Mission Statement
St. Joan of Arc School, a ministry of Ste. Rose de Lima Church, is a school fashioned according to the will of God. We offer a faith-based education to boys and girls from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade. Here learning is rooted in Christian Values. We, the faculty, staff, and students, teach and learn with compassion and direction, treat each other with respect and dignity, and celebrate with joy our potential for excellence.

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New Students
If you have a child ready for school, please call the Business Office at 536-6038. We always take siblings first. It is especially important because we are now accepting applications for new students in Pre-K3, Pre-K4, kinder and almost all grades!

Re-registration forms will be sent home in March/April to current students. Please let anyone who might be interested know that we are currently accepting new students. Studies have shown that word of mouth is still the most influential decision for families choosing a school. Referrals are always welcome.

Mother-Son Bowling Fun
The SJA PTO is sponsoring the Mother-Son Bowling Day on Sunday, March 15th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Flyers have already been sent home. This will take place at AMF Chicopee Lanes on Burnett Rd. in Chicopee. The RSVP date is Friday, March 6th. Need a new flyer? Call Miss Kelley in the Main Office.

Family Bingo Night
The PTO is also sponsoring a Family Bingo Night on Friday, March 27th. This will be held in the SJA School cafeteria. A flyer will be sent home.

I.O.W.A. Testing
I.O.W.A. testing for grades 3 through 7 will take place March 2 through March 20. It is important that your student, if in grades 3 through 7, attend school during this time period. Please schedule, dentist, doctors and any other appointments after school during this time. It is very hard to make up these tests. Thank you.

Volunteer Opportunities
We are now in the second half of the year. For parents looking for volunteer opportunities in the school to complete their 10 hour obligation, we are looking for one or more people to distribute fluoride to students every other week during school hours. Our two “fluoride moms” now have work obligations. If you think this is a good fit for you, please call Miss Jenkins at 533-1475.

We are in need of parents and grandparents to help in the cafeteria during lunch time. Almost every day needs a parent or two to make lunch time with the children run more smoothly. Do you have some time? Please call Miss Jenkins at 533-1475 to see what days need your help.

Need to check your hours? The Business Office has a record of hours for each family. 10 hours are required; many hours are needed to make a successful school year.

Athlete of the Month... from Mr. Cable
Even with the winter vacation week this month, all students gave it their best in the few classes that we did have. March Athlete’s of the Month are Brantley Schnauber and Autumn Seymour. Because we had so few classes this month my decision was based off the whole year so far. Both of these students have worked extremely hard this year and deserve to be named Athletes of the Month!

Brantley is only in PreK-4 but the way he plays and moves you would think he was in a higher grade. Brantley is very outgoing and athletic. No matter what game or sport we play he is one of the top players and never stops trying. He is a ball of energy and a great student to have in my class. His attitude and sportsmanship is amazing for his age. He is always smiling and sharing with his teammates. Way to go Brantley!

Autumn Seymour, a 7th grader, is a great person to be around. She is always positive, happy, and ready to win! She has a lot of potential to be a good athlete in high school if she works hard. She is a great hockey player and an even better teammate to have when playing team sports. Autumn is one of the most unselfish students I have met. I hope this gives you the confidence and courage you need to succeed and be great in sports as well as life! Great job.
Open House for Readers Theater
Grades 3, 5 and 6
Professional storyteller and teaching artist, Mary Jo Maichack announced the finale of the MA Cultural Council STARS Residency for students in grades 3, 5 and 6 at SJA School. It is the culminating event of a 12 week residency by Mrs. Maichack. Students have been rehearsing Readers Theater scripts that they will read aloud to family, friends and supporters. Parents and families of these students are invited! Three separate approximately 40-minute shows will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at the follow times. Grade 5 at 9:30 am to 10:10 am, grade 6 at 10:20 a until 11:00 am, and grade 3 at 11:05 am until 11:35 am.

This STARS Residency (Students and Teachers working with Artists, Scientists, and Scholars), from the MA Cultural Council, is the result of a grant which Mrs. Maichack designed and wrote for SJA School. Mrs. Maichack writes the original scripts from folktales and Greek myths, often weaving in humor. Students read aloud together to create the drama. “The students learn how to read aloud with professional techniques; we play with character voices, engage in theatre warm-ups and games, discuss the characters and themes and learn to work together effectively as a troupe. The students find it entertaining and enjoyable as they build skills,” said Maichack.

Diocesan Financial Aid
2020-2021
Applications are now being accepted through FACTS. They will be accepted now through June 30, 2020. You can apply online at www.online.factsmgt.com or the Business Office has paper applications. You must apply for aid every year regardless of last year’s aid. There is a $35.00 fee to apply. Diocesan Financial Aid is awarded per student, not per family. The average award is $600.00. High school students receive as much as $1,200.00.

To receive aid students must be enrolled in K-12, must be an active member of a Catholic parish and must demonstrate financial need through the application process. A new application must be completed each year.

Fundraising Update
To date, SJA has raised $24,589.80 towards the $35,000 fundraising goal. The breakdown is $11,045.00 from the Lottery Calendar, $8860.00 from the Walk-a-Thon and $4683.80 from resources like the Bounce night, Dine-out nights, and Santa’s Workshop.

This means we will be holding a third fundraiser. We will be having a candy bar sale in the month of April. If you have not participated in any fundraiser’s the Business Office will be sending out bills for $200.00 for the Fundraising Buy Out.

FACTS Tuition Management
FACTS Tuition Management is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 9:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please call them at 866-441-4637 with any questions.

Looking Ahead
*March 2nd – PTO Meeting in the School Hall at 6:30 p.m.
*March 2nd-30th - I.O.W.A. Testing for Grades 3-7
*March 6th – First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Rose de Lima Church. Grade 5 will be preparing this Mass. All families and friends are welcome!
*March 10th – School Store open from noon- 2:00 pm.
*March 13th - Authors Study
*March 15th - Mother/Son Bowling AMF Chicopee Lanes, 1pm-3pm
*March 17th – Readers Theater Open House for Grades 3, 5 & 6
*March 20th – NO SCHOOL. This is a Professional Development Day for faculty.
*March 27th - Family Bingo Night @ Ste. Rose Bingo Hall. Doors open at 6pm. Bingo starts at 6:30pm.
*April 18th – Savers Event in the school parking lot. Start saving your usable clothing, household items, usable shoes and handbags, etc.

You can support SJA School by participating in the following:
** Box tops for Education
**Coke rewards
**Stop and Shop A+ rewards
**AmazonSmile