



November 18, 2020

Dear SJA Families,

Grandparents Day is this Friday, November 20th. Although we cannot meet in person, we will celebrate! Grandparents and special friends are invited to join us for liturgy at 8:30AM by clicking on this link: <https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/Ofa52be1-4e21-44f0-87da-19db41c66171> Students have created a video for their Grandparents (Click on the sign to the right)-> Students have also made small gifts/cards for their Grandparents/Special Friends. During this time of remaining socially distant, we want to express our love and appreciation to those special people in our lives.



Friday will also be an early dismissal day. Extended Care hours will be 12:10-6PM and capacity is limited. Students who are monthly attendees are guaranteed a spot. If other parents want to register their child, they can click on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094CACAE2DA1F58-half11> Contact Mrs. Fink with questions.
sfink@stjoanarc.org

There has been an additional change to our yearly calendar. The Archdiocese has determined that **schools will move to remote learning** from Monday, November 30th through Wednesday, December 2nd, immediately following Thanksgiving break. (Letter from AOB attached). Classes will end on Tuesday, November 24th at 12:05PM. **Virtual Parent-Teacher conferences** will take place from 1-7PM on Tuesday, November 24th and 8AM-12PM on Wednesday, November 25th. Teachers have sent out Sign-Up Genius links for parents to schedule their conferences. For your convenience, the links are also at the end of this letter. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. This time is dedicated for you.

The Maryland Department of Health has issued a **public health advisory for out of state travel**, which states that Marylanders are strongly advised against traveling to states with positivity rates of 10% or higher. The CDC warns that travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19 and recommends that the best way to protect yourself and others is to stay home. **Attached is a letter outlining St. Joan of Arc's Out of State Travel Policy. If you do travel to a high risk area, your student must get a PCR COVID-19 test prior to return to school or quarantine for 14 days.** Please note that adjoining states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, and Virginia are excluded. The Johns Hopkins website gives state by state information:

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/tracker/overview>

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.factsmtg.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 \$47million but the funds available are \$3million. So please do not miss the **deadline to completed the FACTS Grant & Aid application by February 28, 2021.**

Home & School Association is beginning the next virtual fundraiser. You will love the products available at **Claire's Gourmet**. <https://www.clairesgourmet.com/> **Organization Code #2581** (flyer attached). Your student can earn an out-of-uniform pass for participation!

Attached please find the **November Family STEM Newsletter**. SJA is continuing to provide the best possible STEM education despite the many difficulties of the restrictions for COVID-19. There are a number of virtual STEM opportunities for you to explore!

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You need an online account to take advantage of these special earnings. If you haven't already, create an account today in the mobile app, RaiseRight™, or on ShopWithScrip.com.

St. Joan of Arc School
school.stjoanarc.org



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Earn volunteer hours: A new way to get those volunteer hours is by helping us to advertise to new families. Families can earn 3 hours per month with a maximum of 3 months. Please email Elisa Maid, emaid@stjoanarc.org, if you are interested in displaying a yard sign.

Prek - 8th Grade

Tomorrow is the last day for **Chick-fil-A: My School Cares Toy Collection** drive for Toys for Tots. Each student who donates receives a BOGO for a free Chick-fil-A Kids Meal. Thank you for donating to needy children.

Please note that **St. Joan of Arc Church is open for Mass** with safety restrictions in place. Mass times are still 5PM on Saturday, 8:30AM and 11:15AM on Sunday. **SJA has also resumed Children's Liturgy of the Word, CLOW**, every other Sunday at the 11:15AM liturgy. (11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/27...) Parents should bring their children directly to the church hall prior to the beginning of mass and sign them in. (They will rejoin parents after the homily.) Be assured that safety precautions are in place. Christmas masses have been scheduled for December 24th at 1:30PM, 4PM and 7PM and December 25th at 10AM. Please check the Parish website for more information www.stjoanarc.org

Peace and all good,
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Laure Dotterweich	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4aa5a82eabf94-prek
Rachel McCall	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA8A82BA4FCC70-kindergarten
Mary Beth Nocket	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448ADAF2AA4FA7-virtual
Rebecca Simmons	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4aa9af2ba5fb6-parent
Megan Reith	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AAAAC2DAAF5C07-3rdgrade
Dave Brothers	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4DFAFA729A3F58-parent
Amy Lane	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084caba62ba0fd0-virtual
Alexa Kopp	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa9a72fa2fcc61-elaparentteacher
Wendy Baur	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45AAAD2AA7FC1-trimester
Dustin Bentkowski	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4BACA82EA4FE3-mrbentkowskis
Melissa Field	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ACA822AAFFCF8-msfield



