

# A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Wednesday, February 16

Calendar Updates and Reminders

**FEBRUARY**

Feb 18 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Feb 21 NO SCHOOL- President's Day  
Feb 25 Mardi Gras Jazz Night 7-10 PM

## MARCH

Mar 1 Coffee with the Headmaster 8:00 AM  
Mar 2 Ash Wednesday, ALL SCHOOL MASS

### **\*\*Save the Date\*\***

March 25 Jazz Night 7-10 PM

May 20 Spring Dream Garden Party - Parents interested in volunteering should contact Maricel Heeter at [mheeter@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:mheeter@stjohnacademy.org) for more information.

## Congratulations to our Eighth Grade!

Members of the eighth grade class received the sacrament of confirmation at a Mass with Bishop Burbidge yesterday evening at St. John the Beloved Parish. To celebrate, students enjoyed a relaxed day today with a special brunch in the morning and a movie in the afternoon.



## Mardi Gras King Cake Raffle

To continue the SJBA tradition of celebrating Mardi Gras by helping those in need we are holding a MARDI GRAS KING CAKE RAFFLE from Bayou Bakery in Arlington, Virginia (<https://www.bayoubakeryva.com/>). This is the cake that has garnered rave reviews from *The Today Show* and *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post* has deemed it "One of the Top 5 King Cakes in the Country."

Two Mardi Gras baskets and one King Cake will be raffled off! The cost of the tickets are:

1 ticket \$20

3 tickets \$50

Tickets can be purchased from February 7-25 online (click the button below). Winners will be announced at the Jazz Night on Friday, February 25 at 10:00 PM.

Mardi Gras Raffle Tickets

School Supply Donations Fill Over 20  
Backpacks for Catholic Charities!

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for Catholic Charities Refugee Services during Catholic Schools Week January 31-February 4. We are very pleased to share that we donated 20 very full backpacks! Thank you again for your generosity!



## CYO Girls Volleyball Teams Now Forming!

CYO has indicated that there will be a 2022 girls volleyball season. CYO volleyball consists of one practice per week (at the SJBA gym) and one Saturday game per weekend (location TBD).

Registration requires a parent volunteer coach to run practices and games. The anticipated schedule is for Saturday matches on April 2; April 9; April 30; May 7; May 14 (TBD on May 21).

The DEADLINE for player/coach registration and final team formation must be entered into SportsPilot by 11:59 p.m. on March 7 so that the league coordinator has a handle on the number of teams participating.

Also note that CYO volleyball teams combine 2 grades – 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, 7th-8th.

If you have any questions, or are interested in coaching, please reach out to Jill Gatti. at [jillgatti@cox.net](mailto:jillgatti@cox.net).

We will post an update in the newsletter when registration opens in the coming weeks.

## Session 4 Clubs Now Available!

Registration for club session #4 is now available.

Please note that the Adventurers' Club for Girls on Mondays is now open to grades 3-8. If you have a daughter who like to join, please sign up below.

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

CLUB SESSION #4: JANUARY 31-MARCH 11

### **Mondays \$100:**

K-3 - Knitting – (cap of 10 Students)

K-2 - Tumbling

3-5 - Strategic Games

### **3-8 - Adventurers' Club for Girls**

6-8 - Book Club

K-8 - Homework Club

### **Tuesdays \$120:**

K-2 - Art Club (cap of 15 students)  
3-8 - Musical Theater Jazz Dance Class  
4-8 - Knitting  
6-8 - Chess  
K-8 - Homework Club

**Wednesdays \$120:**

K-2 - Lego Free-Building Club (cap of 15 students)  
1-2 - The Adventurers' Club for Boys  
3-8 - Little Women Hospitality Club (cap of 12 students)  
3-8 - Cooking Club (cap of 6 students)  
K-8- Homework Club

**Thursdays \$120:**

K-2 - Fun Club – (cap of 12 students)  
3-7 - The Adventurers' Club for Boys  
K-8 - Homework Club

**Fridays \$80-\$120:**

K-2 - Hip-Hop Dance  
3-8 - Cookie Baking Club (cap of 6 students)  
K-8 - Outdoor Games Club

[Link to Session 4 Clubs](#)

## Volunteers Needed on Chick-fil-A Wednesdays!

Volunteers are needed to help deliver Chick-fil-A orders to classrooms on Wednesdays.

