



Weekly NEWSLETTER



A note from Mr. Schmitz.....

October 15, 2025



Dear SJA Parents and Guardians,.

As we find ourselves in the middle of October, I am pleased to say, things are going very well. Continued thanks and gratitude to our fathers and the Aberdeen Police Department for showing up to keep our kids safe every Wednesday while they travel to/from and attend Mass.

As the school year progresses, please be mindful that our drop off and pick up rules and procedures are designed to manage traffic, keep kids safe and minimize chaos. I remind you to use the drop off line in the morning (do not park on the street and walk your child in). Stay in your car to wait for your child at pick up. We have walkie-talkies to call for students that are taking extra time. If you are not in your car, we don't know who your child is and can't call.

Thanks to all of you who are using the pink car tag for pick up. We are happy to provide additional tags if you need them! Email Mrs. Vara at svara@stjoanarc.org

Please help us make our system run as smoothly and quickly as possible.

Also, now is a good time to review the dress code with your child to ensure that rules regarding uniform, jewelry and make-up are being followed.

Blessings,
Mr. Schmitz





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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 17- PBIS House day/ **12:05 dismissal** / Aftercare til 4pm

October 20- Chic Fila Restaurant Night

October 24- Trunk or Treat 5-7pm/
Middle School social 6-8pm

October 29- Parent Teacher Virtual Conference 4-8pm

October 30- **12:05 dismissal** / Class parties/ Parent Teacher Conferences til 4pm

October 31- School Closed

November 3- Winter Uniform begins

November 7- HSA Movie night 6-9pm

Nurse Bear

Sunshine Committee News!

Thank You!!!



The Sunshine Committee would like to thank you for all the fleece donations for our PBIS Service Project this week. We will be making scarves for adults and children in our houses on Friday. We will let you know the final count next week!

Here is a list of our Upcoming Service Projects.....

November- Food Drive to fill the Parish Pantry

December- We will be sponsoring families in our community for Christmas. Gift cards are welcome in any denomination.

January/February- We will be collecting Mittens/Gloves and Socks to give to local charities. Look for sales during the holidays and after.

Your help in making these Service Projects a success is greatly appreciated!

Nurse's Notes.....

Hearing and Vision results will be sent home on Tuesday, October 14th. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact me (sbaer@stjoanarc.org).

Just a reminder to send in any medications your child may need at school. This includes Over-The-Counter Medications.

Also remember to include "attendance@stjoanarc.org" when emailing your child's teacher about lateness, absences or when they are leaving early.

Thank you!

Parish Bulletins



[St. Joan of Arc Bulletin](#)



[St. Patrick Bulletin](#)



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Faith Formation

This is a big weekend for Faith Formation! Children registered for Sunday Catechesis classes and First Sacraments classes will meet from 9:45-11:00 in the Hall. Students in Confirmation class will have their first meeting with a parent in the Meeting House from 9:45-11:00.

We'd love for all of our middle schoolers to join us for Youth Ministry on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00! This Thursday the 16th we will meet at St. Patrick to plan our pastorate All Saints Weekend events! Volunteer to dress up as a saint and pass out candy, and earn service hours for both planning and partying with the kids in our community! We need lots of help!!

Next week, Youth Ministry will have an Escape Room Challenge at SJA! Work together to solve clues, unlock puzzles, and discover how teamwork and trust in God lead us out of any maze!

APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2026-2027 school are now open for **NEW** students! Help spread the word about SJA to prospective families. Parents and students are our best resources to give 1st hand experiences. Plus we have a referral program too! Make sure the prospective family lists you as the referral. .

GRANT & AID 2026/2027

The 2026-2027 Grant & Aid Applications opened on October 1, 2025. You may access the application by clicking [here](#).

Please be sure to submit your application early. The deadline is February 28, 2026—no exceptions.

FACTS now offers a dedicated phone line for applicants who need assistance with the Grant & Aid process. Their representatives are available to help with the application form, documentation, or any general questions: (866) 315-9262.

