



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Upcoming

APR 10 STEM NIGHT 5PM-7PM
APR 16 LIVING STATIONS 10AM/ **12:05**
DISMISSAL / Interims emailed to parents
APR 17- 25 SPRING BREAK
APR 28 MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP/ 1ST
GRADE TO LIBRARY
APR 29 7TH GRADE PRE-HSPT
APR 30 KINDERGARENT TO LIBRARY
MAY 1 MAY CROWNING 2PM

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.

The challenge goes until Friday!

Thank you for supporting SJA!

A note from Mr. Schmitz

Dear SJA Parents and Families,

We are speeding toward our Easter break. I hope your family is planning to enjoy all of the beautiful Holy Week liturgies, beginning with Palm Sunday this week. The school was buzzing with excitement this morning as all of our students were preparing for field trips either to the Maryland Science Center or the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

Middle school students brought home a letter explaining a mental health awareness program we are hosting next Tuesday, The Power of Expression. Please make sure you have seen the letter for the description of the program. All of our 7th graders will be taking the Pre—High School Placement Assessment on April 29.. The school pays for this assessment for all 7th grade students in order to prepare them for the High School Placement Test for next year. We are exploring in-person review and prep opportunities for these students during the fall of their 8th grade year.

On Friday, we will add a Rock the Red element to our dress down day to celebrate Alex Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals breaking the all-time goals scored record for the NHL. Students can wear Caps jerseys or red tee-shirts with their PE bottoms. No face paint or make-up is permitted.

We will continue to work emergency drills such as fire drills, lockdowns, and shelter in place as we wind down the last part of the year. I will let you know when lockdowns have occurred so that you can monitor the need to talk to and reassure your children.

Blessings,

Mr. Schmitz

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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Nurse Baer says...

Flu and "Flu Like Illness" Outbreak!

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 with 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!

From Mrs. Ericson....

Congratulations to 1st and 4th grade on 100% book return last week!

BOOST Scholarship



The BOOST (Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today)

Scholarship is now open! This scholarship is available to students who qualify for the free or reduced-price school meals program (FARMs) to attend eligible nonpublic schools.

For more details, please [click here](#)

STUDENT FORMS

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

Stem Night

Join us tomorrow evening 5-7pm for SJA Stem event. Engage in fun, interactive Stem activities and demonstrations. Also, learn more about Stem related careers.

"All the world is a laboratory to the inquiring mind." - Martin Henry Fischer, Physician & Author



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Join SJA at the Ironbirds game & sing the National Anthem

Come join SJA for the Ironbirds game on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:05 PM! Seats are limited, so be sure to grab your tickets [here](#). If a password is required, use "st.joan." We look forward to seeing you there! If you're interested in singing the National Anthem, please email Mrs. Maid @ Emailid@stjoanarc.org

Summer Camp at SJA

We still have spots open for summer camp. Please click to the link to register.

[click here to register.](#)



Parish Bulletins

Hershey Park Tickets

Last chance!

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 MONDAY APRIL 14TH. 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.

STEM CAMP

Camp Invention is celebrating Sibling Day on April 10th by offering a sibling discount for camp. Use the codes below from 4/10- 4/13.

The codes for this are SIBDAY40 for \$40 off each child if you have two, or SIBDAY50 for \$50 off each if you have three or more starting April 10th.

[Register here](#)



[St. Joan of Arc Bulletin](#)



[St. Patrick Bulletin](#)



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Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Nocket



This week we are spotlighting Mrs. Nocket our 1st grade teacher. Each day she goes above and beyond to make her students grow and learn. We asked Mrs. Nocket a few questions about her teaching.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of teaching for you?

A: The most rewarding part of teaching for me is giving the students the academic tools they need to obtain confidence in their skills and abilities. As they make progress in their academic, personal, and spiritual growth, I am filled with awe at their accomplishments. I am blessed to be part of this important part of their life

Q: When your first graders leave your room to move to second grade, what do you hope they take away from being in our class?

A: When the first grade students move to second grade, I hope and pray that they take with them the knowledge that they were a valued, treasured member of our class and a much loved child of God. I pray, too, that they know they were always loved, accepted, and respected in first grade. The academics will all come; I pray they remember how they felt as a member of our classroom community.

Thank you Mrs. Nocket for all you do!





Give thanks with a grateful heart



HERSHEY PARK GROUPS
2025 Individual Order Form



Benefit Your Organization by Purchasing Your Tickets Here!

SJA St. Joan of Arc School

Deadline to Purchase- Monday April 14th 2025!
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 with any questions.

No refunds or ticket extensions will be offered

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 gsanphillipo@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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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MFIELD@STJOANARC.ORG

BINGO NIGHT



FRIDAY MAY. 9TH

\$20.00 a board

Register here 

SJA Church Hall
Doors open at: 06:00pm
Game starts at: 06:30pm

CASH PRIZES!!
Small refreshments available for purchase



Enjoy the rest of your week