



*Grounded in Faith, Focused on the Future*



September 8, 2021

Dear SJA Families,

The teachers and students are settling into their routines. The drop off line improves every day as everyone becomes familiar with the procedures. For the safety of all, please do not drop off students on Law street, unload in the ally way, or maneuver around other cars. These all create dangerous situations.

Today we ventured to Church. It was wonderful to see the students sharing their faith and praying together.

As we move through the week, continue to stay safe, be conscious of close contacts and hand sanitization, and always look to encounter God's presence in His creation each day.

God Bless,  
Ms. Dianne Kestler  
Principal

### **The week ahead:**

**September 9** Freedom Walk – departing school at 8:30am

**September 14** First School Liturgy 8:30am

September Calendar can be found on the school website.

### **New Information:**

#### **Family Survey**

As a non-public school, we are granted funds for several different programs based on our school enrollment. In the past you will remember completing an "income survey" form for each of your children. This is the form used by the county and state to determine our funding. Just a few checkmarks and your information allows us thousands of dollars of funding toward things like textbooks, interactive boards, and tech equipment which helps keep the cost of our tuition down. Once again this year, our forms will be completed online. We need families to complete the form for **each child** by October 1<sup>st</sup> [using this link](#).

### **Reminders:**

#### **Uniforms**

Students need to take pride in their appearance each day. Student appearance is primarily the responsibility of the individual and their parent. To clarify the students may continue to wear the blue quick day PE shirt sold a few years ago for the remainder of the school year. See below for the correct uniform policy and see the school website for examples.

## Band Information

A note from Mrs. Thamert:

I am so glad to be back in person at SJA this year! Today I met with students in grades 4-8 to talk about returning to the band program or joining for the first time. I will be reaching out to the families of interested students. If your child did not fill out the google form with me, but would like to join, here is the link to fill out the form and I will be in touch.

<https://forms.gle/FM7uHA2nSxydkGm1A>

Please use the registration form on our website to get kids registered:

[www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org](http://www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org)

Instrument Rental Flyer from Music & Arts:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:3a7a4fa0-95ea-44c3-9e4d-6dfe4d729e66>

Please be on the lookout for a call from me, I am looking forward to a great year of music with your children.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have questions: [knightchic@aol.com](mailto:knightchic@aol.com).

## Music Information

- The St. Joan of Arc Voices is a chorus of students (grades 4-8) who sing for the school liturgies, school concerts and other special events. Please see attached permission slip for more information or contact Mrs. Donna Dandino [ddandino@stjoanarc.org](mailto:ddandino@stjoanarc.org)

**PBIS** – Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

- In the next few weeks SJA will be implementing a new online PBIS management system.
- [Click here](#) to view a description of the program.

**PikMyKid**

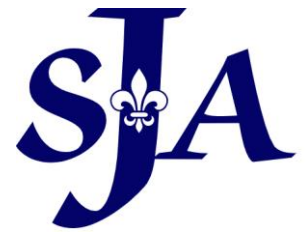
- To enhance student safety SJA will be implementing the PikMyKid Dismissal Application
- Use of the new app will begin the week of September 23.
- [Click here](#) to view more information of the program.

**Yearbooks**

A limited number of year books are still available for \$23.00. Please contact Ms. Ficca to reserve a copy. [sficca@stjoanarc.org](mailto:sficca@stjoanarc.org)



## **SCHOOL UNIFORM 2021-2022**



The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of that individual and his/her parents. We expect students to maintain the type of neatness and grooming that does not interfere with the health and safety of themselves or others, nor with the educational process or religious dimension of the school. All uniforms must be clean, in good repair and properly fitted. All clothing must be labeled with the child's name.

\*\*Full Dress Uniforms are required for Liturgies and assemblies.

\*\*School uniforms are purchased from Flynn and O'Hara Uniform Company.

Flynn and O'Hara Uniforms  
8868 Waltham Woods Rd.  
Parkville, MD 21234  
410-828-4709

### **PREK FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS**

#### **Girls and Boys**

- Short or long sleeve navy uniform polo shirt
- Khaki elastic waist pants; no snaps, buttons, zippers or belts (No jumpers for PreK)
- Navy cardigan sweater with SJA logo or Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)

### **PREK SUMMER UNIFORMS**

#### **Girls and Boys**

(Start of school until Oct. 31; April 1 until end of school year)

- Short sleeve navy blue uniform polo shirt
- Khaki elastic waist shorts no snaps, buttons, zippers or belts
- Solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)
- White socks that cover the ankle

### **GRADES K-5 FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS**

#### **Girls**

- SJA plaid jumper (jumpers should be no more than 2 inches above the knee) with white blouse with peter pan collar (cotton or polyester) or
- Khaki slacks with SJA navy banded bottom shirt, or SJA navy polo shirt
- Navy tights, navy leggings with white or navy socks that cover the ankle, navy knee socks, white or navy socks that cover the ankle
- Navy cardigan sweater with SJA logo
- Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoe
- *Grade 1 wears solid color black or white tennis shoes*
- *Kindergarten wears solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)*
- Jewelry: watches, 1 pair of small earrings worn in the earlobe, one ring, a religious cross or medal worn on a thin chain

