



Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future

November 10, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

As we approach the celebration of Veterans Day, our SJA school community would like to thank all the military members, past and present who have shown their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve to protect us all.

Congratulations to Stephan Gill, 1st place winner and Giuliana Budai, 3rd place winner in the Veterans Day poster contest sponsored by the Susquehanna Chapter Military Officers Association of America.

We are already in the second week of November and December is quickly approaching. Please take note of the upcoming events and adjustments to our original calendar and the virtual options we have for various events.

As 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 11	Veterans Day – Choir Singing at 8:30 Mass
November 12	Donations for SJA Good Samaritan Pantry
November 15 – 19	Scholastic Book Fair
November 16	Open House 8:30 – 5:30 Registration Required
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
November 25 – 26	School Closed – Thanksgiving Break

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 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.

Please RSVP by completing this [form](#).



Open House

Appointments are still available for our Open House on November 16. Please share with your friends and on your social media.

<https://www.facebook.com/1496938127235864/photos/gm.214173513985358/2953848814878114>

Parent Conferences -Virtual

Parent conferences will be held virtually on November 23 and November 24. Teachers will send out sign up information beginning today.

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! Thankscribing 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.

STEM Activity

Students and their adults are invited to join the C51SR Center Community Outreach STEM Story Hour on November 17 at 5:00pm. See attached flyer for information on how to register for this interactive event.

Gardener Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with our gardens. If you are a master gardener or someone who has a **green** thumb and wants to help, please contact Melissa Field. mfield@stjoanarc.org

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.

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. We will have 2 programs this year. The programs will be held in the church on December 9. Grades PreK, K and 1 will perform at 2:00pm and grades 2 – 7 will perform at 6:30pm.

Parish News

Veteran's Day Mass

A special Mass for Veteran's Day will be held on Thursday, November 11th, at 8:30am. All are invited! Music will be provided by our School Choir!

Active duty and retired military, law enforcement, firefighters and first responders are encouraged to wear their uniform; while all others are encouraged to wear red white & blue! Please take a moment to give thanks and to pray for all those who have sacrificed so much, and who continue to sacrifice, in service of our country!

All About Advent

Family Mass and Advent Event

Our next Family Mass Event will be on Sunday, November 14th. The fun begins at 9:30am with continental breakfast in the Parish Hall (downstairs from church) and some great activities for the family to learn about Advent and participate in making an online Advent Digital Calendar. Then at 11:15am, we will have our Family Mass, with music by St. Joan of Arc School Choir and participation by our young people. We look forward to seeing lots of school families there! All are welcome!





THE C5ISR CENTER COMMUNITY
OUTREACH "STEM@HOME" PROGRAM
PRESENTS...

STEM Story Hour

Welcome STEM Students to an evening of imagination.

Students and their adults are invited to join us online for STEM Story Hour as imaginations soar and invention takes flight! Story Hour will engage our inner inventors through an interactive reading of a children's book from guest reader followed by a related hands-on STEM activity. This month will feature SFC Steven Aguilar as our guest reader.

**Wednesday,
November 17th
5:00 – 6:00 PM**

Register at:

<https://usarmyc5isrcenter.submit.com/>



Seats are first-come, first-served for the first 75 students who register. Registration is open and will close on November 14th at midnight or when all 75 slots are reserved, whichever occurs first.

Story Hour is a FREE Online STEM opportunity for students Kindergarten through 2nd Grade. Students must attend with an adult.

