



# Monthly NEWSLETTER



May 27, 2026



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

Dear SJA Parents and Guardians,

As the school year winds down, we have had many fun activities with students during Spirit Week, and with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade as they prepare for graduation next week. We look forward to spending next Wednesday evening with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents as we celebrate the wonderful group of students who will be graduating. Our prayers and best wishes will go with them as they leave for a well-learned summer rest, and then to their next educational adventure.

We have completed all of our emergency drills for the year, except for one fire drill and two drop, cover, and hold drills. Those will be completed before the end of the year. Please let your child know that the drop, cover, and hold drills are nothing to be concerned about.

Fr. Francis invites all of you to come to the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, May 31, to celebrate St. Joan of Arc's Feast Day. Lunch will be served after Mass. Our students have celebrated the upcoming Feast Day by designing and making Coats of Arms to represent their classes. Sadly, our plan to have croissants for our students has to be abandoned because of the possible food allergies.

We have ordered some new technology for next year to replace some devices that were on life support. I would like to thank the Home School Association for its fundraising efforts thus year to contribute to this cause. Our H.S.A. had an awesome year this year, and we look forward to collaborating with them on more fun events for next year.

Blessings,  
Mr. Schmitz





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Summer Reading Program  
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM: SJA Voices  
Aberdeen Library Visit – Grades 3 & 5  
St. Joan of Arc Day Celebration


May 28


5th & 6th Grade Field Trip to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center

June 1


 8th Grade Trip to Hersheypark

June 2


 8th Grade Rehearsal & Picnic

 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM


June 3

 No Aftercare Offered

 8th Grade Graduation

 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM


June 4


 Last Day for Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 Students

June 5


Donuts with Dad - Kindergarten


June 8

 Class Parties


 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM


June 9


 Uniform Swap


 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM


June 10


 No Aftercare Offered

 T3 Report Cards Delivered


 K-8 Last Day for Students – Half Day

 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

 T3 Awards Ceremony

 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

June 11

 Last Day for Faculty





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## **Facts Tuiton/ Incidental billing**

As we approach the end of the school year, we kindly ask that you review your FACTS account to ensure all balances are paid in full. Please note that your FACTS account includes two separate sections: Tuition Account: Payments are processed automatically. Incidental Billing Account: Covers non-tuition items such as extended care, classroom supplies, field trips, novels, and volunteer hours. These payments may not be set to auto-pay and must be authorized manually within your FACTS account.

Additionally, on May 29, 2025, PowerSchool access will be disabled for families with outstanding balances in FACTS (excluding April and May extended care). Report cards will not be distributed until your FACTS account is current.

## **★ Applications for the 2026–2027 School Year Are Now Open for New Students!**

We're excited to welcome new families to St. Joan of Arc School! Parents and students are our best ambassadors—your first-hand experiences make a big difference.

💡 Spread the Word:

- Share SJA with prospective families
- Encourage them to list you as their referral to participate in our Referral Program

**Let's grow our school family together!**



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## Congratulations from Mrs. Ericson

Congratulations to Prek 3 & 4, 1st .4<sup>th</sup>, and 5th, grade on 100% book return this month.

## Arts and Crafts Club

Reminder the last day for Arts and Crafts to meet with be Monday, June 1st.

## Uniform Swap

Be sure to stop by our end of the year Uniform Swap on 6/9. This is a great way to start stocking up for next year.





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## **From the Sunshine Committee:**

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity this year. Your donations made our service projects a success. Thank you! We hope you have a fun and relaxing summer making memories with your family!

## **From the Nurse:**

Medications will be sent home for 8th grade and PreK on their last day of school. All other grades will be sent home the week of June 8th. If you would like to pick them up, please let me know.

Reminder: ALL HEALTH forms will need to be uploaded to the FinalSite website by July 1st! If this is a concern, please reach out to me, Susan Baer at [sbaer@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sbaer@stjoanarc.org).

