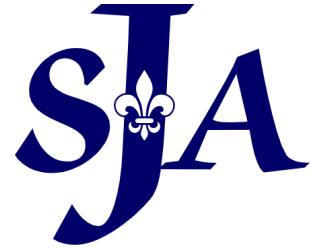


# **St. Joan of Arc School**

## **Parent Newsletter**



February 12, 2025

Dear SJA Parents and Families,

We are thankful to be rebounding finally from the wave of illness that had been affecting the school since we returned for Christmas break.

Our students have been enjoying the Agricultural Science van which has been visiting SJA this week. A big thank you to all of our parent volunteers who have helped make this happen. The van will remain an extra day if we are closed for snow on February 12.

We have rescheduled our classroom visits by Abraham Lincoln (SJA parishioner Mike Pendorf) for next Wednesday February 19th. We will see what the weather holds.

Please read the entire Newsletter each week, as it is the most efficient way for us to convey a large amount of important information to you!

Thanks, and God bless,

Joseph A. Schmitz  
Principal  
St. Joan of Arc Catholic School  
(410) 272-1387

## Important dates

Feb 13	Class parties 2pm/ Dress down Valentines theme
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
Mar 3- Mar 7	Read Across America Week ( details coming next week )
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday School wide Mass
Mar	John Carroll Rock Band 2:00pm
Mar 7	Report Cards go home
Mar 11	T2 awards assembly
Mar 13	SJA Voices Dessert night

**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.

**Stakeholder Survey:** As stewards of Catholic education, it is our unwavering commitment to ensure that every child entrusted to our care receives a holistic and quality education that nurtures their spiritual, intellectual, and personal growth. To honor this commitment, we are continuously seeking ways to improve and enhance our educational practices to better meet the needs of our students, families, and staff.

With this in mind, the Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools have launched a Stakeholder survey, which is a vital component of our ongoing efforts for continuous improvement. This survey aims to gather valuable feedback from every member of our school communities, helping us gain insights to strengthen our school culture, climate, and Catholic Identity.

**We are asking to have 100% participation for all parents.** Please note, survey responses will remain anonymous to encourage candid and honest feedback. The survey window will be open from today until Friday, February 21st.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

As partners in the mission of Catholic education, we appreciate your participation in the survey. **You can earn a dress down pass for your child(ren)! Complete the survey and print the last page. Sign it, date it and print your student's name on it. Finally have your student turn it into his/her homeroom teacher.**

**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 [emaid@stjoanarc.org](mailto:emaid@stjoanarc.org) all contact information.

**Contract:** St. Joan of Arc School Contracts for the 2025-2026 school year are now available. **All contracts and setting up your FACTS account for the 2025-2026 school year are due on March 4, 2025.**

To begin this process:

1. Log into the Parent Portal through SchoolAdmin.  
<http://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com>
2. Select '**Complete Contract**' to begin the enrollment process.  
*Please click the tab along the top of the screen with your child's name to see a list of additional items to complete.*
3. Once **all** contracts are completed for the students in your family, you will be able to proceed to finalize your FACTS agreement.
4. Click the "Sign up for FACTS..." button on your student's checklist to begin finalizing your agreement.
5. Students who do not have a completed tuition contract and FACTS agreement will remain in the system as "enrollment in progress" and will not be moved forward to the 2025-2026 school year.

**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**

**Picture day:** Individual Picture day will be held on February 20, 2025. Your child may dress up in Sunday's Best attire. Picture forms went home this week with your child.

**Hot Lunch :** Our next hot lunch will be Wednesday 2/19/25. Due to this week's cancelling of lunch for weather all orders that were placed will go towards next week's lunch order. There will not be a new form sent out tomorrow morning.

**SJA Summer Camp:** Bring on the fun and sign up for summer camp at SJA. See attached flyer for detailed information for camps. Camps are filling up quickly. Please [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>

**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](mailto: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.

**Hershey Park:** Discounted HersheyPark tickets are on sale again this year! Please click [here](#) to order. Ticket sales will end on Friday April 11th. Admission tickets are discounted to \$50.00 each. Meal tickets are \$20.00 each and include one entree, one side, and one 24oz fountain drink. Every 10 admission tickets sold, earns one admission 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](mailto:svara@stjoanarc.org) with any questions.

**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!

**Parish News:** [St. Joan of Arc Bulletin](#) [St. Patrick Bulletin](#)

**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.
- 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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**





# 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.



**Registration: Free**

## When?

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



Point of Contact: Mike Landolt [michael.c.landolt@gmail.com](mailto:michael.c.landolt@gmail.com)

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# Archdiocese night

Come out to support the  
Archdiocese and enjoy  
the FUN at the Baltimore  
Blast game!

**Visit:**

**<https://baltimoreblast.com/archdiocese/>**  
**to purchase your discounted tickets!**

**Sunday, March 2nd**  
**3:00pm**







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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](mailto: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](https://invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.

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**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

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# 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](mailto: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

# 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/>.





## 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

**Meal tickets are available for purchase at \$20.00 each**

\*All meals include an entree, side, and 24oz. fountain drink

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

**Please email [svara@stjoanarc.org](mailto:svara@stjoanarc.org) with any questions.**

No refunds or ticket extensions will be offered