



October 28, 2020

Dear SJA Families,

Today, students were able to choose a pumpkin from the SJA "pumpkin patch". We appreciate the help of the Brzozowski family who picked up, delivered, and donated the pumpkins that were purchased from [First Fruits Farm](#). Thanks to the 7th grade students who helped to set up the "patch". The PreK-2nd grade students will have several STEM pumpkin activities on Friday.



The **Sweet Pumpkin Chunkin STEM Challenge** on October 26th was an enjoyable learning experience for students both in-person and virtual. Go [to https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/academics/stem/stem-projects/sweet-pumpkin-chunkin-stem-challenge](https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/academics/stem/stem-projects/sweet-pumpkin-chunkin-stem-challenge) to see photos. It is not too late to participate in helping raise funds for STEM. We have raised \$2,886 of our \$10,000 goal. For more information, go to <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/giving/sweet-pumpkin-chunkin>

Please log into your School Admin account <https://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com/> to complete the Intent form for remote/in-person learning for Trimester 2. We will work on a plan for student attendance and inform parents as soon as possible. We anticipate having a plan by next week. Our goal is to have students who want to be in-person, attend as often as possible and in a safe manner. (There has been no student-to-student transmission at SJA or in any Archdiocesan school thus far.)

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. 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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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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