



May 19, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

Thank you to Mrs. Blackburn, Deacon Ray, and Youth Minister Nate McVey for organizing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Retreat Day yesterday. The Theme—*Where are you going?* focusing on the students' past, present and future. Three parables were key in this retreat as they should be in our lives: Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), about God's forgiveness; Peter sinking (Matthew 14:22-33) about having faith; Jesus' calling Peter and Andrew (Mark 1:14-20 or John 1:35-42) about how He calls us. It's always important to reflect on where we are going and how God has worked in our lives!

Thank you to all who contributed to **Super Stencil Dress Down Days!** SJA has earned the money for parking lot stenciling. This will add games on the large lot (four square, hopscotch, etc.)

Home and School is sponsoring **Dining Out Night** on Thursday, **May 20<sup>th</sup> at Broom's Bloom Dairy** in Bel Air. Please present the flyer at the time of payment and SJA Home & School will earn a percentage of the sale. And your family can enjoy ice cream! Yummy!

Next week will be **Spirit Week**. Student Council has come up with some terrific and fun ideas. A flyer is attached detailing each day. SJA will not have a specific Field Day since we still cannot mix cohorts of students, but all students will enjoy Field Day activities during their regularly scheduled PE class next week. They will also receive a treat! (flyer attached)

**St. Joan of Arc Parish is hosting a Mission** featuring ValLimar Janssen on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for a unique prayer and performance by this nationally known presenter (flyer attached)

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 1<sup>st</sup>. We have another opportunity for you—if a parent would like to drop off plastic bags to recycle at the grocery store, please contact Ms. Ficca [sficca@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sficca@stjoanarc.org)

**Attention all school band members – both current and former band members:**

You are invited to join our top notch summer band program which is open to current and former members. Students will receive all new great music and perform in a concert. Former band members who miss playing their instrument or being in the school band --- use this summer to be prepared to play again in the fall with your friends. The registration form is attached to this newsletter and should be mailed to the Instrumental Music Program-Baltimore. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Mrs. Thamert ([knightchic@aol.com](mailto:knightchic@aol.com)) or call the Instrumental Music Program-Baltimore office at 410-442-5804. A letter is attached with more details about the summer program and registration information.

SJA students will all be sitting in new desks and chairs in 2021-22! We began to purchase collaborative desks two years ago and will speed up the process this year so that all in grades 1 through 8 will be replaced. Kindergarten and PreK will be happy to return to sitting at tables next year!

Don't forget to **Shop with Scrip**! Earn money off next year's tuition and help support our school! Use gift cards for every day purchases, shopping, travel etc...Don't forget Mom's, Dad's and Grad's! Last day to **earn \$** for next year's tuition will be June 1. <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> **SJA FAMILY ENROLLMENT CODE # 75592FF451446**

Mary Ferguson, the Schedule Manager for the Ripken Stadium Mass Vaccination Site, has reached out to let us know the site is open in Aberdeen at 830 Long Drive, directly across the street from Ripken Stadium. It is a drive through mass vaccination site, and they currently accept both online appointments and walk-ins. The site provides a Pfizer Vaccine at no cost to anyone who makes an appointment or is a walk-in. The hours of operation are 8-4 PM Tuesday-Friday, and 8-4 PM on Saturdays. The website where people can make an online appointment is <http://massvax.maryland.gov>

We are holding **Summer Camps at SJA. Spots will be very limited!**

- **Camp Invention STEM Camp** will be held the weeks of July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup> (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 14<sup>th</sup> until August 20.
  - Children Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - \$50 deposit required for each week
  - Register at <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/summer-camp>
- **Middle School Summer Camps**
  - **Sports Camps at Absolute Performance**
    - July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>
    - Discounted enrollment fee
    - Payment made directly to Absolute Performance
    - Register through the link on attached flyer
- **Vacation Bible Camp at St. Joan of Arc**
  - 🤝 Helping Hands 🤝 – Catholic Social Teaching, for kids...
  - July 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
  - Register at <http://www.stjoanarc.org/vbc>

Peace and all good,  
*Mrs. Ginger Bahr, Principal*  
[vbahr@stjoanarc.org](mailto:vbahr@stjoanarc.org)





Home & School  
Association Fundraiser

Broom's Bloom Dairy



1700 S. FOUNTAIN GREEN RD., BEL AIR, MD

NEW  
DATE

**THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021**

5:00 - 8:00 PM. DINE IN. TAKE OUT.

*Fundraiser limited to Ice Cream orders only.*

Must present flyer at time of payment. Cannot be combined with any other special or offer.



# **Spirit Week!**

**May 24th-28th**

**Monday**

**FUTURE YOU - Dress up as what you want to be when you're older**

**Tuesday**

**JERSEY DAY - Show your team spirit by wearing your favorite sports apparel**

**Wednesday**

**WaCkY WeDnEsDaY - WeAr cRaZy ClOtHeS tHaT dOn'T eVeN mAtCh**

**Thursday**

**Patriot Day - Show your patriotism by wearing red, white, and blue colors**

**Friday**

**CRAZY HAT/HAIR day - Wear a crazy hat or try out a crazy hairstyle**

**Happy Spirit week!!! - Student council  
(remember out of uniform handbook rules apply)**



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PARISH MISSION: REMEMBER, RENEW AND REJOICE



**WITH VALLIMAR JANSEN**

May 23, 4:00-6:00PM

May 24 & 25, 7:00-8:30PM

Three independent sessions with one continuous theme. All are welcome to attend just one or two sessions, but you are encouraged to attend all three nights to receive the full message of the mission.

