



February 3, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

Well in January, the weather can disrupt our Catholic Schools Week plans! We should be able to complete our Monday and Tuesday projects. And the students are happy that we will have Pajama Day on Friday! Students are welcome to wear pants pajamas or sweat pants with tennis shoes (please no slippers for safety).

Today is the day that *We Celebrate our Teachers!* They have worked diligently this year to learn new technology and deliver the curriculum to in-person and virtual learners. They have done so because of their dedication to the students. Please give them a big **THANK YOU!**

St. Joan of Arc School was featured on WMARTV, Channel 2, Midday Maryland on February 1st at noon for Catholic Schools Week. Click on <https://www.wmar2news.com/middaymaryland> to watch.



Thank you to all who participated in the *Annual Fund Student Participation Challenge!* There was 100% participation. The students donated \$ 733.99 to the Annual Fund. Congratulations to 5th grade students who earned a Dress Down day for the highest amount.

Thanks so much to all families who have re-registered for the 2021-22 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Advancement Director, Elisa Maid emaid@stjoanarc.org It is not too late to re-register. To begin this process, go to <https://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com> Log-in to your account and complete the '**Registration form**' to begin the re-registration process. Attached are the tuition rates for next school year.

There is still time to apply for **financial aid** in the 2021-22 school year, please log into your FACTS account <https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/3QD7M> and go to Grant and Aid to do so. In order to qualify for all available assistance, your application must be completed by February 28, 2021.

As you re-register, please remember to submit a **Catholic Discount Form** signed by your pastor. <https://a54f25105f29b27fe943-4e9f31119b388a10b8af2cac271f2c1a.ssl.cf5.rackcdn.com/Catholic-Tuition-updated-form-2021.pdf>

Mark your calendars! The Instrumental Music Program would like to invite the school community to a band showcase in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. All levels of band students have been working hard and would like to share their work with you! The performance is virtual and there are 4 opportunities to see band students perform. Tonight, Wednesday, Feb. 3rd at 5:30pm and 7:30pm; or tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 4th at 5:30pm and 7:30pm.

CSW Band Showcase 2021

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75764875783?pwd=Y2NjYmg4ZGRQbHlpSE5WV3ZycXREdz09>

Meeting ID: 757 6487 5783

Passcode: CSW2021

Message from the Home & School Association:

Home & School is **Wishing you a Lotta Love!** Take a chance to win one of 5 baskets with 10 or more lottery tickets. Raffle drawing live on Facebook, February 12th <https://www.facebook.com/St.joanofarcHSA> (make sure that you like us!) Flyer attached

Earn \$\$ off tuition with **Scrip**. A special Thankscriping Day on February 18th and 19th is coming soon! SJA will give you back ½ of the percentage earned. Do you know that a family earned over \$ 450 towards tuition just by shopping with scrip for things that they already purchase?! <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>
SJA FAMILY ENROLLMENT CODE # 75592FF451446



Get families ready to earn up to 19% with 60+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards

It's the first February ThankScriping Day and it's two days long. Mark your calendar for the big event, happening the 18 – 19. It's a huge opportunity to multiply your organization's earnings with bonuses on many popular brands.

Things to know

- Bonuses apply to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards only.
- Families must have an online account to participate.

St. Joan of Arc School is now registered on the **Safe Schools Maryland** site, an ANONYMOUS and FREE reporting system available to students, teachers, school staff members, parents, and the general public to report any school or student safety concerns, including mental health concerns. Safe Schools Maryland is Maryland's only official anonymous reporting system. Safe Schools Maryland operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. Your anonymous report can be submitted by calling the tip line (1-833-MD-B-SAFE / 1-833-632-7233), completing an online form, or downloading the free Safe Schools Maryland app from the App Store or Google Play. I will be giving this information to parents tomorrow. To report a tip online, go to <https://schoolsafety.maryland.gov/Pages/Tipline.aspx>

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

Quick reminder, students are not allowed to have **cell phones** during the school day. If they bring a phone to school (or smartwatch) it must be given to the homeroom teacher during the school day.