Here are the dates that we will have CFA (Please note, we are not serving CFA on Ash Wednesday March 2nd. Instead, CFA will be on Monday, February 28)

2/9

2/16

2/23

2/28 (Please note CFA will be on this Monday since Ash Wednesday is 3/2)

3/9

3/16

3/23

3/30

4/6

4/13

Please see the sign up genius to find out how you can help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054ea9aa2a1-chickfila2>

For questions regarding Chick-fil-A, please contact Kerry Digges, at [kdigges@verizon.net](mailto:kdigges@verizon.net).

## Financial Aid Information for 2022-2023 School Year

The deadlines for applying for financial aid for new and returning families for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

1. High School (early verification)| **January 19, 2022** |  
- 2020 tax returns for early verification by FACTS  
- 2021 tax returns and W-2s will be required for applications submitted **after** January 19, 2022
2. Elementary School | **March 16, 2022** | *You will need 2021 W-2s and Tax Returns*
3. Please visit <https://factsmgt.com/parent-resources/grant-and-aid/> to download an application. Applications and all supporting tax documentation should be submitted by the due date. For additional information, please call Facts Aid at (866) 441-4637. One application is required per family and a processing fee is required.

Thank you for choosing and supporting Saint John the Beloved Academy!

## Reminder for Winter Closings and Delays

Just a reminder that Saint John the Beloved Academy follows Fairfax County public schools for weather closings and delays. Please remember to check Emergency announcements at [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) for the latest updates regarding school closings and delays during these winter months.

## 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. Mrs. Monica Stilson in the attendance office:

[attendance@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:attendance@stjohnacademy.org) and copy Mrs. Gracia Escudero in the front office:

[gescudero@stjohnacademy.org](mailto: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.

## A Note From the Health Office

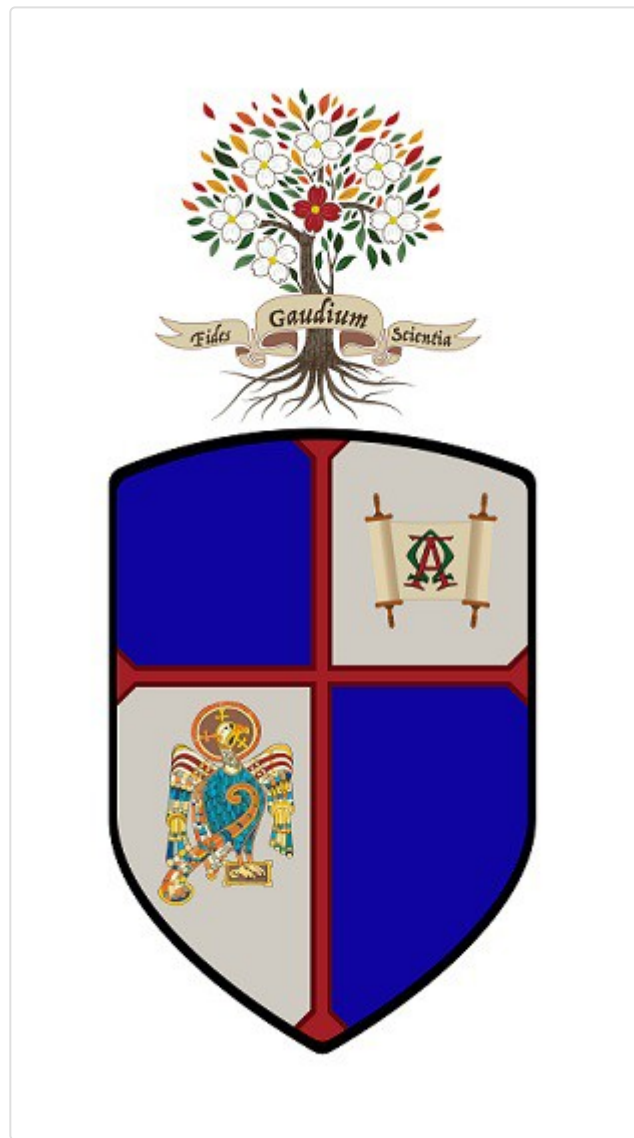
If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home from school. Every student illness needs to be assessed by someone in the health office before returning to school.

The procedure for reporting a child sick from school is a:

- 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 attendance office: [attendance@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:attendance@stjohnacademy.org) and copy Mrs. Gracia Escudero in the front office: [gescudero@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:gescudero@stjohnacademy.org).

If your child has been exposed to or diagnosed with COVID-19, we ask that you please contact Mrs. Monica Stilson [mstilson@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:mstilson@stjohnacademy.org) in our Health Office as soon as possible. This information will be kept confidential.





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*Pictured above: River Bank in Winter. 1881. Paul Gauguin.*