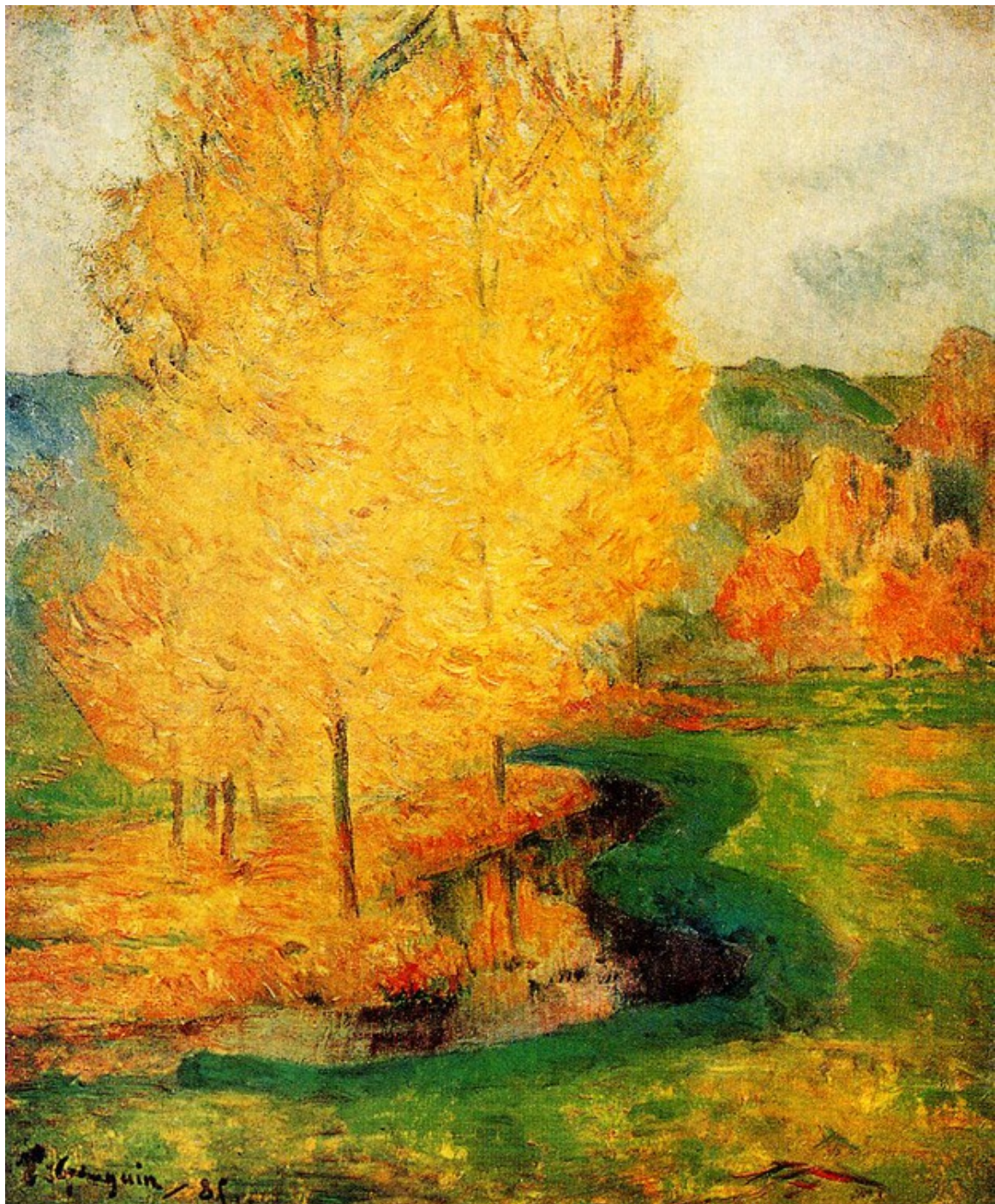


A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Wednesday, October 26

Calendar Updates and Reminders

OCTOBER

Oct 28 11:30 DISMISSAL, Professional Development

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 Coffee w/Headmaster 8:00 AM, All SCHOOL MASS, All Saints, HOUSE DAY, 4:30 PM Fall Family Picnic/Tail Gate

Nov 2 3rd grade Saints Presentation

Nov 3 Yearbook Picture Day!

