



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Upcoming

- MAR 21 NO SCHOOL / PROFESSIONAL DAY**
- MAR 24 NO SCHOOL**
- MAR 25 CASEY CARES PAJAME DRIVE BEGINS**
- MAR 28 STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2PM**
- MAR 31 SPRING UNIFORM BEGINS**
- APR 3, 4, 7 MAP TESTING**

## Nurse Baer says...

### Flu and "Flu Like Illness" Outbreak!

We are currently experiencing another Flu (Mostly Flu B) and "Flu Like Illness" Outbreak here at SJA. Symptoms have included fever, cough, headaches, body aches, stomach complaints such as diarrhea and vomiting along sore throats. Students who have become ill at school with symptoms have been evaluated and sent home as appropriate. Students in Grade 5, Grade 7 and Grade 8 have been affected the most. Since students in these classes have siblings or carpool with other students, we are making everyone aware.

If your child exhibits any of these symptoms, please consider keeping them home and see how they are. Please have them remain at home until they are symptom free without medication.

We need everyone working together to help limit the spread!

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!

## A note from Mr. Schmitz

Dear SJA Parents and Families,

As we emerge from cold weather and many illnesses (although there's been a bit of an uptick this week, unfortunately) we are trying to get on track with fire drills and other required emergency drills. We had a fire drill yesterday, with an efficient exit time. We will be having a lockdown drill soon, so as I always request, please prepare your children if you are concerned that the drill will make them anxious. I will let you know when the next one has been accomplished.

Blessings,  
Mr. Schmitz

## student Spotlight

What interests do our students have outside of school?

Jack Ferry is in 8th grade here at SJA. When Jack isn't at school he is hitting the ice. His team just won the 13UAA - PA championship & were the AHF Conference Champions! Congratulations Jack!



Let us know what your student is doing outside of school.  
Email Mrs Maid , [emaid@stjoanarc.org](mailto:emaid@stjoanarc.org).



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From Mrs. Ericson....

Please remember all library books are due on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week.

## STEM TIP OF THE WEEK

“Life is a series of building, testing, changing and iterating.” – Lauren Mosenthal, CTO at Glassbreakers

Children learn best through hands-on experiences and real world connections, and life is full of those things! The more we connect learning to real world experience, the better our children are at understanding and engaging in the classroom. And, those real-world connections don't just yield higher academic outcomes, they also help students with social and emotional learning. Talk to your child about what they are learning in school, then connect it to the everyday things you do and see at home (or even while running errands). It will make their learning more meaningful and give you the opportunity to participate in their ongoing education.

## Summer Uniform



Summer uniform begins Monday, March 31st. Please make sure your child is in proper uniform.

## BOOST Scholarship

The BOOST( Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today) Scholarship awards for some students who are eligible for the free or reduced-price school meals program ( FARMs) to attend eligible nonpublic schools. The scholarship is now OPEN. Please [click here](#) for more information.

## Hershey Park Tickets

Send our 8th grade to Hershey!

DISCOUNTED HERSHEY PARK 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 24 OZ 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.

Looking for extracurricular STEM activities? Check out these [off-campus STEM classes!](#)



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## HSA Members 25-26 school year

Our HSA will have open positions for next school year. If you would be interested in joining the HSA please email Mrs. Hinch [chinch@stjoanarc.org](mailto:chinch@stjoanarc.org) no later than May 1st.

## Summer Camp at SJA

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.](#)

## Our Lenten School Project

We are still collecting hygiene products for women and children that utilize the WE Coalition through The Willow House right here in Aberdeen. It is the yellow house at the end of Law Street. (301 Bel Air Ave.) They provide support and housing for women and children in need. The items we will be collecting are: soap, body wash, toothpaste, lotion, perfume/body spray, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, combs, brushes, small mirrors, etc. We are also asking for a small toy to be added to the children's bags-like coloring books and crayons, deck of cards, card game, small toy or puzzle.

There will be a school wide prize of "Ice Cream for Breakfast" on Wednesday, April 16th- the day before our Easter Break. Thank you for your help with this project! If you have any questions, please reach out to Gina Sanphillipo or Susan Baer

## Fridays during Lent

Join us on Fridays during Lent for a delicious Friday Fish Fry dinner downstairs in the Parish Hall, eat-in or to-go. Meal prices range from \$8-\$13, offering the best deal in town. Payment by cash, check, credit card or Venmo/PayPal accepted at the door. Doors open at 4:30 PM. Then, at 7 PM, come upstairs to the church and participate in the ancient and moving Catholic devotion, "The Stations Of The Cross." Each week we will journey together in the footsteps of Jesus on the road to Calvary. On the final Friday, April 11, enjoy the beauty of 'Tenebrae' - a beautiful and profound reflection on the mysteries of the season using scripture, song, darkness and light.

