



November 17, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

Our school year is moving along quickly. I can't believe we are talking about Thanksgiving and Christmas Programs. There is definitely an excitement and chill in the air.

As the weather turns colder, please be sure your student has a jacket, gloves and hat. We will continue to go outside for fresh air whenever possible.

Thank you to all the families who donated to our SJA Good Samaritan Pantry. Friday, November 19 is our last collection date.

I would also like to thank all those who venture into our parking lot each afternoon. After a few growing pains it seems as if our PikMyKid program is working smoothly. Thank you for your patience as we have implemented this program to safely dismiss our students.

As the holidays approach and we gather with our families and communities, please stay safe and healthy. Continue to keep students home, who are not feeling well, and thank you for cooperating with our guidelines. Remember that 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

November 12	Donations for SJA Good Samaritan Pantry
November 15 – 19	Scholastic Book Fair
November 17	Book Fair - Parent Night – 3:30pm – 6:00pm
November 19	12:05pm Dismissal Grandparents/Special Friends Day – 11:00am Prayer Service Book Fair for Grandparents/Special Friends until 12:15pm Donations for SJA Good Samaritan Pantry
November 23	12:05 Dismissal Parent Conferences - Virtual
November 24	No School for students – Parent Conferences – Virtual End of Trimester 1
November 25 – 26	School Closed – Thanksgiving Break
December 1	High School Placement Test – grade 8
December 6	Report Cards sent home
December 9	Christmas Programs 2:00pm and 6:30pm

November's calendar can be found on the [school website](#).



Important Information

Grandparents/Special Friends Day

Grandparents and special friends are invited to attend our prayer service/presentation on November 19th at 11:00am in the Church. There will be designated seating for our guests and we ask that all are masked for the celebration. Our service will also be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person.

Link to watch Live Stream presentation.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE_2giKU0NCDUGLdvuuz5rg

Link to RSVP

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ICoXa_KMS0j-ge9KzKHoVbiq_sHmxiSNLWSHUeUJxXs/edit

Book Fair

Students began their shopping days today. Parents are welcome tonight from 3:30 – 6:00pm. Friday, grandparents are welcome to shop beginning at 10:00am and after the program until 12:15pm. Purchases can also be made online at the following link.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjoanofarcschool12>

Parent Conferences -Virtual

Parent conferences will be held virtually on November 23 and November 24. Teachers have sent the sign up for conference times.

Christmas Programs – Mark your calendar! December 9

Christmas Programs will be held differently this year due to COVID and our concern for keeping everyone safe and healthy for the holidays. Please be aware that our plans may need to be altered if positivity rates change in the next few weeks. The number of guests per student may have to be limited. The plan is to have 2 programs, each held in the church on December 9. Grades PreK, K, 1, **and 2** will perform at 2:00pm and grades 3 – 7 will perform at 6:30pm. Both programs 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 enrollment code: A9C13C7351446

Choose from hundreds of retailers (Target, Amazon, Royal Farms, Disney, American Girl etc). Save money on every day purchases, like gas, groceries, gifts, travel etc. Buy at face value and you get a certain percentage back. You get half towards tuition and the school gets half. For example: If you buy \$100 shop rite gift card, there is a 4% rebate. You get \$2 towards tuition; the school receives \$2. Plastic gift cards will be sent to the school. Plastic Gift Card Orders will be placed on the 15th of every month. Some retailers offer e-gift cards (download and print or scan from your phone) that can be used right away. Last year multiple families saved \$400 off their tuition! Thanksscriping Day is November 18-19. Higher rebate bonuses will be offered on certain brands on these days only. Any questions please contact Meg Whitehead: hpucup9@hotmail.com

Weather Related Closings

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

Winter Uniforms

Students began wearing winter uniforms on November 1. Students may receive a uniform infraction form for not following the uniform dress code. Students receiving multiple infractions may incur further consequences.

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

Advent Breakfast – Sunday, November 28

Breakfast will start at 9 AM and go until 11 AM downstairs in the Church Hall, so stay late after 8:30 Mass or come early for 11:15 Mass! Tickets will be available at the door - cash or checks only so come prepared: Adults \$7; Children (10 and under) \$4; \$25 for a family ticket.

Come Join the Parade!

On Saturday, December 4th Aberdeen will hold its 44th Christmas Street Celebration and St. Joan of Arc will be participating in the parade! We invite you to not just be a spectator but walk with us and help increase the visibility and presence of our wonderful Parish and School in the larger community!

All families and parishioners of all ages are welcome to attend. To walk with us just come to the parade line up and find us, 2-2:45 on Law St. (from W. Bel Air Ave – Robinson)

The theme of the celebration this year is "Whoville."

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 and then 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

