



April 14, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

Happy Easter! I pray that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break with family and friends.



### Message from the Advancement Director

- Go to <https://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com> and make sure **all** checklist items have been completed.

**All checklist items but be completed by June 1, 2021.**

- **Earn 2 volunteer hours** by writing a review about SJA. Acceptable sites are [Niche](#) or [Great Schools](#) or [Private School Review](#). To claim your hours, cut and paste your review into an email and send it to Elisa Maid and Sierra Ficca [emaid@stjoanarc.org](mailto:emaid@stjoanarc.org) and [sficca@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sficca@stjoanarc.org)

Thank you to those families who have generously given of their time and donated items to support SJA this year! Due to lesser opportunities to volunteer in person this year, we will **waive 10 volunteer hours** for the 2020-21 school year. Each family is responsible for completing 10 volunteer hours. Those who have not donated items or time will be billed \$10 per hour on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be needing parent help before the end of May.

**Tomorrow is the last day** to enter the **April Tax Day "Cheer of Relief" Raffle!** This is your chance to win a Yeti cooler filled with many things to enjoy! (flyer attached) Please send your raffle ticket orders in tomorrow. Don't miss out!

Home and School is sponsoring 2 **Dining Out Nights**: tomorrow, **April 15<sup>th</sup> at Pat's Pizza** in Aberdeen and on Thursday, **May 13<sup>th</sup> at Broom's Bloom Dairy** in Bel Air. Please present the flyer at the time of payment and SJA Home & School will earn a percentage of the sale. And your family can enjoy pizza and ice cream! Yummy!

**Tomorrow, April 15<sup>th</sup>**, is also the last day to participate in Chick-fil-A Restaurants **My School Cares Pajama Collection** for the Casey Cares Foundation. The pajamas will be delivered to critically ill children on their birthdays, during hospital stays, and for in-home treatments to cheer them up. Please donate \$10 or \$20 gift cards for movies (Walmart, Amazon, Fandango, Netflix), \$10 or \$20 gift cards for pizza (Papa Johns, Dominos, Pizza Hut, Ledo Pizza), new two-piece pajamas (infant & adult sizes are the biggest need). All students who donate will receive an out-of-uniform pass to wear pajamas/comfortable clothing on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. (flyer attached)

**St. Joan of Arc will host Virtual Scholastic Book Fair** from April 19<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup>. All orders ship home with free shipping on book-only orders over \$25. All purchases will benefit SJA School library. The site will open on April 19<sup>th</sup>. More information is attached.

### Cardboard Boxes Needed for Grades 4-8

Students in grades 4-8 will be working on an engineering project to create mini golf greens. We will be needing medium to large boxes for the bases of their greens. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Nationally recognized, the **Maryland Green Schools** Award Program (MDGS) allows schools and their communities to evaluate their efforts in environmental sustainability. Participating schools empower youth to make changes to reduce environmental impact, encourage sustainability and foster environmental literacy. Since SJA is a Maryland Green School, students will celebrate **Earth Day** on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. All classes will be involved in environmental projects to beautify the campus. Green School efforts also foster a love for and sense of responsibility to God's gift of Creation.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> has been designated as a **Dress Down Day** to earn money for parking lot stenciling. This will add games on the large lot (four square, hopscotch, etc.) Donation is at least \$2. (flyer attached)

Since April is Child Abuse Prevention month, Sharon McKee, Guidance Counselor will facilitate lessons and a project for **Messages that Protect**. The lesson will include showing a video from the Messages that Protect series and having a discussion around the video. Then each student will create a piece of art that depicts the particular message that the grade was assigned. Attached is a letter explaining these messages for each grade level.

Mark your calendars for SJA's **Spring Festival** on May 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be an outside event (with tents) so that we can invite parents to share in some of SJA student accomplishments in the 2020-21 school year. Plans thus far include an Art display, sharing the Spring Concert, sharing the Band performance, displaying STEM projects, displaying Science Fair and Invention Convention projects. At the end of the school day, there will be an Open House for prospective families to view the displays. More information will be coming!

