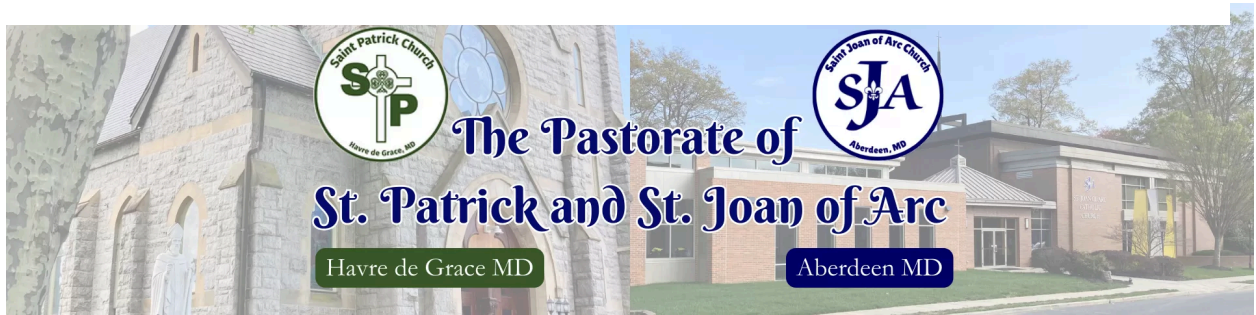
RaiseRight Fundraiser

Please see the BonusFest Flyer attached to this week's newsletter.

The enrollment code to earn for SJA is **A9C13C7351446**. You can send out invites to family and friends to help you earn by logging into your account and head to **Account > Settings > Invite Friends and Family**. Featured Brands during the event will include Bath and Body Works, REI, and the Gap. Each weekend features different brands, so check on RaiseRight app or website every weekend. Current Travel brand bonus ending 10/4 includes Main Event (15%), Delta (8%), and Disney (4%). Physical gift card orders due **October 15**. The shipping timeline is not a guarantee, but typically takes a week after the school order is placed. They will be sent home with your child once they have arrived.

Knitting Club

Attached to the newsletter you will find the permission slip for Ms. Baur's Knitting Club, which will be starting Tuesday, October 22nd. This will be for grades 5-8, and we will have a permission slip for grades 1-4 after Christmas break.



Parish Bulletins

[St Joan of Arc](#)

[St. Patricks](#)

Family Mass



6 | OCT
2024

11:15 AM





YOU ARE INVITED TO

SJA TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for a spooktacular
Trunk or Treat event hosted by the HSA

OCTOBER 25 5 - 7 PM

St. Joan of Arc School Parking Lot

FOOD & DRINK FOR PURCHASE

50/50 RAFFLE

PRIZES FOR BEST
TRUNK & COSTUME

\$5 CRAFT CORNER
(5 CRAFTS INCLUDED)

*** Free to participate, additional activities are cash only ***



**THE
MIRACLE[®]
LEAGUE of
HARFORD COUNTY**

**Calling all volunteers 12+ to join the Miracle
League for a baseball game!**



Date: Saturday, October 5th, 2024

Times: 9am - 1pm

Location: 301 Schucks Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015

Attire: Appropriate athletic-wear

**What to Bring: water bottle, "buddy papers,"
and a positive attitude!**

Contact Abby to register: abigail.walton@archbalt.org



"Every Child Deserves a Chance to Play Baseball."

BONUS FEST

October 4-27



4 weekends of bonuses

Shop new bonuses every weekend, Friday-Sunday. Earn more on your everyday shopping and make a bigger impact on your organization.

Things to know

- Bonuses start each weekend at 12:00 am ET Friday and end at 11:59 pm ET Sunday.
- Offers will be announced each Friday via email and on Facebook.
- All gift card types are included (eGift cards, physical cards, and money added to reloadable cards).

How to participate



Already have a RaiseRight participant account?

View and shop bonuses on the RaiseRight mobile app or at RaiseRight.com.



Don't have an account yet?

Follow the easy steps to get started at RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning.

Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.



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Knitting and Crochet Club

Grades 5-8

Grades 1-4 will meet after Christmas break

Start: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

End: Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Time: 3:15pm-4:15pm

Where: Resource room: Chairperson-Mrs. Baur

Students must provide their own knitting needles or crochet hook (H-8 size works well.)

Students will learn the basic stitches for knitting and/or crocheting. We will attempt to make a scarf or a potholder.

Please cut on the dotted line and send in the bottom portion.

My child, _____, has permission to participate in the knitting and crocheting club.

Parent signature: _____

