



March 10, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

This week saw several students return to in-person learning. They have certainly grown this year (either I am getting shorter or they are getting taller). We also feel a change in the weather. Thank you Lord for healthy children and the opportunity to play outside for longer periods!



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 emaids@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/>

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 tomorrow. 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](#)
Survey link for parents of virtual students: [JHU School Culture Survey for In-Person Learners](#)
Thank you for your attention to this important survey which gives us valuable feedback.

Home & School is seeking donations for the **Yeti Cooler Tax Day "Cheer of Relief" Raffle**. The raffle will be held on April 15th, tickets will go on sale March 22. Below is the link to make donations and earn your volunteer hours.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054AABAD2DABFF2-yeti>

Home & School's next restaurant fundraiser will be on March 22nd at Panera Bread from 5pm-9pm at the Aberdeen Panera Bread. **DINE IN, RAPID PICKUP, AND DELIVERY ORDERS ARE ELIGIBLE!** Flyer must be shown at time of ordering or code **"PRFUND"** must be entered at time of ordering digitally.

The 2021-2022 Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Application is open! Applicants have until 11:59 pm on April 30, 2021 to submit applications. [Click here to view instructions and start the application](#). BOOST provides scholarships for some students who are eligible for the free or reduced-price school meals program (FARMS) to attend eligible nonpublic schools. Awards are granted based on household income, with the lowest income served first.

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/> **Due date for Rice Bowl donations is Friday, March 26th. Thank you!**
- 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.

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)

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. Spots will be limited!

- **Camp Invention STEM Camp** will be held the weeks of July 5th and July 12th (flyer attached).
 - Discounted fees for early registration
- **Elementary Summer Camps** will be held throughout the summer from June 14th until August 20.
 - Contact Sandra Fink if interested sfink@stjoanarc.org
 - Children Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Some **Middle School Summer Camps** may be offered.
 - Please contact emaid@stjoanarc.org
 - May take place off-campus

More detailed information will be coming soon!

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



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



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My School Cares Program

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COLLECTION DATES: March 8 - April 15, 2021

PAJAMA DAY: April 16

Service Project: Casey Cares Pajama Drive

ABOUT CASEY CARES: Casey Cares is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of critically ill children and their families by providing opportunities for family fun and engagement outside of the doctor appointments and hospital stays.

One of the major needs for Casey Cares is donations of New Pajamas for infants through young adult sizes. They provide fun pajamas to children on their birthdays, in the hospital and during in-home treatments to cheer them. They work with regional hospitals to provide pajamas throughout the year and give out over 60,000 pairs each year. **LEARN MORE:** www.caseycares.org

Join in the fun and win prizes!

Individual Prizes:

PARTICIPATION PRIZE: Each Student who donates a new pair of pajamas will receive a coupon good for a free Chick-fil-A® Kids Meal (Elementary School) or Chick-fil-A® Sandwich/8 ct. Nuggets (Middle & High School). They will also earn the ability to wear pajamas to school on April 16, 2021.

SUPER STAR PJ COLLECTOR: Any individual that collects more than 40 PJs by hosting their own PJ Collection will receive a Chick-fil-A® Gift Basket that will include: Large Plush Chick-fil-A® Cow, Chick-fil-A® Sweatshirt, Chick-fil-A® Hat and Small Chick-fil-A® Catering Tray Card.

Team Prizes:

TOP FUNDRAISING SCHOOL HOMEROOM: (Collecting over 30 New PJs)

- Prize: Milk & Cookie Party and Small Plush Cow
- Homeroom Teacher will receive a coupon for a Small Chick-fil-A® Catering Tray.

TOP FUNDRAISING GRADE LEVEL: (Collecting over 75 New PJs)

- Prize: Nugget, Mac & Cheese and Brownie Party for the entire class level!

All pajamas will be collected by a Baltimore Chick-fil-A® representative on Friday, April 16th.





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Week 1 - Recharge - Date: July 5 - July 9, 2021

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$235 (before discount)

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Week 2 - Elevate - Date: July 12 - July 16, 2021

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Camp Director: Tracey Tokarski | ttokarski@stjoanarc.org

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