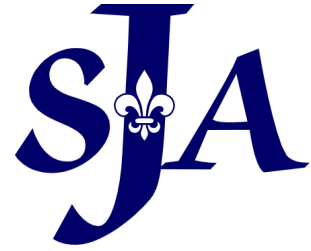


St. Joan of Arc School

Parent Newsletter



February 5, 2025

Dear SJA Parents and Families,

I have always said February is the longest and shortest month. The many illnesses and weather-related closings have been challenging! I hope you and your family have remained well, or if not, have recovered quickly.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs. Baer, she has done an amazing job managing the health suite and keeping us in line with the health department's recommendations through this time.

I also want to share links to parent resources which Mr. Joe Dugan provided during his presentation last week. He feels these sites provide parents with useful information to assist in keeping their kids safe from internet and social media harm.

[NetSmartz Workshop](#)

[Enough is Enough](#)

[National Center for Missing & Exploited Children – CyberTipline](#)

[Commonsense.org](#)

[Institute for Responsible Online and Cell-Phone Communication](#)

[Cyberwise: No Grownup Left Behind!](#)

[Protect Young Eyes](#)

[Cyber Civil Rights Initiative – Online Removal Guide](#)

[National Parent Helpline](#)

[No More Stolen Childhoods](#)

I hope these are helpful to you.

Blessings,

Mr. Schmitz

Feb 13	Class parties 2pm
Feb 14	No School / Faculty Retreat
Feb 17	School Closed
Feb 20	Individual Photo Day
Feb 27- Mar 14	Joe Corbi Fundraiser
Feb 28	End of Trimester / Asynchronous half day / No students on Campus

Winter Weather and School Closing: We have now used all 3 of our Inclement Weather days for the year. Any day going forward closed due to weather will be an Asynchronous day for our students. Teachers will send home assignments prior to when bad weather is forecasted. Students should return assignments upon return to school. Remember we follow Harford County Public Schools for weather related delays and closings.

Annual Fund and Race for Ed : This year in lieu of The Race for Ed fundraiser, we have decided to increase our efforts into the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is a yearly fundraiser at SJA that is mailed out to all parishioners, school families, alumni, friends and businesses. You can earn 1 hour of volunteer time for every 5 names and addresses that you provide to the school. You can track your hours [here](#). Please note you cannot include yourself or parishioners of SJA. Please email Elisa Maid emaids@stjoanarc.org all contact information.

Lunch in a Limo: Due to our ongoing sickness and recommended by the Health Department we will be postponing our Lunch in a Limo. As soon as we have secured a new date a new permission slip will be sent home.

Hot Lunch : Our next hot lunch will be Wednesday 2/12/25. An order form will be sent out tomorrow morning at 8am. All orders for 2/12/25 will need to be placed by 8 am on Monday 2/9/25. Just a reminder, the order placed with Pats is for the total orders we received for the day. We do not purchase extra pizza “just in case”. Please be mindful to be sure to send your student with lunch if you have not purchased hot lunch for the day.

Grant & Aid: The 2025-2026 Grant & Aid Applications opened on November 1, 2024. You may access the application by clicking [here](#). Please be sure to complete the application early as the deadline is February 28, 2024 **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Facts now has a phone line just for applicants to call if they need assistance with the Grant & Aid application. Their representatives are happy to help with the application form, documentation, or other general questions! **(866) 315-9262**

SJA Summer Camp: Bring on the fun and sign up for summer camp at SJA. [Click here to register.](#)

STEM Camp July 7-11: SJA will be holding a STEM CAMP this summer. This is a great experience for your students to use their creativity, imagination, and build confidence. Attached to the newsletter is the Camp Invention flyer. Sign up now and use the discount code “FUN25” to take \$25.00 off. [Click here to register.](#)

Spiritwear: Show your school spirit and purchase your SJA wear. The store will be open 2/4/25-2/24/25. Please use this link to [place your order here.](#)

Stem Opportunities: Looking for STEM opportunities outside of school for your student? Take a look at this STEM website for STEM opportunities outside of school. Here is the link: <https://sites.google.com/stjoanarc.org/stem/stem-opportunities>

From the nurse: Illness Update! We continue to have the Influenza Type Illness and some cases of Flu A and even Covid. Symptoms vary from child to child. They run the gamut from headaches, stuffy/nose and congestion, cough, sore throat, nausea, loss of appetite, diarrhea and vomiting. Some have fevers, others do not.