We are in the process of scheduling **Summer Camps at SJA. Spots will be very limited!**

- **Camp Invention STEM Camp** will be held the weeks of July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup> (flyer attached).
  - Discounted fees for early registration
  - Payment made directly to Camp Invention
  - Register at <https://www.invent.org/programs/camp-invention>
- **Elementary Summer Camps** will be held throughout the summer from June 14<sup>th</sup> until August 20.
  - Children Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - \$50 deposit required for each week
  - Register at <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/summer-camp>
- **Middle School Summer Sports Camps at Absolute Performance**
  - July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>
  - Discounted enrollment fee
  - Payment made directly to Absolute Performance
  - Register through the link on attached flyer

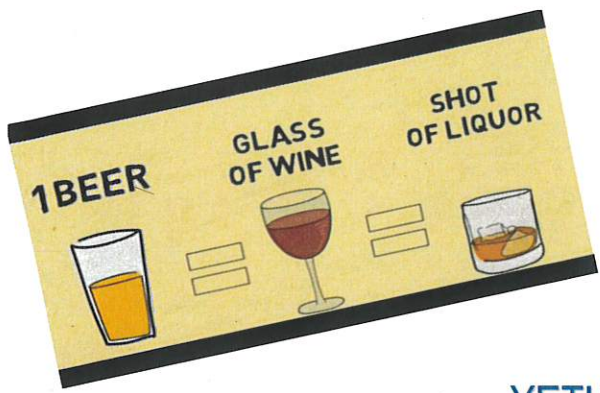
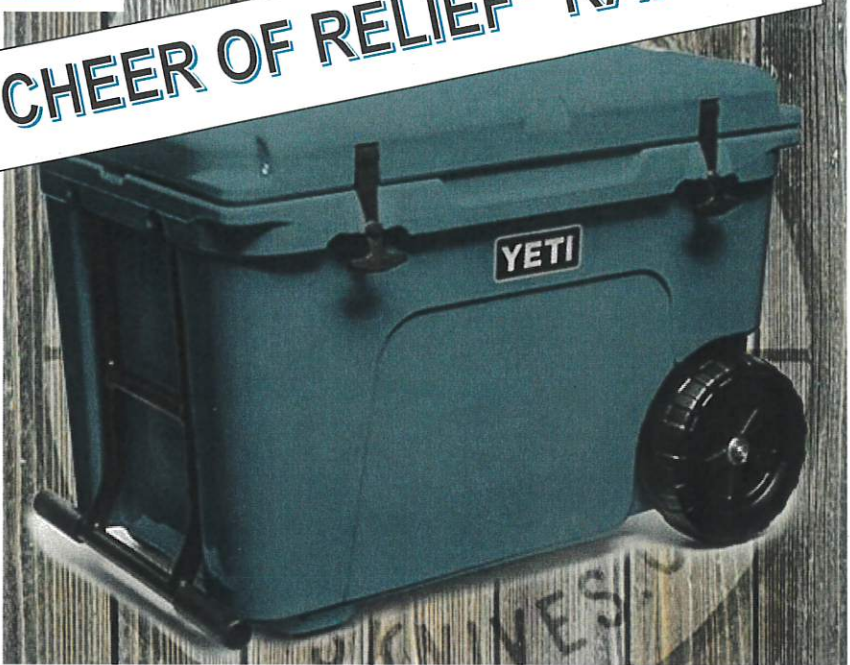
As the weather improves, we enjoy hearing the students playing outside. Despite the many restrictions, they have learned a great deal this year and love being in school. SJA is blessed by their presence.

