



# St. Joan of Arc School

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Dear SJA Families,



We want to assure you that we are following all required guidelines to ensure the safety of our staff and school families. We are stressing the importance of every in-person student being monitored each day at home, prior to parents submitting the Daily Wellness Check. We have grouped students in class cohorts as an important mitigation of potential exposure strategy for individuals and for those identified as close contacts. Communication will be sent will be one on one with each family, as necessary. Parents are welcome to contact the school with any questions or concerns. As you know, we are responding promptly. Remember, if you are concerned about your child, you can move to remote learning. We look forward to the time when we will be together as an entire community.

It has come to my attention that some families have not received a copy of this year's Calendar/Handbook due to virtual learning in the spring. If you would like to have one, please let your child's teacher know. We also send out an updated calendar monthly as well as update the website calendar. This year, unfortunately, we cannot have many of our favorite events.

One such event is the Freedom Walk to Festival Park in Aberdeen on 9/11. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize our servicemen and women as well as our first responders. This Friday, on 9/11, Deacon Ray will lead the students in a short prayer service. We ask that if a family member is a serviceman or woman, a first responder, or a veteran that your child bring in a picture to post. Students may wear red, white, and blue add-ons to their uniform on Friday. We would like to honor those who keep us safe!

Another restriction due to COVID-19 is that students will not have the opportunity to attend Mass in person each week. They will view the liturgy on Tuesday morning through live streaming. The Opening Liturgy will take place at 8:30AM on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Ray enjoys addressing the students in his homily and is looking forward to this year's liturgies.

Tomorrow students in grades 4 through 8 will view a virtual band demonstration. The Instrumental Music Program has been teaching students for many years at SJA with much success. Attached is further information about this year's program and instrumental rental.

A reminder to students: during instruction, they must follow the **Video Conferencing Expectations** (attached). It is very important that students behave as they would in the classroom, particularly to listen and not have a side conversation during instruction. The teacher will give the student a warning if they are having difficulty following the guidelines; a reflection will follow if the behavior continues. We want students who are learning remotely to receive instruction. If parents have a question/concern, they should email the teacher at another time after class.

You are still able to purchase the SJA 2019-2020 Yearbook. Price: \$19.95 Go to [commpe.pictavo.com](http://commpe.pictavo.com) (Enter "Maryland"; Enter "Aberdeen"; Enter "St. Joan of Arc School"). The delivery will be later than usual this year.

The St. Joan of Arc Home School Association is the formal association binding the parents, students and teachers more closely and supports all efforts of St. Joan of Arc School. HSA is in need of some volunteers to fill the vacant positions of Treasurer, Events Coordinator, and Member at Large. For more information, please contact HSA President, Mrs. Jamie Ayd. [theayds@verizon.net](mailto:theayds@verizon.net) Thank you for your help!

A wonderful way to help SJA and earn money towards your tuition is the Scrip program. By purchasing gift cards or e-gift cards for things that you purchase every day such as groceries, you can earn money! Home & School will receive ½ the percentage, the family will accrue the other ½ towards a tuition rebate at the end of the year for the next calendar school year. Attached is more information regarding this program. <https://shopwithscrip.com> SJA Enrollment code #75592FF451446.

Peace and all good,

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# Video Conferencing: Student Expectations



## Before you start

- ☐ Gather your materials: device, papers, pencil/pen.
- ☐ Find a spot without distractions.
- ☐ General expectation: If it wouldn't be appropriate in the classroom, it isn't appropriate in the meeting.
- ☐ Be on time.



## Important privacy issues

- ☐ When you participate in a video meeting, you are providing a "window" into your home.
- ☐ Please think about what is behind you and what may come into view during the meeting.
- ☐ Do not screenshot or record anything during the meeting. Please refer to the handbook for further information.

Join now

## Joining the meeting

- ☐ Click on the link or call the phone number.
- ☐ Mute yourself by clicking on the bottom of the screen.



## Using your mic

- ☐ Unmute yourself when you want to talk, then mute again.
- ☐ Select the mic button on the bottom of your screen
- ☐ Pause for a moment to allow for the audio delay.
- ☐ Talk normally.
- ☐ Don't have side conversations. The mic will pick up other noises in the room.



## Using your camera

- ☐ Select the camera button on the bottom of your screen to turn it on and off.
- ☐ Try to look at the camera, not your screen.
- ☐ If your camera is off, you might need to say who you are when you talk.



