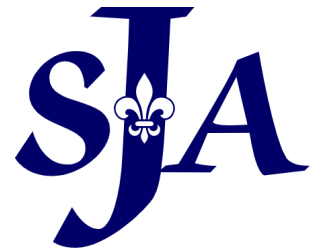


St. Joan of Arc School



Parent Newsletter

February 26, 2025

Dear SJA Parents and Families,

This Friday, we will be having the scheduled asynchronous day as we end the second trimester. Just to review what that looks like, students do not report to school on Friday. Teachers will send work home with students which will be graded and applied to the third trimester grade. The work should take students about four hours to complete.

Teachers will work at school that day to finish grades and report cards for the second trimester.

It's awfully hard to believe we are two-thirds of the way through the school year already!

Blessings,
Mr. Schmitz

Important Dates

Feb 27- Mar 14	Joe Corbi Fundraiser
	End of Trimester / Asynchronous half day / No students on Campus
Feb 28	Bingo Church Hall @ 6:30 doors open at 6:00pm
Mar 3- Mar 7	Read Across America Week
Mar 4	Pancakes for Pollinators Breakfast
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday School wide Mass
Mar 6	John Carroll Rock Band 2:00pm
Mar 7	Report Cards go home
Mar 11	T2 awards assembly
Mar 13	SJA Voices Dessert night

Hot Lunch: Tomorrow you will receive the link for our next Hot Lunch on Wednesday, March 5th. All orders must be placed by Monday, March 3rd.

Family Mass: Please join us this Sunday, March 2nd for our Family Mass @ 11:15. If your child would like to sing with the Choir, Mrs. Dandino asks that they arrive at 10:30 to practice before Mass. After Mass, stay and celebrate Mardi Gras down in the hall from 12:30- 2:00 pm.

Shrove Tuesday: Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with your SJA Family by participating in this year's Pancakes for Pollinators. Bring in a donation of at least \$1.00 and 8th grade will cook and serve you a Pancake breakfast.

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 are due no later than February 28, 2025. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**. You may access the application by clicking [here](#).

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**

Scholarship Opportunity: The DAVA Scholarship is offering our students another scholarship opportunity. Please see the below requirements.

Our organization has created scholarships **in** the amount of \$250 each, which will be awarded to two (2) students pursuing an education at St. Joan of Arc School. This award is to be used for tuition or any other related educational expenses. One (1) scholarship will be awarded to a student entering grades 4 or 5, and the other to a student entering grades 6, 7, or 8 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident with a valid Green Card who is enrolled to attend the 2025-2026 school year at St. Joan of Arc School.
- Be a descendent/relative of an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces.
- Provide the required student information: name, grade entering.
- Obtain one (1) recommendation from a community leader, i.e. teacher, scout master, coach, etc.

Using the theme, "What the American flag means to me," submit one **of** the following:

- A written 2-4 paragraph essay; or
- A captioned drawing.

Drop off the required **information**, submission and recommendation by the deadline of **Wednesday, April 30, 2025** to the main office of St. Joan of Arc School.

From Mrs. Ericson: Congratulations to the 4th grade class for 100% book return last week!

From the Nurse: Illness Update: Finally our absentee numbers are returning to normal. Unfortunately, we still have a few students out with Flu or Flu Like Illness but the numbers are dropping. Thank you for being extra diligent in keeping your child home if they were feeling poorly. I do think taking the extra precautions have helped to improve our numbers.

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.

Water and Kleenex Donations Needed by the Nurse and Music Teacher. Thank you in advance!

SJA Summer Camp: Summer camp registration is still open. 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](#).

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 with any questions.

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.

HSA : CASH BINGO this Friday 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! Tomorrow, February 27, 2025 your child will come home with a packet and all information needed to start your online store. The fundraiser will run from 2/27- 3/14. All paper orders must be turned in no later than 3/14. The pick up date will be April 14th.

RaiseRight Fundraiser Upcoming Bonuses - Raise Days running February 27-28. See attached flyer. Bonuses only for eGift cards and reloadable gift cards.
How RaiseRight works quick recap:

RaiseRight is gift card fundraising that allows you to fundraise while doing your everyday shopping.

Groceries, dining out, home improvement, and everything in between. It's the most convenient and

effective way to fundraise because earning becomes part of your everyday life.

- Buy gift cards at full value from 750+ brands. Pick from eGift cards and physical gift cards. (Brands include Apple, Children's Place, Home Depot, Shoprite, Weis...to name a few)
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases.
- RaiseRight deposits earnings directly back to SJA thanks to the brands' support of the community - up to 20% on every gift card you buy. (Percentages are listed with each card in the app and online, they vary by brand and card type.) Earn more when you shop online with those brands through the RaiseRight website.

eGift Card purchases made online or in the app are processed by RaiseRight quickly and are almost immediately available for use.

