



November 11, 2020

Dear SJA Families,

Happy Veterans' Day to all who serve or have served in the military or as first responders! We are blessed by your dedication.



Look for a shout out from St. Joan of Arc this Friday on WMAR TV News (between 6:20-6:40AM) on the **Good Morning Maryland** segment. Thanks to Mrs. Blackburn and our yoga students!

In Week 11 of the school year we remain committed to proper safety measures, transparent communication, and responsibly adapting to any information we have. Through the strong partnership between the school and the family we have been able to be vigilant in keeping the well-being of our students, faculty and staff as our top priority. Thank you parents for continuing to actively monitor the health of your children and your family members daily and for being alert to any of the major symptoms of the virus, including, but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, and shortness of breath. (Please see the attached flowchart and list of testing centers in Harford County.) Should COVID-like symptoms appear, please contact your medical professional and alert the school office. We can only be successful through our joint diligence and by taking all symptoms seriously. By continuing to adhere strictly to our safety protocols, we are committed to maintaining a safe environment for our students and staff. We know that it may prove difficult for families. We pray that God will give us the gifts of patience and persistence.

We require that parents pull into the parking lot for morning dropoff. It is especially important this school year due to the increased health protocols.

Lifetouch has agreed to reprint all of the student photos this year due to some issues. We will notify you when the new pictures are here. If your student is remote and you have not yet picked up your pictures, they are available in the school office.

There has been a change to our yearly calendar. We can now move to remote learning when we have inclement weather days. We have extra days in the calendar this year. Therefore, we will be able to take an extra 2 days of Christmas vacation. **School will not be in session** on Monday, December 21st and Tuesday, December 22nd. Classes will end at 3:05PM on Friday, December 18th and resume at 8AM on Monday, January 4th (2021). I pray that we will be able to return to a sense of normalcy in the year 2021!

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

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.

Please read the attached **Home & School November Newsletter** for information on how to help students at SJA. Although we will be adjusting the number of **volunteer hours** required this year, we urge you to support the Home & School Association's as well as school efforts. We require these hours because every time that you help it keeps costs down.

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 learn an out-of-uniform pass for participation!

Shop with Scrip for holiday giving! Gift cards make great holiday gifts and are an easy way to earn money towards your tuition rebate for next year AND help the school earn money. E-gift cards can be placed anytime and used right away. Friday and Saturday are **Bonus Fest Weekend** when you can earn higher percentages! Plastic gift cards orders are placed on the 15th of every month and delivered to school. Virtual families can make arrangements with Meg Whitehead to pick theirs up. There is also a new easy app you can use to make purchases easier! Any questions: contact Meg Whitehead hpucup9@hotmail.com **SJA FAMILY ENROLLMENT CODE # 75592FF451446**

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.

We will participate in the **Chick-fil-A: My School Cares Toy Collection** drive for Toys for Tots from November 10th- 19th. Each Student who donates receives a BOG for a free Chick-fil-A Kids Meal. Thank you for donating to needy children.

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.** The Johns Hopkins website gives state by state information: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/tracker/overview>

We are receiving inquiries and already thinking about enrollment for next year. Our Open House will take place on Wednesday, November 18th, by appointment only. It would be very helpful if you could please share our Open House event on your Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/294797094823196/d>

Peace and all good,
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Wow can you believe we are already in November! We are entering into the happiest and most hectic time of the year both for school and family! Don't worry, HSA has found some fundraisers that will make life easier for families during the next 2 months!

It may seem like the HSA is doing a lot of fundraising, and yes we do hold many events throughout the year. It's for a good cause and helps to lower the cost of tuition. Home & School supports technology initiatives at SJA such as an upgrade the Network, new chromebooks and tablets for students, educational software packages, 3D printer supplies, coding and robotics resources, etc. The money that is raised in 2020-2021 will be used to fund the technology upgrades and infrastructure used by our children every day. Please continue to support the HSA fundraisers as you have always done. The HSA thanks your continued support.

