



August 9, 2017

Dear SJA Families,

I am writing to you from beautiful Cape Cod, where I am enjoying a visit with my parents and family. I pray that everyone had an opportunity to get away and spend some quality time with those that they love over the summer. Don't forget to have students complete their summer assignments which may be accessed on the website www.school.stjoanarc.org (Click on [Resources](#)). Attached are new immunization requirements for your information.

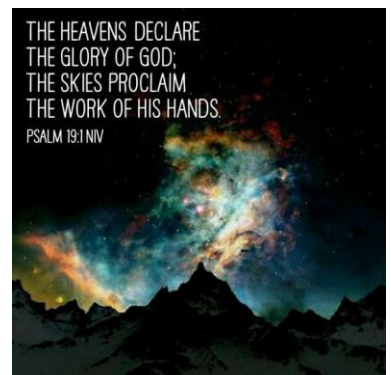
Home & School is in need of parents to help chair important events/committees. Chairpeople are needed for several events in the beginning of the year. **Remember, each family is responsible for 20 Volunteer hours. You can easily satisfy this by chairing an event or committee! Please contact Nina Colon, President, if you are able to volunteer (nitobiz@comcast.net)**

- Back to School Picnic—Advertise, set up, and clean up for the picnic. Plan some activities for the children. All families are invited and bring food to share.
- Boo-hoo, Yee-haw Breakfast (9/7/17)—Invite PreK and K parents to a breakfast on the first day for the full class, set up, serve, clean up.
- Hospitality Chair—E-mail parents when hospitality is needed for events.
- Career Day (10/5/17)—Co-chair event with Mrs. Roxanne Robin to solicit presenters, set up, clean up, provide breakfast and lunch for presenters, and determine rotation of students.
- Grandparents' Day (11/10/17)—Set up refreshments, and serve Grandparents who are visiting.
- Parades (12/1/17-Havre de Grace, 12/2/17-Aberdeen, 7/4/17-Havre de Grace)

Upcoming Events:

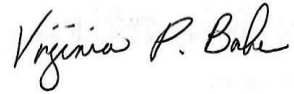
- August 9th-23rd—Home & School Apparel sales (flyer attached and on the website under Home & School)
- August 15th—Uniform Exchange in Church Hall 9-11AM and 2-4PM. Trade in the uniforms your child has outgrown for others. (You may take uniforms without bringing any in.)
- August 20th—Meet and greet SJA families at Broom's Bloom, 4-7PM (1700 S.Fountain Green Rd., Bel Air, MD) Delicious ice-cream and food to purchase. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy!
- September 1st—PreK, K, and 6th Grade orientation 9-11AM; Meet your teacher.
- September 5th—First Day of School for 1st through 8th grade
- September 5th to 8th—Gradual entrance for PreK and K students
- September 7th—Boohoo/Yeehaw Breakfast for PreK and K parents
- September 8th—Early Dismissal
- September 8th—Back-to-School Family Picnic (5-8PM)
- September 14th—Back-to-School Night 6:30-8PM (1st to 8th grade)
- September 15th—Opening Liturgy 8:30AM
- September 29th—Second Annual Crab Feast 7-11PM—Crabs, Buffet, Beer, Wine, Fun!

St. Joan of Arc will participate in the [Maryland STEM Festival](#) during our Open House on November 9th from 4-6PM. Just as we did last year, STEM Night will feature projects and hands-on activities for every grade level. Students will begin the year by reading "The Martian" in middle school (middle school version). We are excited about the many opportunities for learning in this book. (This will go well with the project created this spring by our Artist in Residence, David Cunningham, and the middle school students.) All grades will complete age-appropriate projects to expand upon the ideas of space exploration, weather, climate, atmosphere, chemistry, botany, physical science, and human ingenuity in this novel. These topics will engage learners from the youngest to oldest (staff included). So mark your calendars for Thursday, November 9th, from 4-6PM!



All of this is in conjunction with our yearly theme of **"God, Creator of the Universe"**. All that we learn in Science and every advancement we make only helps us to realize the miracle and beauty of creation.

Peace and all good,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia P. Bahr". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name being the most prominent.

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Don't Miss Out on Getting SJA's *NEWEST* Apparel

The HSA has once again partnered with Yorktowne Sports and is excited to bring the convenience of an online school store.

Simply click on the link below to shop-

<http://yorktownesports.com/product-category/saint-joan-of-arc-2017/>

This store will ONLY be open for **two weeks (8/9-8/23)** so don't delay! All items will be delivered directly to SJA the first week of school, so **NO shipping cost** for you! If you have any questions please contact Tim Parks at tim@yorktownesports.com.