

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Calendar Updates and Reminders

SEPTEMBER

Sept 16-27 Constitution, Civil Liberties Weeks

Sept 21 [Parish Fall Festival 12:00 - 4:00 PM](#)

Sept 30 NO SCHOOL for Students/Prof. Dev. for Faculty

OCTOBER

Oct 1 Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM

Oct 2 ALL SCHOOL MASS, House Assignment Day

Oct 5 Confirmation Parent/Child Meeting

Oct 7 ALL School Rosary, Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct 7-11 Mid-Trimester 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM

Oct 14 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day

Oct 17 Yearbook Picture Day - Preschool-8th Grade

Oct 18 11:30 AM DISMISSAL Professional Development

6:30 PM [An October Party](#)

Oct 31 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Athletics Calendar

SJBA Middle School Boys Soccer

Sept 17 vs. Trinity at Meadowview, 3:45 PM @ Trinity

Sept 24 vs. Avalon School, 3:30 PM @ SJBA

Oct 1 vs. Potomac B, 2:45 PM @ Potomac

Oct 16 vs. Lorien Wood, 3:45 PM @ SJBA

Oct 22 vs. Trinity at Meadowview, 4:00 PM @ SJBA

Oct 23 vs Georgetown Day School, 2:45 PM @ GDS

School Day Hours:

Mon-Thu. 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Fri: 8:00 AM-2:25 PM

ALL SCHOOL MASS - 10:30 AM unless otherwise noted

A few additions have been made to our school calendar. Please see the attached calendar.

Sync the SJBA parent calendar with your family calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?>

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School Calendar 2024-2025 8-28.pdf

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St. John the Beloved Parish Fall Festival

All St. John the Beloved Academy families and friends are invited to the fall festival this **Saturday, September 21, from 12:00 - 4:00 PM.**

The event will feature children's games, BBQ, live music by Dixie Trio, and more! Don't miss out - mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to join us!

The event is free to all, but donations are appreciated.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-fall-festival-at-st-john-the-beloved-mclean-va-tickets-978310782887?aff=oddtcreator>



School Directory

St. John's is in the process of preparing the printed school directory for our school community.

Please check your child's folder or backpack for a pink piece of paper this week. We ask that every family review their listing and if you DO NOT want your information printed in the directory, kindly cross out anything that you want to omitted.

Edited forms can be returned to your homeroom teacher of the front office of the school by **Friday, September 20**. If we do not receive your form by that date, your information will be published as it is listed.

Please reach out to Christine White at cwhite@sjohnacademy.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Choir Information for 2024-2025

St. John the Beloved Academy offers several choir opportunities for girls and boys in grades 3-8.

Choristers will learn basic musicianship, proper vocal technique, sight-singing and ear training, music theory, and how to sing in an ensemble. Rehearsals take place in the Music Room. No audition is required; only a love of singing and willingness to learn!

Students may sign up for more than choir. Please fill out one form per student and check all choirs that they would like to participate in. Please email completed forms and any questions to Director David Lang at dlang@stjohncatholicmclean.org. **Rehearsals start the week of September 9.**



After School Clubs

The first session of our after school clubs program will run from September 16 - October 25, 2024. Club offerings and registration information is available on our website here:

<https://stjohnacademy.org/clubs/>.

Clubs are open to all current students in grades K-8. Just a reminder that clubs are available on all regular school days Monday - Thursday from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Please remember that there is a 15-minute pick up window from 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. on Friday.

Mondays \$100:

K-3 - Lego Free-Building Club with Mrs. Stilson - (Cap of 12 students)

K-8 - Homework Club with Ms. Grant

3-8 - Soccer Club with Fr. Pollard & Mr. Hempfling

Tuesdays \$120:

K-8 - Knitting with Mrs. Maricel Heeter & Mrs. Stilson

K-8 - Homework Club with Ms. Bethencourt

K-4 - Art Club with Mrs. Grady & Mrs. Walder

3-8 - Alter Serving Club with Fr. Pollard

K-8 - Card Games Club with Mrs. Thrasher

Wednesdays \$120:

K-8 - Homework Club with Mrs. Stilson

1-6 - Bracelet Making Club with Ms. Vazquez

2-5 - Adventure Story Time with Ms. Fagan

Thursdays \$120:

K-8 - Homework Club with Mrs. Thrasher

K-8 - Puzzle Club with Ms. Stilson

3-8 - Hand Lettering Club with Mrs. Pacheco & Ms. Fagan (cap 12 students)

4-8 - Girls' Volleyball Club with Ms. Vazquez & Mr. Thrasher

Fridays \$80:

K-8 - Outdoor Play Club with Mr. Thrasher

5-8 - Expedition Club with Mr. Truluck, Mr. Reilly, and Ms. Grant - **\$150** (cap 10) (September 27 and October 4 will be kayaking days, with pick-up at 5:00 PM)

For general information regarding clubs, please contact Cristina Crowley at clubs@stjohnacademy.org.

Register for After School Clubs

CYO Basketball

UPDATE: CYO Will be Offered in Grades 4-8

CYO basketball will be held for students in **grades 4 - 8** starting later in the Fall. If your child has an interest in participating please click on the link below and fill out the form **BY THE END OF THIS WEEK:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqjtzdSs0qa1Ge0ppooYulF54zVfDONRU9k3jPUuyLAF0dLw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>.