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Dear St. Joan of Arc Families,

As we reflect on the first trimester of the 20-21 school year, we 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. **As a risk mitigation strategy following the Thanksgiving holiday, we will “pivot” to virtual synchronous learning on Monday, November 30th through Wednesday, December 2nd.** We realize this announcement may cause an inconvenience for your family, but hope you understand the necessity. It is important that we take this extra measure to allow for monitoring of potential symptoms and, if necessary, time to secure evidence of appropriate COVID 19 test results.

In this time of Thanksgiving, we have never been more thankful for you, our educational partners, and to our faculty and staff for their commitment to Catholic Education.

Yours in Christ,

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Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

November 18, 2020
Re: Out of State Travel

Dear St. Joan of Arc School Families,

The Archdiocese of Baltimore Department of Schools and St. Joan of Arc School continue to work closely with the Maryland Department of Health, the Harford County Health Department, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention regarding safety guidelines and recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Maryland Department of Health has issued a public health advisory for out of state travel, which states that Marylanders are strongly advised against traveling to states with positivity rates of 10% or higher. The CDC warns that travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19 and recommends that the best way to protect yourself and others is to stay home.

Within the Archdiocese of Baltimore, we continue to work diligently to mitigate the risks of Covid-19. St. Joan of Arc School has established a policy for both students and staff who travel to a state with a COVID-19 test positivity rate above 10% or with a case rate over 20 per 100,000 in the past 7 days during the entire period of their stay. Those traveling will be required upon their return to provide evidence of a negative PCR test result for COVID-19 and are asymptomatic or they have completed the entire 14 day quarantine.

The District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the States of Delaware and West Virginia are exempt from this recommendation

The following website provides information regarding the positivity rate for all 50 States, US Territories and popular international destinations. <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/tracker/overview>

Upon a student's return from out of state travel, he/she will receive the classwork that he/she missed and access will be provided to participate in distance learning while the student waits to return to school. The school has and will continue to evaluate our recommendations as informed by MDH and CDC. Thank you for partnering with us.

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Decision Aid: Exclusion and Return for Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Persons with COVID-19-like Illness in Schools, Child Care Programs, and Youth Camps

For the purposes of this decision aid, COVID-19-like illness is defined as: Any 1 of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, OR At least 2 of the following: fever of 100.4° or higher (measured or subjective), chills or shaking chills, muscle aches, sore throat, headache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and congestion or runny nose.

Person (child, care provider, educator, other staff) with **1 new symptom not meeting the definition of COVID-19-like illness.**

Exclude person and allow return when symptoms have improved, no fever for at least **24 hours** without fever-reducing medication, **AND** criteria in the [Communicable Diseases Summary](#) have been met as applicable. **If person develops symptoms of COVID-19-like illness, follow processes below for person with COVID-19-like illness.**

An **asymptomatic person** (child, care provider, educator, other staff) who **tests positive for COVID-19 (confirmed case).**

The asymptomatic person (**confirmed case**) should stay home for 10 days from positive test.

Close contacts should stay home for 14 days from the date of last exposure **even if they have no symptoms or they have a negative COVID-19 test done during quarantine.**

Person (child, care provider, educator, other staff) with COVID-19-like illness:

- **Exclude** person and recommend that they talk to their health care provider about testing for COVID-19 or whether there is another specific diagnosis (e.g. influenza, strep throat, otitis) or a pre-existing condition that explains symptoms.
- **The ill person should isolate pending test results or evaluation by their health care provider.**
- **If the ill person is a [probable case of COVID-19](#) (e.g., COVID-19-like illness and close contact with a person with COVID-19), **close contacts of the ill person should quarantine.****

The ill person has a positive rapid antigen test or RT-PCR for COVID-19 (**confirmed case**).

The ill person should stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND** until no fever for at least **24 hours** without fever-reducing medication **AND** improvement of other symptoms.

The ill person has a negative rapid antigen test for COVID-19 without a confirmatory RT-PCR.

