

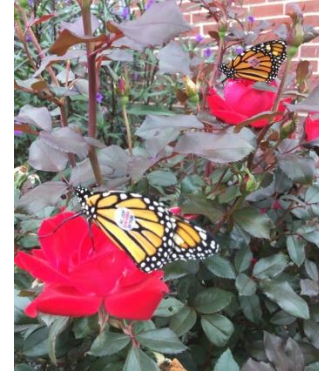


*Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future*

September 30, 2020

Dear SJA Families,

We have had an exciting week at SJA as our Monarch butterflies emerged from their chrysalis, were tagged, and then were released. Many classrooms have harvested the caterpillars and the children are watching this process.



We were also featured on *Good Morning Maryland* (WMAR-TV) on Monday morning. Here is the link to view the short shout out. <https://www.wmar2news.com/news/education/st-joan-of-arc-school-in-aberdeen-says-good-morning-maryland>

This Friday, we will have our second annual **Pet Blessing** in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the environment and all creation. This year, we will pray together immediately prior to dismissal. Families will line up as usual for dismissal but are asked to please bring their pets in their vehicle. As each car leaves; Fr. Willie, Deacon Ray, or Deacon Dan will bless your pet and you family. You may also bring a picture of your pet if you prefer. If you don't have a pet, you will receive a blessing too! All remote families are welcome to participate in this unique drive through blessing. Please join us in prayer through this link: <https://youtu.be/aBbdBTypc70>

I want to make parents aware of an important schedule change. Per the Archdiocese of Baltimore Department of Catholic Schools, all schools will be **closed on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no Extended Care on that day. Please see the attached letter.

### **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)

Next week, the **technology fee** will be 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>. You will receive information and a schedule prior to that date. 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 with SJA ID# **EVTRC9ZZV**.



I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Friday afternoon!

Peace and all good,  
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*Principal*  
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# October 2020

## SJA School Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 2:45 PM St. Francis of Assisi <u>Prayer service</u> 3:00pm Blessing of the Animals (Drive through)	3
4	5 Band (Virtual)	6 8:30 AM Liturgy (Gr. 5)	7 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	8 Zoom meeting Information session on Sacraments 7:00pm	9 Dress Down Pass Day	10
11	12 Columbus Day (Observed)  Beginning Band (Virtual) Charleston Wrap Ends today	13 8:30 AM Liturgy (Gr. 4)	14 Individual Picture Day	15	16 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> AOB Professional Development for Teachers	17
18	19 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> Faculty/Staff <u>Retreat</u> Virtual High School Fair 5pm— 7pm	20 8:30 AM Liturgy (Gr. 8)	21	22 Zoom meeting Information session on specific Sacraments 7:00pm	23 8th Grade Virtual Conferences	24
25	26	27 8:30 AM Liturgy (Gr. 7)	28	29 Virtual STEM Day	30	31 

## ***Blessing of the Pets***

***In honor of St. Francis of Assisi***

***Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Dismissal***



- *2:45PM Students will join in a Prayer service honoring St. Francis, Patron saint of the environment and animals because he loved all creatures . Please join us*  
<https://youtu.be/aBbdBTypc70>
- *At dismissal, parents are invited to bring their pets.*
- *Cars will enter the lot and line up as usual*
- *As cars drive off the lot, all will receive a blessing! (pets, families, photos of pets are welcome)*
- *Remote students are welcome!*
- *Please stay in your cars to observe social distancing guidelines*

## October 2020 - HSA Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to a Back! If you are new to the school we are excited to have you join the SJA Family! We look forward to a time that we all can meet and say hello but until then a Big Welcome! The school year has started off differently than past years for school families and the Home School Association. Everyone would have had a chance to meet and hear more about events that are being planned at the back to school picnic and back to school night. So let's start by introducing the Home and School Association Board Members:

