



# Summer NEWSLETTER



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



Dear SJA Parents and Families,

Here we are! The start of a new school year, full of potential and promise. Our teachers are working hard to get ready and we are all looking forward to seeing all our students back next week. We are kicking off later today with a Step Up to Middle School program to get our new 6th graders comfortable with a new level of learning expectations.

A reminder of a change from last year. This year, the school Mass will be held on Wednesdays at 8:30a.m. We hope you will be able to join us when you have the opportunity. Keep your eye on the Newsletter for other important news, and to be informed of fun events, like the Ice Cream Social which is happening next Thursday, at 5:00.

As always, if you have a question, feel free to reach out to us by phone, 410-272-1387, or email [jschmitz@stjoanarc.org](mailto:jschmitz@stjoanarc.org).

Here's to a great 2025-2026 school year!

Blessings,  
Mr. Schmitz



“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 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

**September 19** - 1/2 dismissal with Aftercare

**September 22-** School Closed



## Parent Information Packet

Please take a few minutes to read through our Parent Information Packet. This will highlight important items for the school year. This will also explain our drop off/pick up procedures in detail.

[Click here for packet](#)

## Enrollment Information

In order for your student to start school on time, all checklist items must be completed and uploaded to School Admin by Thursday, August 21, 2025. Please check your school admin account. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Maid immediately at [email@stjoanarc.org](mailto:email@stjoanarc.org).

## School store now open

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

## Parish Bulletins



[St. Joan of Arc Bulletin](#)



[St. Patrick Bulletin](#)



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## Supplies

We understand students may have a difficult time bringing all supplies in on the first day of school. Supplies can be brought in throughout the first week.

## 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.

## 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.**

## 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](#)

***Spirit T-shirt 25-26 on sale now!***

Please [click here](#) to purchase this years Spirit t-shirt which may be worn on Fridays during the school year. All orders are due by September 12, 2025.

## *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.

## Faith Formation

Please join us for our Family Faith Breakfast & Mass events on the first Sunday of each month beginning September 7th! Donuts and juice will be served at 9:30am, and then families will have an opportunity to explore and learn together about a new topic each month. Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume during the 11:15am masses on the second and fourth Sundays of each month beginning September 14th. Sacramental preparation classes will begin in October, so please register your children now!

## 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.



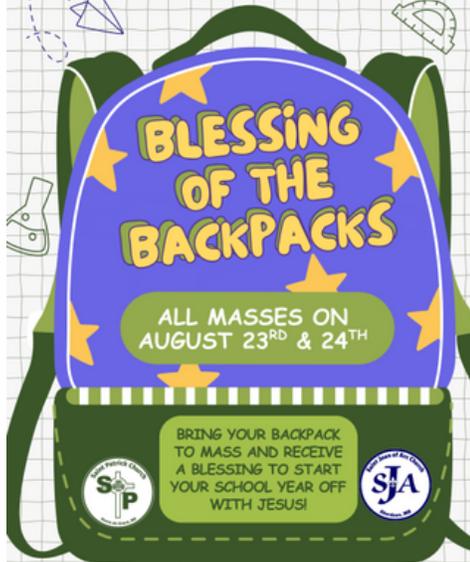
## Bright Arrow

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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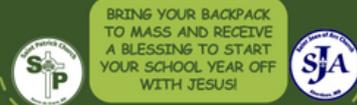
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ST. PATRICK & ST. JOAN OF ARC



**BLESSING  
OF THE  
BACKPACKS**

ALL MASSES ON  
AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup>

BRING YOUR BACKPACK  
TO MASS AND RECEIVE  
A BLESSING TO START  
YOUR SCHOOL YEAR OFF  
WITH JESUS!



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  
St. Patrick & St. Joan of Arc



invite kids grades 6-12  
for a

**YOUTH MINISTRY  
COOKOUT**

SAT. AUGUST 23, 2025  
ST. JOAN OF ARC 6:00 -7:30PM

RSVP to Charlotte Snyder  
charlotte.snyder@archbalt.org or (410) 272-4535



**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