Peace and all good,  
*Mrs. Ginger Bahr, Principal*  
[vbahr@stjoanarc.org](mailto:vbahr@stjoanarc.org)



*SJA HSA Presents:*

**YETI APRIL TAX DAY "CHEER OF RELIEF" RAFFLE**



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**TICKETS:**

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**RAFFLE DRAWING ON APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Tickets will be On Sale until April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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**PLEASE CUT OFF AND SEND TO SCHOOL WITH CASH OR CHECK  
CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: SJA HSA – YETI COOLER**

**# Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Or you can Venmo @SJA-HSA**

**\*\* (Venmo -Child's last name, grade, and email address in the comments)\*\***

# My School Cares Program

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**Courtesy of the Greater Baltimore Area Chick-fil-A Restaurants**

**COLLECTION DATES: March 8 - April 15, 2021**

**PAJAMA DAY: April 16**

## Service Project: Casey Cares Pajama Drive

**ABOUT CASEY CARES:** Casey Cares is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of critically ill children and their families by providing opportunities for family fun and engagement outside of the doctor appointments and hospital stays.

One of the major needs for Casey Cares is donations of New Pajamas for infants through young adult sizes. They provide fun pajamas to children on their birthdays, in the hospital and during in-home treatments to cheer them. They work with regional hospitals to provide pajamas throughout the year and give out over 60,000 pairs each year. **LEARN MORE:** [www.caseycares.org](http://www.caseycares.org)

## Join in the fun and win prizes!

### Individual Prizes:

**PARTICIPATION PRIZE:** Each Student who donates a new pair of pajamas will receive a coupon good for a free Chick-fil-A® Kids Meal (Elementary School) or Chick-fil-A® Sandwich/8 ct. Nuggets (Middle & High School). They will also earn the ability to wear pajamas to school on April 16, 2021.

**SUPER STAR PJ COLLECTOR:** Any individual that collects more than 40 PJs by hosting their own PJ Collection will receive a Chick-fil-A® Gift Basket that will include: Large Plush Chick-fil-A® Cow, Chick-fil-A® Sweatshirt, Chick-fil-A® Hat and Small Chick-fil-A® Catering Tray Card.

### Team Prizes:

**TOP FUNDRAISING SCHOOL HOMEROOM:** (Collecting over 30 New PJs)

- Prize: Milk & Cookie Party and Small Plush Cow
- Homeroom Teacher will receive a coupon for a Small Chick-fil-A® Catering Tray.

**TOP FUNDRAISING GRADE LEVEL:** (Collecting over 75 New PJs)

- Prize: Nugget, Mac & Cheese and Brownie Party for the entire class level!

**All pajamas will be collected by a Baltimore Chick-fil-A® representative on Friday, April 16th.**



# SUPER STENCIL DRESS DOWN DAY!

Want to be a part of making recess even more fun? Donate a minimum of \$2.00 to earn a Dress Down Day on Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

\*All proceeds will go towards purchasing activity stencils for the parking lot. \*



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**Visit our Book Fair homepage to get started:**

There may be differences in pricing or formats between online and in-school offerings.





April 1, 2021

Dear SJA Parent/Guardian,

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year, during the month of April, the Division of Catholic Schools is collaborating with the Office of Child and Youth Protection on an activity for elementary and middle school students throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The activity invites students to use art to consider key child protection messages. The goal of the activity is to reinforce child protection messages that are integrated into the Catechesis for Family Life, an important component of the Religion curriculum in Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Each grade has been assigned one of eight *Messages that Protect* (see table below). Students should illustrate their understanding of the assigned topic on a blank 8.5x11 sheet of paper. Students should write the *Message* they are illustrating somewhere on page. The student's name, grade, and school should be printed on the back. Students will discuss the activity in school but will complete the illustration at home, due April 30. Parents can find a short discussion prompt for each *Message* in the table below. Parents are also encouraged to review and discuss the entire corresponding lesson with their child; located at:

<https://www.archbalt.org/messages-that-protect/>

Password: protect

Please refer to "Talking with Your Child about Sexual Abuse" for tips.