Fundraisers:

Claire's Gourment - November 5-20, 2020

Do you or anyone you know want to make it easier during the hectic days ahead? If you answered YES, then just check out this next fundraiser. Claire's Gourmet is another new partner we are introducing this year! So much to choose from—pizza for the family to individual pizzas, chicken nuggets or how about some warm soft pretzels/pretzel bite snacks. What better way to watch your favorite football team or movie with the family without the fuss or mess of snacks for all? Oh, and don't forget when the kids want homemade cookies, with Claire's Gourmet it's as easy as 1, 2, 3 with cookie dough ready for the oven. Within minutes you have fresh hot homemade cookies. Just think, it could not be any easier! Take a look and make your life easier or that of a family member just go to <https://www.claresgourmet.com> Organization code: #2581 (No shipping on orders picked up from school but there is an additional cost to ship to your home.)

Claire's Gourment - Orders will be delivered to the school for pickup December 17, 2020.

Charleston Wrap - Order online until December 7, 2020

Didn't have a chance to place an order during the Charleston Wrap fundraiser? Don't fret you can still order online until December 7, 2020, and the school will still earn \$\$'s.

Charlestonwrap.com and register using the **School ID 20044**. Good stocking stuffers , teacher gifts or just a little something for yourself.

Coming in December 12 days of Christmas Basket Raffles:

How would you like to win a basket of goodies? There will be 12 days with 12 raffles for a chance to win a spa basket, movie basket, game night basket, kids baking basket and so many more. For just \$10.00 per ticket you could win one of the many baskets that will be raffled. The Home School Association is hosting a virtual 12 days of Christmas Basket Raffle. We are asking each family to sell 10 tickets each for \$10 per ticket. The raffle drawing will be conducted live via Zoom. The raffle night and time will be posted prior to the start of the 12 days of Christmas raffle.



Market Day is a food company that will have orders directly shipped to your home. This is a fundraiser that is available all year long. Groceries delivered to your home from breakfast to desert! Market Day sells premium restaurant quality frozen foods that are exclusively developed and sold by Market Day Brands. All items are shipped directly to your home. You can invite family and friends to place orders and help our school throughout the year.

Scrip Program

Do you buy gift cards? Would you like to earn money towards your 2021-2022 school tuition? If you are saying yes, then what are you waiting for? Sign up today for the Scrip Program at SJA. We all seem to be making gift giving easier these days by just sending a gift card either electronically or an actual card. When you sign up for the program it's like you are giving and getting at the same time. Just buying a gift card at the local store will not give you anything back, but when you buy your gift cards through the Shop with Scrip program you are helping raise money for the school and to help pay tuition. Buying through scrip is like a tuition savings account; the more you spend the more you save! Remember the holidays are coming. If you have people that are hard to buy for on your list, buy a gift card! So many cards to choose from—major stores, restaurants, grocery stores, airlines, spas, cruises, Disney and so much more! So what are you waiting for? Signup today! Every gift card you purchase gives a percentage to SJA you! Scrip is the painless way to fundraise! No selling to friends and family. So what are you waiting for? Signup today at <https://shopwithscrip.com> enrollment code **75592FF451446** **Don't miss out on weekly incentives - % back increases with specials - Check it out for yourself!**

Amazon

Did you know that you can designate an organization to donate a percentage of your purchases from Amazon? To designate SJA to receive donations from your purchases, go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Amazon Smile contributions add up quickly for SJA.

Helpful Information

Derby Update: The SJA Annual Derby has been moved to the Spring of 2021. Mark your calendar for April 17, 2021! If you purchased your ticket last year, don't worry; they are still good for April 17, 2021.

Sale starts: TODAY!!

Orders & \$\$ due: November 20, 2020

Online ordering closes at 11:59pm on the above date.

