



March 31, 2021

During this Holy Week, I am grateful God's great love for us. I wish you a joyful Easter!
To prepare for Easter break, I am attaching the updated Travel Guidance from the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Message from the Advancement Director

- Go to <https://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com> and make sure **all** checklist items have been completed. **All checklist items but be completed by June 1, 2021.**
- Please share SJA's next Open House on your social media
<https://www.facebook.com/school.SJA.org/photos/a.818886274802735/4082707395087257/>
- **Earn 2 volunteer hours** by writing a review about SJA. Acceptable sites are [Niche](#) or [Great Schools](#) or [Private School Review](#). To claim your hours, cut and paste your review into an email and send it to Elisa Maid and Sierra Ficca emaid@stjoanarc.org and sficca@stjoanarc.org

Thank you to those families who have generously given of their time and donated items to support SJA this year! Due to lesser opportunities to volunteer in person this year, we will **waive 10 volunteer hours** for the 2020-21 school year. Each family is responsible for completing 10 volunteer hours. Those who have not donated items or time will be billed \$10 per hour on June 1st.

Home & School presents the April Tax Day "Cheer of Relief" Raffle! This is your chance to win a Yeti cooler filled with many things to enjoy! (flyer attached) Please send your raffle ticket orders in ASAP. Don't miss out!

Congratulations to Everett C., Hylan W., Osias W., James V., Alex C., and Grace N. for winning the Student Council **Easter Basket raffle**. Thank you Student Council for sponsoring this event for students!

During the holy season of Lent:

- Grade 8 students worked diligently to film the Living Stations of the Cross. If you had not had the opportunity to watch, please click on the link. It is a reverent and sincere presentation. Thank you 8th grade students and Mrs. Blackburn for your hard work.
<https://youtu.be/E7b4WvDoz60>
- 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/> **If your student has not returned their Rice Bowl donation, they can send it in tomorrow, April 1st.**



When students return from Easter break, they will take part in **Family Life** instruction as part of the Religion curriculum. Parents may opt out of this program for their children. We use the **RCL Benziger series** which consists of a parent as well as a student component. In this way, parents are able to monitor all that is being taught in school as well as teach and discuss more sensitive subjects at home. Materials will be sent home with students for your review. A Parent permission form is attached and must be completed for each student. Please see me, Mrs. Tokarski, or your child's Religion teacher if you have any questions.

Since April is Child Abuse Prevention month, Sharon McKee, Guidance Counselor will facilitate lessons and a project for **Messages that Protect**. The lesson will include showing a video from the Messages that Protect series and having a discussion around the video. Then each student will create a piece of art that depicts the particular message that the grade was assigned. Attached is a letter explaining these messages for each grade level.

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)

St. Joan of Arc will host Virtual Scholastic Book Fair from April 19th-May 2nd. All orders ship home with free shipping on book-only orders over \$25. All purchases will benefit SJA School library. The site will open on April 19th. A flyer is attached.

SJA is in need of a full time Assistant Teacher. Please see Mrs. Bahr if you are qualified and interested.

We are in the process of scheduling **Summer Camps at SJA. Spots will be very limited!**






- **Camp Invention STEM Camp** will be held the weeks of July 5th and July 12th (flyer attached).
 - Discounted fees for early registration
 - Payment made directly to Camp Invention
 - Register at <https://www.invent.org/programs/camp-invention>
- **Elementary Summer Camps** will be held throughout the summer from June 14th until August 20.
 - Children Kindergarten through 5th grade
 - \$50 deposit required for each week
 - Register at <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/summer-camp>
- **Middle School Summer Sports Camps at Absolute Performance**
 - July 12th-16th, July 26th-30th
 - Discounted enrollment fee
 - Payment made directly to Absolute Performance
 - Register through the link on attached flyer

