St. Joan of Arc School Parent Newsletter



October 23, 2024

Dear SJA Parents and Families,

I want to call you attention to the asynchronous learning day coming up on Friday, November 15. This is a day placed in the Archdiocesan School calendar to provide teachers with time during the work day to finish grading and report cards for the first trimester. Students will not report to school that day. Students will be given assignments by Thursday, November 14, which will engage them in learning activities related to their classes, which will be turned in to be graded for the next trimester. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

We will be sending a paper copy of our handbook home on Thursday with your child. If your child is absent on Thursday, please have them request a copy from their teacher when they return to school.

Blessings, Joseph A. Schmitz Principal

A reminder if you are picking up your child early the latest pickup time is 2:40pm. We want to ensure that all students are safe and we have a smooth dismissal.

Important Dates

- Oct 25 Trunk or Treat/ Middle School Social
- Oct 31 Halloween Class Party 2-3pm / Dress Down Day/ Stem Buddy Day
- Nov 1 All Saints Day Liturgy 8:30am
- Nov 3 Family Mass 11:15
- Nov 4 Winter Uniform Begins
- Nov 7 PreK3 1st grade Field trip to North Harford
- Nov 8 Family Income Survey Dress down pass
- Nov 15 Asynchronous Half day/ No students on campus
- Nov 18 Scholastic Book Fair Begins
- Nov 21 Parent Shop night at the Book Fair

- Nov 22 Charleston Wrap Dress down pass
- Nov 26 Grandparents & Special Friends day / 1st Trimester Awards Assembly
- Nov 27-29 Closed for Thanksgiving Break

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. At this time our Prek3, Prek4, and Kindergarten are starting to fill. Click the <u>link</u> 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.

Uniform Swap

This Friday 4:30-6pm we will be holding a uniform swap for Winter Uniforms. Winter uniform begins November 4th.

Emergency & Weather related Closings/Delayed Openings

St. Joan of Arc School follows the same procedures for school closing and delays as does the Harford County Public School System. If Harford County schools close early because of inclement weather, SJA will do the same. Extended Care will not open on days when school is closed. Morning Care will not be open when school is opening late. If school is dismissed early, Extended Care will be opened until 1 hour after dismissal.

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!

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.

WATER BOTTLES: Please remember to send a refillable water bottle with your student each day. Hydration cuts down on headaches and fatigue.

HSA NEWS

SAVE THE DATE November 8 Movie Night see the attached flyer

Trunk or Treat this Friday October 25th

Please click the <u>link</u> to donate and volunteer 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. We are in need of parent volunteers to help run this event. Please consider donating your time. The Craft Corner for this event will be open from 4:30-5:30. Have your children make fun Halloween crafts while you decorate your car. Cost is \$5.00 for 5 crafts. 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.

World's Finest Candy Bar Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families participating. The response has been great and we have sold almost 250 boxes so far!! The last day to turn in any money is November 1st. If you have any questions regarding the fundraiser please email Chinch@stjoanarc.org.

We are also selling candy bars after masses this weekend and both parishes. Please click the link to sign up.

Restaurant Night

See the attached flyer for our ongoing Restaurant night for October/ November at Little Caesars.

RaiseRight Fundraiser

Please see the BonusFest Flyer below. This weekend's featured brand is the GAP. Each weekend features different brands, so check the RaiseRight app or website every weekend for current bonuses. New brands added to RaiseRight include iFly Indoor Skydiving (earning 6%). Plan ahead for the Christmas season - limited time \$5 and \$10 gift card amounts are available for select brands including Starbucks, Panera, and Barnes and Noble. The next order for physical gift card orders will be placed Nov. 15 (ship to coordinator option). eGift cards purchases are available to purchase anytime for immediate use. The enrollment code to earn for SJA is A9C13C7351446.