**Have a wonderful summer!**



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## Counselor's Corner

As we end another wonderful school year, summer offers families a chance to slow down and reconnect. It is a special time to make meaningful memories together. Schedules may become less busy, but it is still important to nurture emotional well-being, faith, and family connections. Simple activities, such as sharing meals, attending Mass, spending time outdoors, or praying before bedtime, can strengthen relationships. Volunteering or taking a nightly walk can also create lasting memories. Summer is a great time to encourage gratitude, rest, kindness, and open conversations. Wishing all our school families a safe, joyful, and faith-filled summer. We are Saint Joan of Arc Strong.

## Faith, Fun, and Friends All Summer Long!

Come experience the joy of summer at SJA Camp! See flyer below for details.

## SJA Summer Knights Day Camp

**Week 1 – TIME TRAVELER CAMP - June 15 – June 18 \$249**  
We will travel around the world in 4 days! STEM activities from different countries, guest speakers coming to visit us, secret codes detectives and future space games travel rockets!

**Week 2 – SURVIVAL & NATURE - June 22 – June 26 \$300**  
Wilderness survival, building campfires, campfire skits, woodshop projects and nature scavenger hunts.

**Week 3 – CREATIVE ART / MUSIC- June 29 – July 02 \$240**  
Come ready to create! We will be exploring music and art and more FUN!!

**Week 4 – CAMP INVENTION - July 06 – July 10**  
Separate registration required.

**Week 5 – CREATIVE CHEF– July 13 – July 17 \$350**  
Cooking breakfast, lunch and dessert with an amazing young chef!

**Week 6 – CAMP TEAM "SJA" OLYMPICS - July 20 – July 24 \$300**  
Competitive team events, including relay races, obstacle courses, potato sack races and water games FUN!

**Week 7 – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - July 26 - July 31**  
To register for VBS please contact the parish. Registration will be in early April. Camp will be in the morning and aftercare will be available.



To register: [www.stjoanarc.org/summer-camp](http://www.stjoanarc.org/summer-camp)  
Contact Val Ivory: 609-313-2866 or [vlivory@stjoanarc.org](mailto:vlivory@stjoanarc.org)



### A TYPICAL DAY AT THE ALL-NEW 2026 CAMP INVENTION®

Led by qualified local educators, this fun, hands-on STEM summer adventure is designed to ignite creativity and boost confidence in curious kids!

**A.M. BASE CAMP:** Start the day with creative games.

**FUR-ENSICS™**  
Campers build confidence and critical thinking skills as they explore forensic science and the inner mechanics of their adorable take-home robotic copycat!

**THE INFRINGERS™**  
Inspired by real-world STEM experiences, campers work together to invent creative solutions for challenges in their community and around the world.

**GAMES & LUNCH:** Play action-packed games & refuel with lunch!

**MAKE WAVES™**  
Diving into entrepreneurship, campers design an eye-catching billboard board to hook beachgoers and practice persistence as they discover the science that keeps it afloat!

**SPACE MOTHERS™**  
Campers build a DIY rocket and practice problem solving as they grow a dazzling crystal tree and hatch an animal egg in the Space Lab.

**P.M. BASE CAMP:** Wind down with problem-solving games.



**"CAMP INVENTION IS THE BEST!"**  
This was my first year and I can't wait to come back!"  
-Olivia S., Camper

**SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

Grades: Rising K - 6th  
Campers are grouped by grade

**Location:** St. Joan of Arc School  
230 S. Law St., Aberdeen, MD 21001

**Dates & Time:** July 6 - 10, 2026 | 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM  
**Cost:** \$285 (before discount)

Payment Plans Available up until 5/7/2026  
Sibling Discounts at [INVENT.ORG/CISAVE](http://INVENT.ORG/CISAVE)  
Before and After Care Available: \$100 AM to 9:00 PM | Additional \$100  
**Camp Directors:** Melissa Field | [mfield@stjoanarc.org](mailto:mfield@stjoanarc.org)  
Megan Reith | [mreith@stjoanarc.org](mailto:mreith@stjoanarc.org)

For a more convenient program schedule, add our Before and After Care option to your cart at registration. Before and After Care hours are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM for an additional \$100 per week.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/cisave](http://invent.org/cisave) for other locations near you.