### 2020-2021 HSA Board Members

President:	Jamie Ayd
Vice President:	Michele Hill
Treasurer:	Angela Ney
Secretary:	Dawn Muller
Communication/Events Coordinator:	Nina Colon
Member at Large Team Lead:	Jackie Parks
Member at Large:	Christina Hinch
Member at Large:	Kristie Conn
Member at Large:	Jason Cronin
Member at Large:	Shannon Anoaia

We have an exciting year of events planned this 2020-2021. We will update you with events each month in the HSA Newsletter. Please if you have not already done so go to Facebook and like/follow the SJA Home and School Association Page at <https://www.facebook.com/St.joanofarchSA> You will find all events shared on facebook.

### Fundraisers:

The first fundraiser that will be taking place is the sale of Charleston Wrap. The campaign will run from September 21- October 12, 2020. Brochures were sent home with your child if they are attending school in-person. If your child is a remote learner you can go to [Charlestonwrap.com](http://Charlestonwrap.com) and register using the **School ID 20044**.

Once you have registered you have emailed invites sent out to your family and friends to participate and help with the fundraising event. Even family and friends that do not live close by can shop! With so many items available at Charleston Wrap there is something for everyone on your holiday list! Why not start shopping for the holidays early! So grab a cup of Joe and logon and see what you can find to fill your list all from the comfort of your home!

## **Scrip Program**

Do you buy gift cards? Would you like to earn money towards your 2021-2022 School Year Tuition? If you are saying yes, then what are you waiting for signup 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 scrip program you are helping raise money for the school and your tuition. Buying through scrip is like a tuition savings account for you, the more you spend the more you save! Remember the holidays are coming and if you have people that are hard to buy for on your list, buy a gift card, it makes gift giving really easy! So many cards to choose from Major stores, restaurants, groceries, 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 HSA and you! The more you spend the more you get back in towards tuition. 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> use 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? 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.

**Upcoming Fundraisers/Events:** The next plan Fundraiser will be Joe Corbi's Pizza and so much more- Get set to make meal time a little easy with the upcoming sale of Joe Corbi's Pizza. As we are approaching the busier months of the year with kids sports activities, Holiday planning, shopping or just needing a break it's nice to know that you have Joe Corbi's Pizza kits in the freezer! Oh and let's not forget your entertaining needs when an unexpected company comes over there are also cookies and cakes that you can order for those unexpected guests. Coming to your inbox soon!

## Helpful Information

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

## Volunteer Hours

Remember families obligated 20 volunteers hours per school year. There are several opportunities available to join an event to earn your volunteer hours. We are working on what events will be held that volunteers will be needed. As soon as all events have been finalized a listing will be sent out asking for volunteers to assist. Just a few notes on volunteering:

- Chair an event - all your hours are earned
- work on a committee - hours earned
- donations of food - depends on how much was donated/hours will be calculated
- work an event - hours are 1 or 1 (example: 4 hr event = 4hrs if you worked the entire 4 hrs. If you sign up for setup and cleanup with the event that would be 6 hrs/ 1hr setup+4hrs worked+1hr cleanup=6hrs)

**Remember all the money that we raise through fundraising benefits our children's education. We look forward to working with everyone on events throughout the year.**

# 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 @ [theyayds@verizon.net](mailto:theyayds@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)



**Step 1: REGISTER** your student at [www.charlestonwrapstore.com](http://www.charlestonwrapstore.com) (use school ID, see below)



**Step 2:** Use our **Easy-Email-Invite Generator** to invite out-of-town friends & family to shop and support!  
Plus, share your unique invite links via text and social media.



**Step 3: WIN A PRIZE TOMORROW** when you send out 10, 15, and 20 email invites!



Student Registration

**Our School ID:**  
**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!

**Organization ID:**  
**20044**



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(use organization ID to the left)



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Participant Registration

*Ultra-Heavy Gift Wrap*



*Personalization*



*Holiday Décor*



*Kitchen & Home*

