



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A note from Mr. Schmitz

Upcoming

- APR 3, 4, 7 MAP TESTING
- APR 9 SCHOOL WIDE FIELD TRIPS
- APR 10 STEM NIGHT 5PM-7PM
- APR 16 LIVING STATIONS 10AM/
12:05 **DISMISSAL / Interims emailed to parents**
- APR 17- 25 SPRING BREAK

EVERY STUDENT. ANY AMOUNT.
EVERY YEAR.

The Annual Fund is SJA's biggest fundraiser. We want students to rally for their grade and their school. Next week will begin the Student Challenge at SJA. Have your student look for spare change or give them the opportunity to earn a little money doing a chore. Each grade will raise money as a class. Classes with 100% student participation will earn a dress down pass.

Thank you for supporting SJA!

Dear SJA Parents and Families,

Happy spring! Baseball season is here! Our students and teachers enjoyed our O's opening day celebration yesterday, with hotdogs grilled by our Knights of Columbus and wrapped and served by Parish and school staff. Our SJA Ironbirds night is coming up on Thursday, May 22. I have my tickets, and hope to see you there.

Interims will be distributed on April 16, given the timing of Easter Break.

Blessings,
Mr. Schmitz

Nurse Baer says...

While our cases of Flu B and "Flu Like Illness are decreasing, we are still seeing 1-3 new cases a day. We are cleaning the classrooms thoroughly each day and trying to limit students being out of their homerooms as much as possible. 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 ILI have been evaluated and sent home as appropriate. At this point, we have seen this illness in all of our classes.

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) Please include their symptoms including temperature reading and any positive lab tests. I am doing daily symptoms/flu reporting to the Harford County Health Department and following their guidelines as much as possible.

Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated!

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 no later than May 1st.

Save the date for BINGO MAY 9th!!



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From Mrs. Ericson....

Congratulations to 4th grade
on 100% book return last
week!

Stem tip of the week

Have you ever wondered what STEM education is really about? Engineeringforkids.com wrote a great article called "Understanding STEM Education: A Complete Guide for Parents and Educators". It talks about the benefits of STEM education and the positive outcomes it has on our students. You can click the article link above to check it out.

Hot Lunch Reminder

The next hot lunch order form will go out tomorrow morning at 8am. Please have all orders in by Monday 4/7 @ 8am.

In the event your child forgets their lunch on Wednesday and they receive a slice of pizza, your FACTS account will be charged appropriately. Please also note, we can not guarantee that we will have extra pizza.

Casey Cares Pajama Drive

We are still collecting Pajamas until April 7th. Please have your child turn their pajamas into their homeroom teacher.

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.

STUDENT FORMS

All forms must be completed by July 1st for the 25-26 school year. Please click here to complete.

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 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

"The main hope of a nation lies in the proper education of its youth."
— Desiderius Erasmus Roterodamus



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Join SJA at the Ironbirds game & sing the National Anthem

Join SJA at the Ironbirds game on Thursday, May 22nd @ 7:05pm. Seats are limited, purchase your tickets [here](#). Password if needed is "st.joan" We hope to see you there! If you would like to sing the National Anthem please email Mrs. Maid

Summer Camp at SJA

Bring on the fun and sign up for summer camp at SJA. Camps are filling up quickly. [Please click here to register.](#)

Pastorate Youth Night

Calling all Middle School and High School Youth! Come to the St. Joan of Arc Parish Life Center (230 S. Law St., Aberdeen MD) for an evening of fun, friends and games, 6:30 - 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 9th. There will be snacks and activities for everyone and a chance to get other local young people from your church community. All welcome ... bring your friends! (Questions? Contact Nate at St. Joan of Arc Parish or Abby at St. Patrick Parish.)



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

Student Spotlight

SJA has an award winning filmmaker in the 8th grade! Mackenzie won Second Place overall for the 2025 HCPL Film This! Competition with her fully animated, from scratch book trailer from the Brandon Sanderson series, Mistborn.

Take a look [here](#).



Parish Bulletins



[St. Joan of Arc Bulletin](#)



[St. Patrick Bulletin](#)



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

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: \$10).

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.

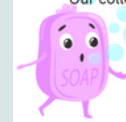
This could be soap, body wash, toothpaste, lotion, perfume/body spray, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, small toys, combs, brushes, small mirrors, etc. (Donations must be new/unused.)

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: gsanphillipo@stjoanarc.org or 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!

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ABERDEEN MD 21001

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MFIELD@STJOANARC.ORG

PASTORATE YOUTH NIGHT

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Wednesday | April 9
6.30-8.00 PM

Fun!
Friends!
Games!

SJA Parish Life Center
230 S. Law St.
Aberdeen MD

Make sure to take some time to enjoy the rest of your week