



January 13, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

It is good to hear that the COVID-19 vaccine is being rolled out and that educators will be able to receive it soon. Until most people receive a vaccination, we must continue to mitigate transmission by following safety procedures in place. Archdiocesan elementary schools have had less than 1.5% of COVID incidence and there has been no in-school transmission. I thank the parents and students for complying with the sometimes difficult restrictions.

In light of these restrictions please remember that parents are not allowed out of the cars at drop off or dismissal (except PreK at drop off).

The parents of virtual students have been notified by teachers of items that need to be picked up in the school office. Please come to the door and ring the bell. The office staff will bring out the materials.

#### **Messages from the Advancement Director:**

##### **SJA Annual Fund Student Participation Challenge**

It's time for the SJA Annual Fund Student Participation Challenge from 1/14- 1/29. This is a grade versus grade challenge. It's all about participating! Participation is so important. The Annual Fund is the most important fundraiser at SJA. Tuition does not cover the actual cost of educating each student. The Annual Fund helps to bridge the gap between tuition revenue and the full cost of providing an exceptional program (over \$5K per student). Encourage your student to look for spare change, do extra chores around the house, or dip into a piggy bank. The class who collectively donates the most money will earn a dress down day.

We would also like families to consider an Annual Fund donation. The Annual Fund is a means to help lower tuition costs and support school improvement. Any amount you can give is greatly appreciated. Please click on this link <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/giving/annual-fund> Thank you in advance for your generosity!

##### **St. Joan of Arc Open House**

Open House will take place on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3PM. Pre-Registration is required. Please share this link on your social media to invite others. Remember, any family that you refer who stays for a year earns a \$500 tuition rebate for your family the next school year.

<https://www.facebook.com/school.SJA.org/posts/3892171154140883>

##### **Re-Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year**

Only 19 more days to save \$100 on re-registration for the 21-22 school year. Starting February 1st the registration fee will increase to \$200. 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.

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>

If you would like to apply for financial aid in the 2021-22 school year, please log into your FACTS account <https://online.factsmgmt.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.

Students have begun the **D.A.R.E. program** with Officer Thacker leading remotely through Google classroom. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.

Students in the Archdiocese also have an opportunity for instruction **through Johns Hopkins Health Education and Teaching Corps: COVID-19 Teaching Series**. The curriculum consists of age-appropriate workshops taught remotely by health professionals that aim at information on COVID-19 biology, mathematical models of a pandemic, physics behind a face-mask, and the chemistry of hand washing and sanitizer. Each workshop is meant to be 15-30 minutes long. Grades k, 3, 4, 7, and 8 began this week with 1, 2, 5, and 6 to follow.

Mrs. Dandino would like to begin holding rehearsals for the **SJA Voices** (remote and in-person students) in anticipation of the time when we can hold live productions ahead. This is also one way in which students can participate in an activity they enjoy. The permission slip is attached and due by January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Catholic Schools week will take place from January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup> this year. This year's theme is **Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service**. We plan to honor all aspects of our community that contribute to St. Joan of Arc School. More specific information will be sent soon.

- *Saturday & Sunday—Celebrating our Parish*
- *Monday—Celebrating our Community*
- *Tuesday—Celebrating our Families*
- *Wednesday—Celebrating our Faculty*
- *Thursday—Celebrating our Staff*
- *Friday—Celebrating our Students*

Peace and all good,  
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