



# St. Joan of Arc School

Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

December 29, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

I always love how as Catholics the Christmas season extends past December 26. It gives us a chance to take in the blessings of the Christ child just a bit longer without focusing on all the presents and parties.



Today's gospel tells us of Mary and Joseph taking the baby Jesus to the temple to be blessed and the joy and pride they felt as he was declared the one who would bring "light to all."

I pray that all our families have had time to truly experience the light of Christ during these last few weeks and we all return to school refreshed with the spirit of God in us.

We have all heard on the news that the positivity rates have continued to increase in Harford County, I pray that all our families have remained healthy and safe over the holiday. If students and/or family members are experiencing symptoms, please have them tested if possible and report any positive cases to the office. [sficca@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sficca@stjoanarc.org)

We will continue with masking and COVID protocols upon our return on January 3 and I will update everyone with any changes from the AOB. Please remember to send your students with 2 masks and remind them that masks must cover their nose and mouth entirely. Please see the attached Travel guidelines for those who have travel over the holidays.

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone on January 3, 2022.

God Bless,  
Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

### Important Dates

<b>January 3</b>	School Reopens
<b>January 4</b>	Mass – 8:30am Blessing of the Classrooms
<b>January 7</b>	Dress Down Day for all
<b>January 8</b>	Family Mass – 5:00pm
<b>January 12 – 20</b>	Scantron Winter Testing

### Important Information

#### Reregistration

Save \$100 by reregistering your student today!

Click on the following link to visit your family's **Admissions & Enrollment Portal**:

<https://stjoanarc.schooladminonline.com>

#### 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**

### **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 are due February 28, 2022.

### **Parish News**

January Family Mass & Faith Sharing, "Come to The Water" Saturday January 8th, 5 - 7 PM

<https://stjoanarc.org/news/family-mass>

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



## **Travel Guidance Reminder**

As we move into the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, many will be traveling to visit family and for vacations. Please accept the following as a reminder relative to the requirements related to COVID-19 protocols upon return for those traveling.

### **Domestic Travel:**

Currently there are no specific restrictions, testing or quarantine requirements relative to domestic travel being required by the CDC or the State of Maryland. If your school has implemented a more restrictive policy relative to domestic travel, a reminder of such policy is to be shared with your families as soon as possible. Domestic travel includes travel to any destination within the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and all United States possessions and territories.

### **International Travel:**

For those planning international travel, you are referred to the guidance offered by the CDC regarding preparations for and returning from international travel. Please carefully review the following webpage: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html>

Specifically with regard to returning from international travel, you are referred to the section on the above referenced webpage entitled “**After Arrival in the United States**”. Those returning from international travel are expected to comply with the following guidance issued by the CDC:

#### ALL Travelers

- Get tested with a COVID-19 [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel.
- Self-monitor for [COVID-19 symptoms](#); [isolate](#) and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all [state and local](#) recommendations or requirements after travel.

If the traveler is not fully vaccinated, in addition to the testing guidance above the individual must comply with the following requirements:

- Stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if you test negative at 3-5 days.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

As a reminder, the above protocols are subject to change if there are changes with regard to the spread of virus. If changes are required, families will be updated. However, family must comply with the guidance in force at the time of travel.