



St. Joan of Arc School

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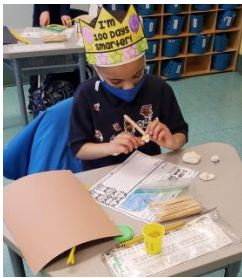
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February 24, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

Inclement weather delayed our 100th Day of School, but we are still celebrating!



The deadline to apply for all available **financial aid** in the 2021-22 school year is **February 28, 2021**. Please log into your FACTS account <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3QD7M> and go to Grant and Aid to apply.

Thank you for responding to the request for Trimester 3 Intent Forms. **Trimester 3** begins on Friday, March 5th. Any changes to in-person learning will take effect on that day.

SJA will have an **Open House** for prospective parents on Saturday, March 13th. (Remember, if you refer a family and they remain for an entire year, your family will receive a \$500. tuition rebate.) This will be by appointment only—contact Elisa Maid emaid@stjoanarc.org Please share to your Facebook page to help spread the news about Spring Open House. <https://www.facebook.com/school.SJA.org/photos/a.818886274802735/4005172766174054/>

SJA will participate in Chick-fil-A Restaurants **My School Cares Pajama Collection** for the Casey Cares Foundation. Chick-fil-A has partnered with Casey Cares for a market-wide pajama collection of new pajamas (infant through young adult sizes). The pajamas will be delivered to critically ill children on their birthdays, during hospital stays, and for in-home treatments to cheer them up. You will be able to donate PJs and movie or pizza gift cards beginning March 22nd up until April 15th. (flyer attached)

The Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools Department is conducting a **School Climate Survey through the Johns Hopkins Institute for Educational Policy**. Middle school students will take the student survey next week. A letter is attached explaining the student portion of the survey. The Parent Survey was sent out earlier this week, one link for parents of students attending school virtually and another link for parents of students attending school in-person. Survey link for parents of virtual students: [JHU School Culture Survey for Remote Learners](https://www.jhu.edu/school-culture-survey-remote-learners)
Survey link for parents of virtual students: [JHU School Culture Survey for In-Person Learners](https://www.jhu.edu/school-culture-survey-in-person-learners)
Thank you for your attention to this important survey which gives us valuable feedback.

The Business Manager, Mrs. Pam Franke, reminds parents to check the **FACTS account for incidental payments** for the few items not covered by tuition.

It is the holy season of **Lent**:

- Students will pray the Stations of the Cross in their classrooms in an age-appropriate presentation every Friday.
- Students will learn about Lent, Holy Week, and Easter in Religion class which is so vital to our Catholic faith.
- Students will bring home a Rice Bowl. Each year we ask the children to consider those less fortunate in the world and donate what they are able to Catholic Relief Services. Perhaps they can give up a treat, give some of their allowance, or even do extra chores to earn some money. For more information go to <https://www.csricebowl.org/>
- The Knights of Columbus will be offering their Fish Fry on Fridays (pre-order and pickup only). Go to <https://stjoanarc.org/> to order online or to download the order form.

Waste Free Wednesday continues! Bring your lunch in reusable containers to save the environment. (Flyer attached)

We are in the process of scheduling Summer Camps at SJA. We will be having **Camp Invention STEM Camp** the weeks of July 5th and July 12th. A flyer is attached.




I am feeling very blessed that we are still safely in school after 100 days! I pray that everyone is able to be vaccinated and we can return with minimal restrictions in 2021-22.

Peace and all good,
Mrs. Ginger Bahr, Principal
vbahr@stjoanarc.org



March 2021

SJA School Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8:30 Liturgy (Gr. 5) (Virtual)	3 Waste Free Wednesday	4 End of 2nd Trimester	5 Parish Fish Fry 2pm (Classroom) Stations of the Cross 6pm Virtual	6 
7	8	9 8:30 Liturgy (Gr. 4) (Virtual)	10 Waste Free Wednesday	11	12 Parish Fish Fry 2pm (Classroom) Stations of the Cross 6pm Virtual	13 
14 	15	16 8:30 Liturgy (Gr. 3) (Virtual) Trimester 2 Awards	17 Waste Free Wednesday 	18	19 Parish Fish Fry 2pm (Classroom) 6pm (Virtual) Living Stations of the Cross (Gr. 8)	20 
21	22 Casey Cares collection Starts Today—4/15/21 movie & pizza gift cards and/or pajamas	23 No Liturgy	24 Waste Free Wednesday	25 Annunciation of the Lord	26 Parish Fish Fry	27
28 	29	30 8:30 Liturgy (Gr. 8) (Virtual)	31 Waste Free Wednesday			

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Next week, your child has the opportunity to participate in a survey to assess the overall school culture at his/her school. In order to gain a full understanding of school culture, we are asking all students at the school to complete a 15-minute survey that will help us identify the following areas of school culture: Academic Emphasis and Excellence; Communal; Holistic Development; Administration and Governance; and Organizational Identity. Students will be asked to complete a number of items that help us to understand each of these categories, including an optional question about their religious affiliation. Surveys will be completed online and during school time and there is no cost associated with participation.