Scholastic Book Fair

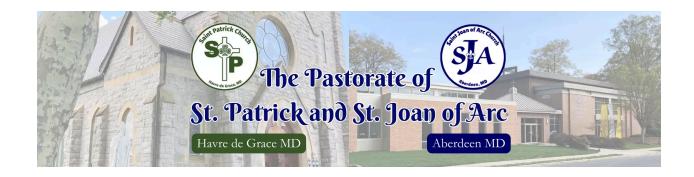
The Scholastic Book Fair will begin November 18 thru November 26. More information will be coming home with your student in the next few weeks. The Book Fair will be held in our Church Hall as in years prior. On Friday October 25th a Sign up will be sent out for any parent who would like to volunteer during the book fair. We will be holding a Parent Shop night on 11/21 from 3-6pm.

Donations Needed for Art

Our Art teacher Mrs. Kelley is requesting students bring in cardboard, egg cartons, toilet paper and paper towel rolls, magazines and shoe boxes for an upcoming project.

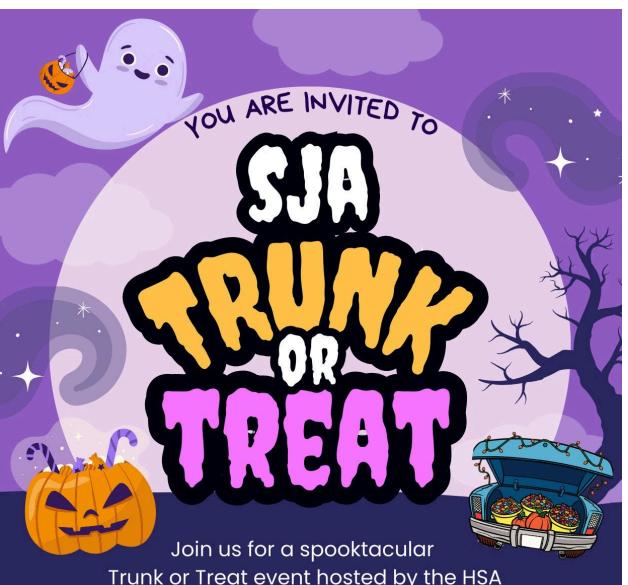
Math Competition

On Saturday, October 19th 8th graders, Erin, Reagan, and Mackenzi, 7th grade girls Lucy and Vina, and 6th girls Elena, Kayln, and Jane participated in The Catholic High School of Math Competition. Through the effort of the girls, while spending Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for math practice, SJA came in third place. In addition Mackenzie came in 2nd place for individual scores. Mrs. Baur and the SJA faculty and staff are very proud of the commitment these girls put forth for this event.



St. Joan of Arc St. Patricks

Please join us for All Saints Day Mass at 8:30 am On Friday November 1st at St. Joan of Arc.



Trunk or Treat event hosted by the HSA

OCTOBER

St. Joan of Arc School Parking Lot

FOOD & DRINK FOR PURCHASE

50/50 RAFFLE

PRIZES FOR BEST TRUNK & COSTUME

\$5 CRAFT CORNER (INCLUDES 5 CRAFTS)

* Trunk or Treat free to participate, additional activities are cash only.

** Craft Corner will be open from 4:30-5:30 PM prior to Trunk or Treat. Have your child make fun Halloween crafts while cars are being set up.

SJA SCHOOL PUNDRAISER



EVERY PIZZA NIGHT CAN EARN MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL, SCAN TO ORDER YOUR MEAL DEAL PICK UP ORDER TODAY.



CRAVING PIZZA? WE CAN HELP!

PRE-PURCHASE YOUR MEAL DEAL FOR IN-STORE PICKUP USING OUR SJA QR CODE. EACH MEAL DEAL YOU BUY RAISES \$6 FOR SJA, AND YOU'LL HAVE DINNER COVERED - WIN, WIN!





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.



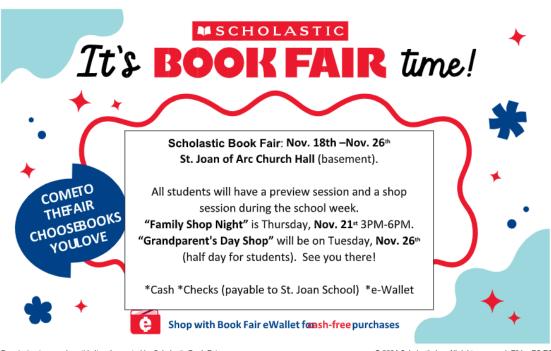






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