Create a free fundraising account on the RaiseRight mobile app or at RaiseRight.com
Use school code A9C13C7351446 to earn for SJA if you haven't created an account yet.

Parish News

[St. Joan of Arc Bulletin](#)

[St. Patrick Bulletin](#)



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>



Pancakes for Pollinators

March 4, 2025

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with your SJA family by participating in this years Pancakes for Pollinators! Bring in a donation of at least \$1 and the 8th grade class will cook and serve you a homemade pancake breakfast.

What: Pancake Breakfast
When: Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Time: 8:30-9:30 am
Where: Your homeroom classroom



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

Bingo Card:

BINGO				
15	20	1	10	19
25	44	40	18	63
37	60	★	13	30
33	5	27	48	53
21	70	57	68	56

Bingo Balls:

- B 12
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- O 73
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RAISE DAYS

FEB 27-28

75+ Bonuses • Earnings up to 23%

Things to Know

- 2 days only. 75+ brands on bonus.
- Bonuses apply to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards only.
- Participants must have an online account to participate.

How to Participate

Already have a RaiseRight participant account?

View and shop bonuses February 27-28 on the RaiseRight mobile app or at [RaiseRight.com](https://www.RaiseRight.com).

Don't have a RaiseRight account yet?

Follow the easy steps to get started at [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](https://www.RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning). Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.

Get a Sneak Peek of all Raise Days bonuses

Exclusively on the RaiseRight mobile app, Wednesday, February 26



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SJA VOICES **DESSERT NIGHT**

When?

Doors Open at 6:15
pm. Performance
starts at 6:30.

Where?

222 South Law St.
Aberdeen, Md.
Church Hall

Thursday, March
13th, 2025

SJA Voices will be
politely accepting tips
for buses to the
festival in spring.



*Jam with
Jesus!*





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

**Volunteers
Needed**

SJA Family STEM NIGHT

Knights Unite for STEM Education

APRIL 10, 2025
5:00-7:00 PM

Come join the SJA students and staff as we celebrate our annual Family STEM Night! This event is a free, come-and-go event for Pre-K-8 students, families, and community members!

ST JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL
230 S. LAW STREET
ABERDEEN MD 21001

Engage in fun, interactive, STEM learning activities and demonstrations, take a peek at our 4th and 5th grade Science Fair and Invention Convention projects, and learn about STEM related careers!

**Volunteers
Needed**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MFIELD@STJOANARC.ORG

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Sunday | March 2 | 2025

12:30 - 2:00 PM

St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall

LET'S CELEBRATE AND HAVE FUN

MARDI *Gras*

**Come after 11:15AM
Family Mass**





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



HARFORD COUNTY SCHOLASTIC (Grades 1-12) CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

[**www.emmortorec.com**](http://www.emmortorec.com)



March 29th, 2025

McFaul Activities Center

525 W MacPhail Rd, Bel Air, MD 21014

**Visit Emmorton Rec Chess Club for
registration and more details.**

Official Maryland State Scholastic Championships



Maryland State Girls Championship (Haring Qualifier)

Magnus Chess Academy in partnership with the Maryland Chess Association

March 1st, 2025

Location:

Bender JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd, Rockville, MD 20852

Championship and U 800 Sections

Maryland State Scholastic Championships (Denker, Barber, and Rockefeller Qualifiers)

Magnus Chess Academy in partnership with the Maryland Chess Association

April 26th -27th, 2025

Location:

Hammond High School, 8800 Guilford Road, Columbia, MD 21046

Championship 2 day sections for High School (9-12), Middle School (6-8), and Elementary School (4-5)

Championship 1 day sections for Primary School (3-4) and K-1.

Under sections for High, Middle, Elementary, and Primary Schools

For more information and registration visit

<https://chessacademy.com/collections/chess-tournaments>



Camp Invention®

FUN & CREATIVITY COLLIDE AT **CAMP INVENTION**



LEARN MORE AT [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp)



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®

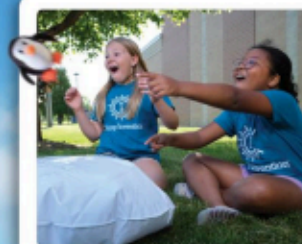
Give your child a summer experience that builds confidence, creativity and imagination! Campers team up with friends to explore open-ended STEM challenges led by qualified educators and guaranteed to be full of hands-on FUN!

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 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

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.

SAVE \$25 WITH CODE
FUN25
AT INVENT.ORG/CAMP
Offer expires March 20, 2025



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your spot today!

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