



Weekly NEWSLETTER



December 10, 2025



A note from Mr. Schmitz.....

Dear SJA Parents and Families,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. My trip to Guatemala was fantastic, especially seeing my daughter and son-in-law, and meeting his family, but also seeing the place where Blessed Stanley Rother was killed for his advocacy for the indigenous Maya in and around Santiago Atitlan.

The next less than two weeks will be a busy time. In Bible classes today, we talked about the meaning of Advent as a time of preparation and changing course, with John the Baptist as one of its most representative figures, and the distraction from our spiritual lives that the secular distortion of Christmas has produced. May this Advent be a time of peace for you and your families.

We invite you to enjoy our Christmas Concert on Wednesday night at 6:00, and our Living Nativity will be presented by the 8th grade at 2:00 next Thursday in the church. This year, musical performances by some of our younger students will also highlight the Nativity story. Parents are welcome to join us.

Beginning in January, we are going to issue the Newsletter monthly, with any special or time-sensitive announcements and updates to be sent out separately via email. It seems like putting out the larger Newsletter weekly creates a bit of overload, so we are going to try to pare it down a little in this way.

Blessings,
Mr. Schmitz





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DATES TO REMEMBER



December 11- Christmas Program 6pm in Church

December 12- Jingle Bell Shop

December 15-19- Christmas Spirit Week

December 18- Live Nativity play @ 2:00

December 19- PBIS House day/ Class parties 2pm

December 22 - January 2 - SCHOOL CLOSED For the holiday

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.

School Christmas Spirit Week

There is no better way to spend the last week of school before Christmas break but with a Spirit week. Please see below for each days theme.

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| Merry Monday Wear Christmas color top with PE Bottoms | Tinsel Tuesday Wear your best Christmas accessories with your PE uniform. | Worship Wednesday Shine bright in your SJA uniform | Twinkle Toe Thursday Wear Christmas theme socks with uniform | Long Winters Nap Friday Wear pajamas in your house color or wear pajama pants with your house color shirt. |
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Parish Bulletins



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Community Partners

Did you know we have a new page on our website? It's the Community Partners page! Discover the businesses run by SJA families and support our amazing community. Check it out today!
<https://stjoanarc.org/community-partners/>

HSA Presents.....



Joe Corbi's Fundraiser.....

Its almost that time of year. Our Joe Corbi fundraiser will begin on January 22, 2026 and run through February 5, 2026. Mark your calendar.

Sign ups for Basketball

BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL \$15

Boys - 1st session* Jan 21- Feb 18th
 Girls - 2nd session* Feb 25 - Mar 25th
 Wednesdays* - 3:15 - 4:15 PM
 Grades 6-8th
 *days/dates are tentative

Name: _____
 Grade: _____

FOR COACHING & REFEREE OPPORTUNITIES, EMAIL
 MJONES@STJOANARC.ORG



Christmas Concert

Please join us tomorrow evening at 6pm in the Church for our Annual Christmas Program. A detailed email has been sent to parents with student attire and arrival time.



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Counselors Corner.....

As we move through this busy time of year- with school events, holiday plans, and packed schedules- it's easy to feel scattered or overwhelmed. This season invites us to slow down and re-center ourselves on Jesus, who offers peace that steadies us no matter what's happening around us. One of the simplest ways to "reset" is to pause together as a family. A brief moment of prayer, a verse to read, or even sharing one thing you're grateful for can help redirect our minds and hearts back to Christ. These minor resets remind us that God is with us in the middle of our everyday routines. Here are a few gentle strategies for staying present with one another: create calm moments each day, practice a device-free presence, check in with each other, and celebrate small joys. Ms. B.

From Mrs. Ericson.....

Congratulations to 5th grade on 100% book return!

Hope T-shirt for sale

We have a handful of Hope T-shirts for sale. Please email Mrs. Franke, pfranke@stjoanarc.org if you would like to purchase a short sleeve for \$15 or long sleeve for \$18. Limited number available.



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From Nurse Baer...

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!

The Sunshine Committee

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.

Also, a reminder that if your child is running a fever, they must stay home from school. Students should be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication before returning.

This helps us keep our school community healthy and prevent illness from spreading.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding

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

The Pastorate of St. Patrick and St. Joan of Arc

Happy Advent! Sacramental preparation classes meet this weekend. Confirmation class will meet in the first floor of the parish office, First Sacraments class will meet in the Hall, and the Parent Session will meet in the Meeting House from 9:45-11:00am. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will be offered during the 11:15 mass. Sunday Catechesis classes can pick up a Take Home Activity in the mailbox in the narthex. Please bring it back to the Family Christmas Party on December 21st.

There will be no Youth Ministry meeting this week due to the Christmas Concert. We will have a Christmas party next week from 6:30-8pm at St. Patrick's with gingerbread houses, snacks, music and Christmas fun! Please join us for some holiday cheer!

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