

# St. Joan of Arc School

## Parent Newsletter



February 19, 2025

Dear St. Joan of Arc Parents and Families,

While we may of dodged the big one tomorrow, we have now used all of our built-in inclement weather days, as well as our two allowable asynchronous days for inclement weather (these are separate from the asynchronous days placed at the end of the trimester for teachers to do report card grades and comments). If any inclement weather crops up and we need to be closed we will make up the day(s)by attending school on March 24, which is a scheduled day off and if necessary Friday, March 21st which is scheduled as a Professional Development day for our Teachers. Hopefully, since it seems like we could have a significant rise in temperatures next week, we are done with the snow for the year.

Blessings,

Joseph A. Schmitz  
Principal

<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Individual Photo Day</b>
<b>Feb 27- Mar 14</b>	<b>Joe Corbi Fundraiser</b>
<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>End of Trimester / Asynchronous half day / No students on Campus</b>
<b>Mar 3- Mar 7</b>	<b>Read Across America Week</b>
<b>Mar 5</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday School wide Mass</b>
<b>Mar</b>	<b>John Carroll Rock Band 2:00pm</b>
<b>Mar 7</b>	<b>Report Cards go home</b>
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>T2 awards assembly</b>
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>SJA Voices Dessert night</b>

**Winter Weather and School Closing:** Please remember we follow HCPS for all closings and delays.

**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**

**From the Nurse:** Unfortunately, we still have many cases of Flu and Flu-Like Illness in our school. Please use the following guidelines, if your child has any complaints.

Consider keeping your child at home for an extra day if he/she has any of the following:

- Very stuffy or runny nose and/or cough
- Mild sore throat (no fever, no known exposure to strep)
- Headache
- Mild stomach ache

**DEFINITELY keep your child at home for treatment & observation with these symptoms:**

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees by mouth)
- Vomiting (even once) & Diarrhea
- Chills
- General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- Congested (wet) or croupy cough
- Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose

If your child is sent home sick from the nurse, **THEY MUST STAY HOME THE ENTIRE NEXT DAY OF SCHOOL.**

If your child is staying home for any reason, please include the nurse in your email to their teacher(s). ([sbaer@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sbaer@stjoanarc.org)) Please include their symptoms including temperature reading and any positive lab tests.

Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated!

**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- Last call** 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>

**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.

**Parish news:**

[St. Joan of Arc](#)

[St. Patrick](#)



## 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**



**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](mailto:MFIELD@STJOANARC.ORG)





# 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**



# **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.**

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# 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>**



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# 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®

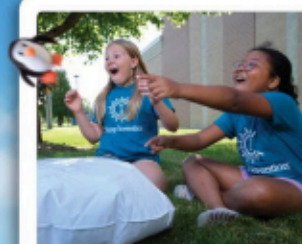
Give your child a summer experience that builds confidence, creativity and imagination! Campers team up with friends to explore open-ended STEM challenges led by qualified educators and guaranteed to be full of hands-on FUN!

**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](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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A vibrant, colorful poster for a Bingo Night event. The background is purple with a blue starburst shape in the center. The title "BINGO NIGHT" is prominently displayed in the center. Surrounding the title are several bingo balls with numbers and letters (B, I, N, G, O). In the top left corner, there are two bingo cards. One card is blue and white, and the other is red and white. The blue card has a star in the center. The red card has a star in the center. Below the title, the date "FRIDAY FEB. 28TH" is written in a blue speech bubble, and the price "\$20.00 a board" is written in a yellow speech bubble. Below these, the location "SJA Church Hall" and the times "Doors open at: 06:00pm" and "Game starts at: 06:30pm" are listed. A QR code is shown in a white speech bubble with the text "register today". At the bottom, the text "CASH PRIZES!!" is written in a large, bold font, followed by "Small refreshments available for purchase" in a smaller font. The bottom of the poster features a row of bingo balls with numbers 14, 19, 37, 50, and 65.

**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

**B 12**  
**N 44**  
**O 30**  
**N 41**  
**O 73**  
**B 14**  
**I 19**  
**N 37**  
**G 50**  
**O 65**



## 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