



Weekly NEWSLETTER



November 5, 2025



A note from Mr. Schmitz.....

Dear SJA Families and Parents,

I mentioned this last week, but it bears repeating. On Friday, November 14, we will have our first Archdiocesan Schools asynchronous learning day. There is one at the end of each of the first two trimesters. Work will be sent home with students that should be able to be completed within a half day, and which will be graded for trimester 2. The day is a work day for teachers which allows them to pull together all the grading, etc., needed for student grade reports to be completed, as well as planning lessons for the second trimester. Teachers are working to implement the new archdiocesan grading system with fidelity. We appreciate your patience as people learn the ins and outs of the system.

Our Open House is this Friday. If you know someone who might be interested in a Catholic School option, please encourage them to come see what SJA has to offer. It is best to register ahead. They can call Mrs. Maid for details, 410-272-1387.

Don't forget to join our H.S.A. for their movie night this Friday. Details are in the newsletter.

This is a gentle reminder that our middle school girls should not be wearing make-up to school. I appreciate your help in reminding them.

Blessings,
Mr. Schmitz

Hope Spirit Wear Shirts

All Hope spirit wear shirts were handed out this week. Students may wear these shirts on Fridays with their PE bottoms. 8th grade may also wear their 8th grade shirt.





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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7- HSA Movie night 6-9pm

November 13- MD STEM FEST

November 14- Asynchronous 1/2 day no students on campus

November 17- Scholastic Book Fair begins

November 19- HSPT for 8th grade

November 21- Report Cards

November 25- Grandparents & Special Friends day/ Trimester 1 awards/ 12:05 Dismissal NO aftercare

November 26- 28 - School closed for Thanksgiving break

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.

Emergency & Weather related Closings/ Delayed Openings

St. Joan of Arc School follows the same procedures for school closing and delays as does the Harford County Public School System. If Harford County schools close early because of inclement weather, SJA will do the same.

Extended Care will not open on days when school is closed. Morning Care will not be open when school is opening late. If school is dismissed early, Extended Care will be opened until 1 hour after dismissal.

House Color Day

November 13 is STEM Fest day. ALL students are to wear their house colors.

Parish Bulletins



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Counselors Corner.....

Now that we have set our clocks back, many of us are feeling the impact of shifting daylight and changes in our daily rhythms. This transition serves as a great reminder to slow down, take a breath, and check in with ourselves. Changes in daylight can affect our mood and energy, particularly for students who thrive on routines. Families can support emotional wellness during this season by encouraging consistent bedtime routines, ensuring exposure to morning sunlight when possible, and designating a screen-free wind-down time in the evenings. A little structure, along with some flexibility, can go a long way as we enter the winter months. Let's carry the spirit of slowing down and resetting into the weeks ahead. -Ms. B

Charelston Wrap Fundraiser

Just a friendly reminder our Charelston Wrap fundraiser will be ending on November 10. Please make sure all online orders are placed and any paper orders turned into Mrs. Hinch in the office please.

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.



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From Nurse Baer...

Sunshine Committee News!

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

November- Food Drive to fill the Parish Pantry. This is a way we can help those in our community that need a little extra during this time. Every student that brings in \$5 or the equivalent to that in food will receive a "Pajama Day Pass" for a date in December. Please see flyer below

December- We will be sponsoring families in our community to help make their Christmas a little brighter. We are asking for Gift Card Donations in any amount from any vendor. Please send them to school marked 'Sunshine Committee'.

January/February- We will be collecting Mittens/Gloves and Socks to give to local charities. Sales are already starting! Shop now to save later!!

Your help in making these Service Projects a success is greatly appreciated! You may send items to school at any time marked 'Sunshine Committee.' We couldn't do this without you!

Nurse's Notes.....

Cold and Flu Season is upon us. Please remember to get your Flu Shots! If your child is showing any symptoms: low grade fever, cough, stomach discomfort, please keep them at home to evaluate.

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

Thank you!

HELP US FILL THE GOOD SAMARITAN PANTRY

DONATIONS ACCEPTED 11/3 THROUGH 11/24

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Either donate \$5 or more to the Good Samaritan Pantry
- OR Bring in food donations equivalent to \$5 or more
- **Reward Offered for Donations**

REWARD FOR DONATIONS

Pajama Dress Down Day 12/19
You may wear your pajamas to school that day. Pajamas must be school appropriate and follow our dress code with tennis shoes.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Canned vegetables- especially corn, potatoes, peas, and green beans
- Beans, soup and chilli
- Spaghetti sauce and pasta
- Grape Jelly
- Pork and Beans
- Oatmeal and Cereal
- Toothbrushes & Paste
- Canned ravioli
- Spaghettios
- Oatmeal Packs
- Diced Tomatoes
- Pancake syrup
- Jello/Fruit Mix
- Pet Food
- Canned Meats
- Snack size chips/Cookies
- Monetary Donations-Cash

QUESTIONS:

sbaer@stjoanarc.org

DROP OFF LOCATION:

At Pick Up, Drop Off or the Main Office of St. Joan of Arc School.



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From Mrs. Eriscon

Congratulations to Kindergarten & 1st grade on
100% book return

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.



Faith Formation

Thank you to all who attended our Trick or
Treating with the Saints and All Soul's Day
Family Faith Gathering last weekend! This
Thursday, November 6th, Youth Ministry will meet
for dinner and to watch and discuss a video Bible
Study called The Search: Why a God? from 6:30-
8:00pm in the ministry building at St. Patrick.
Please join us for food, faith, and fellowship!

This weekend, November 9th, we will have
CLOW during the 11:15 Mass. If you are
registered for Faith Formation, please remember
to pick up your take-home activity after any of the
masses from the mailbox in the narthex, too!
Return it to class next week or to the office for a
prize! If your student is not registered and would
like to be, please fill out the form by our mailbox
in the back of the church!

Our December Family Faith Gathering will be
about the Jesse Tree! We are putting together a
series of reflections for each day of December
that will be printed each week in the bulletin and
that will be given out at our event on December
7th. If your family would like to write one of the
daily reflections, please email
charlotte.snyder@archbalt.org by November 9th
so that we can include you! Please help
contribute to this beautiful Advent experience for
our parish!

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“Please consider bringing a New, unwrapped Toy for Toys for Tots. Popcorn and Hot Chocolate will be given for Toys donated! “ Don’t forget, Pictures with Santa are at 6pm before the Movie starts!

A festive poster for a Grinchmas Movie Night. The title "GRINCHMAS MOVIE NIGHT" is in large, green, blocky letters at the top. Below it, "HOSTED BY THE HSA" is written in red. To the left, a green Grinch hand wearing a Santa hat holds a red Christmas ornament. The ornament has the text "NOV 7th 6-8 PM" in white. To the right of the hand, the text "Popcorn and blankets. come cozy up tight. Join us for laughter & Grinchy delight!" is written in a black, handwritten-style font. Below the hand, the text "SJA CHURCH BASEMENT PHOTOS WITH SANTA @ 6:00 PM MOVIE STARTS @ 6:30 PM" is written in red. At the bottom, the text "Please consider bringing a new toy for Toys for Tots Popcorn & Small refreshments for sale - Cash only!" is written in red. The poster is decorated with colorful Christmas lights in the corners.

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MOVIE NIGHT**

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