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



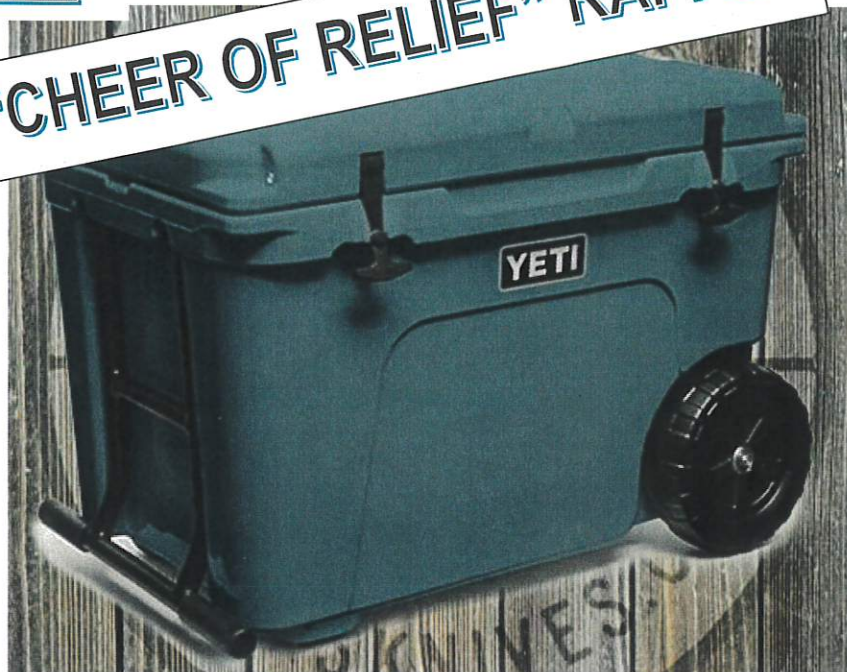
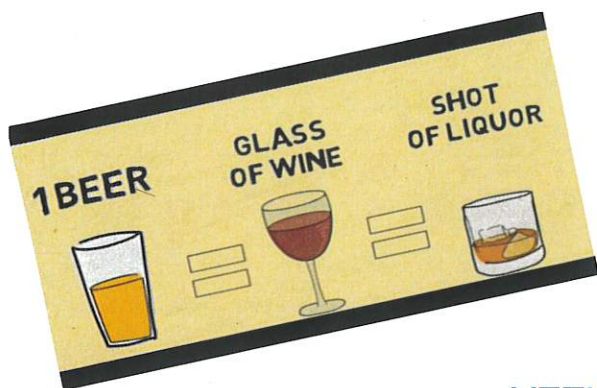
April 2021

SJA School Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2 SCHOOL CLOSED  <i>Good Friday</i>	3
4 	5 SCHOOL CLOSED	6 SCHOOL CLOSED	7 SCHOOL CLOSED	8 SCHOOL CLOSED	9 SCHOOL CLOSED	10
11  <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	12	13 8:30 Liturgy (Gr. 6) (Virtual)	14 Grades 2 & 3 Virtual Field Trip	15 Last Day for Casey Cares collection	16 Casey Cares Pajama Day	17
18	19	20 8:30 Liturgy (Gr. 5) (Virtual)	21	22 	23	24
25	26 Scantron Spring Testing	27 8:30 Liturgy (Gr. 4) (Virtual) Scantron Spring Testing	28 Scantron Spring Testing	29 Scantron Spring Testing	30 Dress Down Pass Day Scantron Spring Testing	

SJA HSA Presents:

YETI APRIL TAX DAY "CHEER OF RELIEF" RAFFLE



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3 for \$ 25.00

RAFFLE DRAWING ON APRIL 16th, 2021

Tickets will be On Sale until April 15th, 2021

PLEASE CUT OFF AND SEND TO SCHOOL WITH CASH OR CHECK

CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: SJA HSA – YETI COOLER

Tickets: _____ \$ = _____

Family Name: _____ Grade: _____

Or you can Venmo @SJA-HSA

**** (Venmo -Child's last name, grade, and email address in the comments)****



March 12, 2021

Dear St. Joan of Arc Families,

We have completed over two-thirds of the 20-21 school year and are truly thankful for our ability to offer both in-person and virtual instruction to our students. We are especially grateful to our outstanding faculty and staff who have worked so tirelessly to deliver a quality Catholic education to our in-person and remote learners, while ensuring safety and social distancing protocols are adhered to. Their dedication and commitment demonstrates the outstanding caliber of educators here at St. Joan of Arc School and in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The well-being of our students, faculty and staff remains our top priority. We have been vigilant in our commitment to proper safety measures, transparent communication, and responsibly adapting to emerging circumstances. The Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools will follow the recent Governor's order regarding travel:

Effective with the new Order to take effect 3/12/2021 at 5:00 PM OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL:

Quarantine requirements and other restrictions regarding out-of-state travel will be lifted.

