

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Calendar Updates and Reminders

DECEMBER

Dec 14 Make-Up Day for Yearbook Photos

Dec 14 Christmas Caroling 4:15 - 5:30 PM - RSVP here: <https://www.smores.com/gsq27>

December 20 Christmas Concert 4:00 PM

Dec 22 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Dec 23-Jan 5 – Christmas Break

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Jan 8 Classes Resume

Jan 15 NO SCHOOL Dr. MLK Day

Jan 19 11:30 AM DISMISSAL, March for Life

Jan 20 2nd Grade First Confession Parent/Child Retreat 10 AM-12 PM

Jan 28-Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week

School Day Hours:

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

Preliminary School Calendar 2023-2024 (11-2).pdf

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Donate to our Annual Fund

Yearbook Picture Make-Up Day

The make-up date for yearbook portraits is Thursday, December 14, in Eagle Hall.

- All K-8 students who were absent on November 2, should be dressed in their school uniform. Any sweatshirts, sweaters or coats will be asked to be removed before being photographed (including the SJBA sweatshirt).
- Preschool and Pre-K students who do not attend class on Thursday and would like their picture taken, are invited to come to the school preferably between 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- If your child needs to have a retake of his/her portrait, please email their homeroom teacher by December 13.

Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase photos via Lifetouch photography after the photo session.

If you have questions or concerns, please email Vivian Grady at vgrady@stjohnacademy.org.

Volunteers Needed for the Faculty Christmas Party

On behalf of all SJBA families, the Parent Council will be hosting a Christmas celebration that will include an afternoon tea and party on Thursday, December 22nd, for the wonderful SJBA faculty and Staff.

Help is needed to decorate room 10 for the party and clean up the next day. If you are unable to help with set up or clean up at the school please consider donating to the cause. Information can be found on the Sign Up Genius linked below. Please contact Caroline Herbert, at carolineknox81@gmail.com for any questions. Thank you!



Staff Christmas Party

Please help us celebrate the wonderful SJBA faculty and staff. We will be hosting a staff Christmas tea and party on Thursday, December 22nd. We need help decorating room 10 for the party and help with clean up the next day. If you are unable to help at school please consider donating to the cause.

🔗 signupgenius.com

Christmas Caroling

All families are invited to the Courtyard on Thursday, December 14, from 4:15-5:30 p.m. for Christmas Caroling (weather permitting).

Refreshments and songs will be provided--feel free to bring a plate of cookies to share if you'd like. Hot chocolate and cider will be available and other festive drinks and light appetizers.

For more information or to RSVP, click here: <https://www.smores.com/gsq27-a-gathering-of-merry-carolers>.

Support Our SJBA Christmas Tree Sale!

🎄 **We Need Your Help!** 🎄

1. Please Volunteer this Week to help us fill all the slots. **Our lot will be open Wednesday-Sunday this week. We have less than 50 trees remaining! This will be our last weekend of sales!!!**

To make this fundraiser a great success, we will need volunteers for every shift. **Please sign up here:**


https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49ABAC2DA6FF2-week9#

2. Keep Spreading the Word! Tell your friends and neighbors about our Christmas tree sale. We have the best trees, wreaths and garlands in town!

This week our tree lot hours are:

**Wednesday-Friday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. &
Saturday-Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

This is a great fundraiser for our school and we are so grateful that you are a part of it! Thank you in advance for your support!




Sales start December 11!
Thursday-Friday: 4 pm – 7 pm
Saturday-Sunday: 10 am – 7 pm
Cash and Credit Card Accepted
Visit StJohnAcademy.org for more information


Come to St. John the Beloved for this year's fresh cut trees, garland and wreaths. Don't miss this opportunity to support St. John the Beloved Academy and have the best tree, wreath and garland in the community!

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church
6420 Limway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101

Fresh Cut Fraser Fir – 5 ft to 11 ft
Wreaths starting at \$22
Garland (White Pine or Fraser Fir)



The quality is amazing!



2023 SJBA Tree Flyer (1).pdf

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Student Artwork on Display at the Pimmit Hills Library

Student artwork is on display at the Pimmit Hills Library through the end of December. The pieces displayed represent Advent and the season of preparation for the Nativity of Christ at Christmas.

(Please tell the library staff how much you appreciate the festive display!)