There is no direct benefit to your child for allowing their data to be used in this study, but results from this study may provide valuable information to the school about the current state of the school culture and what areas may be highlighted for improvement. This study is being conducted by educational researchers at the Johns Hopkins University Institute for Education Policy. The surveys will be administered by teachers and analyzed by the Institute for Education Policy at no cost to the participating schools. The Institute for Education Policy will use the results to better understand how school culture operates across many kinds of schools.

There are no foreseeable risks to your child for including their survey responses in our study. **All responses are strictly confidential and will only be analyzed by researchers at JHU. School and district personnel will not have access to individual survey responses.** Your child may refuse to participate and still receive any benefits as if he/she were still in the study. You may change your mind about participating in the survey at any point prior to the survey being administered. Once the survey has been administered, it will not be possible to identify any individual respondent.

Absolute anonymity cannot be guaranteed in the case of small schools where only a handful of students fit into identified subgroups. However, no names, birthdates, or addresses will be attached to any responses.

In addition to asking students about their opinions and experiences, the research team will also provide surveys for teachers, administrators, and parents to complete. Next week, the school will be sending you a voluntary survey requesting your valued opinions about school culture. You will receive additional details about that survey when you receive it from us via email next week.

For additional information about this survey, please contact Dr. Ashley Berner at Ashley.berner@jhu.edu. If you would like to receive a copy of the student survey, please respond to this letter accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding the rights of research participants, please contact the Homewood Institutional Review Board at Johns Hopkins University at (410) 516-6580.

You have the right to inspect the survey before it is administered. Participation for you and your child IS VOLUNTARY. If you DO NOT want your student to participate in this research study, please advise your child to say "NO" to the first question on the survey. If you agree to have your child participate, no further action on your part is needed.

Respectfully,

The School Survey team at the Johns Hopkins Institute for Education Policy

You Are Invited to Casey Cares Biggest Pajama Party!

It's simple and fun! Take a photo wearing pajamas, share it on social media
#CaseyCares #CaseyCaresBiggestPJParty



April is PJ Month!

April 16th is National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day, but more importantly, we are celebrating Casey Cares 6th Annual Biggest Pajama Party **all month long!** Choose a day to wear your pjs to work or school (or just around your house!) to show your support for sick children.

I have my pjs on, now what??

Help us help more kids! Help us fill our PJ & Movie Night buckets! These buckets ease the isolation felt by our homebound families. We treat them to a family movie night, complete with gift cards for a movie rental and pizza along with pajamas and popcorn!

Donation Drive Wish List:

- ♦ \$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 always our biggest need)

20,000 children are diagnosed with a critical illness every year, help us help kids like Violet (above) and bring some joy when they need it the most!

Help us fill
this bucket!





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WEEK 1: THE RECHARGE PROGRAM

Young innovators will:

- Design morphing vehicles using inspiration in nature.
- Experiment with physics concepts as they build and test a rubber duck launcher.
- Build their own solar-powered robot crickets, customized habitats and protective gear.
- Reverse engineer their own wireless microphone, discover sound waves and pitch their big ideas.

WEEK 2: THE ELEVATE PROGRAM

Young innovators will:

- Build a cityscape, navigate planes and take apart a robot.
- Learn the value of their creativity as they build prototypes, design logos and market their inventions.
- Collaborate to protect Earth's ecosystems, compete in zipline races and explore energy conservation.
- Discover the great inventors behind sports and design the ultimate sports complex.

TWO WEEKS OF TAKE-HOME FUN!

Sign up for **both weeks** to get all these awesome take-home items to keep the fun and learning going long after camp ends.



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.

Save \$40 with promo code RECHARGE40 for one week. Then use the exclusive registration URL in your week one confirmation email to **save an additional \$60** on week two!

Location: St. Joan of Arc School - Week 1 - Recharge
230 S Law St, Aberdeen, MD 21001

Date: July 5 - 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

Camp Director: Tracey Tokarski | ttokarski@stjoanarc.org

Location: St. Joan of Arc School - Week 2 - Elevate
230 S Law St, Aberdeen, MD 21001

Date: July 12 - 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

Camp Director: Tracey Tokarski | ttokarski@stjoanarc.org



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!

We are also offering an Extended Day experience, making our program schedule more convenient for busy families. With Extended Day, your program will run from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM with an additional cost of \$80 per week. To sign up for this program schedule, please select the Extended Day option during the second step of registration.

Waste Free Wednesday Returns



When: Begins January 27, 2021

Why: To help the environment by reducing the amount of school waste

How: Bring your lunch into school in 3 reusable containers