A Maryland Department of Health advisory will remain in place continuing to **encourage** Marylanders to get tested upon their return.

In person instruction will resume after Spring Break on Monday, April 12th. We continue to be thankful for you, our educational partners, and to our faculty and staff for their commitment to Catholic Education.

Wishing You a Blessed Easter,

Jim Sellinger
Chancellor of Education
Archdiocese of Baltimore

Donna Hargens
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Archdiocese of Baltimore

My School Cares Program

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**Courtesy of the Greater Baltimore
Area Chick-fil-A Restaurants**

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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Parent/Guardian Declination

For Catechesis for Family Life

Child's Name: _____ Child's Grade: _____

Parish/School: _____

Parents/Guardians have the right to opt out of Catechesis for Family Life, in whole or in part, by expressing this request to the parish catechetical leader or school principal and signing the following declaration.

_____ As a parent/guardian, I have decided to have my child participate in Catechesis for Family Life.

_____ As a parent/guardian, I have decided to not have my child participate in Catechesis for Family Life.

_____ My child may participate; however, I would like the following accommodations for my child when he/she participates in Catechesis for Family Life:

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



April 1, 2021

Dear SJA Parent/Guardian,

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year, during the month of April, the Division of Catholic Schools is collaborating with the Office of Child and Youth Protection on an activity for elementary and middle school students throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The activity invites students to use art to consider key child protection messages. The goal of the activity is to reinforce child protection messages that are integrated into the Catechesis for Family Life, an important component of the Religion curriculum in Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Each grade has been assigned one of eight *Messages that Protect* (see table below). Students should illustrate their understanding of the assigned topic on a blank 8.5x11 sheet of paper. Students should write the *Message* they are illustrating somewhere on page. The student's name, grade, and school should be printed on the back. Students will discuss the activity in school but will complete the illustration at home, due April 30. Parents can find a short discussion prompt for each *Message* in the table below. Parents are also encouraged to review and discuss the entire corresponding lesson with their child; located at:

<https://www.archbalt.org/messages-that-protect/>

Password: protect

Please refer to "Talking with Your Child about Sexual Abuse" for tips.

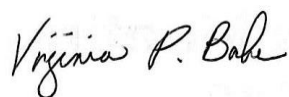
The Office of Child and Youth Protection may use the illustrations for future training (identity of the artist will remain anonymous) and for display, in order to raise awareness of important child protection messages. Parents, you may request the Office of Child and Youth Protection not display your child's artwork. Please inform your child's teacher via email.

Grade	Message that Protects	Discussion Prompt
Kindergarten	<i>Always a Child of God:</i> You are wonderfully made.	<i>What makes you special?</i>
First	<i>Language to Communicate Clearly:</i> Sharing how you feel helps others know what you are thinking and feeling.	<i>How do words help you?</i>
Second	<i>Asking for Help:</i> When you feel confused or "mixed-up", you can ask a parent or Trusted Adult for help.	<i>Think about a time you asked for help and you were given it.</i>
Third	<i>Feelings:</i> Feelings are neither good nor bad; you need to know appropriate ways to express your feelings.	<i>What are some feelings you've had recently and how did you express them?</i>

