



Step up to Respect – Jump to Responsibility – Accelerate to Leadership

SJA SCHOOL AND HSA PARENT UPDATE, DECEMBER 10, 2014

CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Reminders from Miss Kahl:

St. Joan of Arc School will have its Christmas Concert on Friday, December 12th at 1:30pm in the church. The concert will focus around the “Festival of Lessons and Carols.” For the concerts, students should wear:

Boys: Dress pants, dress shirt, tie (optional), or sweater

Girls: Dress pants, skirt or dress (skirt and dress length should be close to their knees)

Students may also add a winter hat, scarf or Christmas hat to match what the class is wearing. **First and Seventh grade** are asked to wear a crown for their song, “We Three Kings.”

Reminders from Mrs. Thamert for Band Members:

The Band will be performing at the beginning of the concert. Advanced band students are to wear their band uniform. That consists of a white collared shirt (boys must wear a tie), black shoes, socks/tights, and pants/skirt. Christmas accessories are welcomed, even on their instruments. Beginner band should wear their "Christmas Best". I am really looking forward to sharing all of the hard work the kids have done so far as we celebrate the most joyous season of the year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Miss Kahl or Mrs. Thamert.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL:

The Student Council will sponsor the Middle School “*Snow-cial*”, this Saturday, December 13th from 6:30-9:30pm in the church hall. Please see the attached flyer for more information and volunteer opportunities. Drinks and snacks are appreciated. Please return the attached permission slip and \$8.00 fee as soon as possible. Please contact Mr. Bentkowski at dbentkowski@stjoanarc.org with any questions or to volunteer.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TESTING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

All students planning to enter a Catholic High School in the Archdiocese of Baltimore must take the High School Placement Test. The test was offered at designated schools last Saturday and will be offered at the following schools this Saturday, December 13th:

Archbishop Curley
Catholic High
Institute of Notre Dame
John Carroll School
Loyola Blakefield
Maryvale
Mount de Sales
Mount St. Joseph
St. Mary’s High School

For complete details and how to register for the HSPT, visit the Archdiocese of Baltimore website at <http://www.archbalt.org/schools/highschool-information/hspt-faq.cfm>.

2014 SJA PARISH CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM:

Holiday giving to those less fortunate really puts the *Christ* in Christmas. Please don't forget to send in your donations by **Friday, December 12th**. **ANY** of the below listed food and personal items are appreciated. We thank you for your support and participation.

- Pre K -& K – Small bag white rice/ can of black beans
- Grade 1 – 1 can beef stew/ 1 package egg noodles
- Grade 2 – Small jars peanut butter and grape jelly
- Grade 3 – assorted cans of vegetables
- Grade 4 – assorted cans of fruit
- Grade 5 – small boxes of chicken stuffing / mac n cheese
- Grade 6 – Ramen noodles / hot or cold cereal
- Grade 7 – Spaghetti sauce /pasta
- Grade 8 – Bath soap (Bars), dish soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, individually wrapped toilet paper, Kleenex (any of these can be purchased from the Dollar Store).



MARKET DAY:

Market Day is a great source of quick – bake/cook delicious foods for the busy family. Little to no preparation needed, just unpack cook and serve. Some dates for January to consider National Pie Day on January 23, 2015 and Chocolate Cake Day on January 27, 2015; order a pie or cake in time to share with family and friends. LET'S NOT FORGET SUPER BOWL is on February 1, 2015. Market Day offers appetizers, main dishes, side dishes and desserts for every occasion. Be sure to place your order by Wednesday January 7, 2015. Pickup is on Wednesday January 14, 2015, 1:45, in the church hall. Thank you for supporting the basketball program.

YEARBOOK CLUB:

Any middle school student who is interested in joining the Yearbook Club, please see the Sign-up/Permission Slip in last week's update.

MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Have some free time on Monday and need volunteer hours? Margie Forbes is looking for a volunteer to help out on Monday any time. Please email her at mforbes@stjoanarc.org if you are available.

SJA ANNUAL APPEAL:

The SJA Annual Appeal is underway. Please show your support for the mission of St. Joan of Arc by making a donation. For the first 50 school families making a donation of \$50 or more, you will receive an embroidered SJA baseball hat. No donation is too small. Your employer may even have a matching gift program which is a wonderful way to maximize your donation.

Thank you for your support.

OPEN HOUSE SIGNS:

Thank you to those families who displayed our open house signs in your yard or business windows. Please return the sign and its stake to the school office. We will reuse the signs with the new date for the next open house in January. Thanks for helping to promote SJA!

PROUD PARENT T-SHIRTS:

Our SJA Proud Parent T-shirts are in. They make a perfect Christmas gift. T-Shirts are only \$15 each. Email Margie Forbes at mforbes@stjoanarc.org for sizes.

HSA NEWS & UPDATES:

YOU SAY WHEN YOGURT FUNDRAISER:

We have several requests to extend the **You Say When Yogurt Fundraiser**. **Order sheets are due to the office by THIS FRIDAY.... The 12th**. This is the perfect gift or stocking stuffer!

All giftcards will be delivered prior to the Christmas break! Giftcard orders are due to the school by **Friday, December 12th**.

JINGLE BELL SHOP:

The annual Jingle Bell Shop will be held on December 17th in the church hall. Children will be given the opportunity to shop for gifts for their family and friends. All items are \$1.25. Attached is a form the children should bring next Wednesday to help them check off their list.