Nov 11 10:00 AM Veterans Day Assembly

Nov 15 SJBA OPEN HOUSE 9:30 AM

Nov 22 End of 1st Trimester 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Nov 23-27 Thanksgiving Break

Nov 28 Classes Resume

SAVE THE DATE:

***** The school Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, DECEMBER 20 *****

School Day Hours:

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

Please note: The Mass schedule at St. John the Beloved Parish has changed as of Oct. 1.

Daily Mass is now at 8:30 AM Monday-Saturday.

Parent Coffee with the Headmaster

When

Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 8am

Where

6422 Linway Terrace
McLean, VA

VIRTUS Training to be held at SJBA!

The Diocese of Arlington, through the Office of Child Protection (OPCYP), developed a program to ensure that anyone who might come in contact with your child/children is considered safe. Saint John the Beloved Academy, as a part of the Arlington Diocese, requests that any parent volunteer who will be in contact with students (i.e. field trip chaperone, driver, classroom volunteer), complete all the necessary requirements to be compliant with the Office of Child Protection.

The two primary requirements include:

1. completing the online **Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OPCYP) application and background check** (which takes about 5-15 minutes), and
2. a **Virtus Protecting God's Children safe environment training**, within 45 days of submitting the above online application. We are looking into ways to facilitate the Virtus training, including offering a VIRTUS session on campus. Instructions for both of these programs are attached to this email

St. John's is hosting a Virtus training on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 6:00 PM. Spaces fill up quickly, so registrar as soon as possible at:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18408

Kindly contact Mrs. Gracia Escudero who is our OPCYP Liaison Officer at our front office with any questions or concerns.

VIRTUS Training Registration

The Great (Hallowed) Turkey Auction...Raffle Too!

Our Annual Turkey Auction is here! This year we again include a raffle and have added a number of great Auction Items. Take a look, buy your tickets, and prepare to bid on the auction—a fine way to prepare for Thanksgiving and benefit SJBA!

The Raffle Prizes will be drawn at 8:00 p.m. on the Feast of All Saints at our Tailgate Party.

1 ticket for \$30 or 3 for \$75!

The Raffle will be drawn at 8 p.m. on the Feast of All Saints (November 1st)!

The Great (Hallowed) Turkey Auction to benefit St. John the Beloved Academy! The Auction will be open for bidding during the following days and hours:

Auction Hours:

Saturday, October 29, 6 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Monday, October 31, 6 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Tuesday, November 1, 12 p.m. – 9 p.m.

To place a bid, please create a user account by clicking the button below and completing the form, including your credit card information.

Once this is done, you can choose an item to bid on below. After you have placed your bid, you will receive an email confirmation. If you are out bid, you will receive an email asking if you would like to increase your bid. The highest bidder wins the auction. Bid increments are \$50. Items with a "Buy Now" can be purchased immediately.

Auction and raffle "tickets" will be coming home via your student's homeroom folder in the next week. Please feel free to share them with neighbors, friends and family!

Thank you for supporting our school auction and happy bidding!

The Raffle!

The Auction

Veterans Day Celebration and Slideshow

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served our nation in the armed forces. At St. John's, we will be celebrating Veterans Day on Friday, November 11, with a school assembly and slideshow at 10:00 a.m. to honor the Veterans in our community. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

If you have a Veteran in your family and you would like for us to include them in our school slideshow, please email a picture of them along with their name and rank to Christine White at cwhite@stjohnacademy.org by Tuesday, November 8.