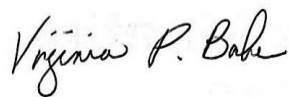
The Office of Child and Youth Protection may use the illustrations for future training (identity of the artist will remain anonymous) and for display, in order to raise awareness of important child protection messages. Parents, you may request the Office of Child and Youth Protection not display your child's artwork. Please inform your child's teacher via email.

Grade	Message that Protects	Discussion Prompt
Kindergarten	<i>Always a Child of God:</i> You are wonderfully made.	<i>What makes you special?</i>
First	<i>Language to Communicate Clearly:</i> Sharing how you feel helps others know what you are thinking and feeling.	<i>How do words help you?</i>
Second	<i>Asking for Help:</i> When you feel confused or "mixed-up", you can ask a parent or Trusted Adult for help.	<i>Think about a time you asked for help and you were given it.</i>
Third	<i>Feelings:</i> Feelings are neither good nor bad; you need to know appropriate ways to express your feelings.	<i>What are some feelings you've had recently and how did you express them?</i>

<b>Fourth</b>	<i>Promises:</i> There are many good promises, but sometimes you may make a promise that makes you feel uncomfortable. It is okay to break a promise for your safety or for the safety of others.	<i>Think about a "good promise" you've made, why was it good?</i>
<b>Fifth</b>	<i>Privacy and Boundaries:</i> You have a right to privacy and the right to set boundaries that others should not cross.	<i>What boundaries do you have that protect you?</i>
<b>Sixth</b>	<i>Secrets:</i> There is a difference between surprises, privacy, and secrets. People should not ask you to keep secrets from your parents or other Trusted Adults.	<i>What is the difference between a secret and a surprise?</i>
<b>Seventh</b>	<i>Respect the Body:</i> God made us in His image. Our bodies are different from one another. They are equally good and deserve respect.	<i>We are all different, yet made in God's image. How do you show respect for others?</i>
<b>Eighth</b>	<i>Always a Child of God:</i> Your brain, your body, and your soul are made to work together to live out your personal vocation. You have specific tools to help you do this safely.	<i>What makes you unique and special? What attributes and tools do you possess to contribute to the world?</i>

Thank you for your continued partnership with our school to ensure the children in our community are safe and healthy.

Peace and all good,



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# IF YOU ARE HERE YOU ARE AWESOME

## *Ultimate* CAMP GUIDE

Welcome to St. Joan of Arc's 2021 If You Are Here You Are Awesome Summer Camp! We look forward to providing your child with the best summer ever! SJA is offering 10 weeks of camp, making it easy to fit one or more weeks into your schedule. To register go to <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/summer-camp>



### **WEEK 1: LET'S TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD PART 1 - JUNE 14 - 18, \$240**

We will travel around the world in 5 days! 5 Countries in 5 Days! Fun facts, games, traditions and food samples from around the world, ending the week with an International Dance Party!!!



### **WEEK 2: NATURE WEEK - JUNE 21 - 25, \$240**

Nature Nature Nature! Learn about critters and their habitats, as well as our outdoors with Mrs. Simmons!



### **WEEK 3: PATRIOT WEEK - JUNE 28 - JULY 2, \$240**

Hot Dogs, Baseball and Apple pie! This week is all things USA!



### **WEEK 4: CAMP INVENTION RECHARGE JULY 5 - 9, SEE SEPARATE REGISTRATION**

Camp Invention is a high-energy, hands-on STEM camp.



### **WEEK 5: CAMP INVENTION ELEVATE JULY 12 - 16, SEE SEPARATE REGISTRATION**

Camp Invention is a high-energy, hands-on STEM camp.



### **WEEK 6: ART/MUSIC - JULY 19 - 23, \$240**

Come ready to create!



### **WEEK 7: VBC WEEK - JULY 26 - 30, \$160**

This is an add on to SJA VBC. Hours for this week are M - Th 11:30 am - 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.