**SAVE \$25**  
WITH CODE **FUN25**  
AT [INVENT.ORG/CISAVE](http://INVENT.ORG/CISAVE)  
Offer expires March 31, 2025

Discounts cannot be combined.

 Register at [invent.org/cisave](http://invent.org/cisave) or 800-968-4332




Inventors in Creativity and Innovation  
Arts Education Outreach Program  
General Motors  
Newtron Corporation Foundation  
Overdeck Family Foundation

The Red Backpack Foundation by Sara Blahnik  
Shutterstock Technologies LLC  
U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) STEM  
Walden Family Foundation  
The Weisman Family Charitable Fund



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## Summer Band

We are excited to be hosting Summer Band here at SJA. Please [click here](#) to register your child. You can also see the flyer below for additional information.

### 2026 Instrumental Music Program Summer Band

The Instrumental Music Program-Baltimore is pleased to share the following information about our 2026 Summer Band program. This experience is an excellent way to continue the momentum students have gained throughout the school year. It's extremely beneficial for beginners and intermediate players, and a perfect way for advanced students to prepare for the challenges of band in the fall and for high school auditions in the spring!

#### Locations, Dates and Times:

**Sacred Heart School of Glyndon** (63 Sacred Heart Lane, Reisterstown, MD 21071)  
Tuesdays, June 23, June 30, and July 7 from 9:30-11:45 am

**St. Joan of Arc School** (230 Law Street, Aberdeen, MD 21001)  
Tuesdays, June 23, June 30, and July 7 from 9:30-11:45 am

**Resurrection/St. Paul School** (3155 Paulskirk Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042)  
Tuesdays, June 23, June 30, and July 7 from 6:30-8:45 pm

**Virtual Sessions** (link to be sent before first session; must send registration form and fee by [June 9](#))  
Wednesdays, June 24, July 1, and July 8 from 9:30-11:45 am

**Immaculate Conception School** (112 Ware Avenue, Towson, MD 21204)  
Wednesdays, June 24, July 1, and July 8 from 6:30-8:45 pm

**Monsignor Slade Catholic School** (120 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061)  
Thursdays, June 25, July 2, and July 9 from 6:30-8:45 pm

*Students may attend a specific center or choose to attend multiple centers. If your child is going to attend more than one center, and you know this at the time of registration, please include that information on their registration form.*

#### Dress Rehearsals and Concert:

Each ensemble will have a dress rehearsal at **Monsignor Slade** (120 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061) from **6:45 pm to 9:00 pm**. Ensemble assignments are based upon the school band directors' recommendations.

- C Band—Monday, July 13
- B Band—Tuesday, July 14
- A Band—Wednesday, July 15

The **Finale Concert** for all groups will be held on **Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** at **Calvert Hall** (8102 La Salle Road, Towson, MD 21286) at **7:45 pm**. Students should report no later than **7:15 pm**.

#### Registration and Fee:

Register by following the link to this form: [Summer Band Registration Link](#)

**Cost is \$185 per child.** Students may attend as often as they like; there is no limit. This price includes all materials and music. Rates will **not** be prorated for missed lessons. Payment link is available upon submission of the registration form.



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## HSA NEWS

### **Welcome Your 2026–2027 SJA HSA Executive Board!**

We are thrilled to introduce the Home and School Association (HSA) Executive Board for the upcoming school year. Please join us in welcoming and supporting our new leadership team:

- **President:** Ashley Letsche
- **Vice President:** Emma Hohner
- **Treasurer:** Christie Baginski
- **Secretary:** Stephanie Nagle

Celebrate the End of the School Year!