Winter Weather Reminder

Saint John the Beloved Academy follows Fairfax County public schools for weather related school closings and delays. Please remember to check emergency announcements at www.fcps.edu for the latest updates regarding school closings and delays during these winter months. Thank you!

Christmas Concert Information

The Christmas Concert for grades K-8 and Choir, will take place on Wednesday, December 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the gym. Students will perform in the following order:

- 4:00-4:30 PM Kindergarten-2nd grades
- 4:30-4:45 PM Intermission with instrumental/carolers
- 4:45-5:45 PM Grades 3-5, Choir and Advanced Choir performance and 4th grade nativity

Students in grades K-8 are welcome to stay after school between 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., or go to their regularly scheduled club. The movie, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* will be shown in Eagle Hall for students staying after. Please email your homeroom teacher(s) if your student will stay from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Students are welcome to come to school dressed in their Christmas Best or bring something to change into. Seating in the gym for families will begin at 3:40 p.m. Students will assemble inside the gym at 3:50 p.m. Please have your student sit with their class if they are not already at school.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Ms. Viviana Urbano by email at vurbano@stjohnacademy.org.

Lunch Options for the New Year!

Chick-fil-A Orders! - Wednesday

Orders can now be submitted for the Chick-fil-A lunch program starting January 10. Please note what grade your child is in to determine pricing:

1. Pre-School/Pre-K - 19 weeks
2. Kindergarten/8th Grade - 20 weeks
3. Rest of School - 21 weeks

CFA lunches will be delivered starting on January 10 until June 5. Please fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/UCJUcBoQws1T7cL16>, or linked below, by **Sunday January 7 WITH payment marked "AS A GIFT."** We accept Zelle (shepardkm@gmail.com, Katherine Shepard) or Venmo (@andymarie-shepard).

*For multiple children, please fill out the form again to add your children.

**Pricing (please note updated pricing for 2024)

Please direct any questions to Glenn Paik glennpaik@gmail.com.

Chick Fila Order Form

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Admission Information for the 2024-2025 School Year

We are now accepting applications for new students for the 2024-2025 school year!

If you have a child who will be applying for admission, we want to encourage you to apply early!
The application deadline for Preschool - 8th grade is **January 12, 2024**.

Please visit our website to review the application steps at <https://stjohnacademy.org/admissions/>.

Thank you again for your support and for choosing St. John the Beloved Academy!

Sick Student Protocols and Attendance Procedures

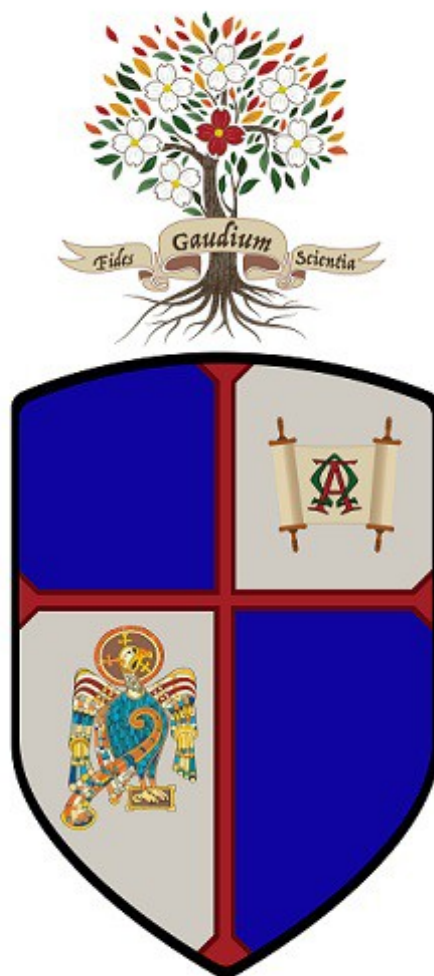
If your child is going to be out sick for the day, a phone call or an email from a parent is required each day(s) of the absence(s) of the student to Mrs. Monica Stilson in the health office at:

attendance@stjohnacademy.org. Mrs. Stilson will communicate the absence with your child's homeroom teacher and coordinate homework (if applicable).

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.



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: Herding Sheep in a Winter Landscape at Sunset. Joseph Farquharson.



Christine White

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