SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

> Date of Report: November 4, 2003 (Date of earliest event reported)

Commission File No. 1-6695

JO-ANN STORES, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

34-0720629 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 44236 (Zip Code)

5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 656-2600

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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Furthermore, the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On November 4, 2003, Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. (the "Company") announced that shareholders approved the reclassification of its Class A and Class B Common Shares into a single class of stock. As a result of the share reclassification, effective November 5, 2003, the Company began trading under the new ticker symbol "JAS" on the New York Stock Exchange. A copy of the press release announcing the shareholder approval is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 6, 2003

JO-ANN STORES, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Brian P. Carney

Name: Brian P. Carney Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit NumberDescription99.1Press Release of Jo-Ann Stores, Inc., dated November 4, 2003.