



St. Joan of Arc School
EMBRACE GOD’S UNIVERSE
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Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year.

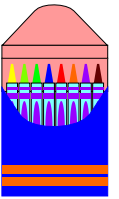
The Community of St. Joan of Arc School is dedicated to educating the whole child in a God-centered environment. Living in the light of Christ’s teachings, we celebrate and value the dignity of each child. To our children we entrust Christ’s mission on earth.



Welcome to all our new families and those returning. Information for a smooth and positive beginning is in this newsletter.

OPENING SCHEDULE

Tuesday	September 5		Staff Development
Wednesday	September 6		Staff Development
Thursday	September 7	8:20AM - 12:30PM	Grades 6,7, 8 only
Friday	September 8	8:20AM - 12:30PM	Grades K, 1, 2,3,4,5 only (Half day and Full Day K until 12:30PM)
Monday	September 11	8:20AM - 2:50PM	All Students (Half Day K – 11:30AM)



• **TRANSPORTATION**

A bus pass for your child/ren is enclosed in this mailing. Please look it over carefully and if you have any questions, please contact Evesham School District at (856) 988-0568. Please be patient with all involved in the transportation of the children. Buses are expected to arrive at SJA by 8:17AM. Some bus routes have been changed this year. Please be sure to check your child’s enclosed bus slip.

• **SCHOOL UNIFORM/GYM UNIFORM**

All students are expected to be in the school uniform the first day of school. School and gym uniforms are **required** to be purchased from Flynn & O’Hara. Students will need gym uniforms (sneakers must be secured by laces or Velcro – NO SLIP ONs) the week of September 11. Gym sneakers may be any color.

• **SHOE POLICY**

All students are **required** to comply with the policy. All students are to wear solid **BLACK SHOES/SNEAKERS with solid black soles and laces with their regular school uniform.** Please refer to the school shoe policy.



• **TUITION**

You have received a payment book containing envelopes for each month, so that tuition can be included in your regular bill-paying cycle. If you have not already received a payment book, please notify the school office. Checks or money orders should be made payable to St. Joan of Arc School. All payments must be sent to St. Joan of Arc School, PO Box 267, Marlton, NJ 08053. If you choose to pay through your bank, please use the PO Box 267, Marlton, NJ address. **Tuition payments will not be accepted in the office either by mail or in person.**



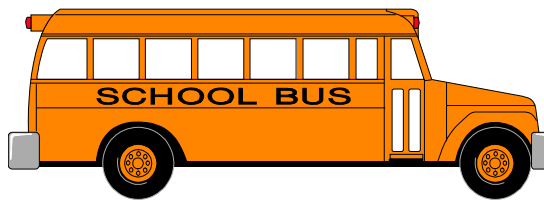
Tuition for students enrolled in the full day Kindergarten program will be an additional **\$750.00**. Parents will be billed separately in November and March through the school for this amount. **It is not included in the payment book.**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The school supply list can also be found on the website. www.stjoansk-8.org Items that are * will be purchased on Monday, September 11. Students are expected to have all items by Tuesday, September 12. Lunch boxes/bags are to be soft with your child’s name and grade clearly marked.

• **ATHLETICS**

Fall sport schedules have been finalized and will begin the first full week of school. If your child is planning to participate in Soccer (co-ed Grades 6-8) or Volleyball (girls Grades 5-8) he/she must have a valid sport physical on file in the nurse’s office prior to the first practice after tryouts. Sport physical forms are available on the school website on the School Nurse page.



• **KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULING/TRANSPORATION**

All Kindergarten students who are ½ day will go to school from 8:20 AM to 11:30 AM. Busing is provided to and from school for all qualifying students. **IMPORTANT:** When the school is on a half-day schedule (faculty meetings, etc.) **ALL** kindergarten students (including those on the ½ day schedule) will go to school until 12:30 PM. When the school is on a half-day schedule, the kindergarten ½ day students are to take the bus home from school that they normally take to school. This schedule includes their first day of school. **Please notify your child’s teacher, in writing, if at any time he/she will not be going home on the bus.**

• **CAR RIDERS**

All car riders are to enter from Willow Bend Road for **drop off and pick-up**. **THE DRIVEWAYS ON EVANS ROAD ARE FOR BUSES ONLY.** **ALL FAMILIES** are **required** to cooperate with this procedure.

• **IMPORTANT DATES**

Something new this year. ALL Teachers will be available both nights. More details later.

Back to School Night	Thursday, September 14	Cafeteria
Classroom Visitation	Monday, September 18	Classrooms, Grades 7/8 - Pedata Hall
Classroom Visitation	Thursday, September 21	Classrooms, Grades 7/8 - Pedata Hall

All families are expected to attend



• **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM**

The program will begin on Monday, September 11. All information and forms can be found on the school website, www.stjoansk-8.org Registration for new and returning families must be completed and returned to school with payment prior to attendance. All paperwork and fees must be received for your child to attend the program and to access the online calendar. New families will receive an e-mail with login information for the online scheduling system once your registration has been processed. Our mailing address is St. Joan of Arc School, 101 Evans Road, Marlton, NJ 08053.

• **CLASS ASSIGNMENTS**

All students will receive their class assignment on the first day of school. Children in grades **Kindergarten** and **First Grade** are to wear a **name tag** with their **name, grade** and **bus letter** on it. **If your child is a car rider, please indicate this on the name tag.** Half-day Kindergarten students should have their 11:30AM dismissal bus letter and also the bus they would ride home on a 12:30PM dismissal.

Faculty members and older students will be available to assist students when they arrive at school. If your child is a bus rider, we strongly suggest that he/she ride the bus starting with the first day of school. That allows the bus driver to get to know your child and his/her stop. It also allows your child to become familiar with the regular routine. If your child is a car rider, please enter the school grounds from the **Willow Bend Road entrance and follow around to the Main School entrance.** Grades 1-8 will go directly to “A” classrooms to receive homeroom assignments. Grade K will report to Pedata Hall to receive their classroom assignments. Kindergarten parents are asked to stay in the designated area in Pedata Hall. There will be a social gathering for Kindergarten parents on Friday, September 9, in Pedata Hall immediately following classroom assignments. Please follow the directions of the PTA to allow for a smooth transition for the Kindergarten children.

• **CARNIVAL**

Opening Night of Carnival is Monday, August 21 and runs through Saturday, August 26. We need **every** family to work and support this major school fundraiser. All profits from the carnival go directly to the school budget, keeping our tuition reasonable.

EMBRACE THE POSITIVE

Thank YOU! One of the best ways to promote St. Joan of Arc School is positive conversation about who we are and all that we do. Many thanks to all parents, students, grandparents, alumni who promote SJA and encourage others to attend. Congratulations on choosing St. Joan of Arc School for your child.

God’s Blessings,