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
257 S. Law Street  
Aberdeen, MD  
FREE | DONATION REQUESTED

Register at: <https://stjoanarc.flocknote.com/signups/51702>  
Or contact the parish office at 410-272-4535 ext. 110

For more information, contact Richard A. Berndt  
410-272-6944, [rberndt@stjoanarc.org](mailto:rberndt@stjoanarc.org)

### About Vallimar:

Blessed with an extraordinary voice, Vallimar Jansen is a highly regarded inspirational/catechetical speaker, singer, composer and recording artist. She is also a college professor, a leader of worship and prayer and a workshop presenter at conferences across the U.S. and abroad.





# IF YOU ARE HERE YOU ARE AWESOME

## *Ultimate* CAMP GUIDE

Welcome to St. Joan of Arc's 2021 If You Are Here You Are Awesome Summer Camp! We look forward to providing your child with the best summer ever! SJA is offering 10 weeks of camp, making it easy to fit one or more weeks into your schedule. To register go to <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/summer-camp>



### **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!

**YES : We're doing it!**

**Vacation Bible Camp, Live and IN PERSON at Saint Joan of Arc again!!!**



**Vacation Bible Camp @ SJA**  
**July 26th - July 29th**

**Save the Dates - for VBC!**  
**Several Adult Volunteers Needed.**

- Age 4 Pre-K thru Grade 5 invited to attend
- Middle / High School Teens invited to help
- Stories, Crafts, Games, Music, Snacks

Registration info available online:  
[www.stjoanarc.org/vbc](http://www.stjoanarc.org/vbc)

No Surprise: Space / Capacity is Limited.

Start Registration with this Clickable / Downloadable / Printable Form

---> [VBC 2021 Registration Form](#)

Dates / times for this year:

Monday July 26th thru Thursday July 29th, from 9am to Noon each day.

Materials Fee is \$25 for 1 Child.

\$50 max for 2 or More Children in a Family.

No family pays more than \$50.





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PER CHILD WITH CODE  
**SIBLOVE40**  
FOR 3+ CHILDREN  
EXPIRES OCT 1, 2021

## 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://invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332.

**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](mailto:ttokarski@stjoanarc.org)

*If these locations/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://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!*



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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# Middle School Baseball & Softball Skills Camp



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**



## Summer Band Clinic - 2021

What a year it has been! We are excited to share the details of our upcoming summer band clinic. Playing a musical instrument is a year-round activity, and as we continue our path towards in-person instruction, we have developed a plan which will enable us to continue your child's musical development over the summer. Participation is especially important for beginning students.

**FORMAT:** The instruction aspect of the clinic will be an online activity, but we are planning a safe, socially-distanced in-person concert at the end of summer band. If we are not able to hold an in-person concert due archdiocesan or state rules, then a virtual concert will be held. The clinic will consist of three distinct bands: beginning (those completing their first year), intermediate and advanced; your school band director will determine the level. Summer band instruction will take place over 3 weeks and our 4<sup>th</sup> week will be our dress rehearsals and the concert.

**INSTRUCTION DATES:** The summer clinic will begin on Tuesday, June 29 and will be held three times per week ending Thursday, July 15. **Sessions will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 pm; Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00 pm; and Thursday mornings from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.** Each session will be divided into three 45-minute activities: a sectional, band rehearsal, and music theory and games. A short break will be held between each activity. Students can complete all three activities in one day or they may divide them over the three days. The program can be tailored to fit individual family needs, and participants may attend as often as they like --- there is no limit. Note: the Tuesday sessions will be recorded for those students who need to miss that week; student names will not be recorded. Recorded sessions will be available for viewing upon request only; please contact your school band director for the link.

**CONCERT AND DRESS REHEARSAL:** The dress rehearsals and concert will take place outside during the evening hours the week of July 19. We hope to hold a dress rehearsal for each band at a local Catholic elementary school on Monday, July 19 with a rain date of July 20<sup>th</sup>. The time for each band will be posted as soon as possible. The concert will be held Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The concert report time and start time will be posted as soon as possible. While it is highly encouraged, participation in the dress rehearsal and concert is not mandatory in order to take part in summer band. **In the event we are unable to have an in-person concert, the dress rehearsals and concert will be held virtually.**

**FEE and REGISTRATION:** **\$112 per child.** Access to this program will be available ONLY to families who are registered. There is no limit to the number of sessions your child may attend. Access codes, times for specific levels and materials will be sent to you when we receive your registration form and fee. To guarantee you receive the code, times and materials prior to the start, registration forms and fee must be received in the band office by June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you prefer to have the materials mailed to you rather than emailed, please indicate that on your registration form and include an additional fee of \$7.00 to cover the extra expense.

**EQUIPMENT:** To fully participate we ask that everyone have video capability and a device with a microphone, a cell phone or tablet should suffice.

If you have any questions, please call your teacher or the music program office at 410-442-5804, or check our website, [www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org](http://www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org).

Please return the summer band form by **June 15, 2021** to ensure you receive all materials prior to the start of summer band.

## Summer Band Registration Form 2021

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM-BALTIMORE \* P.O. Box 418 \* West Friendship, MD 21794**

School \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: \_\_\_\_\_ emailed \_\_\_\_\_ mailed (add \$7.00)

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please make all checks payable to Instrumental Music Program-Baltimore. The registration form above needs to be mailed along with your check to the above address. If you wish to pay by credit card (a small fee will be assessed), please call the music program office at 410-442-5804. Registration forms may also be emailed to [instrumentalmusic.baltimore@gmail.com](mailto:instrumentalmusic.baltimore@gmail.com).**