### **WEEK 8: CREATIVE CHEFS - AUGUST 2 - 6, \$240 + SUPPLY FEE (\$50)\***

We will cook all week preparing dishes that the kids will eat from fresh ingredients. Everyone will learn kitchen safety and how to use kitchen tools to make yummy foods!



### **WEEK 9: CREATIVE CHEFS SWEET TREATS-AUGUST 9 - 13, \$240 + SUPPLY FEE (\$50)\***

Cooking again, but this week it's all about the treats! We will cook tasty desserts and candies! YUM!



### **WEEK 10: SPORTS WEEK - AUGUST 16 - 20, \$240**

This week is all about sports! We will be outside and active!!!

\*The \$50 supply fee for the Creative Chefs weeks need only be paid once. Due to COVID, all Creative Chefs Campers will be supplied with their own kid friendly knives, measuring cups, measuring spoons, canisters, utensils, etc. These will be sent home with the camper at the end of the week for them to keep!



# Middle School Baseball & Softball Skills Camp



Learn the fundamentals of hitting, fielding and throwing to take you game to the next level!

This camp includes instruction on proper hitting mechanics, fielding fundamentals, and throwing mechanics. Instruction will be provided by our professional coaching staff at ASP.

**Dates: July 12-16**

**Times: 6-7:30pm**

**Cost: \$160 Regular, SJA Discount \$125**

**Click [HERE](#) to Register**



# Middle School Run, Jump, & Lift Camp



Develop the skills necessary to dominate the field, court, or diamond in the Middle School Run, Jump, and Lift Camp!

This camp includes age appropriate strength, speed, and agility training for athletes of all sports and ability levels. Coaching is provided by our Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialists.

**Dates:** July 26-30

**Times:** 6-7:30pm

**Cost:** ~~\$160-Regular~~, SJA Discount \$125

Click [HERE](#) to Register



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**SAVE \$30**

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FOR 2 CHILDREN  
EXPIRES OCT 1, 2021

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**SIBLOVE40**

FOR 3+ CHILDREN  
EXPIRES OCT 1, 2021

## CAMP YOUR WAY - IN PERSON OR AT HOME

Want to sign up and save today, but not sure if you'll want an in-person or at-home experience this summer? No worries – with our new **PEACE OF MIND PROMISE**, you can sign up and **SAVE** today and finalize your experience format six weeks before your camp date! Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332.

**Grades:** Entering K - 6th

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

**Week 1 - Recharge - Date:** July 5 - July 9, 2021

**Time & Cost:** 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$235 (before discount)  
**Extended Day Hours Available:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM | Additional \$80

 REGISTER HERE!

**Week 2 - Elevate - Date:** July 12 - July 16, 2021

**Time & Cost:** 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$235 (before discount)  
**Extended Day Hours Available:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM | Additional \$80

 REGISTER HERE!

**Camp Director:** Tracey Tokarski | [ttokarski@stjoanarc.org](mailto:ttokarski@stjoanarc.org)

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

We are excited to offer two weeks of Camp Invention this summer, so be sure to sign your student up to attend both programs to maximize the fun!



Use any of the seasonal discounts while valid for week one. Then use the exclusive registration URL in your week one confirmation email to save an additional \$60 on week two!

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All images feature actual campers experiencing our new 2021 program.



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**Home & School  
Association Fundraiser**



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**THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021**

ALL DAY. DINE IN. TAKE OUT.

MUST PRESENT FLYER AT TIME OF PAYMENT OR PICKUP.  
CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER SPECIAL OR OFFER.  
20% OF TOTAL ORDER WILL GO TO THE FUNDRAISER (DOES NOT INCLUDE TAX OR TIP.)



**Home & School  
Association Fundraiser**

*Broom's Bloom Dairy*  


1700 S. FOUNTAIN GREEN RD., BEL AIR, MD

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021**

5:00 - 8:00 PM. DINE IN. TAKE OUT.

*Fundraiser limited to Ice Cream orders only.*

Must present flyer at time of payment. Cannot be combined with any other special or offer.