We do need volunteers to help on the 17th. If you can help, please email Jennifer Miller millerfamily3739@gmail.com.

If you have extra wrapping paper or tape that you could donate to the shop, we would be grateful. Please send into school marked for **Jingle Bell Shop**.

NIGHT AT THE RACES:

The planning committee for Night at the Races (NATR) is now forming. If you would like to help with our biggest event of the year, please email Megan Cornett at HSA@stjoanarc.org

HOT LUNCH:

Hot lunch orders for January are due by December 21st. <http://stjoanofarcschool.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>

Thank you and have a good evening and a wonderful weekend!

SJA SCHOOL AND HSA

Attachments:

Jingle Bell Shoppe (2)

Middle School Social (2)



The "Snow-cial"!



When the weather outside is
frightful, the social is so
delightful, if you're
looking for some fun...
go to the social, go to the
social, go to the social!



**Join us for the middle school
Snow-cial!**

When: Saturday, December 13th

From: 6:30 to 9:30pm

Where: Church basement

Fee: \$8 per child

Sponsored by the SJA student council



This is a semi-formal event!



*****Open to SJA students ONLY (no guests or alumni). Students who attend, must abide by all SJA handbook, dress code, and cell phone policies*****



Parents and families who are STAND trained and interested in earning volunteer hours can fill out the provided form and return it to school. The Student Council is seeking donations of food and prizes, as well as assistance with set up (11:00 am – 12:00 pm), chaperoning (6:00 pm – 9:30 pm) and clean up (9:30 – ?) Please contact Mr. Bentkowski at dbentkowski@stjoanarc.org for questions or to volunteer for a specific item. Thank you!

St. Joan of Arc School
Saturday, December 13, 2014 Social – Parental Agreement and Permission Form

Student Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Other # where Parent can be reached during the event: _____

I/We acknowledge receipt of the attached information sheet describing the planned activities.

In consideration of the opportunity for my son/daughter to participate in this activity, I/We agree to release and hold harmless and indemnify St. Joan of Arc School & Church, St. Joan of Arc Home School Association, and their officers, agents, and employees from any liability, claims, demands, actions and cause of action arising out of or relating to any loss, damage or injury sustained in connection with my son/daughter's participation in this activity.

St. Joan of Arc Middle School Social Activities Rules for the Students:
Students are expected to follow SJA positive behavior guidelines.

1. Step up to RESPECT

- a. **Respect yourself by dressing appropriately**
- b. **Respect others by speaking kindly**
- c. **Respect chaperones by following their directions**

2. Jump to RESPONSIBILITY

- a. **Show care for the facility**
 - 1. **Keep restroom and Hall area clean and neat**
 - 2. **Help with cleanup**
- b. **Think about safety**
 - 1. **A responsible adult will sign student in and out**
 - 2. **Students will leave cell phones/electronics with chaperones**
 - 3. **Students will remain in the Church Hall until they are picked up**

3. Accelerate to LEADERSHIP

- a. **Be a role model**
- b. **Encourage others to have fun together**

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE(S)
To provide permission and acknowledge rules for events

DATE

STUDENT SIGNATURE
To acknowledge rule for events

DATE

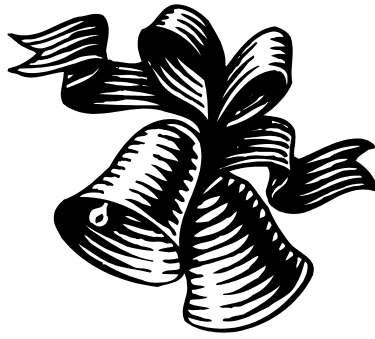
PERMISSION FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND SIGNED BY PARENT AND STUDENT IN ORDER FOR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN EVENT.

We need parent volunteers for the following –please check where you can volunteer

Parent can volunteer to help with **set-up** from 11:00-12 noon on 12/13 _____

Parent can volunteer to **chaperone** from 6:00-9:30 _____

Parent can volunteer to help with **clean-up** from 9:30 pm until finished _____



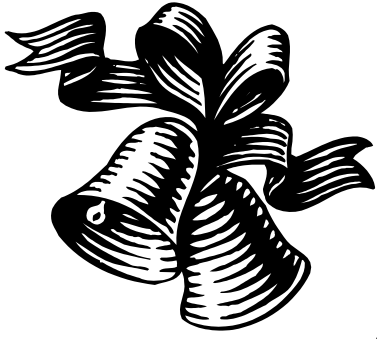
Jingle Bell Shop

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

The KSA will be sponsoring a Jingle Bell Shop for the children. The kids can shop for gifts for their parents, relatives, siblings and pets. This year choices will include our normal selection from the Dollar Store. Please indicate on your child's gift list if the child is allowed to purchase an item for themselves. All gifts will cost \$1.25.

Each class will visit the Jingle Bell Shoppe on Wednesday, December 17, 2014. Please send cash or checks made payable to St. Joan of Arc School for shopping on the 17th.

Merry Christmas!



Jingle Bell Shop

Please send completed form with your child on Wednesday, December 17th with the correct cash or check made payable to St. Joan of Arc School.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Recipient	Cost per item
1.	\$1.25
2.	\$1.25
3.	\$1.25
4.	\$1.25
5.	\$1.25
6.	\$1.25
7.	\$1.25
8.	\$1.25
9.	\$1.25
10.	\$1.25
Total for purchase (Number of gifts x \$1.25)	\$ _____