

St. Joan of Arc School

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November 4, 2020

Dear SJA Families,

I want to first take a moment to thank all parents for complying with the numerous restrictions this year. We understand that it has been a year filled with anxiety and frustration for all as we quarantine, wear masks, social distance, avoid social gatherings, fill out forms every morning, etc. The result has been no student to student transmission at St. Joan of Arc School. Please know that it has also been difficult for us as educators to comply with restrictions and restructure our teaching. Please join with me as I continue to pray for solutions so that we can return to "normal".

Trimester2 Intent Forms were returned by all families last week. Due to the number of returning students, we had to move to a hybrid schedule for grades 3, 4, and 8. (This was **not** impacted by the new students accepted but depended upon the number of students **returning** to SJA this year.) Students in those grades will have to move to remote learning one day per week. If you have a question regarding your child's rotation, please contact Mrs. Tokarski, Assistant Principal. All parents of students returning to in-person learning must complete the Assumption of Risk and the Acknowledgement Agreement for each student.

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 <u>www.stjoanarc.org</u>

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 <u>https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3QD7M</u> The application fee is \$34. and in order to qualify for Archdiocesan assistance, your application must be completed by February 28, 2021.

Home & School Association is beginning the next virtual fundraiser. You will love the products available at *Claire's Gourmet*. <u>https://www.clairesgourmet.com/</u> *Organization Code #2581*(flyer attached)

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. Be on the look out next week for information on THANKS SCRIPTING. Higher refund percentages will be placed on hundreds of e-gift card purchases for one day only! 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

The Knights of Columbus is requesting assistance in procuring items in the list displayed. These items will be given to help poor foreign merchant sailors that enter the Port of Baltimore through the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Apostleship of the Sea ministry. Thank you in advance to your generosity to those less fortunate and away from their homes.

ITEMS FOR APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Soap Shampoo^a Hair conditioner^a Razors, disposable Shaving cream Tooth paste^a Tooth brushes, preferably small quantities per package Hair brushes and combs Tissues^a Body and foot powders^a Floss Mouth wash^a Skin lotions^a Secular magazines, in good taste Catholic magazines Catholic religious items (prayer cards, medals, scapulars, prayer books, Bibles, etc) Religious DVDs and CDs Book markers

Ball and stocking caps Gloves Scarves Belts Travel games Playing cards Pocket calendars Note pads Soft-bound books only

^aThese items can be small, sample size or regular economy size. Small sizes will be given to AOS

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 PRC 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 <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/294797094823196/d</u>

Peace and all good, Mrs. Ginger Bahr, Principal St. Joan of Arc School <u>vbahr@stjoanarc.org</u>





St. Joan of Arc School HSA Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser!



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



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 <u>SJA HSA</u>... 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......<u>No Refunds!</u>

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



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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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