



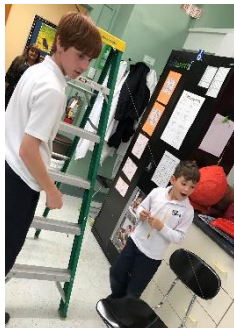
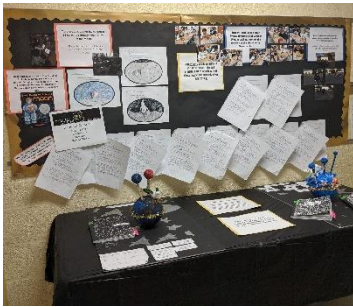
November 12, 2019

Dear Parents,

I am sending the update early for several reasons. Tomorrow is **World Kindness Day—Mr. Rogers Cardigan Day**. The Kindness Club members have asked that we wear a cardigan in honor of this and spread kindness to others all day long. One way is by participating in **All For Books** which will give more students a chance to participate in the book fair, add new books to the school library, and help teachers build and refresh their classroom libraries. Please help by sending in coins and dollars to school with your child this week before our Scholastic Book Fair! For each donation you make, your child will be entered into a raffle for a free book! (Remember that The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to SJA November 18th to 22nd. Flyer attached.) So wear a cardigan and bring your change tomorrow!



Another exciting week at St. Joan of Arc School! Students in 7th and 8th grades presented STEM challenges to other students and visitors last Wednesday as SJA participated in the Maryland STEM Festival. Displays of STEM projects in all grades were outstanding! I am so proud of students and faculty!



I would like to invite parents to a **Principal's Coffee** tomorrow, Wednesday, November 13th from 8-9AM. Please come to share a light breakfast and to speak with me and Elisa Maid in person. Remember, if you have a comment or concern, I would invite you to email, call, or make an appointment to speak with me directly at any time.

There will be a **Family Mass, Dinner, and Game Night** this Saturday, November 16th beginning at 5PM. Our wonderful SJA Voices will sing with the adult choir at liturgy to be followed by a dinner in the church hall. Bring your favorite game to play (no video or electronics please) and spend some time having family fun with your church family.

Please sign up for your **Parent Conference** on November 26th or 27th as soon as possible. It is important that all parents meet with their child's teacher. (Form is attached)

On November 1st, **FACTS Grant & Aid** applications opened. In order to qualify for ALL financial assistance next school year, you must apply through FACTS prior to February 28, 2020. A **Reduced re-registration fee** (\$100) is offered beginning November 1st and ending on January 15th. Re-register for next year early in order to take advantage of this discount. You will re-register through your School Admin account.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore, Division of Catholic Schools is beginning the strategic planning process. This process prepares our schools to plan for continued service to and provide an excellent education for our students. As part of this process, each school has been asked to participate in a confidential survey to assess the overall culture of the school. This 15 minute voluntary survey is distributed and collated by the Johns Hopkins Institute of Education Policy and will be given to staff, parents, and **middle school** students. Attached is a letter from JHU, which gives more information and the opportunity to opt out for your child. Please read carefully.

Congratulations to First Grade for winning the **Box Tops Competition!** They will receive an ice-cream party. SJA raised approximately \$575 through Box Tops—thanks to all who participated.

Some items of note:

- **Nov. 12th**—Grades K, 1, 3 to Aviation Museum
- **Nov. 13th**—**8-9AM Principal's Coffee** (Church Hall)
- **Nov. 16th**—**5PM Family Mass, Dinner, Game Night**
- **Nov. 18th-22nd**—**Book Fair**
- **Nov. 18th**—Middle School Retreat to Emmitsburg
- **Nov. 21st**—**Thank-Scripting Day**—Earn up to 21% bonuses on Gift Cards! (SJA FAMILY ENROLLMENT CODE # 75592FF451446 <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>)
- **Nov. 22nd**—**Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day** (begin with liturgy at 8:30AM)
- **Nov. 22nd**—Trimester I ends
- **Nov. 22nd**—**Mom's Holiday Shopping Extravaganza 6-10PM in Church Hall**
- **Nov. 23rd**—Robotics League Workshop and Scrimmage
- **Nov. 25th**—Dress down pass day
- **Nov. 26th**—**Early dismissal** for students
- **Nov. 26th**—**Parent Conferences (1-7PM)**
- **Nov. 27th**—**Parent Conferences (9AM-12PM)**
- **Nov. 27th-Dec. 1st**—**Thanksgiving** holiday break
- **Dec. 1st**—First Sunday in **Advent**; Advent breakfast after 8:30AM Mass
- **Dec. 3rd**—**Environmental Club** begins
- **Dec. 4th**—High School Placement Test for 8th grade students (rain date Dec. 5th)
- **Dec. 5th**—Havre de Grace Christmas parade (line-up at 5:30PM)
- **Dec. 6th**—Aberdeen Christmas parade (line up at 2PM)