Parish Bulletins



[St. Joan of Arc Bulletin](#)



[St. Patrick Bulletin](#)



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## Join SJA at the Ironbirds game

Join SJA at the Ironbirds game on Thursday, May 22nd @ 7:05pm. Seats are limited, purchase your tickets [here](#). We hope to see you there!

## SJA JUMP ROPE CLUB

Congratulations to the SJA Jump Rope Club for their participation in the 2025 School Jump Off Virtual Tournament! There were 16,588 participants representing 153 schools from 49 states/regions and 12 countries. While the tournament is over we will continue to work on learning new skills at our club practices.



## Casey Cares Pajama Collection

March 25-April 7

Time to donate to Casey Cares! Casey Cares is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of critically ill children and their families by providing new pajamas for infants through young adult sizes. They provide fun pajamas to children on their birthdays, in the hospital and during in-home treatments to cheer them up. They give out over 60,000 pairs each year. **Please send NEW pajama sets in and give them to your HOMEROOM TEACHER to be tracked.**

## HSA NEWS

Thank you to all ur families who participated in our Joe Corbi Fundraiser . We sold over \$8000.00 of items!

Join us 3/24 at Tutti Paella for Restaurant night. See flyer attached.  
Save the date for BINGO MAY 9th!!



# Give thanks with a grateful heart



## My School Cares Program

Courtesy of the Greater Baltimore Area Chick-fil-A Restaurants

Collection Dates: March 25-April 7, 2025

Pajama collections can be held between March 1-April 4, 2025.

### Service Project: Casey Cares Pajama Drive

**ABOUT CASEY CARES:** Casey Cares is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of critically ill children and their families by providing opportunities for family fun and engagement outside of the doctor appointments and hospital stays.

One of the major needs for Casey Cares is donations of New Pajamas for infants through young adult sizes. They provide fun pajamas to children on their birthdays, in the hospital and during in-home treatments to cheer them. They work with regional hospitals to provide pajamas throughout the year and give out over 60,000 pairs each year.

LEARN MORE: [www.caseycare.org](http://www.caseycare.org)

### Join in the fun and win prizes!

#### Individual Prizes:

**PARTICIPATION PRIZE:** Each student who donates a new pair of pajamas will receive a coupon good for a free Chick-fil-A® Kids Meal (Elementary School) or Chick-fil-A® Sandwich (Middle School). Value approximately \$5.29-\$6.59 per student.

**SUPER STAR PJ COLLECTOR:** Any individual that collects more than 40 new pairs of pajamas by hosting their own drive will receive a 20" Push Chick-fil-A® Cow, and Chick-fil-A® Catering Tray Card good for a free small tray (value: \$70).

#### Team Prizes:

**TOP 3 FUNDRAISING SCHOOL HOMEROOMS:** (Collecting over 40 new pair of pajama)  
- Prize: Milk & Cookie Party delivered to your school (value: \$105.00 per classroom).  
- Homeroom Teacher will receive a coupon for a Small Chick-fil-A® Catering Tray (value: \$37.00).

The participating school may submit up to 10 homeroom classes that qualified in collecting over 40 new pair of pajamas. In the event of a tie, the school will make the final decision on the top 3 homerooms selected to win the Milk & Cookie party.

**TOP FUNDRAISING GRADE LEVEL:** (Collecting over 100 pairs of pajamas)

- Prize: 5 ct. Chick-fil-A® Nugget Be Our Guest Card (value: \$3.06 per BOCI for the entire class level)

The participating school may submit only 10 grade level who qualified in collecting over 100 new pairs of pajamas. In the event of a tie, the school will make the final decision on the top grade level selected to win the lunch prize.



## IT'S A SCHOOL WIDE LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

We are collecting hygiene products to benefit the Willow House. \* (right at the end of Law Street at 301 Bel Air Ave. Its the Yellow House!)

\*The Willow House is part of the WE Coalition which provides support and housing for women and children in need.

We will be making 'Blessing Bags' for the women and children.

This could be soap, body wash, toothpaste, lotion, perfume/body spray, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, small toys, combs, brushes, small mirrors, etc. (Donations must be new/unused.)

For the Children's Bags, we would like to include a small toy, coloring book and crayons, a book, card game or game.

Our collection will run from Wednesday, March 5th through Wednesday, April 9th.

There will be a school wide Ice Cream for Breakfast Treat on April 16th at snack time.

This is sponsored by the Sunshine Committee. Questions: Contact: [gsanphillip@stjoanarc.org](mailto:gsanphillip@stjoanarc.org) or [sbaer@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sbaer@stjoanarc.org)



**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!

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!

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

**Volunteers Needed**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT [MFIELD@STJOANARC.ORG](mailto:MFIELD@STJOANARC.ORG)

## DINING NIGHT OUT

15% back to SJA with the flyer



24 March 2025  
4 - 9pm

2021 Pulaski Hwy Suite #  
Havre De Grace, MD 21078

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter. We hope you have a great rest of your week.