



April 21, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

Tomorrow is **Earth Day**! Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection that was first held on April 22, 1970. SJA is a Maryland Green School therefore students will celebrate Earth Day! 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. We will begin with a prayer service as Green School efforts also foster a love for and sense of responsibility to God's gift of Creation. All classes will then participate in projects throughout the day to beautify our campus.

Message from the Advancement Director

- May 1st is quickly approaching. Registration, contracts, and FACTS need to be set completed. Go to <https://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com> . When uploading forms, you must use PFD.
- Creative Writing will be the second Middle School Camp option. It will be offered the week of July 19th for \$100 from 9am-12pm. Please register at <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/summer-camp> .
- If you ordered a SJA yard sign and have fulfilled your display time, you may return it to school if it's in good condition for other families to reuse.

St. Joan of Arc is hosting a Virtual Scholastic Book Fair from April 19th-May 2nd. All orders ship home with free shipping on book-only orders over \$25. All purchases will benefit SJA School library. The site will remain open until May 2nd. This is an opportunity to purchase great books and support SJA!

April 23rd 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)

Congratulations to Michelle C. the winner of the **April Tax Day "Cheer of Relief" Raffle!** Thank you to all who have supported the Home and School virtual fundraisers this year!

Home and School is sponsoring **Dining Out Night** on Thursday, **May 13th** 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 ice cream! Yummy!

Thanks to all who donated to the Chick-fil-A Restaurants **My School Cares Pajama Collection** for the Casey Cares Foundation. The 228 pairs of pajamas and 12 gift cards will be delivered to critically ill children on their birthdays, during hospital stays, and for in-home treatments to cheer them up.

In keeping with the Archdiocesan guidelines, SJA's **Spring Festival** on May 13th will be a **virtual event**. We will showcase many 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, a STEM projects display, a Science Fair and Invention Convention project display. At the end of the school day, there will be an Open House for prospective families from 3:30-5:30PM by appointment. Please contact Mrs. Elisa Maid emaid@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 1st.

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 5th and July 12th (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 14th until August 20.
 - Children Kindergarten through 5th grade
 - \$50 deposit required for each week
 - Register at <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/summer-camp>
- **Middle School Summer Summer Camps**
 - **Sports Camps at Absolute Performance**
 - July 12th-16th and July 26th-30th
 - Discounted enrollment fee
 - Payment made directly to Absolute Performance
 - Register through the link on attached flyer
 - **Creative Writing at SJA**
 - July 19th-23rd; 9AM-12PM
 - \$100 fee
 - Register at <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/summer-camp>
- **Vacation Bible Camp at St. Joan of Arc**
 - 🤝 Helping Hands 🤝 – Catholic Social Teaching, for kids...
 - July 26th-29th
 - Register at <http://www.stjoanarc.org/vbc>

May God bless all of your families with good health as we still are faced with COVID-19 restrictions. Please be careful and get vaccinated if possible. Once 70-85% of Americans are vaccinated, we can move forward to a more “normal” school environment.

Peace and all good,
Mrs. Ginger Bahr, Principal
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