Please- if your child complains of any of the above symptoms, or ‘just isn’t feeling right’, could you please take the precaution and keep them home to evaluate. We are following the ‘best practices’ suggested by the health department to try and limit the spread in our school. We appreciate your help and understanding during this time.

Best Treatment: Rest, Hydration and Over-the-Counter Medications to treat symptoms. If fever or illness persists, contact your primary care provider for diagnosis and treatment.

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', with the reason your child is missing school. Please include their symptoms if they are ill.

Brag Book: Our students have so many interests outside of school and we would like to highlight some of their talents, achievements, and interests. If you would like your student to be featured in our 1st ever SJA Brag book, please email Elisa Maid at Emaid@stjoanarc.org a picture and a blurb about what you would like to showcase.

This is a great way to discover more about our students for prospective families and current families. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Please understand that this will be a virtual book that will be posted on our school's website.



The 2025 Simone Biles Invitational was held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX. Over 2,000 female gymnasts throughout the United States attended. Gymnasts ranged from level three to level 10. Madison Effinger, a level six gymnast from ACPR Gymnastics from Churchville, Maryland competed in all four events. Her score of 9.325 on floor landed her in second place overall. She was able to meet Simone Biles, her husband, Jonathan Owen, who plays for the Chicago Bears and the rest of her family. She earned three medals while in attendance.

Track it Forward: All families registered on Track it Forward have received an "Hour Update" email. If you have not received an email regarding your volunteer hours, please register your family on Track it Forward by clicking [here](#).

NEW opportunities have been added for upcoming events as well as our ongoing opportunities. We are always in need of water, forever stamps, and reams of paper. School reviews and testimonies are also year around opportunities!

Please keep in mind that 20 hours need to be completed by May 5, 2025 in order to receive credit for this year. Any hours left incomplete by May 6, 2025 at 8:00am will be billed through FACTS at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

HersheyPark Tickets: Discounted HersheyPark tickets are on sale again this year! Please click [here](#) to order. Ticket sales begin today, January 15th and will end on Friday April 11th. Admission tickets are discounted to \$50.00 each. Every 10 tickets sold earns one ticket to help send our 8th graders on their class trip for free! Tickets are valid for any one public operational day in 2025. Please email svara@stjoanarc.org with any questions. day in 2025.

HSA : CASH BINGO Tickets now on sale!

Join us Feb 28th @ 6:30pm in the church hall for Cash Bingo. Doors open at 6pm. You may purchase tickets online prior to the event or you may purchase tickets at the door which will be **cash only**. There will be additional games for sale, as well as daubers and nominal snacks for purchase, also **cash only**. We will be raffling themed baskets off during the evening. All money raised during this event will be donated back to the school.

Kids are welcome to play bingo, but adults must claim payout. We respectfully ask all people in attendance who are not volunteers to play Bingo. We are expecting a full house!

Tickets are \$20 a piece and can be purchased by **clicking here**. If you purchase 8 tickets we will reserve a table for your group, otherwise it will be first come first serve seating.

Get ready to sell those Joe Corbi's pizzas! The fundraiser will run February 27 thru March 14, 2025. The delivery date will be Monday, April 14th. Information will go home with your student as the date nears. Be on the lookout!

AOB Baltimore Blast Night – On March 2 at 3:00 p.m., all members of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and our Catholic School students and families get a special discount night where the Blast will be celebrating the archdiocese! <https://baltimoreblast.com/archdiocese/> Ticket prices are \$23. Please see the **attached** flyer and Baltimore Blast logo to use to help promote.

Rise Up: HAVE MERCY! Middle School Day - On Saturday, March 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., all youth in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in the annual Archdiocesan middle school gathering, now with a new focus and location. The day at Holy Family (Randallstown) will begin with Mass at 10:00 a.m., celebrated by Bishop Bruce Lewandowski (all parents and family members are welcome to attend). Middle school participants will then play, pray, learn, and actively serve as we unpack the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in the light of Catholic social teaching. The \$20/person cost includes lunch! Registration will close on February 28th (or when full). Information and resources:

- Parish/School Groups may register at:

<https://archbalt.regfox.com/rise-up-2025-group-registration>

- Parent/Guardians whose parishes are not sending a group may register their child(ren) directly using this (bilingual) online form:

<https://archbalt.regfox.com/riseup2025>



St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

The budget has been developed and tuition has been set for the **2025-2026** school year. Tuition for the upcoming school year **will not change**.