If your grade has enough players interested to form a team, we will contact you with further information.

If you have any questions, please reach out the St. John's CYO coordinator, Mr. Tom Tribone at: ttribone@frpark.com.

ST JOHN CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Please fill in this form completely and click SUBMIT to indicate you would like to play CYO basketball. If a team is formed, you will be contacted by your Coach with additional registration information.

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

* Indicates required question

LAST NAME *

Your answer

There's still space for a few more families to join the pilgrimage to Rome this January 1-10, 2025.

The cost of \$2250/person includes round trip flights from Dulles, lodging, transportation, tickets, and tours, but does not include any meals.

Please contact Michael Jacobeen at mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org for more information or to sign up.



Parent and child pilgrimage!

ROME

Youth & Family Pilgrimage

January 1-10, 2025
\$2250 per person

Join Fr. Pollard & Michael Jacobeen on an 8-day pilgrimage to Rome. Just 30 spots available!

Daily Mass at St. Peter's ♦ Catacombs ♦ The 7 Church Walk
Vatican Museums ♦ Papal Audience ♦ Assisi ♦ Colosseum

For More Information Contact Michael Jacobeen:
mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org

Volunteer Requirements for all Parents

For the safety of our students, the Diocesan Office of Child Protection requires that all chaperones be clear to volunteer. To that end, **prior to a field trip or to volunteer in the classroom**, kindly complete the online *Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OPCYP)* application for a background check **and** attend a VIRTUS session.

The instructions for completing the online application are attached to this email. It should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete. This process produces the Central Registry Release of Information Form which needs to be signed by you to give the Diocese permission to submit a background check. Stop by the Front Office to sign the form.

In order to complete the online application, you will need the following information:

Location: Saint John Academy (NOT THE CHURCH)

Position Title: Volunteer

Once your application is complete and approved, you will receive an email from the Office of Child Protection with available sessions to register for *Virtus: Protecting God's Children* safe environment training within 45 days of receiving the email.

Thank you so much for all you do for our students and our school.



**Volunteer Instruction Sheet Background Check Application
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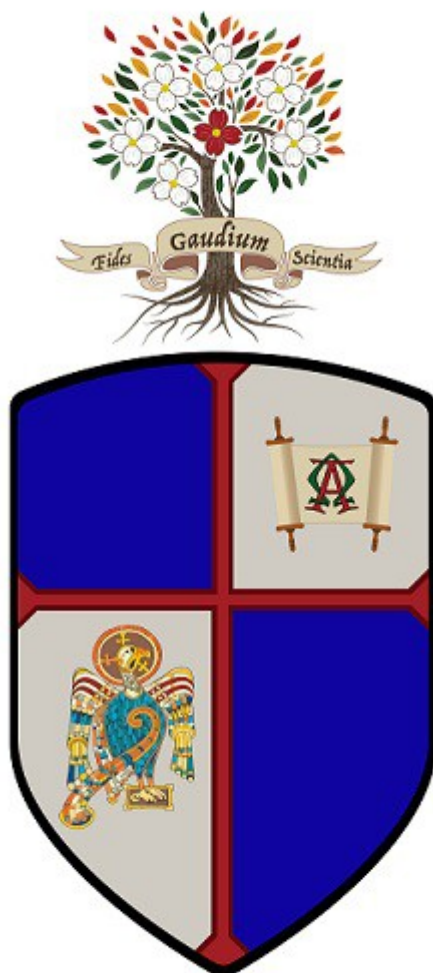
Attendance Procedures

When a student is going to be arriving late, leaving early, or has a change in their pick-up routine, please email Mrs. Monica Stilson in the attendance office: attendance@stjohnacademy.org and copy Mrs. Gracia Escudero in the front office: gescudero@stjohnacademy.org and copy the homeroom teacher.

Just a reminder, that when students leave school during the day due to illness, appointment or any other reason, they must be called for in the School Health Room or the school office. Children may never wait outside the buildings to be picked up during school hours, nor may teachers release a child directly from the classroom.

A note, email, or phone call should be sent to school requesting early dismissal and stating the time and identifying the person who will pick-up the child. Persons picking up a child at a time other than dismissal should report to the school front office and sign the child out. The school staff will call the child in his/her classroom to come to the office to meet the person picking him/her up. Students will not be called in advance to the nurse's office for an early release. Persons picking up a child may not go to the classroom.

Donate to our Annual Fund



Saint John the Beloved Academy

Saint John the Beloved Academy was founded in 1954 to offer quality Catholic education to parish children. Saint John the Beloved Academy continues to provide children in preschool through eighth grade with a Catholic liberal arts education rooted in rich tradition of academic excellence and spiritual formation, captured by the school's motto, *"Fides, Scientia, et Gaudium."* By Faith, children are led beyond themselves to entrust their formation to God. By forming the entire child, we impart the Knowledge for both intellectual and spiritual growth. The Mission of Saint John the Beloved Academy is manifested in genuine Christian Joy– rooted in the Sacraments, self-sacrifice, charity, and service to others.

Pictured above: September Morning, Plainfield, New Hampshire. Willard Metcalf. 1911.



Christine White