Before we look ahead, let's celebrate the incredible year we've shared. Wrap up the school year with a night of fun and community!

- **Date:** June 10th
- **Location:** The Dugout Mini Golf
- **Details:** Come out to celebrate, hang out, and kick off the summer with your SJA family. We can't wait to see you there!

Volunteer Opportunity: SJA Family Nights Coordinator

We are already gearing up for a fantastic year ahead and are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us shape it. Please keep an eye on your email for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Right now, we are seeking volunteers to lead our SJA Family Nights.

- **The Mission:** Coordinate 6 fun community events with local businesses across the school year.
  - **The Perks:** You will earn a 10-hour volunteer credit!
- **Teamwork-Driven:** You won't be flying solo—you will be paired with others to collaborate and share the load.

Thank you for your dedication to making SJA a wonderful place for our kids. Let's make the upcoming school year the best one yet!

**HSA will be at the St. Joan of Arc Celebration on May 31st following the 11:15 Mass with raffles to support the school!**



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## SJA Annual Fund

Consider giving **ONE** meaningful gift toward advancing excellence in Catholic education at St. Joan of Arc School. Your gift to the Annual Fund makes a meaningful difference in the life of every student. Whatever the amount you decide to give, your gift is cherished and deeply appreciated!

Donations to the annual fund are fully tax-deductible, and can be paid by cash, check, or credit card.

Click [here](#) to donate.

If you have any questions, please call Elisa Maid, Advancement Director at (410) 272-1387 ext. 122 or [emaid@stjoanarc.org](mailto:emaid@stjoanarc.org). Thank you for all you do for St. Joan of Arc School.





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## **Pastorate News**

The academic year is winding down, and we are looking forward to SUMMER! Please come celebrate the Feast of St. Joan of Arc with us on May 31st following the 11:15 Mass! All are invited to enjoy lunch, activities, and fellowship to honor the courage and faith of our patron, St. Joan.

Our pastorate will celebrate Corpus Christi with a procession and picnic at St. Patrick's on June 7th. Join us for the 10:30am mass and stay for lunch, fellowship, and fun! We will have a moon bounce and Kona Ice!

Youth Ministry will meet this Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at SJA from 6:30-8pm. Come discover the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit in a whole new way! Join our Goosechase mission for fun challenges and creative activities that bring faith to life. Work together, explore Scripture, and see how the Holy Spirit moves through everyday acts of joy, kindness, wisdom, and love!

Youth Ministry will also kick off summer on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at SJA from 6:30-8pm with a cookout! Join us for food, faith and fun!

We have some exciting summer opportunities coming up as well. Vacation Bible School will be July 26th-31st. Get ready for a Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments! Kids Pre-K4-5th grade will explore our faith as they travel through exciting Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and more—all while discovering how the Sacraments guide us on our path with Jesus. Don't miss out on this faith-filled adventure! We are also looking for peer mentors (grades 6-12) and adult volunteers to help make this adventure come to life. It's a great way to serve, grow in faith, and have fun! Check out our flyer to register.

Middle and high school youth are also invited to attend the Harford Area Youth Ministry Work Camp from July 6-10. Check out the flyer to register.



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The Pastorate of Saint Patrick and Saint Joan of Arc



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
JULY 26 - JULY 31

SJA: SUN. 9:30-11  
MON. & TUES. 9:00-12:00

ST. PATRICK: WED., THURS., FRI.  
9:00-12:00

MORE INFORMATION AT [SJAPARISH.ORG/VBS](http://SJAPARISH.ORG/VBS)  
COST: \$30 PER STUDENT \$60 FOR 2 OR MORE STUDENTS

**Student Registration**      **Volunteer Registration**




SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

*Feast Day*  
CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY  
MAY 31, 2026

Following the  
11:15AM MASS

LUNCH  
RAFFLES  
AND MORE



*Benefiting*  
ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL  
Infusing Catholic Identity into Science,  
Technology, Engineering and Math