The ill person does not receive a test for COVID-19 or another specific diagnosis by their health care provider.

The ill person has a negative RT-PCR test for COVID-19 **AND** had close contact with a person with COVID-19.

The ill person should stay home for 14 days and talk to their health care provider to determine if COVID-19 is still suspected and if another test is needed.

If the ill person is still suspected of having COVID-19, close contacts should stay home for 14 days from the date of last exposure **even if they have no symptoms or they have a negative COVID-19 test done during quarantine.**

The ill person has a negative RT-PCR test for COVID-19 and **NO** close contact with a person with COVID-19.

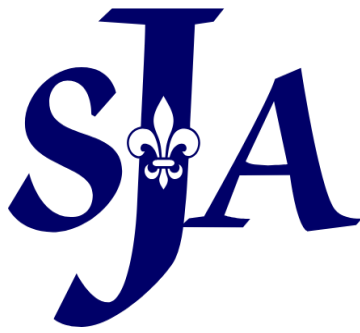
The ill person should stay home until symptoms have improved, no fever for at least **24 hours** without fever-reducing medication, **AND** criteria in the [Communicable Diseases Summary](#) have been met as applicable.

If COVID-19 is not suspected, close contacts **DO NOT need to stay home** as long as they remain asymptomatic.

Health care provider documents that the ill person has another specific diagnosis **OR** that symptoms are related to a pre-existing condition **AND** the ill person had **NO** close contact with a person with COVID-19.

If symptoms do not improve, the ill person should talk to their health care provider to determine if they should be tested/retested for COVID-19.

Close contacts of the ill person DO NOT need to stay home as long as they remain asymptomatic.



St. Joan of Arc STEM Family Newsletter

“The main hope of a nation lies in the proper education of its youth.”

— Desiderius Erasmus Roterodamus

November 2020

STEM encourages critical thinkers, entrepreneurs, and change-makers, who will lead the nation at the forefront of discovery. Help us inspire our students to change the world!

Recent Happenings

SJA Citizen Scientists

We have officially tagged and released 30 monarch butterflies at St. Joan of Arc! There were 9 males and 21 females in all. Now that we are experienced in this, we plan to release MANY more next year.

STEM at Home

Hoopla

[Hoopla](#) has hundreds of ebooks, videos, and audiobooks on a range of scientific topics, always available to check out! Featuring educational children’s television such as [Magic School Bus](#), [Nature Cat](#), and [Peg + Cat](#) as well as PBS’ [Nova](#) series for adults, [hoopla](#) really does have science for all ages!

Virtual STEAM: Shine Your Light Challenge

Explore ways that animals show off. Just like a scientist, find inspiration from nature to design your unique way to get noticed. From the HCPL: [Watch Now – Shine Your Light Challenge](#)

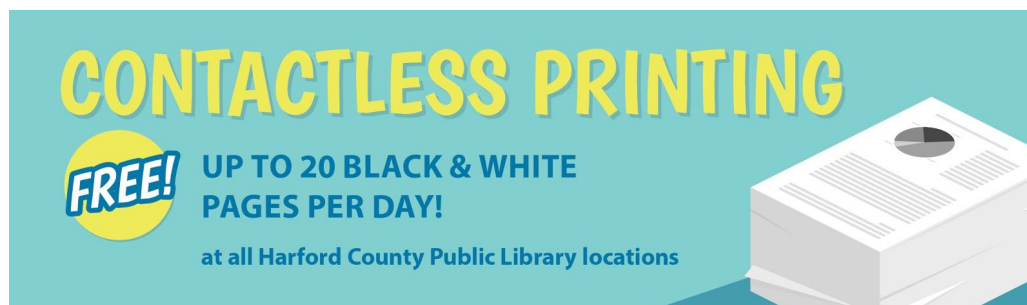


A Visit from the Tooth Fairy

I Love My Fangs! by Kelly Leigh Miller. Published by Simon and Schuster and read with permission from the publisher. [Watch Now – A Visit from the Tooth Fairy](#)

Creepy Underwear

Creepy Pair of Underwear by Aaron Reynolds. Pictures by Peter Brown. Published by Simon and Schuster and read with permission from the publisher. [Watch Now – Creepy Underwear](#)