Halloween and House Day Information

We will be celebrating Halloween at school on Monday, October 31. Students are welcome to come dressed in a costume. Please keep in mind costumes should be in the spirit of the celebration. Costumes should encourage imagination and whimsy, be appropriate for a Catholic school, and for recess and PE activities.

Tuesday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints and is a House Day! Students are encouraged to wear their house shirts this day (t-shirts will be distributed by Friday, October 28).

The day will include an all-school Mass and competitions between the houses.

Yearbook Picture Day is Thursday, November 3!

Yearbook portraits for all students will be on Thursday, November 3, in Eagle Hall.

Students in grades K-8 should wear their school uniform that day.

Preschool and Pre-K students who do not attend school on Thursday are invited to come to the school to have their picture taken, time TBA. Our retake date is Thursday, December 15.

If you have questions or concerns, please email Christine White at, cwhite@stjohnacademy.org.

From Inclusion to Belonging Conference

The Arlington Diocese is holding the *From Inclusion to Belonging* half-day conference on Saturday, November 5, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Bishop O'Connell High School.

Come learn about how to increase meaningful inclusive experiences for individuals with disabilities in the life of the church and connect with others interested in doing the same.

Registration information can be found here:

<https://www.bishopoconnell.org/academics/expanded-services/from-inclusion-to-belonging>.

Optional Music Classes

Optional Friday music lessons will include 7 weeks of guitar for grades 4 - 8 for \$150, Violin, for grades 1-8 for \$150, and 6 weeks of piano for grades 1 - 8 for \$175. Lessons will begin Friday, October 21 and conclude on Friday, December 16.

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.

Music Classes

Join us for the Fall Tailgate!

Please join us next **Tuesday, November 1st, from 4:30 to 7:00pm** for the SJBA Fall Tailgate! Wear your house colors and help us cap off House Day festivities in style as we celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls.

Activities: Join us for fun and fellowship outdoors near the playground. Bring a picnic blanket or chairs, football or other games, or musical instruments. We'll also be showing *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*, projected outdoors starting around 6:15 p.m.

Food: Bring a picnic dinner or order specialty pizzas from Lost Dog Cafe in McLean that will be delivered to campus. Beverages are BYOB. If you are interested in ordering pizza, please [place your order here](#). Large pizzas will be available by the pie (rather than by the slice). Available options are detailed in the [pizza order spreadsheet](#). Please place your order and [Paypal or Venmo](#) Renee Sewall for the order by Saturday, October 29th.

Treats / All Souls: We will have "soul cakes" in recognition of the All Souls Day feast the following day (see below for details on the story behind soul cakes). We need volunteers to bake "soul cakes" for each House. (They can really be cupcakes or any other baked treat.) If you are willing, please [sign up here](#). We will also have a notebook at the treat table to write down the names of any loved ones who have passed away and for whom you would like the SJBA community to pray. We will pray for those souls at the next All School Mass after the event.

(In light of having "soul cakes" as a treat at the event, please resist the temptation to bring any Halloween candy. The wrappers have created quite a chore for the clean up team in past years.)

Finally, if you're willing to help before or during the Fall Tailgate, please email Renee Sewall (renee.sewall@gmail.com) or [sign up here](#). We look forward to seeing you on November 1st!

PLEASE NOTE: SINCE THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT, WE WILL NEED TO RESCHEDULE IF THE WEATHER DOES NOT COOPERATE FOR NEXT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lost and Found

There are several sweaters, coats, sweatshirts, and water bottles that have accumulated in the lost and found. Beginning this week, we will have all lost and found items on display at Friday pick up. If your child is missing an item, please check the lost and found on or before Friday afternoon.

Please remember to make sure that all of your student's personal items, including clothing, water bottles, and other important items are labeled clearly with their name for ease of identification.

Lastly, we have several gently used items in the St. John's uniform closet in Eagle Hall. This is a free used uniform exchange for all students. Parents can stop by to grab any items they may need.



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Pictured above: By the Stream, Autumn. Paul Gauguin. 1885.

