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# A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Wednesday, September 28

## Calendar Updates and Reminders

### SEPTEMBER

Sept 30 **No School for Students - Professional Development Day**

### OCTOBER

Oct 1 10:00 AM 8th Grd Parent/Child Confirmation Mtg  
9:00 AM 7th Grd Parent/Child Confirmation Mtg

Oct 3 ALL SCHOOL MASS, House Assignment Day  
Oct 4 Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM  
Oct 7 ALL School Rosary, Our Lady of the Rosary  
Oct 10 **NO SCHOOL** Columbus Day  
Oct 11-14 Mid-Trimester 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM  
**Oct 21 6:30 PM An October Party**  
Oct 28 11:30 DISMISSAL, Professional Development

*School Day Hours:*

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

## Parent Coffee with the Headmaster

When

Tuesday, Oct. 4th, 8am

Where

6422 Linway Terrace  
McLean, VA

More information

Please join us for the first "Coffee with the Headmaster" on Tuesday, October 4, after morning drop off at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Presberg will talk around 8:20 a.m.

RSVPs are appreciated however last minute attendees are always welcome.

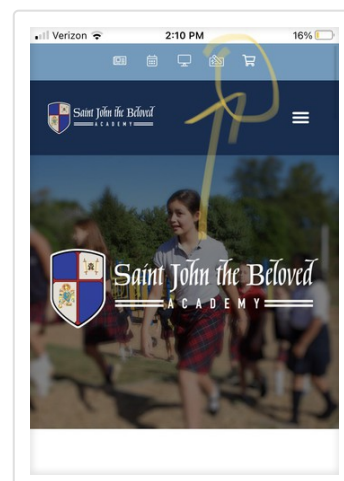
## St. John's Has a NEW School Spirit Store! Check it out!!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our NEW store, "School Spirit Apparel & Accessories" now live on our website!

This store will carry a number of items that feature our school name, logo, house shields, and much more. Keep an eye out for new merchandise in the coming months!

You can access the store via our website at

<https://stjohnacademy.org/shop/> or on your phone by clicking on the shopping cart linked



to the toolbar.

\*\*Please note the youth blue SJBA or gray SJBA sweatshirts available on the website can be worn during the school day as part of the uniform\*\*

Thank you in advance for supporting our school store!



## School Spirit Apparel & Accessories

### Volunteer Opportunities at SJBA

Whether it's helping with one of our community events, supporting one of our school fundraisers, assisting with our Admissions efforts, or showing appreciation for our teachers, there is a host of great ways to get involved throughout the school year! Please take a look at where you can contribute and contact Maricel Heeter at [mheeter@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:mheeter@stjohnacademy.org) if you have any questions or for more information.



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### Sacred Music At St. John the Beloved

#### Saint John Parish Choir

The Saint John Parish Choir is a mixed choir (soprano, alto, tenor and bass; SATB) of adults and older youth in grades 9 thru 12. The SJPC sings weekly for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and rehearses each Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. A basic knowledge of music and/or experience in choral singing is recommended, but not required.

## **Beloved Choir / Friday Mass Schola**

- The Beloved Choir is a choir of parish treble voices in grades 3 thru 8.
- The BC sings weekly for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. and Friday mornings from 9:20 – 9:50 a.m.
- The Friday Mass Schola is a choir of both school and parish treble voices in grades 3 thru 8. The FMS sings weekly for the 8:30 a.m. Friday Mass.
- Girl trebles rehearse Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.
- Boy trebles rehearse Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings (same time).

## **Saint Gregory Choir**

The Saint Gregory Choir is a mixed choir of professional and semi-professional singers. The SGC sings weekly for the 12:00 Sunday Mass and rehearses each Thursday from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. An audition is required.

## **Organ and Instrumentalists**

According to Vatican II, “the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendor to the Church’s ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man’s mind to God and to higher things.” (Sacrosanctum Concilium) Those who play a string, woodwind, or brass instrument are invited to participate during solemnities such as Christmas and Easter.

## **Sacred Music Apprenticeship Program**

The Sacred Music Apprenticeship Program provides musical and liturgical education students who wish to serve at Mass through their music. The apprenticeship offers two tracks: cantor and organist. In both tracks, students receive regular formal instruction in the theology, history, music and planning of the liturgy as well as practical experience assisting at the liturgy. Graduates of the Apprenticeship will understand their spiritual and practical role in the liturgy, have the knowledge to plan and lead music for the liturgy, and be well-poised to continue further instruction if they so wish.

**Director of Music: David Lang - [dlang@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:dlang@stjohncatholicmclean.org) (Please send responses to this address.)**

**Saint John Parish Choir Director: Emily de Sa; Saint Gregory Choir Directors: David Lang and Richard Rice**

**Beloved Choir Director: Dawn Kuker; Friday Mass Schola Choir Director: David Lang**

**Saint John Academy Choir Director: Dawn Kuker**

**Parish Organists: Daniel Carroll and Gabriel Galdo**

**Parish Cantors: Linda Sill, Stephen White, Miranda Smith**



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## 30th International Week of Prayer and Fasting

**The 30th Annual International Week of Prayer and Fasting Conference (IWOPF)** will begin on October 1, 2022 and will culminate with the National Rosary Rally at the steps of the nation's capital on October 9, 2022. The IWOPF is a grassroots movement that has received Apostolic Blessings from St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis.

Opening the International Day of Prayer will be a Live Event at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on October 1 at 1:00 p.m. This will be followed by a Virtual Conference held online on October 3-5 with numerous speakers including priests and lay leaders. Please see the attached flyers or visit their website at [www.IWOPF.org](http://www.IWOPF.org) if you are interested in more information.

**The Rosary Prayer Rally** will assemble at St. Peter's on Capitol Hill starting at 1:30 pm on October 9th, followed by the National Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. The National Rosary Rally will commence at 2:45 pm with nationally renowned speakers including Bishop Joseph Coffey, Sr. Deirdre Byrne, Msgr. Charles Pope, Fr. Stephen Imbarrato, Fr. Richard Heilman, Doug Barry, and David Carollo. For more information on the National Rosary Rally, visit [www.rosarycoasttocoast.com/national-rosary-rally](http://www.rosarycoasttocoast.com/national-rosary-rally).



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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. 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.



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*Pictured above: Summer Landscape. Aleksey Savrasov. 1860.*