Contactless Printing

1. Contactless Printing is available at all library locations, Monday – Friday 10 AM – 5:30 PM, and Saturday 10 AM - 2:30 PM.
2. You can print up to 20 black and white pages free per day. For larger print jobs, please visit your local printing outlet
3. Email your attachment to print@hcplonline.org
4. In the subject line of the email, please type your name and your pick-up branch (Aberdeen, Abingdon, Bel Air, Darlington, Edgewood, Fallston, Hav de Grace, Jarrettsville, Joppa, Norrisville or Whiteford).
5. In the body of the email print a brief description of your print job, your email address and your name
6. We will email you when your print is ready for pickup
7. Scanning and faxing services are currently not available

Building Trust Through Training

Octopuses are incredible invertebrates—just ask National Aquarium Aquarist Roxy Garibay! Learn how she works with our giant Pacific octopus to build trust and teach behaviors that reinforce its natural abilities. [Watch here.](#)

Curiosity Camp After School

Curiosity Camp After School, a virtual science enrichment program, brings the excitement of a STEM camp to students at home. Targeted for ages 6–12—with an emphasis on encouraging girls to explore careers in STEM—the program features engaging videos, downloadables, and creative projects to explore STEM topics such as climate change, data science, and deep sea research. Each video spotlights a female STEM leader and role model who shares her STEM journey and ideas for getting students engaged in STEM. In Draw Her Life videos, students learn about each scientist’s life to date, discovering what her goals were and are, how she has achieved success, and more. In Cool Tools videos, scientists introduce the special objects, tools, and products important in their work and research. What’s the Scoop videos offer background knowledge for students on STEM topics.

You Can Help

Parent/Community Volunteer needed to be an advisor to the eCybermission Team.

eCYBERMISSION is a web-based science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) competition for students in grades six through nine that promotes self-discovery and enables all students to recognize the real-life applications of STEM. Teams of three or four students are instructed to ask questions (for science) or define problems (for engineering), and then construct explanations (for science) or design solutions (for engineering) based on identified problems in their community. Students compete for State, Regional, and National Awards. The U.S. Army Educational Outreach Program is committed to answering the Nation’s need for increased national STEM literacy and to expanding STEM education opportunities across the country to open doors to new career paths for American students that lead to a brighter tomorrow.

A team of 3-4 middle school students can be registered anytime and the competition ends March 3, 2021.

Students will pick a Mission Challenge from the following:

Alternative Sources of Energy

Environment

Food, Health & Fitness

Forces & Motion

National Security & Safety

Robotics

Technology

TREX Competition

We have entered the contest again and are hoping to collect even more. If we collect the most in our division, we will get a Trex bench! Please see the below poster to know what to send in to our school to be recycled. We have boxes on each floor. Students can bring in the plastic from their household (and others they collect from) and deposit in the box at any time.



STEM Opportunities in the Community

Challenge Island Programs

Challenge Island offers a wide array of exhilarating, collaborative STEMtastic programming for kids ages 4 to 14+. Our action-packed options include afterschool enrichment classes, in-school field trips, camps, parties, and much more! No matter what kind of Challenge Island program you choose, you can be sure it will be a blockbuster hit!

Now, kids can experience the magic of Challenge Island®, the world's #1 STEAM program, from the safety and comfort of home. All Home Island Virtual Camps, Field Trips, and Enrichment Classes are taught live by certified Challenge Island® teachers. Children interact with their peers throughout all of our programs.

More info and registration [here](#).

Eden Mill Programs

The nature center and historic grist mill museum are open, by SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT ONLY, Monday- Friday from 8:30-4.

The park grounds are open, but social distancing must be maintained.

All Eden Mill Nature Committee programs have been canceled for 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Check out our Facebook page for fun nature-themed activities you can do at home!

STEM Saturdays at Microsoft

Teachers, students, and parents are welcome to drop by their local Microsoft Store to participate in these learning experiences. Projects are designed for 11- to 14-year-old students but can easily be completed by younger students with parental support. (*The closest one is in Christiana Mall.)

