



January 6, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

Happy New Year! Let's pray that 2021 will hold many blessings and that we will return to a more normal existence. The pandemic has been difficult in many ways for all. But our hope in the Lord can always help us to move forward.

**Registration for the 2021—2022 school year is open now at the discounted fee of \$100 per returning student.** After January 31st the registration fee will increase to \$200 per returning student.

To begin this process:

1. <https://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com>
2. Log-in
3. Complete the '**Registration form**' to begin the re-registration process.

The St. Joan of Arc School Board has approved next year's budget. A letter regarding tuition rates for 2021-22 is attached.

The **Grant & Aid Application** for next school year has opened. If you would like to apply for financial aid in the 2021-22 school year, please log into your FACTS account <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3QD7M> The application fee is \$34. and in order to qualify for Archdiocesan assistance, your application must be completed by February 28, 2021. The Archdiocese has determined that the need next year will be much more than the available funds. So please do not miss the **deadline to complete the FACTS Grant & Aid application by February 28, 2021.**

I would also like to ask for your participation in the St. Joan of Arc Annual Fund. Any amount that you can contribute would help us to reach our goal. The Annual Fund is a means to help lower tuition costs and support school improvement. Please click on this link <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/giving/annual-fund> Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Congratulations to the winners of the Home & School Christmas Tree Lottery Raffle; Christine Stambaugh and Robin West! Thank you to our Home & School board members and all who are helping to reach the HSA goals by participating in the "different" activities that are going on this year. Your students benefit from all of your help!

Thank you to Mrs. Dandino and Mr. King for the wonderful Christmas program production!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpsY\\_Obsy5Y&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpsY_Obsy5Y&feature=youtu.be)

Thank you to Ms. Blackburn and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students for the beautiful Living Nativity!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bDJGkMb\\_48&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bDJGkMb_48&feature=youtu.be)

Both of these videos helped us all to be a little more in the spirit for the Christmas season.



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*

May the merciful love of God and the peace of Christ be with us throughout this New Year!

Peace and all good,  
*Mrs. Ginger Bahr, Principal*  
*St. Joan of Arc School*  
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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](http://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>



## ST. JOAN OF ARC VOICES PERMISSION SLIP

The St. Joan of Arc Voices is a chorus of students (grades 4-8) who sing for the school liturgies, school concerts and other special events. We will be learning songs for the Mass as well as secular songs of all genres. We will be singing with masks on and learning by “oral tradition” till it is deemed safe by the CDC and AOB.

All students are expected to observe the St. Joan of Arc Student Behavior Code during all rehearsals. A chorus is a “team sport” in that everyone works together for the same goal. The St. Joan of Arc Voices is a service club using music to raise spirits, help in worship and help the community.

Rehearsals will take place during the school day on Friday beginning February 5th. They will be on a rotating schedule so that students will not miss the same class each week. Remote students will learn their parts with Mrs. Dandino by appointment.

If you would like your child to be part of the St. Joan of Arc Voices, please sign the permission slip below and have your child turn it in to their homeroom teacher by Tuesday, January 30, 2021.

We'll make a JOYFUL NOISE!!

Mrs. Donna Dandino

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My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in the St. Joan of Arc Voices.

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Parent or Guardian

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Signature Date