

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Thursday, December 1

Calendar Updates and Reminders

DECEMBER

Dec 1 HSPT for 8th Grade

Dec 6 Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM

****Dec 7 Christmas Caroling 4:30 - 6:00 PM (Adults only event) ** Added to calendar**

Dec 5-9 We Care About Catholic Charities Week 1st Trimester P/T Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM
(*please connect with your homeroom teacher if you need another conference date/time*)

Dec 8 ALL SCHOOL MASS, The Immaculate Conception

Dec 14 Drama club production of C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* 3:30 PM

****Dec 14 Christmas Caroling, 5:00-6:00 PM for families in the Courtyard** Added to calendar**

Dec 15 Yearbook Picture Retakes

****Dec 16 A Special Jazz Event with "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas"*** Added to calendar**

Dec 20 Christmas Concert (Please see information below)

- 8:30-8:50 AM Preschool & PreK will combine to sing a variety of Christmas songs
- 4:00-4:30 PM Kindergarten-2nd grades
- 4:30-4:45 PM Intermission with instrumental/carolers
- 4:45-5:45 PM Grades 3-8, Choir and Advanced Choir performance with 8th grade skit and 4th grade nativity

****Dec 21 11:30 AM DISMISSAL** Change to Calendar**

Dec 22-Jan 6 – Christmas Break

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.

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Volunteers Needed to Help with Christmas Trees!

Christmas Tree Sales is a 14 year tradition at St. John the Beloved. Besides providing great trees to our families and parishioners, we are an outreach to our neighbors who look forward to visiting us each year and buying their trees and wreaths here. We are also a connection to families, visiting to buy a tree, who have young children and might not know about our great school. Our volunteers help spread the word and joy of Christmas to these families. In short, the community loves buying their trees from St. John the Beloved Academy!

Volunteers are needed to help sell and load trees. **Our trees are so popular, we have sold out within the first few weeks of sales the last few years!**

Come join us to keep this tradition going strong and tell your neighbors to buy their tree here and support our great school.

Questions? Please reach out to Mitch Herbert or James Joyner for more information.

2022 Week One Volunteer Signup Genius

Catholic Charities "We Care Week" Begins December 4

"We Care Week" is a collaboration between the Office of Catholic Schools and Catholic Charities, specifically the Catholic Charities Ball. We Care Week was initiated by Ball volunteers to help educators and parents teach students about the needs of the poor in our diocese. It is a wonderful opportunity to emphasize the importance of charitable service to the poor in living out our Catholic faith.

In the spirit of Saint Nicholas, St. John's will be participating in "We Care Week" with a jean dress out day for students on **Tuesday, December 6**. With a donation to Catholic Charities of \$3.00 per student or \$5.00 per family (or any amount of your choice), students can dress in their house colors, or Christmas colors with jeans.

All proceeds will go to Catholic Charities in the diocese of Arlington. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

For more information, you can visit their website at: <https://www.cdda.net/about-us/our-programs/>.

Session 3 Clubs

Session #3 clubs begin **this week** and end on January 19th. Club registration is now open! The registration process is set up by student. Families with multiple students will need to complete one form and payment per child.

Clubs are open to all current students in grades K-8. Please note that some of our clubs have a maximum number of students that can be accepted. Clubs are available on all regular school days Monday - Thursday from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Students who are registered for a session #3 club may attend supervised open playground this week, Monday, November 28 - Friday, December 2, on the day(s) of their respective club. The formal session will begin on Monday, December 5th.

Please remember that there is a 15-minute pick up window from 4:00-4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 3:30-3:45 p.m. on Friday.

For general information regarding clubs, please contact Cristina Crowley at clubs@stjohnacademy.org.

Sign Up For Session 3 Clubs Here!

Calendar Change for Christmas Break

Every year the Bishop of the Diocese asks each of the Catholic schools of the diocese to declare a "Bishops Holiday" before Christmas break. This year, our holiday will be on **Thursday, December 22.**

Therefore, our last day of school before Christmas break will be **Wednesday, December 21 with a 11:30 AM dismissal.** Classes will resume on Monday, January 9.

Christmas Concert Information

All St. John's students will be participating in our Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 20. Performances will take place in the school gym. Please note the following program information:

8:30-8:50 AM Preschool & PreK will combine to sing a variety of Christmas songs

4:00-4:30 PM Kindergarten-2nd grades

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Admission and Financial Aid Information for the 2023-2024 School Year

We are now accepting applications for new students for the 2023-2024 school year!

