



# Summer NEWSLETTER



## *A note from Mr. Schmitz.....*



Dear SJA Parents and Families,  
The new school year is upon us! How did that happen so fast?!

I am pleased to share two items about the school program for next year. First, we will have a school counselor present every day. Ms. Blackburn, who has taught middle school religion and PE, will be serving as our counselor while retaining the role of middle school religion teacher. As we have hired a full-time PE teacher, Mrs. Marcy Jones, we are able to offer our students PE twice a week this year for grades K-8. Your child's homeroom teacher will share information about the days on which he or she will have PE.

We are looking forward to having your children back with us and anticipating a productive and enjoyable school year. Please mark your calendar Back to School Night will be on Thursday, September 4, 6-7:30 pm.

Blessings,  
Mr. Schmitz

## *Please welcome our New Staff and Postions*

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Michele Bauer  
Kindergarten- Mrs. Dawn Hebding  
Kindergarten Assistant- Mrs. Tiffany Hatzigeorgalis  
6th grade : Mrs. Dawn Carver  
Music/Art: Ms. Susan Celano  
PE: Mrs. Marcy Jones  
Guidance Counselor : Ms. Megan Blackburn



“Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others.”

— Pope St. John Paul II



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**August 20-** 6<sup>th</sup> grade Step up to Middle School 3-4pm

**August 21-** Uniform Swap 10-2pm

**August 25** – First day of school; 1/2 day for all students; no extended care

**August 26-28** – 1/2 day for PreK 3 and 4; no extended care for PreK 3 and 4

**August 29** – 1/2 day for all students; no extended care

**September 1** - School Closed

**September 4-** Back to School Night 6-7:30pm

**September 9-** HSPT Registration opens

**September 11-** Freedom Walk to Festival Park

## FACTS



If you have not done so already, please set up your FACTS account. Tuition payments are withdrawn automatically each month. Incidental expenses default to auto pay unless you go into your FACTS account and cancel this feature. Summer Camp, Extended Care, Field Trips and classroom materials are examples of incidental expenses. **In order for your student to begin school on the first day, your FACTS account must be current and up to date.**

## Enrollment Information

All checklist items must be completed in order to start the first day of school. Please check your school admin account. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Maid [emaid@stjoanarc.org](mailto:emaid@stjoanarc.org)

## Parish Bulletins



[St. Joan of Arc Bulletin](#)



[St. Patrick Bulletin](#)



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## Track it Forward

This is the website we use to track volunteer hours for the year. Each family is required to volunteer 20 hours per school year. If you choose not to volunteer, your FACTS account will be billed on May 14, 2026 for \$10.00 per incomplete hour for up to 20 hours. Existing families, please make sure your information is correct and you have an account on Track It Forward. New families, please click the link below to register and create an account for the school year. Each family only needs one account.

[Track it Forward website](#)

## HSA

Please join us Thursday, August 28 5-7pm for our Back to school Ice Cream Social. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more info.

## EXTENDED CARE REGISTRATION

Information and registration for Extended Care for the 2025-2026 school year is open. Please click [here](#) to register and [here](#) for the official Extended Care page.

## School store now open

Our school store is now OPEN! Please [click here](#) to place your order.

## Social Media

Click the links below and go like us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up on current happenings here at SJA

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook](#)



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## *Welcome back Mass*

**Please join us August 27 @ 8:30 for our School wide Mass to begin our school year. This year our school wide mass will be held on Wednesdays mornings.**

## *Summer Work/ Supply List*

Summer Work and Supply list can be found on our school website if you [click here](#). Students should be working on their assignments throughout the summer months. All Summer Work is to be turned in the first week back to school.

## **Uniforms**

All uniforms are purchased through [Flynn & O'Hara](#). We will also hold an uniform swap on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see flyer attached to this newsletter for details.



## **Bright Arrow**

In the event of an emergency that would impact the health, safety, and welfare of our students or a situation that compromises the safety of our school facility or grounds, the school will notify parents through the Bright Arrow Online Notification system. Parents will simultaneously receive a phone call, text and/or email alert to the phone numbers and email addresses that were submitted to our school. Weather closures may also be posted by this system. Periodically, non-emergency information may be communicated through the System. It is therefore **imperative** that the school office has **current parent contact information** at all times. This is also how you will receive the weekly newsletter. Please text **YES to 79041 to opt in for all messages**.

"Go forward bravely. Fear nothing. Trust in God; all will be well."  
- St. Joan of Arc

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Back to School Ice Cream Social  
With  
Frosty Express Ice Cream Truck

**Join Us!**

SJA School  
230 S Law Street August 28  
\*nominal fee of \$5 or less 5-7 pm



Pastorate of Saint Patrick & Saint Joan of Arc  
**FAMILY & YOUTH  
NIGHT @ THE BALL PARK**

**AUGUST 20, 2025  
RIPKEN STADIUM @ 7:00PM**

**50 TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR FREE  
FREEWILL DONATION WELCOMED**  
PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN.

CALL 410-939-2525 OR  
410-272-4535  
TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS!

*IronBirds*



**WE ARE  
HIRING**

Join St. Joan of Arc School

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY  
SEEKING QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE  
FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

**Extended Care Staff**  
Hours: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday-  
Friday (various days/times available)

**Substitute Teachers**

Please contact:  
Pam Franke, Business Manager  
St. Joan of Arc School  
410-272-1387, ext 217 or  
pfranke@stjoanarc.org.



**UNIFORM SWAP**

Thursday 8/21  
10:00- 2:00pm

PLC building please use Law  
Street entrance

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."  
— Romans 12:12