Please remember also to **check PowerSchool** weekly for students in grades 2 through 8. You can set your account in Powerschool to give you weekly updates. This will help keep everyone on track!

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.

Happy Catholic Schools Week! Thank you for entrusting us with the education and safety of your children.
We Love our Families!

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



WISHING
YOU A



LOTTO  LOVE

TAKE A CHANCE AN WIN ONE OF FIVE LOTTO BASKETS!

1 TICKET FOR \$5.00

5 TICKETS FOR \$20.00

RAFFLE DRAWING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2021

LIVE ON FACEBOOK

@ St.joanofarchSA (make sure you like us)

PLEASE CUT OFF AND SEND TO SCHOOL WITH CASH OR CHECK

CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: SJA HSA – LOTTO LOVE

Tickets: _____ \$ = _____

Family Name: _____

Grade: _____

EACH BASKET WILL HAVE 10 OR MORE LOTTO TICKETS



OR YOU CAN VENMO @ SJA-HSA

(VENMO – make sure you leave email address in comments)



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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.

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The St. Joan of Arc School Board has voted to approve the budget for the 2021-22 school year. There is a tuition increase of 3% this year due to the Archdiocese of Baltimore’s guidance to provide adequate compensation to faculty. In order to recruit and retain highly qualified educators, all teachers will be compensated at 80% of the rate for Baltimore County teachers within 5 years. Due to the unusual circumstances in 2020-21, teachers were **not** issued a raise. The goal to move the salary scale forward will proceed to step 2 of the 5 year plan in 2021-22. The Archdiocesan teacher salary scale has not been adjusted since 2011 and does not provide adequate pay to support the excellent work of our dedicated faculty members.

2021-22 TUITION RATES

	<u>1 Child</u>	<u>2 Children</u>	<u>3 Children</u>	<u>4 Children</u>
Active Catholic	\$6,925.00	13,350.00	19,275.00	24,700.00
Non-Catholic	\$8,200.00	15,900.00	23,100.00	29,800.00

*The Catholic Tuition Discount Form must be submitted each year in order to qualify for the Catholic discount.

*This reflects a \$500.00 discount for two children; a \$ 1,500.00 discount for three children; and a \$3,000.00 discount for four children.

**All students will pay a \$150 Technology Fee.

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION FEES: (non-refundable)

NEW STUDENTS

Application Fee: \$100.00 (This fee is credited to the registration fee upon enrollment.)

Registration Fee: \$250.00

CONTINUING STUDENTS

Re-registration \$200.00 each year*

*Please note that \$100.00 of the re-registration fee will be waived for students re-registering by January 31, 2021.

FACTS TUITION MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

FACTS will continue to serve as the preferred provider for financial aid and tuition management service within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. FACTS Tuition Management Company will collect all tuition payments, including payment in full, semi-annual and monthly payments. ALL FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP AND MAKE PAYMENT THROUGH FACTS utilizing automatic bank payments (EFT) or by credit card. (*There is an additional fee for processing the credit card option). Easy and convenient online registration is available.

FACTS GRANT AND AID

Tuition Assistance for the 2021-22 School Year is available through the Archdiocese of Baltimore for all families who qualify. To apply, please visit the FACTS Grant and Aid website at www.factstuitionaid.com. The deadline to apply for Archdiocesan Assistance is February 28, 2021. FACTS will require the submission of the most recent Tax Return and the W2.

Additional assistance is available through St. Joan of Arc School and Parish. The process of using FACTS will be the same for AOB or local assistance distribution. Our goal is to help all families afford a Catholic education for their children. Additional funds are available through **Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program** for those students who qualify by income. For more information, go to <http://marylandpublicschools.org/pages/boost/index.aspx>