2024-2025 TUITION RATES

	<u>1 Child</u>	<u>2 Children</u>	<u>3 Children</u>	<u>4 Children</u>	<u>5 Children</u>
Active Catholic	\$7,950.00	15,400.00	22,600.00	29,550.00	36,250.00
Non-Catholic	\$8,950.00	17,400.00	25,600.00	33,550.00	41,250.00

- Technology Fee is included in the tuition rates.
- The Catholic Tuition Discount Form must be submitted each year in order to qualify for the Catholic discount of \$1,000.00 per child.
- A Multi Child Discount is given in this way: a \$500.00 discount for two children; a \$1,250.00 discount for three children; a \$2,250.00 discount for four children, and \$3500.00 discount for five children.
- 8th grade fee is \$200.00. Final payment is due by April 17, 2026
 - Includes Yearbook, Retreat and Graduation Fees

Application and Registration Fees (non-refundable)

New Students

Application Fee: \$99.00

Registration Fee: \$175.00

Continuing Students

Re-registration \$200.00 each year*

*Please note that \$75.00 of the re-registration fee will be waived for students re-registering by January 10, 2025.

FACTS Tuition Management and Financial Aid Information for the 2025-2026 School Year

FACTS will continue to serve as the preferred provider for financial aid and tuition management service within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. FACTS Tuition Management Company will collect all tuition payments, including payment in full, semi-annual and monthly payments. **ALL FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP AND MAKE PAYMENT THROUGH FACTS** utilizing automatic bank payments (EFT) or by credit card. (*There is an additional fee for processing the credit card option). Easy and convenient online registration is available.

FACTS Grant and Aid

Tuition Assistance for the 2025-26 School Year is available through the Archdiocese of Baltimore for all families who qualify. To apply, please visit the FACTS Grant and Aid website at www.factstuitionaid.com. FACTS Grant and Aid application fee is \$35.00. The deadline to apply for Archdiocesan Assistance is February 28, 2025. FACTS will require the submission of 2023 Tax Return and 2024 W2.

Additional assistance is available through St. Joan of Arc School and Parish. The process of using FACTS will be the same for AOB or local assistance distribution. Our goal is to help all families afford a Catholic education for their children. Additional funds are available through **Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program** for those students who qualify by income. For more information, go to <http://marylandpublicschools.org/pages/boost/index.aspx>



Summer Camp at SJA – 2025

Welcome to SJA's 2025 Camp – Bring on the fun!

We look forward to providing your child with the best summer ever!
SJA is offering 7 weeks of camp, making it easy to fit one or more weeks into your schedule.

Excluding Camp Invention and Vacation Bible School, all other camps are from 8am – 4pm. Students must be entering Kindergarten to register.

Deposits are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

Week 1: Around the World - June 9-13, Camp Cost \$270 (5 days, 8am - 4pm)

We will travel around the world in 5 days! Fun facts, games, traditions and food samples from around the world, ending the week with an International Dance Party!

Week 2: Nature Week - June 16-18, Camp Cost \$162 (3 days, 8am - 4pm)

Nature, Nature, Nature! Learn about critters and their habitats, as well as our outdoors with Mrs. Simmons! Please note there is no camp on Thursday or Friday, June 19th and 20th.

Week 3: Art/Music - June 23 -27, Camp Cost \$270 (5 days, 8am - 4pm)

Enjoy a week of exploring art and music!

Week 4: Camp Invention - July 7-11, See Separate Registration (5 days)

Camp Invention is a high-energy, hands-on STEM Camp. Register at [Camp Invention](#).

Week 5: Creative Chef - July 14-18, Camp Cost \$320 (5 days, 8am - 4pm)

We will cook all week preparing dishes that the kids will eat from fresh ingredients. Everyone will learn kitchen safety and how to use kitchen tools to make yummy foods!

