

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Thursday, September 21

Calendar Updates and Reminders

SEPTEMBER

Sept 21 Parent Wine and Cheese w/ Jazz 7-9 PM - We are looking forward to seeing everyone tonight! If you have not already, please [RSVP here](#).

OCTOBER

Oct 2 ALL SCHOOL MASS, House Assignment Day

Oct 3 Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM

Oct 6 ALL School Rosary, Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct 9 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day

Oct 10-13 Mid-Trimester 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM

Oct 13 Bishop Burbidge Visits SJBA 11:30 DISMISSAL

Oct 16-20 DFE Week

Oct 20 11:30 AM DISMISSAL 6:30 PM An October Party

Oct 27 NO SCHOOL, Professional Development

School Day Hours:

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



St. John the Beloved Academy School Calendar 2023-2024
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Parent-Student Handbook

Just a reminder that the Parent-Student Handbook for 2023-2024 is now available. Please read through the Handbook and return your signed form to your child's homeroom teacher.



2023-2024 Parent-Student Handbook SJBA.pdf

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Handbook Agreement Form.docx

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Constitution Week September 18-22

St. John's has been celebrating constitution week September 18-22. The week will end with a dress up day tomorrow, Friday, September 22. All students may dress up in patriotic attire (i.e. dress shorts and polos for boys; patriotic dresses for girls). It will also be a surprise celebration day!

Carpool Reminders

Thank you for a great start to the school year! Just a friendly reminder of our carpool protocols to ease with the drop off and pick up of students.

AM Carpool

ENTRY ON THE SCHOOL/CHURCH GROUNDS IN THE MORNING Can be at the light VIA LINWAY TERRACE AND THE REAR ENTRANCE (BEHIND THE RECTORY). Please do not use the exit ramp to enter onto Linway Terrace. During drop off and pick up this is an exit ramp only.

- Cars should line up and drop off students near the front entrance of the school, as close to the curb as possible. Please do not park in the middle of the driveway to drop off students. If you need to park your car, please do so in a designated parking spot and escort your student(s) safely to the entrance.

PM Carpool

Entry on the School/Church grounds in the afternoon **MUST BE** via the REAR ENTRANCE (behind the Rectory).

- Kindergarten through 8 --There are 3 lanes in the parking lot for afternoon pick up. ALL cars picking up students are asked to be in the proper lane as explained below.
- Lane 1 **MUST EXIT LEFT** on to LINWAY TERRACE. Lane 2 **MUST EXIT STRAIGHT** to BIRCH ROAD OR LEFT on to OLD DOMINION DRIVE. Lane 3 (the exit ramp lane closest to the school) **MUST EXIT RIGHT** on to LINWAY TERRACE. Lane 1 is the lane closest to the island, Lane 2 is the middle lane and Lane 3 is the lane closest to the school building.



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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.

Student Artwork to be Featured in Local Art Show

Various pieces of SJBA student artwork will be featured in the Children's Artwalk at the MPAartfest. The Children's Artwalk lines the walking path from the library parking lot into McLean Central Park. The event is Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is free and friendly for all ages. Please visit their website for more information, <https://mpaart.org/mpaartfest2023/>

Private Music Lessons

Session I of private music lessons will start **September 8**. Lessons will include 7 weeks of guitar for grades 4-8, violin for grades 1-8, piano for grades 1-8, and drums for grades 3-8. Each lesson is 20-minutes long.

Dates include September 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6, 20; November 3. (November 17 will be used as a makeup day in case a teacher is absent one Friday).

You can register for classes on our website at, <https://stjohnacademy.org/optional-music/> or by clicking the link above.

Please contact Mr. David Murray at dmurray@stjohnacademy.org with any questions.

Register Here for Music Lessons

Choir Information for 2023-2024

This week is the last chance to sign up for choir until December! St. John the Beloved Academy offers several choir opportunities for girls and boys in grades 3-8.

Choristers will learn proper vocal technique, sight-singing and ear training, music theory, and how to sing in an ensemble for blending and musicianship. Rehearsals take place in the Music Room. No audition required, just 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 11.**

Please note one schedule change for the Sunday Beloved Choir practice. Rehearsal is from 7:30 - 8:10 a.m. Friday mornings **OR** Thursday afternoon from 4:00 - 4:40 p.m.

As a reminder, this choir is open to students in grades 3-8 from the parish and the school who would like to sing and cantor for the 9:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday.



Choir form 23-24.pdf

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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: Autumn on the Seine at Argenteuil. Claude Monet. 1873.