



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL HOME & SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



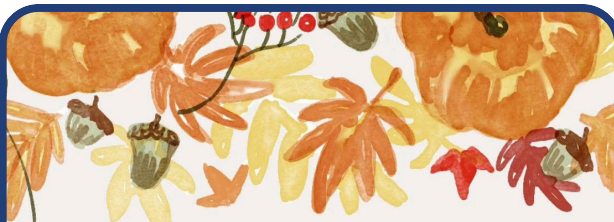
K-8 FALL CONFERENCES

Tuesday, October 21st & Thursday, October 23rd

K-8 Early Release: 2:30pm

K-8 Conferences: 3-7:00pm

Parents will receive a link shortly to register and select a timeslot.
Plaid uniforms in need of repair? Details available below and at conferences.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Fall FESTIVAL

A PARTY FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY

18 OCTOBER, 2025

MASS STARTS AT 4:00 P.M.

FOOD TRUCKS, LIVE MUSIC, FOOTBALL,
AND GAMES FOR THE KIDS!

\$5 A PERSON FOR GAMES AND DRINKS OR \$20 FOR FAMILY
FOOD IS A SEPERATE PURCHASE

1506 Brown Street, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

Student Volunteers Needed!
[Sign Up!](#)

ST. JOAN OF ARC TRUNK OR TREAT

**Thursday,
October 30th
5:30-8pm**

All funds raised will go toward the Middle School, Washington D.C. Trip.



SJA will be holding our 14th Annual Trunk-or-Treat event on **Thursday, October 30th**! Families are invited to decorate trunks, bring candy, and join the fun!

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR FAMILY PASS, GAME WRISTBANDS & PIZZA! (*passes & wristbands will be sent home in youngest child's folder prior to event*)

- **Family Pass:** \$10 per family (required to participate)
- **Game Wristbands:** \$5 each (unlimited play, includes all games in gym & one visit to the Escape Room)
- **Papa John's Pizza:** Pre-order by 5pm on 10/27 and pickup at the SJA cafeteria the evening of the event.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT ACTIVITIES:

- **SJA Parking Lot:** Enter via Hopewell St. beginning at 5:30pm. Trunk-or-Treating from 6-8pm.
- **SJA Gym:** Halloween games hosted by 7th grade for younger children.
- **SJA Stage:** NEW! Haunted Prison Break Escape Room
 - Recommended for 3rd graders and older
 - 6:00-6:30 PM: Lights on; After 6:30 PM: Lights off
 - Groups of 6 or fewer; limit (1) entry per participant

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS COMING SOON! VISIT [SJACATHOLIC.ORG](https://sjacatholic.org) FOR MORE DETAILS!

[K-8 Calendar](#)
[PreK Calendar](#)
[2-Day PS Calendar](#)
[3-Day PS Calendar](#)

[View the
2025-26 SJA
Dress Code](#)

[View the October
Lunch Menu](#)

[View the AHS
Weekly Newsletter](#)

IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES

- Oct. 9th** • SAB Meeting | 6-7pm | SJA Library
- Oct. 13th** • No School/LL Closed
- Oct. 15th** • Parent Rosary | 8:30am | SJA Chapel
• Early Release at 2:30pm (PreK-8th)
- Oct. 21st** • Early Release at 2:30pm (K-8th)
• K-8 Conferences 3-7pm
- Oct. 22nd** • Early Release at 2:30pm (PreK-8th)
- Oct. 23rd** • Early Release at 2:30pm (K-8th)
• K-8 Conferences 3-7pm
- Oct. 24th** • Fall Break - No School
- Oct. 27th** • Fall Break - No School
- Oct. 28th** • 2nd Quarter Begins
• Parent Rosary | 2:45pm | SJA Chapel
- Oct. 29th** • Early Release at 2:30pm (PreK-8th)
- Oct. 30th** • Trunk or Treat | SJA | 5:30pm
- Oct. 31st** • Halloween Classroom Parties
• Halloween Parade (K-5)

LOOKING AHEAD...

- Nov. 4th** • H&S Meeting | 6:30pm | SJA
- Nov. 5th** • Early Release at 2:30pm
- Nov. 7th** • Trivia Night | SJA | 6:00pm
- Nov. 12th** • Early Release at 2:30pm
- Nov. 18th** • SJA Mom's Night Out - Save the Date! More info. to come!
- Nov. 19th** • Early Release at 2:30pm
- Nov. 24th & Nov. 25th** • Preschool & PreK Conferences
• No School for Preschool & PreK
- Nov. 26th - Nov. 28th** • No School | Thanksgiving Break



Volunteer Opportunities

We're excited to launch a new **SJA Volunteer Signup Platform** for the 2025-26 school year! SJA offers a wide range of parent volunteer opportunities—from morning greeters and lunch helpers to recess monitors, library support, book fair assistance, and community events. **We'd love your help!** Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to explore current openings and be sure to check back regularly as new opportunities are added throughout the school year!

SJA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SCAN ME!