Fourth	<i>Promises:</i> There are many good promises, but sometimes you may make a promise that makes you feel uncomfortable. It is okay to break a promise for your safety or for the safety of others.	<i>Think about a “good promise” you’ve made, why was it good?</i>
Fifth	<i>Privacy and Boundaries:</i> You have a right to privacy and the right to set boundaries that others should not cross.	<i>What boundaries do you have that protect you?</i>
Sixth	<i>Secrets:</i> There is a difference between surprises, privacy, and secrets. People should not ask you to keep secrets from your parents or other Trusted Adults.	<i>What is the difference between a secret and a surprise?</i>
Seventh	<i>Respect the Body:</i> God made us in His image. Our bodies are different from one another. They are equally good and deserve respect.	<i>We are all different, yet made in God’s image. How do you show respect for others?</i>
Eighth	<i>Always a Child of God:</i> Your brain, your body, and your soul are made to work together to live out your personal vocation. You have specific tools to help you do this safely.	<i>What makes you unique and special? What attributes and tools do you possess to contribute to the world?</i>

Thank you for your continued partnership with our school to ensure the children in our community are safe and healthy.

Peace and all good,



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WEEK 1: LET'S TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD PART 1 - JUNE 14 - 18, \$240

We will travel around the world in 5 days! 5 Countries in 5 Days! Fun facts, games, traditions and food samples from around the world, ending the week with an International Dance Party!!!



WEEK 2: NATURE WEEK - JUNE 21 - 25, \$240

Nature Nature Nature! Learn about critters and their habitats, as well as our outdoors with Mrs. Simmons!



WEEK 3: PATRIOT WEEK - JUNE 28 - JULY 2, \$240

Hot Dogs, Baseball and Apple pie! This week is all things USA!



WEEK 4: CAMP INVENTION RECHARGE JULY 5 - 9, SEE SEPARATE REGISTRATION

Camp Invention is a high-energy, hands-on STEM camp.



WEEK 5: CAMP INVENTION ELEVATE JULY 12 - 16, SEE SEPARATE REGISTRATION

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WEEK 6: ART/MUSIC - JULY 19 - 23, \$240

Come ready to create!



WEEK 7: VBC WEEK - JULY 26 - 30, \$160

This is an add on to SJA VBC. Hours for this week are M - Th 11:30 am - 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.



WEEK 8: CREATIVE CHEFS - AUGUST 2 - 6, \$240 + SUPPLY FEE (\$50)*

We will cook all week preparing dishes that the kids will eat from fresh ingredients. Everyone will learn kitchen safety and how to use kitchen tools to make yummy foods!



WEEK 9: CREATIVE CHEFS SWEET TREATS-AUGUST 9 - 13, \$240 + SUPPLY FEE (\$50)*

Cooking again, but this week it's all about the treats! We will cook tasty desserts and candies! YUM!



WEEK 10: SPORTS WEEK - AUGUST 16 - 20, \$240

This week is all about sports! We will be outside and active!!!

*The \$50 supply fee for the Creative Chefs weeks need only be paid once. Due to COVID, all Creative Chefs Campers will be supplied with their own kid friendly knives, measuring cups, measuring spoons, canisters, utensils, etc. These will be sent home with the camper at the end of the week for them to keep!



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Grades: Entering K - 6th

Location: St. Joan of Arc School
230 S Law St., Aberdeen, MD 21001

Week 1 - Recharge - Date: July 5 - July 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



REGISTER HERE!

Week 2 - Elevate - Date: July 12 - July 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



REGISTER HERE!

Camp Director: Tracey Tokarski | ttokarski@stjoanarc.org

If these locations/times don't work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.

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!

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Use any of the seasonal discounts while valid for week one. Then use the exclusive registration URL in your week one confirmation email to save an additional \$60 on week two!

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Learn the fundamentals of hitting, fielding and throwing to take you game to the next level!

This camp includes instruction on proper hitting mechanics, fielding fundamentals, and throwing mechanics. Instruction will be provided by our professional coaching staff at ASP.

Dates: July 12-16

Times: 6-7:30pm

Cost: ~~\$160-Regular~~, SJA Discount \$125

Click [HERE](#) to Register



Middle School Run, Jump, & Lift Camp



Develop the skills necessary to dominate the field, court, or diamond in the Middle School Run, Jump, and Lift Camp!

This camp includes age appropriate strength, speed, and agility training for athletes of all sports and ability levels. Coaching is provided by our Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialists.

Dates: July 26-30

Times: 6-7:30pm

Cost: ~~\$160-Regular~~, SJA Discount \$125

Click [HERE](#) to Register