



October 6, 2020

Dear SJA Families,

The SJA Pet Blessing last Friday was featured in the Catholic Review online. <https://catholicreview.org/dogs-cats-turtles-and-a-horse-that-had-a-career-at-medieval-times-are-among-critters-at-pet-blessings/>

If you missed the prayer service you can see Deacon Ray bless two beautiful great danes here <https://youtu.be/aBbdBTyc70>



The dress down day to support the *Walk to Conquer Chiara* earned \$ 355! I know that many of you donated separately. Thank you for remembering Heidi! Her family and friends contribute yearly to support the Pesa Scholarship Fund for SJA which gives \$ 4,000 (\$2,000 to a Catholic student and \$2,000 to a non-Catholic student)

Please remember that all schools will be **closed tomorrow Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no Extended Care on that day. School will **also be closed on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** for teacher professional development **and on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** for Faculty/Staff retreat.

### **2020-2020 Archdiocese of Baltimore Income Survey**

The Archdiocese of Baltimore will be using a google forms survey to collect family income data for the 2020-21 school year. This safe and secure electronic income survey will automatically collect a family's data as they complete the survey. Collecting family income data is a requirement of MSDE and we must do so annually. The AOB has worked in conjunction with each county in the development of the survey and it meets each county's reporting requirements. The survey takes approximate 2 minutes to complete and must be completed for **each** student. It is **very important** that you do this because it determines the level of funding for all federal and state programs, all of which help to decrease tuition for your family (Safety & Security Grant, Aging Schools Grant, Textbook & Technology funding, Title I, Title IV, and Title II). **2020-21 Income Survey Link:** [Click here](#)

### **Information Night for Sacrament Preparation**

Saint Joan of Arc parish invites our families who are seeking to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist to an information night on Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Families will be invited to a one hour Zoom meeting to hear about our plans for preparing youth and adults for sacraments in a virtual format. Please sign up by completing the information form at <https://stjoanarc.org/signup-for-sacraments>, or by emailing [parish@stjoanarc.org](mailto:parish@stjoanarc.org)

Every student will participate in a **Sweet Pumpkin Chunkin STEM Challenge** in lieu of Race for Education on October 26th. We especially need each family to support our effort this year. PK through Grade 8, remote and in-person students will receive materials and instructions to design a catapult. Prizes will be awarded to those who launch their candy pumpkin the furthest. Please read the attached information or go to <https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/giving/sweet-pumpkin-chunkin> for more information.

This week, the **technology fee** was billed in your FACTS account (\$150 per student). By billing now, you will have the option to pay over time. All FACTS accounts must be paid by the end of the school year.

Don't forget to order from **Charleston Wrap!** There are some awesome gifts in the catalogue that come in time for the holidays. You will be supporting the Home & School Association which helps to provide all that is needed for our students. (Flyer and brochure are attached) The monthly *HSA Newsletter* is attached.

**Individual Picture Day** is scheduled for students on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Lifetouch will have 2 photography stations in the church lobby to move each grade through more quickly. The students may come in "dress up" clothes or their uniform on that day. Lifetouch will take the photos this year. You will be able to order pictures online at [My Lifetouch](#) with SJA ID# **EVTRC9ZZV**. The schedule is as follows: Students may wear their uniforms or dress up clothes (No jeans, t-shirts, etc.)

10:45am Pre-K  
11:10am Grade 8  
11:40am Grade 5  
12:00pm Grade 1  
12:25pm Kindergarten  
12:45pm Grade 3  
1:05pm Grade 4  
1:30pm Grade 6  
1:50pm Grade 2  
2:20pm Grade 7  
3:00-4:30pm – Remote Students

Peace and all good,  
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# St. Joan of Arc School

## **We Need Your Help!**

Only with the help of SJA Families & Friends like you will our school raise the extra resources we need.  
Thank you for doing your part and sharing your time to help our students!

*All proceeds from this fundraiser will help improve the technology, innovation lab & bring new resources into our library/school. All students will benefit from this fundraiser.*

## **How can I do my part? *Participate!***

**Our Goal:**  
**\$5,000.00**

## **Share the catalog(s)!**

Collect orders from family, friends, co-workers & neighbors

- Please make checks payable to St. Joan of Arc HSA.
- Return all money and the top 2 copies of the order form by the order deadline date –see above!
- Please DO NOT collect sales tax for any orders that are sent into school.
- Online orders will ship directly to the customer. \$85 or more, shipping is free! Must pay sales tax!
- **No door-to-door sales without adult supervision – safety first!**
- Contact Jamie Ayd @ [theayds@verizon.net](mailto:theayds@verizon.net) 410-241-6035

**Order Deadline**  
**10/12**

## **Shop online and invite friends, too!**

Invite friends and family (even if they're out of town)



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Student Registration

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**20044**

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# ATTENTION! Please REGISTER NOW for St. Joan of Arc School's fundraiser!

**It's super easy!** Please help support our fundraiser by following the steps below to register online today. When you register, we'll know you're committed to supporting our fundraiser and helping us reach our goals. To help our organization even more, send 10 email invitations to friends & family and spread the word about our need for help. With over 2,500 gift ideas, supporters can shop and check-off their holiday gift-list, all while supporting our important cause.

**Will you follow the instructions below and register today?** It's easy, it's simple, and it's important!

## Here's how to register today and help us spread the word!

Invite friends and family (even if they're out of town), online orders ship directly to the purchaser!