Week 6: Character Week - July 21 -25, Camp Cost \$270 (5 days, 8am - 4pm)

Each day we will have fun learning activities celebrating a variety of characters.

Week 7: Vacation Bible School – July 27 – August 1, Camp Cost See Separate

2025 C5ISR Center Math & Science Summer Camp

The 2025 C5ISR Center Math & Science Summer Camp is a unique program designed to inspire and educate students in the fields of math and science. The application process will open on **Monday, February 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** Please note that seats fill up quickly, often within the first day, so be sure to apply early to secure your spot.

Important Details:

- Application opens: Monday, February 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM
- Application process: First Come – First Served basis, with placement preference given to children of current military members
- Camp location: Harford Glen Environmental Center, Bel Air, MD
- Themes and dates:
 - Rising 5th & 6th Grade: Flight and Rocketry (July 21 – July 25)
 - Rising 7th & 8th Grade: STEM in Pop Culture (July 28 – August 1)
 - Rising 9th & 10th Grade: Natural Disasters (August 4 – August 8)

For more information about the application process and details about the various themes, please visit: <https://c5isrcenter.devcom.army.mil/k12/>.



SJA Family STEM NIGHT

Volunteers Needed

SJA is excited to announce the return of our Family STEM Night "Knights Unite". This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their STEM projects and demonstrations. Additionally, special guests from the world of STEM will be sharing their work and performing demonstrations. It is a great free event that will engage and motivate students. However, we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to fill various roles in this event. They say "many hands make light work", so we are asking for many hands. Below are event roles and times needed. Our goal is to break roles into shifts so that everyone can have time to also enjoy the event. If you can volunteer for the whole event, that is great as well. Please let us know if you can help by contacting mfield@stjoanarc.org and indicate the roles and times that you are available. This is a rare opportunity to get volunteer credit after hours. VIRTUS Training is required for this event.

Thank you for your support of this event.

- **Set-up Crew:** Help put down mats and set up tables and chairs in the gym, put up signage - needed from 3:30-5:00 pm
- **Clean-up Crew:** Help put away tables, chairs, supplies, take trash to dumpster - needed from about 7:00-8:00 pm
- **Welcome Table:** Welcome guests, hand out passports, direct people where to go - 4:50-7:00 pm
 - First Shift 4:50 pm to 6:00 pm
 - Second Shift 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- **Classroom Chaperone:** Monitor students and guest as they participate in a STEM activity that put on by middle school students, help guest perform STEM activity - 4:50-7:00 pm
 - First Shift 4:50 pm to 6:00 pm
 - Second Shift 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- **Hall Monitor:** Makes sure guests do not enter unattended areas or open locked doors - 4:50-7:00 pm
 - First Shift 4:50 pm to 6:00 pm
 - Second Shift 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm



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A fourth grader finds fun in physics with her magnetic penguin pal.



An Instructor empowers a third grader to build creative problem-solving skills while designing her own claw machine.



A second grader gains confidence as he wires his transmitter and sends Morse code messages.

A TYPICAL DAY AT THE ALL-NEW 2025 CAMP INVENTION®

Give your child a summer experience that builds confidence, creativity and imagination! Campers team up with friends to explore open-ended STEM challenges led by qualified educators and guaranteed to be full of hands-on FUN!

A.M. BASE CAMP: Drop off your camper with qualified local educators who start each day with games that ignite creativity.



CLAW ARCADE™

Campers unleash nature-inspired creativity to make their own claw machines with unique prizes, then give a confidence-boosting pitch to hook investors!



PENGUIN LAUNCH™

Campers team up for an eco-expedition as they investigate Antarctica with a robotic assistant, then design launchers to propel plush penguins across snowy landscapes!

GAMES & LUNCH: Half the campers head outside to play action-packed games while the others eat lunch — and then they switch.



IN CONTROL™

Campers take the driver's seat on the ultimate road trip as they design a custom control panel and navigate their journey with help from GPS and AI tools!



ILLUSION WORKSHOP™

When they explore the science behind special effects, campers uncover optical illusions in movies, art and animation before building their own moving props!

P.M. BASE CAMP: The day wraps up as campers wind down with problem-solving games.