## Stay engaged

- ☐ Nod or do "thumbs up" when others are talking.
- ☐ Try not to do anything else when you're participating in the meeting.
- ☐ Use the chat, but think before you type, just like you would think before you talk.
- ☐ Raise your hand to share ideas, and the teacher will ask you to unmute yourself.



## Keeping track

- ☐ Take notes on paper or in a doc during the meeting.

## Some final thoughts

- ☐ Always behave as if your camera and mic are on.
- ☐ Be respectful and patient.



# JOIN THE SCHOOL BAND

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the program is to broaden the education of the child by giving him/her an understanding of music. Participation in the band gives the student a feeling of accomplishment which is becoming such a rare but valuable part of life. The mental and physical disciplines involved in learning to read and play music are of immeasurable value to the overall development of the child. Our purpose is to bring the experience of music to every child.

FORMAT

Classes are organized to offer instruction on band instruments to all interested students enrolled in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. These classes are taught by highly qualified teachers. Classes meet once a week from October through May, except on school holidays (minimum of 28 lessons). Due to the limitation imposed by Covid-19, we have made changes to our format for this year. We are prepared to teach in-person or virtual lessons and how we proceed will be at the discretion of each school. The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount. All guidelines of the archdiocese and each school will be followed. Ideally students will be scheduled by instrument or level of achievement, but this year’s groupings may be by cohort. Again, this will be determined by the individual schools. Our virtual lessons will take place after school hours and will be offered at different times throughout the week to accommodate the needs of our families. First year students do not become members of the school band until they reach a prescribed level of achievement. Second year students, with few exceptions, are full-fledged members of the school band. All band rehearsals will take place via Zoom. Instruction is offered on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn, bass guitar and snare drum.

TUITION

There is a **non-refundable** registration fee of \$25.00 **for one child** or \$50.00 **per family**. This is an annual fee and **MUST ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION FORM**. There is no increase in tuition this year. The **yearly** tuition for lessons is payable in two plans: monthly or by the semester.

MONTHLY PLAN

(9 installments through June)

One child - \$93.00 per installment

Family - \$142.00 per installment

SEMESTER PLAN

(2 installments, due October 15<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>)

One child - \$410.00

Family - \$622.00

To ensure your child’s name is included on the schedule, please mail the registration form and fee to our office as soon as possible. Those who choose the monthly plan should include the first month’s payment; a payment coupon book will be mailed when the payment is received. If you choose the semester plan, you must register now but have the option of deferring the tuition payment until a little later; all semester payments must be received by October 15<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the discounted rate. **DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO SCHOOL**; please mail the form and all payments to our address. If you prefer to pay by credit card or set up recurring payments, please call the music program office at 410-442-5804. A small transaction fee will be assessed for all credit card payments. You may also set up auto-payments through your bank’s website, and your bank will mail the check to us.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is necessary for the children to participate for AT LEAST ONE YEAR if they are to develop to the point where they can see the value of continuing their music studies. Because the teachers’ schedules are set according to the number of students at the beginning of the year, **WITHDRAWAL WILL NOT BE PERMITTED UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR** except for extraordinary circumstances such as moving, prolonged illness, the written request of the classroom teacher, or on the advice of the music instructor. The lesson schedule will be announced in the latter part of September.

**INSTRUMENT RENTAL:** In order to provide instruments at the lowest rental cost, the program has contacted Music and Arts. Information pertaining to their rental program was sent home with your child. If you have any questions regarding the instrument rental, please contact Music and Arts at 888-731-5396 or visit their website at [www.MusicArts.com](http://www.MusicArts.com).

The registration form and additional information is available on our website at [www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org](http://www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org). If you have any questions about the band program, please call our office at **410-442-5804**.

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM-BALTIMORE \* P.O. BOX 418 \* WEST FRIENDSHIP, MARYLAND 21794 \* 410-442-5804  
[www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org](http://www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org)

SCHOOL\_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT’S NAME\_\_\_\_\_INSTRUMENT\_\_\_\_\_GRADE\_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State and Zip Code)

HOME/CELL #\_\_\_\_\_EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE METHOD OF PAYMENT:

- (1) ( ☐ ) **Monthly Installment Plan:** Enclosed is **\$25.00** registration fee *plus \$93.00* for one child; *or \$50.00* per family *plus \$142.00* per family. (The coupon book will be mailed to you upon receipt of your registration and first installment.)
- (2) ( ☐ ) **Semester Payment Plan:** Enclosed is **\$25.00** registration fee *plus \$410.00* for one child; *or \$50.00* registration fee *plus \$622.00* per family. *To receive discounted tuition cost, semester payments are due by October 15<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- (3) ( ☐ ) **Semester Payment Plan:** Enclosed is **\$25.00** registration fee for one child *or \$50.00* per family. This option allows you to register but defer your semester payment until a little later. *The first semester payment must be paid by October 15<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the discounted rate. Second semester payment is due February 1<sup>st</sup>.*

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ENROLLS THE ABOVE CHILD(REN) FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR.