- No make-up
- ONLY clear/natural nail polish and natural nails are permitted
- **No Smart watches are permitted**
- No extreme hairstyles. Bangs above the eyebrows. (The School reserves the right to determine what constitutes an "extreme style")
- Uniform headband, small hair ornaments only

### **Boys**

- Khaki trousers (worn with brown or black belt)
- Navy blue SJA polo shirt (tucked in)
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle.
- Navy blue ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoe
- *Grade 1 wears solid color black or white tennis shoes*
- *Kindergarten wears solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)*
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain (earrings are not permitted)
- **No Smart watches are permitted**
- No extreme hairstyles; hair may not extend below top edge of shirt collar; bangs should be above the eyebrows.  
(The School reserves the right to determine what constitutes an "extreme style")

### **GRADES K-5 SUMMER UNIFORMS**

(Start of school until Oct. 31; April 1 until end of school year)

- Khaki shorts (worn with brown or black belt)
- Khaki uniform skorts
- SJA navy blue polo shirt (tucked in) or SJA navy blue banded bottom shirt
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle
- Uniform tan buck shoe
- *Grade 1 wears solid color black or white tennis shoes*
- *Kindergarten wears solid color black or white tennis shoes with Velcro closure (no tie shoes)*
- No long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts nor leggings worn under shorts.
- Girls may wear SJA plaid jumper (jumpers should be no more than 2 inches above the knee) with white blouse with peter pan collar (cotton or polyester)

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS**

#### **Girls**

- SJA plaid skirt or khaki slacks (worn with a black or brown belt)
- SJA navy blue banded bottom shirt or SJA navy polo shirt (tucked in)
- Navy tights, navy leggings with white or navy socks that cover the ankle Navy knee socks, white or navy socks that cover the ankle (without logos)
- Navy blue ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo or navy sweater with SJA logo
- Uniform tan buck shoe
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain, one small pair earrings worn in the ear lobe or 1 pair of small hoop earrings, one ring
- **No Smart watches are permitted**
- No make-up
- Only natural nails are permitted with clear/natural nail polish
- Uniform headband, small hair ornaments only. Bangs should be above the eyebrows.
- No extreme hairstyles (The School reserves the right to determine what constitutes an "extreme style")

## **Boys**

- Khaki trousers (worn with brown or black belt)
- Navy blue SJA long or short sleeve polo shirt (tucked in)
- Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo or navy sweater with SJA logo
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle
- Uniform tan buck shoe
- Jewelry: watches, crosses or religious medals worn on a thin chain (earrings are not permitted)
- No extreme hairstyles; hair may not extend below top edge of shirt collar. Bangs should be above the eyebrows. (The School reserves the right to determine what constitutes an "extreme style")

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORMS**

(Start of school until Oct. 31; April 1 until end of school year)

- Khaki shorts worn (worn with brown or black belt)
- Khaki uniform skorts or SJA plaid skirt
- SJA navy blue polo shirt (tucked in)
- White or navy socks that cover the ankle
- Uniform tan buck shoe
- No long sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts.
- No leggings may be worn under shorts.
- Navy ¼ zip fleece pullover with SJA logo or navy sweater with SJA logo

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM FOR ALL GRADES**

### **Summer PE Uniform**

- PE uniform instead of the regular uniform on PE days
- Regular tennis shoes that tie or have Velcro closings are required.
- White socks that cover the ankle.
- **Grey short sleeve t-shirt with SJA logo**
- Navy micromesh gym shorts
- **No jewelry is permitted on PE days**
- Parents should make sure that the student is dressed properly for weather conditions. (Navy sweatshirt with SJA logo may be worn)

### **Winter PE uniform**

- Regular tennis shoes that tie or have Velcro closings are required
- White socks that cover the ankle
- Navy sweatshirt with SJA logo
- Grey t-shirt, long or short sleeves, with SJA logo
- Navy uniform sweatpants
- White socks that cover the ankle
- **No jewelry is permitted on PE days**

**Spirit wear and hoodies are not part of the uniform. Jackets are not to be worn in the building. Second layers are described above.**

## ST. JOAN OF ARC VOICES PERMISSION SLIP

The St. Joan of Arc Voices is a chorus of students (grades 4-8) who sing for the school liturgies, school concerts and other special events. We will be learning songs for the Mass as well as secular songs of all genres. Students are expected to observe the St. Joan of Arc Student Behavior Code during all rehearsals. A chorus is a “team sport” in that everyone works together for the same goal. The St. Joan of Arc Voices is a **service club** using music to raise spirits, help in worship and help the community. We will start serving in the school Mass as soon as it is approved by the AOB and the music director for the Church, Mr. Feargal King.

**Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays starting September 7 in the library of the school from 3:30-4:15 p.m. Students may then be picked up from the main entrance of the school. Mrs. Dandino will accompany EDC (Extended Day Care) students across the street to the church hall.**

If you would like your child to be part of the St. Joan of Arc Voices, please sign the permission slip below and have your child turn it in to their homeroom teacher by Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Let’s make a Joyful Noise!!!!

Mrs. Donna Dandino - [ddandino@stjoanarc.org](mailto:ddandino@stjoanarc.org)

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My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in the St. Joan of Arc Voices.

Parent email \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date