



# St. Joan of Arc School

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*Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future*



December 1, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at St. Joan of Arc. Christmas decorations are going up and chorales are being sung. There is definitely a buzz and excitement in the air.

Although we would like things to be back to normal, there are still precautions and protocols we need to keep in place to keep everyone safe. You will notice some changes to our Christmas Program and presentation of the Living Nativity. Please know that we are doing our best to allow the children to perform but also keep everyone healthy. All of our upcoming events will either be recorded or live streamed. If you do not wish your child to be recorded, please notify the office that they will not be able to participate. Thank you for your cooperation with these events.

Remember, if your child misses school for illness, a doctor's note or negative PCR is required for return to school.

God Bless,  
Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

### **Important Dates**

<b>December 1</b>	High School Placement Test – grade 8
<b>December 6</b>	Report Cards sent home
<b>December 8</b>	8:30am Liturgy – Immaculate Conception
<b>December 9</b>	Christmas Programs 1:00pm Virtual
<b>December 14</b>	8:30am Liturgy – Awards Assembly
<b>December 15</b>	Jingle Bell Shoppe
<b>December 17</b>	2:00pm Living Nativity
<b>December 20 – 31</b>	Christmas Break

### **Important Information**

#### **Christmas Programs – Mark your calendar! December 9**

Due to the rising number of positive COVID cases in Harford County and to keep everyone safe for the holiday season, we **will not** have guests at our Christmas program. The program will be recorded at 1:00pm on December 9 and will be available for viewing at 6:00pm. Students and band members will dress in their performance attire for school that day. Teachers will send reminders of what they should wear in their weekly updates. Band students will have time to change before performing with their class. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Jingle Bell Shoppe**

Our annual Jingle Bell Shoppe hosted by HSA will be held on Wednesday December 15. Please check on Track It Forward <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/stjoan-arc-school> for opportunities to earn volunteer hours for donating items or volunteering your time!

### **Living Nativity**

The Living Nativity will be presented by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on December 17 for the school. 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents only are invited to attend in person. Each student may invite 2 guests to attend. All guests are required to be masked.

### **Awards Assembly**

Parents will be notified with report cards if students will be receiving an award at the Awards Assembly. Students receiving awards will be allowed 2 guests. All guests will be required to be masked and the assemble will be live streamed.

### **Script Program**

Do you want to save money on your tuition for next year? Buy gift cards at face value through: [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) enrollment code: A9C13C7351446  
Any questions please contact Meg Whitehead: [hpucup9@hotmail.com](mailto:hpucup9@hotmail.com)

### **Weather Related Closings**

St. Joan of Arc follows the same procedures for closing and delays as Harford County Public School Systems.

### **Grant and Financial Aid for 2022 -2023**

2022-2023 Grant & Aid Applications will be opened on November 1, 2021. Please be sure to complete your application early.

### **SJA Masks**

Adult and student size SJA masks are available for sale in the school office for \$5. Please send a check or cash in an envelope with your student name and size.

### **Parish News**

#### **Aberdeen Christmas Parade**

Come join our school and parish family to walk in the Aberdeen Christmas Parade this Saturday, December 4th. Look for us in the line-up on Law Street from 2-2:45 PM. The theme is 'Whoville' so bring your Dr. Seuss costumes or paraphernalia, or just come as you are with your whole family for a fun time!

**Donations of Lollipops are needed for the float. Please send into school by Friday, December 3.**

#### **Dinner and a Wreath**

There are still some tickets available for 'Dinner and A Wreath' next Tuesday December 7th in the Church Hall at 6 PM. For \$30 per wreath, enjoy a meal from Olive Tree Restaurant, a live frazier fir wreath and all the decorations you need, with guided instruction from SJA staff!

#### **The Giving Tree!**

Our 'Giving Tree' will be set up in the Church Narthex from November 26 to December 11th. We invite you to take a tag from the tree, buy and gift wrap the gifts listed and return them (with the card attached) to the parish no later than December 12th. Head Start will then distribute them to families in need.














Alternatively, or in addition, you may choose to make a monetary donation via our Offertory Box, or online via GiveCentral.org (see below)

For further information and links, please visit our website at [www.stjoanarc.org](http://www.stjoanarc.org)



# December 2021

## SJA School Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	6	7	8 8:30am Liturgy (Gr 4) Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9 Christmas Program 	10	11
12 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Our Lady of Guadalupe	13	14 8:30am Liturgy (Gr 8) Awards Assembly	15 	16	17 2pm Living Nativity (Gr. 8)	18
19 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	20 Christmas Break 	21 Christmas Break 	22 Christmas Break 	23 Christmas Break 	24 Christmas Break 	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 
26 <i>Solemnity of the Holy Family</i>	27 Christmas Break 	28 Christmas Break 	29 Christmas Break 	30 Christmas Break 	31 Christmas Break 	<i>Happy New Year</i> 