PARENT’S NAME (PRINTED) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT’S SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_

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Pick your rental up at any of these locations, or choose your delivery option! Visit [MusicArts.com/Rentals](http://MusicArts.com/Rentals)

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Center

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18120 Hillcrest Avenue

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Arundel Mills Corporate Park  
7550 Teague Road Suite 115

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# What is Scrip Fundraising?

It's PAINLESS fundraising while you shop!



Stop selling and start earning with scrip fundraising! Your members can purchase gift cards for America's most popular retailers through Great Lakes Scrip Center® (GLSC) and use them for their everyday purchases. SJA earns money with each gift card purchase.

Scrip gift cards are the same gift cards you can purchase from the retailer. With over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery and department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels and home improvement, GLSC has something to appeal to every family in your organization.

Some companies allow you to print gift cards right away (Scripnow). Save money on your everyday purchases of grocery stores, Target, Walmart, gas stations etc. Other retailers include: Starbucks, Amazon, Home Depot, Outback, Red Lobster, Panera, Disney, American Girl, Sirius XM and hundreds more! Also save on hotels, flights, cruises and camping!

## Rebates add up quickly!

By simply planning ahead on everyday purchases, the average family can earn at least \$11 a week. That modest number adds up quickly. It's easy for a family to earn \$500 - \$1,000 in a year, and many families earn much more! The more families participating, the bigger the earnings for your organization. You'll love how easy it is to reach your fundraising goals with scrip!

SJA – has decided to make this profitable for the school as well as your children's education. Home & School will receive ½ the percentage, the family will accrue the other ½ towards a tuition rebate at the end of the year for the next calendar school year.

An example might be; family purchases \$100 gift card to a grocery store—there is a 4% discount to the school—parent gets \$2 towards their tuition account, Home & School get \$2.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Meghan Whitehead  
[hpucup9@hotmail.com](mailto:hpucup9@hotmail.com)

<https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>

**SJA FAMILY ENROLLMENT CODE # 75592FF451446**

## ThankScriping Day is September 17

SEPTEMBER 03, 2020

ThankScriping Day only happens 3 times a year, mark your calendar because it's coming Thursday, September 17. Families earn up to 20% with 85+ bonuses on eGift cards and money added to your reloadable gift cards. It's a great opportunity to get closer to your fundraising goal.



### FIRST TIME EVER

You and your families get a 1-day sneak peek at all bonuses—only in our mobile app, RaiseRight™. Check the app on Sep 16.

### How it works:

Families earn big on select brands when they order on September 17, regardless of when you submit an organization order. Bonuses do not apply to physical gift cards.

### How families participate:


Families must have an online account to take advantage of these earnings. They can sign up in our mobile app, [RaiseRight](#), or on [ShopWithScrip.com](#) using your organization's enrollment code.

When they sign up, encourage families to link their bank account or pay with a credit card to check out seamlessly, and to get their eGift cards and reloaded money immediately\*.

For more details on how to invite families to shop with gift cards, visit the [Invite Families](#) page.



# Order Your **YEARBOOK**



**The SJA 2019-2020 Yearbook is for sale!**

**Price: \$19.95**

**How to order: Go to [commpe.pictavo.com](http://commpe.pictavo.com)**

- Enter "Maryland"
- Enter "Aberdeen"
- Enter "St. Joan of Arc School"

**Due to the unique nature of this school year, the book has been shortened to 52 pages. We will be offering ads this year with priority to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade families. Please contact Lisa Schmick at [lschmick81@gmail.com](mailto:lschmick81@gmail.com) for further details if you are interested in placing an ad this year.**

**The yearbook needs your help! Please send any pictures of the school year (including home schooling) to [lschmick81@gmail.com](mailto:lschmick81@gmail.com)**