Peace and all good,
Mrs. Bahr

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NOV 21, 2019

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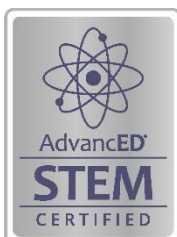
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—Grace T., earns for school tuition

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Dear Parents,

Communication between home and school is essential for your child’s success. We look forward to discussing your child’s progress at Parent Teacher Conferences to be held on November 26 & 27. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR FIRST (1) AND SECOND (2) CHOICE of time blocks. (Conferences are scheduled every 15 minutes). We will make every effort to accommodate your choice of time. Since eighth grade conferences have already been held, these conferences are for parents of students in grades PreK-7 only.

- Between 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. on Tues., November 26
- Between 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. on Tues., November 26
- Between 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. on Tues., November 26
- Anytime between 1:00 – 7:00 P.M. on Tues., November 26

- Between 8:00 – 10:00 A.M. on Wed., November 27
- Between 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. on Wed., November 27
- Anytime between 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. on Wed., November 27
- Middle School Team Conference – Anytime between 8:00 A.M.– 12:00 PM on Wed., November 27
(team conferences will be 15 minutes each)

<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time (Office Use Only)</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

PARENT NAME _____
(Please Print) Signature _____

Conferences will be scheduled with your child’s homeroom teacher who will inform you about all subject areas. If you feel the need to speak to a particular teacher other than the homeroom teacher, please indicate so here.

If we cannot accommodate your request, you will need to make an appointment for another day. Please return this form to school as soon as possible. We will schedule on a first-come, first-served basis.

List oldest child first. THIS FORM WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU WITH THE SPECIFIED TIMES OF YOUR CONFERENCES.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

IT'S ON



**Saturday, November 16, 2019
following 5:00PM Family Mass**

Join us in the Church Hall and bring your favorite family game to share and have a fun dinner with friends.

Contact Nate at nmcvey@stjoanarc.org with any questions.

This is an SJA School & Parish Event!!

St. Joan of Arc
School's

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

November 18th - 22nd
School Library

Can't make it? Check out our online shop!
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjoanofarcschool13>



By Scholastic

Turning dollars and coins into books and smiles!

All for Books is an easy and effective way to unite the school community and provide more books for kids and teachers. All funds collected through All for Books are used to buy more books from the Book Fair.

Funds can be used to:

- Give more students a chance to participate in the Book Fair.
- Add new books to the school library.
- Help teachers build and refresh their classroom libraries.

Scholastic Book Fairs® then matches those monetary donations with a donation of up to \$1 million in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children through organizations such as the Kids In Need Foundation, Reader to Reader, Inc., and the National Center for Families Learning.

By working together, we can help connect kids with more books than ever before.

Please help by sending in coins and dollars to school with your child the week before our Scholastic Book Fair! For each donation you make, your child will be entered into a raffle for a free book!



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Next week, your child has the opportunity to participate in a pilot 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; Communitary; 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 improve upon their surveys.

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, Dr. Ian Kingsbury at ikingsb2@jhu.edu, or Ashley Grant at Ashley.a.grant@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. If you DO NOT want your student to participate in this research study, please complete the section below and return it to your student's school. If you agree to have your child participate, no further action on your part is needed. PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY.

Name of your student _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Representative _____

Date _____

I DO NOT want my student to participate

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Mrs. Bahr