As an additional safety measure, all SJA volunteers are *required* to complete training via **CMG Connect**, a Safe Environment training program for employees and volunteers in Catholic dioceses. Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to begin this process. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the SJA Front Office.

CMG CONNECT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

SCAN ME!



ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL PRESENTS

TRIVIA

Night



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM - TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL COMMONS AREA

\$120 per table of 8 | \$15 per seat

Includes mulligans and a doubler.

Bring your own food and drinks!

**REGISTER
HERE!**



CASH/CHECKS DUE BY THURSDAY,
NOV. 6TH. TO THE SJA OFFICE. VENMO
ALSO WELCOME @ANDREA-REILLY-18
ATTN: SJA TRIVIA NIGHT.

Join us for Parents in Prayer!

When: Wednesday's at 8:30am before Mass in the Commons area at St. Joan of Arc; drop in when you can anytime!

Purpose: To offer support, encouragement and prayer for each other, our families, students, staff and all members of our school and church community in a space where God's presence can be felt. This is informal and open to all. Pray however you are comfortable! Little ones are always welcome!

Prayer Requests: We would love to lift up special intentions weekly and invite families and staff to add them through this [link](#).

Questions: andrea.reilly0811@gmail.com

All-School Rosary

Mon., 10/6 @ 2:45pm - Hosted by 8th Grade (Joyful Mysteries)

Tues., 10/14 @ 1:10pm - Hosted by 7th Grade (Sorrowful Mysteries)

Thurs., 10/30 @ 10:30am - Hosted by 6th Grade (Luminous Mysteries)

Plaids

IN NEED OF SOME

Attention?

SEWING REPAIR SERVICE NOW
AVAILABLE FOR UNIFORM PLAIDS

- (1) Meet with Grandma Cheryl at conferences on October 21 or 23
- (2) Turn in skirt/jumper with defined repair needs and payment (cash or check to SCCS)
- (3) Pick up repaired skirt at school

Waistband need work?
Length not quite right?
Pleats coming undone?
Buttons falling off?
Hem falling out?
Button adjustment needed?
Reasonable fee per seam/repair



October is the month of the Holy Rosary

ATTN: SJA Parents!

Please join us in the SJA Chapel for parent rosary:

Wed., 10/15 - 8:30am (prior to Mass)

Tues. 10/28 - 2:45pm (prior to pick up)

Everyone is welcome!

We hope you can join us!

SAVE THE DATE



**SJA MOM'S
NIGHT OUT**

Tues.
Nov 18,
2025

Let's get together, have a cocktail, connect and meet other moms! All SJA mom's welcome!
Time & location TBA soon!

Rosary & Movie Night

November 7th | 6:00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes

The Creation Care Team is proud to announce a free and meaningful evening of fun for everyone. Please join us on **Friday, November 7th at 6:00 PM** to pray the rosary with meditations from **Our Common Home**, an outcome of Laudato si' for the environment, followed by the showing of **The Lorax** by Dr. Seuss. This is an event for everyone living on our beautiful planet Earth. Please join us in the gym at Our Lady of Lourdes for prayer and a movie. Popcorn and drinks will be served.



Come cheer on AHS at the
Homecoming Football Game
at Jack and Pat Bush Stadium vs.
Dubuque Wahlert

Friday, October 10th

Freshman/Sophomore 5:00pm



Varsity 7:15pm



2025/2026 SJA School Directory Coming Soon!

The 2025–2026 SJA School Directory is currently in development and will be available soon. It will feature faculty and staff contact details, classroom assignments by grade level and teacher, as well as family contact information. Stay tuned for more details on when these will be sent home with students.

New to SJA? Have A Question?

We are here to support you throughout the year! Below is the contact information for SJA New Family Ambassadors—parent volunteers dedicated to answering your questions and helping you navigate your journey at SJA.

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2025/2026 SJA HOME & SCHOOL BOARD & COMMITTEES

President - Andrea Reilly
President-Elect - Cassandra Berneking
Ex-Officio - Julie Rosales
Secretary - Stephanie Larson
Treasurer - Eric Norberg
Room Parent Coordinators - Meghan Cornish, Denise Howell
Volunteer Coordinators - Katie Gripp
Hospitality Coordinators - Erin Crigger, Ashley Ramos, Mercedes Nelson, Emily Bintz, Chloe Castle, Ashley Ramirez-Marquez, Sonya Swift
Community Event Coordinators - Jenny & Trey Cummins, Bronya Conner, Emily & Keaton Connell, Samanta Schmelzer, Megan Stopulos
New Family Ambassadors - Becky Burke, Conor Flaherty, Analicia Gomes, Nick Palczynski, Stephanie Munos
Preschool & PreK Ambassadors - Leyna Dahlinghaus, Kathleen McClay
Newsletter/Publicity - Jenny Grobstich
Starry Night Chair - Betsy Flaherty
Starry Night Co-Chairs-Elect - Sara Pennington & Cassandra Berneking
Raise Right Marketing - Erin Emerle

2025/2026 St. Joan of Arc Faculty/Staff Contact Information

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