All images feature actual campers enjoying our new 2025 program.

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

Grades: K - 6th

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

Dates: July 7 - 11, 2025

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$275 (before discount)

Sibling Discounts and Payment Plans Available at [INVENT.ORG/CISAVE](https://invent.org/cisave)

Extended Day Hours Available: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM | Additional \$100

Camp Director: Melissa Field & Megan Reith | campinvention@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.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.

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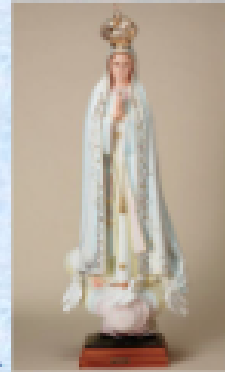
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Pilgrim Virgin Statue Legion of Mary, St. Joan of Arc

Promoting Family Prayer and the Rosary in Your Home!

Our St. Joan of Arc Legion of Mary group is re-starting a program aimed to promote family prayer and the rosary at home, it is called the "Pilgrim Virgin Statue".

At a time of your choosing, a Legion of Mary prayer team will come to your home (usually on a Sunday afternoon) with the Pilgrim Virgin statue. They will give a background about the rosary, pray the rosary with you and your family, leave the statue and encourage your family to pray the rosary each evening. At the end of the week, a prayer team will come to your home to take the statue to another family. If for health reasons, you'd rather receive the statue but desire to do the prayers remotely, we can accommodate your request.



This program is a great way to introduce your family to the rosary and foster family prayer! Besides praying for each family's needs, a parish prayer intention book will accompany the statue from home to home. These petitions will include praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. What a wonderful way for us to come together as family in prayer for our parish and Church!

For information or sign up, please contact Virginia Bahr at virginiabahr@gmail.com or Deacon Ray at: rvanpelt@stjoanarc.org.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."

- Pope Saint Pius X



A vibrant, colorful poster for a Bingo Night event. The background is purple with yellow and blue starburst shapes. In the top left, there are two bingo cards. One is blue and labeled 'BINGO' with numbers 15, 20, 1, 10, 19, 25, 44, 40, 18, 63, 37, 60, 13, 30, 33, 5, 27, 48, 53, 21, 70, 57, 68, 56. The other is red and labeled 'GO' with numbers 10, 19, 18, 63, 13, 30, 48, 53, 8, 56. Scattered around the poster are several bingo balls with numbers and letters: B 12 (orange), N 44 (red), O 30 (green), N 41 (green), O 73 (blue), B 14 (orange), I 19 (green), N 37 (red), G 50 (purple), and O 65 (blue). The main title 'BINGO NIGHT' is in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below it, a blue starburst says 'FRIDAY FEB. 28TH' and a yellow starburst says '\$20.00 a board'. The venue 'SJA Church Hall' is listed with 'Doors open at: 06:00pm' and 'Game starts at: 06:30pm'. A QR code is shown with the text 'register today' below it. At the bottom, it says 'CASH PRIZES!!' and 'Small refreshments available for purchase'.

BINGO NIGHT

**FRIDAY
FEB. 28TH**

\$20.00
a board

SJA Church Hall
Doors open at: 06:00pm
Game starts at: 06:30pm

CASH PRIZES!!
Small refreshments available for purchase

register today



2025 Individual Order Form



**Benefit Your Organization by
Purchasing Your Tickets Here!**



**Every 10 tickets purchased supports our
2025 8th grade class!**



**Regular Admission tickets are discounted to
\$50.00 each**

*Valid for one 2025 operational day
(May 2025-January 1, 2026)

No refunds or ticket extensions will be offered

St. Joan of Arc School will distribute tickets in May.

Please email svara@stjoanarc.org with any questions.



Archdiocese night

Come out to support the
Archdiocese and enjoy
the FUN at the Baltimore
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Visit:

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Sunday, March 2nd
3:00pm





Free Throw Contest

Knights of Columbus
Council 2002



Where?

230 South Law St.
Aberdeen, MD
Saint Joan of Arc
Parish Life Center



Who?

All kids in the
community from
the ages of
9 to 14.



When?

February 22nd,
2025.
Registration starts
at 1:30pm
Competition starts
at 2:00pm

Registration: Free



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