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Participant Registration

### Ultra-Heavy Gift Wrap



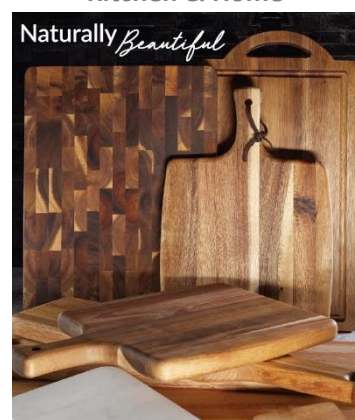
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### Holiday Décor



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# Sweet Pumpkin Chunkin

St. Joan of Arc School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In lieu Race for Education, on October 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Joan of Arc School will be participating in Sweet Pumpkin Chunkin! This is going to be a fun STEM challenge! We invite family and friends to join us in helping raise funds towards the purchase of new digital microscopes. We are kindly asking for each student to call friends and family or mail a paper flier. Students who ask 5 people for support will get an out of uniform pass by emailing Elisa Maid.

All Students will be creating a catapult to launch a candy pumpkin! Students grades PreK 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be judged on how far the contraption launches the candy pumpkin, while Middle School grades will be judged on hitting a target. All supplies will be provided to in person and remote students. Attached is the sponsorship letter if your child prefers to you the mail option. If your student prefers to ask for sponsorship over the phone or via text, please direct donors to

Please consider helping us in this very special event. Videos and pictures will be posted after the event on our website.

Blessings,

Elisa Maid  
Advancement Director  
St. Joan of Arc School



# Sweet Pumpkin Chunkin

## NEW INSTRUCTIONS

Each family has the choice to mail 5 sponsor forms or call/text 5 sponsors.

Potential sponsors may be family members, relatives, close friends, and neighbors. Christmas card lists are a great source for these names. Special emphasis should be placed on out-of-state relatives and friends. Also, the people you do business with are a good source of names (e.g. barber, dentist, doctor, piano teacher). If a couple is living “under the same roof,” you must list them both on **one envelope** (Mr. & Mrs. John Doe), not two.

### **If mailing, please follow these new instructions:**

- 1) Print the attached sponsorship forms.
- 2) PRINT NEATLY IN BLACK PEN directly on the form: the name, address and zip code of each prospective sponsor.
- 3) Have student(s) fill out the top portion of the form: Name, Grade, and Teacher. Multiple names, grades, and teachers can be written.
- 4) Have student(s) write a personal message. An example is: We are getting ready for our 1<sup>st</sup> Pumpkin Chunkin fundraiser. I hope you will consider sponsoring my catapult design. Thank you!
- 5) Mail all forms out before the big event of October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) Email Elisa Maid at [email@stjoanarc.org](mailto:email@stjoanarc.org) that your student(s) mailed 5 forms to earn an out of uniform pass.

### **If calling or texting, please follow these new instructions:**

- 1) Have student(s) call or text 5 sponsors.
- 2) Direct sponsors to website to make a donation.  
<https://www.school.stjoanarc.org/giving/sweet-pumpkin-chunkin>
- 3) Email Elisa Maid at [email@stjoanarc.org](mailto:email@stjoanarc.org) that your student(s) called/texted 5 donors to earn an out of uniform pass.

**If your student is virtual please pick up your supplies anytime between 9am and 2pm October 20<sup>th</sup> – October 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



# Sweet Pumpkin Chunkin

October 26, 2020

St. Joan of Arc School  
230 South Law Street  
Aberdeen, Maryland 21001  
(410) 272-1387

From \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Personal Message: \_\_\_\_\_

On October 26, 2020, St. Joan of Arc School will be hosting *Sweet Pumpkin Chunkin* in lieu of its annual *Race for Education*. This year SJA students are raising funds for the purchase of digital microscopes. I hope you will be able to sponsor me. I will be creating a catapult to launch a candy pumpkin! All donations are greatly appreciated. Please fill in the form below if you can help. Thank you.

**ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing a flat donation of:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make your check payable to: St. Joan of Arc School and be sure to seal the ends of this form.)

**Please note that your cancelled check will be the record of  
your donation to St. Joan of Arc School. Thank you.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

(Kindly refold, tape, and return entire form with the school address showing on the outside.)

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

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Aberdeen, Maryland 21001**

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**RACE FOR EDUCATION  
St. Joan of Arc School  
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Aberdeen, Maryland 21001**

**Attn. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's name & class)**





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September 23, 2020

Dear St. Joan of Arc Families,

I pray this letter finds you doing well and that the school year is off to a great start for your family. As I reflect on the start of the new school year, I am truly grateful for our ability to offer both in-person and virtual instruction to our students. When I enter the classrooms, I see the smiles behind the masks. The joy is undeniable! Students are happy to be back in the classroom and reunited with their teachers and friends. They are excited to participate in class and engage with their classmates learning from home. It has been impressive to see the adaptability of our students and staff during these extraordinary times.

I am 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 our safety and social distancing protocols are adhered to. Their dedication and commitment really speaks to the caliber of educators here at St. Joan of Arc School.

To recognize the remarkable efforts of the Catholic school educators in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Archbishop William E. Lori, and the leadership from the Department of Catholic Schools will close all Catholic schools on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> to give our faculty and staff (and students too) a day to relax and recharge. Coincidentally, it will also be the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary and an opportunity for us to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for her love and protection.

I realize this announcement may cause an inconvenience for your family, but hope you understand the necessity. It is important that we take care of our faculty and staff, who give so much to our students and families each day.

Thank for your partnership and commitment to Catholic education.

Peace and all good,

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