If you have a child who will be applying for admission, we want to encourage you to apply early!

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

If you have any questions about the admission process or need any additional information, please contact Celina Schneider, our Admissions Director, by email at, cschneider@stjohnacademy.org. Thank you for choosing St. John the Beloved Academy!

The Admissions timeline for this year is as follows:

January 13

- Preschool applications due
- Kindergarten - 8th grade applications due

January 27

- Preschool & Pre-K admissions decisions will be communicated electronically beginning January 27

March 3

- Kindergarten - 8th grade decisions will be communicated beginning March 3

Financial Aid Information

- The 2023-2024 Diocesan Financial Aid application in FACTS will open on November 1, 2022.
- Assistance with tuition expenses is available for families in need of assistance. Please visit <https://online.factsmgt.com/Signin.aspx> 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
- A processing fee is required
- Families seeking aid for students in **BOTH ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL** should follow the high school submission deadline.

Due Date

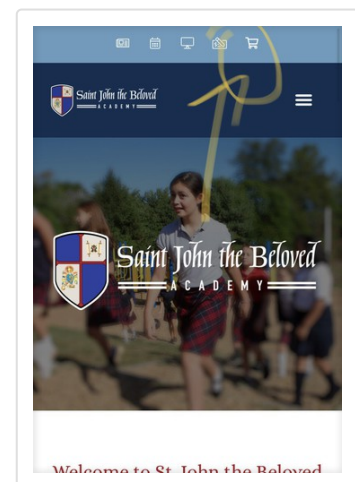
- Elementary School | **March 15, 2023** | *You will need 2022 W-2s and Tax Returns*

Spirit Store Announcement!

Sweatshirts are back in stock!

You can access the store via our website at <https://stjohnacademy.org/shop/> or on your phone by clicking on the shopping cart icon 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!

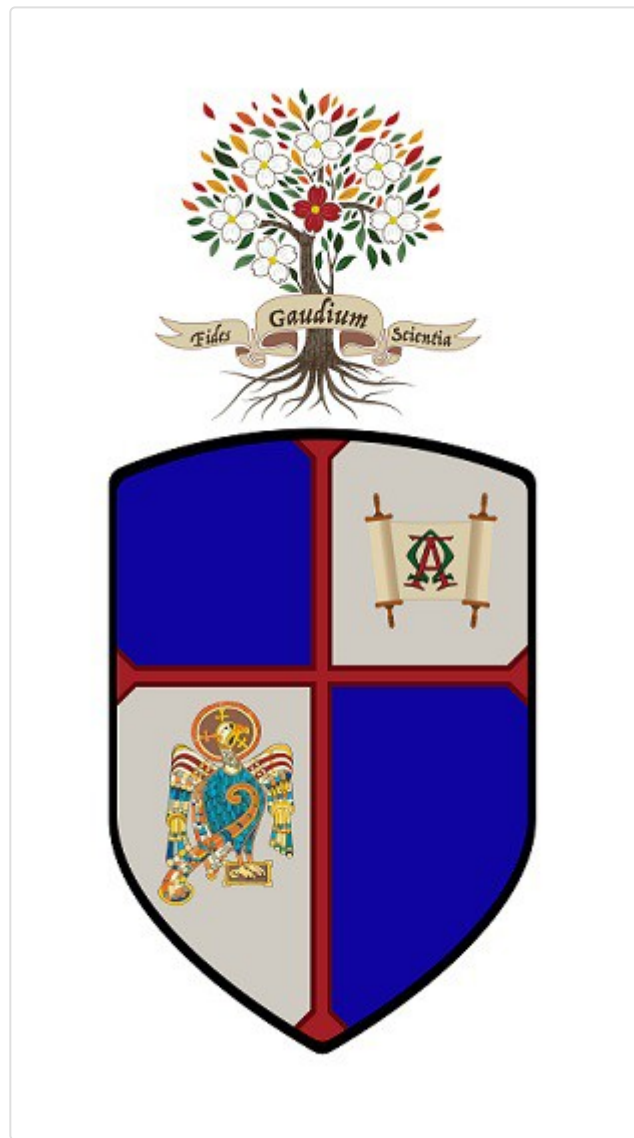


Lost and Found

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.



Donate to our Annual Fund!

Pictured above: The Louvre, Winter Sunshine, Morning. Camille Pissarro. 1900.