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SJA SCHOOL AND HSA PARENT UPDATE, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

Dear SJA Families,

Brrrr! It has gotten cold very quickly! Remember that students may go outside for short periods during the school day so they must dress for the weather. Several middle school students were able to borrow jackets today, but we really do not have many available.

It is difficult to believe, but first trimester will end this Friday, on November 21st. Parent conferences take place next Tuesday from 1-8PM and Wednesday from 8AM-12PM. We look forward to meeting with parents and addressing any questions that you may have.

Grandparents' Day last Friday was a huge success! The children enjoyed having them here and I think that our guests learned something new in school that day also. We appreciate our parents; Theresa Cox, Keri Otto, and Noreen Elsner, who volunteered to host our reception in the Church Hall and to other parents who came to help. Thanks so much to Mrs. Sampson for running a very successful Scholastic Book Fair. We appreciate Mrs. Brenda Lozinak and Mrs. Gina Sanphillipo also who return to help with the Book Fair each year. We have earned money to order more materials for our library program.

Next Tuesday, the students will receive a reward for their excellent behavior this Trimester. There will be a kickball tournament from 10AM-12PM followed by early dismissal. All students are asked to wear their **winter gym uniforms** which include the St. Joan of Arc sweatpants and sweatshirt. No other sweatshirts are allowed in class. The game was scheduled for today but a high of 56 degrees sounds much more reasonable for kickball than a high of 34 degrees!

Let me take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. May you have safe travels and enjoy family and friends during this holiday. Our break will be from Wednesday, November 26th at noon until students return Monday morning, December 1st. We have so many blessings to be thankful for; I am especially thankful for the dedicated staff here and the wonderful students. I love them all!

Peace and all good,
Mrs. Bahr

EARLY DISMISSAL / THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:

Students will be dismissed at 12:10pm on Tuesday, November 25 to begin the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be no school for students November 26 – 28.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Parent-Teacher Conferences (PreK –Gr.7) will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday, November 25th & 26th, 2014. Conferences are by appointment only. Please contact the school office if you have not yet received your scheduled time.

FLU MIST VACCINE:

Mark your calendars. The Harford County Health Department is offering free FluMist vaccines to elementary students (grades K-5 only) in school on Monday, December 8. Information and consent forms were sent home with your child last week. If you wish to have your child participate, please return the consent form no later than this Friday.

EXTENDED CARE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014:

Extended Care will be open from 8:00am – 1:00 pm. Please contact Mrs. Jenkins if your child will be attending.

ART CLUB:

Art club parents are asked to please read and sign the attached photo release form for the art club yearbook.

BOWLING CLUB:

Fall Bowling Club has ended. Thanks to all the students who participated! Bowling Club will resume the first week of February. Look for more news and permission slips mid-January.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

December 2, 2014, 5:00 pm to close

Bill Bateman's Bistro, Havre de Grace

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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 will be offered at the following schools on December 6th and 13th:

December 6th:

Archbishop Spalding

Calvert Hall

Cristo Rey Jesuit

Mercy High School

Notre Dame Prep

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saint Frances Academy

Saint John's Catholic Prep

St. Maria Goretti

Seton Keough

December 13th:

Archbishop Curley

Catholic High

Institute of Notre Dame

John Carroll

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>.

LUNA'S HOUSE:

Brownie Troop 595 is making an effort to give back to our furry friends this holiday season. The troop is asking for supplies to benefit Luna's House, BARCS and the Humane Society. Some items they are in need of are nylon bones, dog beds, cat toys, etc. To get a full list you may click on this website: <http://www.lunashouse.org/wishlist.html>
Donations will be accepted at SJA November 19-26. Thank you in advance!

2014 SJA PARISH CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM:

Holiday giving to those less fortunate really puts the *Christ* in Christmas. Please help by sending in your donation according to the list below by Friday, December 12th. 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 1 – 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).

JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:

Saturday, December 6 – 10:00am – 3:00pm in the gymnasium

Vendors, crafts, Christmas trees, poinsettias, wreaths and more. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT:

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. For donations of \$200 or more, you will receive the baseball hat and a chance for front row seats at the Christmas program on December 12th. 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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Looking to earn a couple of volunteer hours from home? Margie Forbes has a project for you! This is an ideal opportunity for someone with younger children at home. If interested, please email Margie Forbes at mforbes@stjoanarc.org. Material will be ready on Friday afternoon and must be returned by Tuesday.

HSA NEWS & UPDATES:

Cookie Dough:

Cookie dough will be delivered and distributed **tomorrow, Thursday, November 20th** at pick-up. Please make sure you pick up your orders from our volunteers before you leave school lot. **(Orders must be picked up tomorrow as we have nowhere to store the frozen cookie dough.)**

We could use one or two more volunteers to help organize the handout of orders. If you are able to help tomorrow, please email Jean Foulk jean041468@comcast.net.

Christmas Parade--SAVE THE DATE (12/6):

Last year SJA's float won first place in the Christmas parade! We will be looking to defend our title this year. The parade committee is forming now. If you are interested in helping, please contact Michele Confer (kyrajimmymom@gmail.com) or Carrie Stock (cstock25@verizon.net). We are looking for lots of students to help us execute our theme.

You Say When Yogurt Fundraiser:

We are excited to partner with You Say When Yogurt (Greenbriar Shopping Center-Bel Air). We will be selling gift cards and the school receives 20% of all sales. This is the perfect gift or stocking stuffer! Details will be sent home with the youngest child before the end of the week. All gift cards will be delivered prior to the Christmas break! Gift card orders are due to the school by December 5th.



*The St. Joan of Arc School Faculty, Staff and HSA wish you a very
Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!*

Attachments:

John Carroll Christmas Bazaar

Art Club Photo Release
KOC Fundraiser



KNIGHTS
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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

AND

Proudly Support

Catholic Education

December 2nd, 2014 5:00 pm to close

**Present this flyer to your server or bartender and
10% of your bill goes directly to:**

St. Joan of Arc Catholic School

Aberdeen, MD

and

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Perryville, MD

Please show your support and bring your family and friends on December 2nd!

Dine in *or* Carryout

Bill Bateman's Bistro- 2021 Pulaski Highway Havre de Grace, MD 21078

www.billbateman.com

Are you a Catholic gentleman interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?

If so, please contact us for more information.

becomeaknight@yahoo.com

Art Club Photography Release

The Art Club at St. Joan of Arc is honored to have been selected to be a part of the senior project of a John Carroll student and St. Joan of Arc alumna. She will be taking photographs of students in both Junior and Senior Art Club (and their work) and assembling them into a book at the end of the year, which will be shared with select faculty, students, and parents at St. Joan of Arc and John Carroll. With your permission, we would like to include photographs of your child creating artwork, as well as photographs of the artwork, itself. Please sign the release below if you consent to the use of those photographs in the creation and presentation of the book.

In signing this release, I give permission for photographs of my child,

(Child's Name)

and his/her artwork to be used for the art club yearbook. I also hereby release the Archdiocese of Baltimore, St. Joan of Arc School, John Carroll School and their agents, employees and volunteers from all claims, demands, and liabilities whatsoever in connection with the above.

Parent's Signature

Date

The John Carroll School

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 6, 2014
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Gym

Crafts, Artists, Retail & Vintage Vendors

Unique Gifts, Treasures, Handcrafted Jewelry & More

Lunch & Refreshments Available All Day

Christmas Trees, Wreaths & Poinsettias Sale

Admission FREE

703 E. Churchville Road ~ Bel Air, MD

Proceeds to benefit

The John Carroll School

Equestrian Team