Pick Up: December 17, 2020

**We are raising \$\$ to help fund
New Technology, Infrastructure
& to Benefit Our Students!!**

ONLINE ORDERING!!

Set Up Your Participant Account!

Go to www.claresgourmet.com, click
PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION @ top of page; click
REGISTER NOW; use **Organization Code #2581** to
create YOUR 6-digit Participation Code.
Family & friends can order and pay online! Watch
registration video @ <https://youtu.be/bYOyPCGt16k>
Online ordering closes @ 11:59pm on 11/20/20.
Ship-to-Home available. Shipping fees do apply.

LET US HELP YOU SPREAD THE WORD!!

You can earn UP TO 50% OFF your 1st item ordered online!

When you set up your Participant Account for the first time, enter your family, friends and co-workers' emails or cell phone numbers.
You will get 10% off for every 10 emails/cell phone #'s entered at that time, up to 50% off your 1st item ordered online! Once
registered, you cannot go back and enter more emails/cell phone #'s to get the % off coupon.



Prizes~Prizes~Prizes!

Sell 5+ Items ~ Get an Out of Uniform Day!

Each student who sells 5+ items will get an Out of Uniform pass.



Top Seller!... receive a



Family Fun Pack!!

Family Fun Pack = 4 1-hour passes,
1 large~1 topping pizza, 4 fountain drinks!
An \$80 value. Must sell at least 25 items to
qualify. A drawing will be held in the case of a
tie. Good at 23 W. Aylesbury Rd. Timonium, MD
21093 or Rt 40, Rosedale, MD. Socks not
included. Cannot be used during Glow or Toddler
Time. Some restrictions apply.
Jump times may not be reserved.

Sell 5+ Items...



Get a 1-hour pass to
SKY ZONE TRAMPOLINE PARK
One Pass per Seller. Good at 23 W.
Aylesbury Rd., Timonium, MD 21093
or Rt 40 Rosedale, MD. Socks not
included. Cannot be used during
Glow or Toddler Time
Some restrictions apply.

**Sell 2 items...Get a
PRIZE! See flyer for
more details.**

Watch the Out of This World prize video
at www.smartfundraising.com/prizes



HOW TO HELP

Show the catalog to friends, relatives, and staff. Collect payment when order is taken. Or, add your family,
friend's & co-worker's cell phone or email address when you register to sell virtually. We will help you spread
the word about your fundraiser! DO NOT COLLECT TAX.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Checks/money orders payable to **SJA HSA**... Include seller's name in memo section on money order...Fill out the Summary
Sheet & envelope neatly & completely in case we need to contact you...Turn in the **envelope only**, filled out completely with
SUMMARY SHEET, CASH, CHECK or MONEY ORDER enclosed... Keep the order form for your records.....**No Refunds!**

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Ayd @ theayds@verizon.net.



October 21, 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 Baltimore 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 whereby both students and staff must notify school administration in writing if they intend to travel to a state or country with a positivity rate for COVID-19 of 10% or greater during the period of their stay (see <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/tracker/overview> if the state you are visiting has reached that threshold). In the event that students and/or staff members elect to proceed to visit a state with a positivity rate of 10% or greater, 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 an entire 14 day quarantine.

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.**

The asymptomatic person 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.
- **The person should isolate pending test results or evaluation by their health care provider.**
- **Close contacts of the ill person should quarantine per [CDC guidelines](#).**

Person has positive test for COVID-19.

Person does not receive a laboratory test or another specific diagnosis (e.g. influenza, strep throat, otitis) by their health care provider.

Person has negative test for COVID-19.

Health care provider documents that the person has another specific diagnosis (e.g. influenza, strep throat, otitis) or health care provider documents that symptoms are related to a pre-existing condition.

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 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.

The person should consider being tested/retested for COVID-19 if symptoms do not improve.

Close contacts DO NOT need to stay home as long as they remain asymptomatic.

For an individual to return to school, the COVID test performed must be PCR.