Harford County Public Library

Get a Virtual Library Card

<https://library.hcplonline.org/polaris/patronaccount/selfregister.aspx?ctx=3.1033.0.0.1>

Brain Battle Family Trivia

Friday, October 30 4:00-5:00 pm Join us for a round of family-friendly trivia featuring questions about all things science – in the movies, in the news, and in the world around us. [Register for Brian Battle Family Trivia](#)

The Mad Scientist's Lab: A Virtual Escape Room

You have found yourself trapped in the lab of a mad scientist. Solve the puzzles and answer the questions in this virtual escape room before you become the next experiment! [Play Now – The Mad Scientist's Lab](#)

GRAB 'N' GO BY APPOINTMENT!

AT ALL HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATIONS



Harford County Public Library will offer Contactless Pickup at all Harford County Public Library locations, Monday through Friday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm.

- ▶ **ALL LIBRARY BUILDINGS** remain closed and appointments are required (NO walk-ins & NO drop-ins)
- ▶ **DRIVE-THRU** Service only at Abingdon, Bel Air, Edgewood, and Jarrettsville libraries.
- ▶ **FRONT DOOR PICKUP** Service only at Aberdeen, Darlington, Fallston, Havre de Grace, Joppa, Norrisville, and Whiteford libraries.
- ▶ **BOOK RETURN DROPS** are open and all materials to be returned must be placed in the book return drops.
- ▶ **BOOK DONATIONS** are NOT accepted at this time.

We are committed to following the latest safety guidelines from State and Local authorities; including the following precautions:



Customers & Staff must practice 6' social distancing at all times.



Customers & Staff must wear masks covering nose & mouth at all times.



All Libraries will follow rigorous cleaning procedures.

For High School Students

[Calculus Videos](#) Ozkan Ozer, assistant professor of mathematics at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky, offers short calculus and differential equations videos on his [YouTube site](#), [Instagram account](#), and [web page](#). In his videos, he solves examples using demonstrations, covering such topics as finding the volume of a solid, sketching lines in the plane, and finding the acceleration. His goals for the videos are to help students see the fun side of calculus, to supplement calculus courses, and to encourage calculus students not to give up before they complete all of their calculus courses.

Biomedical Engineering Innovation (BMEI)

is a fully online course with hands-on labs that introduces biomedical engineering to high school students by (1) modeling biological systems and designing experiments to test those models and (2) introducing engineering principles to solve design problems that are biological, physiological, and/or medical. Students will model human efficiency, the arm, and the cardiovascular system. Students are expected to use the informational content being taught in math, physics and biology and to apply this knowledge to the solution of practical problems encountered in biomedical engineering. Course number: EN.500.130

Program Dates

- Spring 2021
 - January 25 – April 23, 2021
- Summer 2021
 - TBD

The [application](#) for Spring 2021 will open in mid-October. Click [HERE](#) or contact BMEI for more information.

Smart Scholarship Program

The Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship-for-Service Program is funded by the Department of Defense (DoD). It is a combined educational and workforce development opportunity for bachelors, masters, and Ph.D. students to gain technical skills in critical STEM fields and support the national security mission of DoD.

Mission: The SMART Program provides a combined education and career opportunity to students pursuing STEM degrees that will enhance the Department of Defense (DoD) civilian workforce.

Vision: The SMART Program creates a highly skilled Department of Defense (DoD) STEM workforce that competes with the dynamic trends in technology and innovation to protect national security.

The SMART Program provides STEM students with the tools needed to pursue higher education and begin a career with the DoD. With a full scholarship, students pursuing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) degrees will be able to focus on complex research to further the DoD's mission and create lasting impact. SMART is a one-for-one commitment; for every year of degree funding, the scholar commits to working for a year with the DoD as a civilian employee. Summer internships prepare scholars for full-time employment and get them accustomed to working with the DoD.

SMART offers a large package of benefits to qualified candidates:

- Full tuition and education related educational expenses (meal plans, housing, and parking not included)

- Stipend paid at a rate of \$25,000 - \$38,000 a year depending on degree level (may be prorated depending on award length)
- Summer internships ranging from 8 to 12 weeks
- Health Insurance allowance of up to \$1,200 per academic year
- Miscellaneous allowance of up to \$1,000 per academic year
- An experienced mentor at one of the Sponsoring Facilities
- Employment placement at a DoD facility upon degree completion.

For more information, click [here](#).

STEM in the News

[Before They Were Scientists, They Were Students. These Are The Teachers Who Inspired COVID-19's Leading Experts To Change The World](#)