HSA NEWS

Restaurant Night

SJA Spirit Night

Monday, October 20th, 2025
5:00pm-8:00pm

Join us for food and fun. Come support St. Joan of Arc and 10% of the evening's sales will be donated back to your school. Make sure to mention "St. Joan of Arc Spirit Night" at the register or use the code "SJASPIRIT" when placing a mobile order.



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**GRINCHMAS
MOVIE NIGHT**

HOSTED BY THE HSA

Popcorn and blankets.
come cozy up tight.
Join us for laughter
& Grinchy delight!

NOV 7th
6-8 PM

SJA CHURCH BASEMENT
PHOTOS WITH SANTA @ 6:00 PM
MOVIE STARTS @ 6:30 PM

Please consider bringing a new toy for Toys for Tots
Popcorn & Small refreshments for sale - Cash only!

Support SJA

**TRUNK
OR TREAT**

HAUNTED BY THE HSA

GET READY FOR A HAUNTINGLY GOOD TIME THIS
HALLOWEEN! DRESS UP, AND LET THE CHILLS BEGIN.



FRIDAY OCT. 24TH
ST JOAN OF ARC PARKING LOT

5PM-7PM
COSTUME PARADE @ 5:30
JUDGING @ 5:45

OUTDOOR
CRAFT CORNER
\$5

HOTDOGS & SNACKS
FOR PURCHASE
* CASH ONLY! *

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Dear Parents,

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, our school is partnering with Weis Markets® in their annual Weis 4 School™ program. Register your Weis Rewards™ card online at weis4school.com. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school by simply shopping. Once you register, you're in the program and you do not need to register again this school year. Please share this information with your friends and family. The more interest and enthusiasm we generate, the greater the benefits to our school.

Thank you for your support.

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BOOK FAIR ... coming soon

It is almost one of our favorite times of year...The Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner. Please [click here](#) for further information.



Worlds Finest Chocolate

The fundraiser has been one for the books, with a few days left. Thank you again for everyone's participation. Please be sure to turn in all money no later than Friday, October 17th.

Charelston Wrap

When one fundraiser ends the next one begins. Be on the look out for a Charelston Wrap brochure to go home on October 20th. This is a great time to stock up on wrapping paper or even start your Christmas shopping. The fundraiser will go until November 10, 2025. Once again we thank you for all of your support!

Counselor's Corner...

We're reminding our students and ourselves that kindness begins within. Taking care of our mental health means pausing, breathing deeply, and treating others with empathy—even on hard days. A small act of kindness or a calm moment of reflection can make a big difference in someone's day. Let's continue to build a community where everyone feels seen, supported, and valued. Ms.-B

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Trash Free Tuesday



When: Begins September 23, 2025
Why: To help the environment by reducing the amount of school waste.
How: Every Tuesday bring your lunch in at least 3 reusable containers & receive 3 Points on PBIS Rewards!





Family Faith Gathering

November 2, 2025
9:45-11:00

Come trick or treating with the saints, explore the **Communion of Saints**, and pray for those who have gone before us!



NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY
 MARYLAND STEM FESTIVAL



STEM
 FAMILY FUN FAIR preK-12

Sunday November 16th
9:00am-12:00pm

JOIN US! **REGISTER NOW**

Location: Notre Dame of Maryland University: 4701 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21210
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Cost: FREE
Audience: preK-12

SCAN ME!

For more information & questions please contact Chelsea McClure (cmclure@ndm.edu)

Chick-fil-A

OCTOBER 22
 CLICK HERE TO ORDER

PLEASE CLICK THE LINK OR FOLLOW THE QR CODE ABOVE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.

1 ORDER FORM PER STUDENT.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY 10.22.25 ARE DUE BY FRIDAY 10.17.25 AT 8:00AM- NO EXCEPTIONS

HOT LUNCH MENU

Classic Chicken Sandwich	\$7.00
Spicy Chicken Sandwich	\$7.50
Chips	\$2.00
Medium Fruit Cup	\$5.00
Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola	\$5.00
Kale Crunch Side Salad	\$5.00

ALLERGEN ALERT this side comes with a packet of roasted almonds

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