

# A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Wednesday, December 14

## Calendar Updates and Reminders

### DECEMBER

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. RSVP here:

<https://www.smores.com/9bc5j>

**\*\*Dec 15 Yearbook Picture Retakes 8:30-10:30 AM in Eagle Hall - Please see info. below**

Dec 16 A Special Jazz Event with "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" at 6:15 PM. RSVP here: <https://www.smore.com/58a0k>.

Dec 20 Christmas Concert

- 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

## JANUARY

Jan 9 Classes Resume

Jan 9-23 Re-registration for currently enrolled students in Preschool-7th Grade

**Jan 13** Admissions application deadline for *NEW* students applying for Preschool-8th Grade for the 2023-2024 academic year

Jan 14 10 AM First Penance Parent/Child Retreat 10AM

Jan 16 NO SCHOOL Dr. MLK Day

Jan 20 11:30 AM DISMISSAL, March for Life

Jan 29-Feb4 Catholic Schools Week

*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.*

# Saint John the Beloved Academy

## Winter Weather Reminder

Just a reminder that Saint John the Beloved Academy follows Fairfax County public schools for weather related school 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. Thank you!

## Yearbook Picture Retake Day is December 15!

Just a friendly reminder that the retake date for yearbook portraits is this Thursday, December 15, from 8:30-10:30 AM in Eagle Hall.

- **Students who missed** the November 3 yearbook picture day OR **students who would like to retake their photo** can stop by Eagle Hall during their designated class time, or anytime between 8:30-10:30 AM.

8:30-8:40 am Preschool/PreK

8:40-8:50 am Kindergarten

8:50-9:00 am 1st Grade

9:00-9:10 am 2nd Grade

9:10-9:20 am 3rd Grade

9:20-9:30 am 4th Grade

9:30-9:40 am 5th Grade

9:40-9:50 am 6th Grade

9:50-10:00 am 7th Grade

10:00-10:10 am 8th Grade

10:10-10:30 am All remaining faculty, staff, students

- Please remember that all K-8 Students should dress in their school uniform. Any sweatshirts, sweaters or coats will be asked to be removed before being photographed (including the SJBA sweatshirt).
- Preschool and Pre-K student attendance varies, so students who do not attend class on Thursday and would like their picture taken, are invited to come to the school preferably between 8:30-10:30 AM.

Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase photos via Lifetouch photography.

If you have questions or concerns, please email Christine White at, [cwhite@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:cwhite@stjohnacademy.org).

## First Trimester Report Cards

First trimester report cards and MAP® Growth™ test results were sent home with all students in grades K-8 last week.

Please note the diocese has replaced scantron testing with MAP® Growth™ achievement tests in grades three through seven. Students will be tested three times during the school year in the fall, winter, and spring and a cumulative report will be mailed home at the end of the year with final report cards. These results can be kept at home. Report cards should be signed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher.

If you have any questions about these reports, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

## 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.

## Lunch Options for the New Year!

### Chick-fil-A Orders - Wednesday

Chick-fil-A orders can now be placed for 2023! This order will run for **21 Wednesdays starting on January 11 and ending on June 7.**

Orders are due by Sunday, January 8 and payment should be submitted by Monday, January 9. Please make checks payable to St. John the Beloved Academy and the memo line should indicate Chick-fil-A Lunch Program with your child's name(s).

#### **CFA Order Form:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQbFH0M3zgl8Fyg5EpiTKnF8QEoFoAVX5x1hNk1HdmkKEz3A/viewform?usp=sharing>

We will also need to volunteers to help sort and distribute orders, so please see link below if you are able to volunteer.

#### **Volunteer Schedule:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RA8cetOJDkyDUd2dv2xeAzgfDI3T\\_96xaj0yUfwW1oA/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RA8cetOJDkyDUd2dv2xeAzgfDI3T_96xaj0yUfwW1oA/edit?usp=drivesdk)

Please direct any questions to Glenn Paik [glennpaik@gmail.com](mailto:glennpaik@gmail.com).

### Good Gracious Catering - Tuesday & Thursday

The Good Gracious Catering Company is offering the option to order student lunches on Tuesday and Thursday for the months of **January, February and the first Thursday of March.**

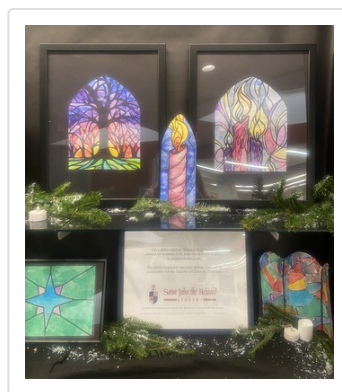
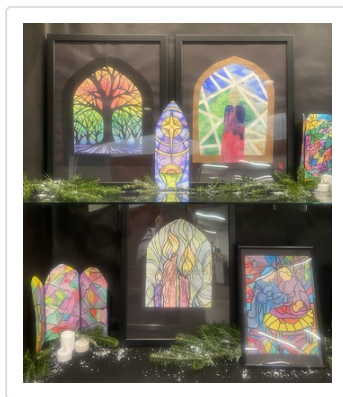
All orders need to be turned in on Friday, December 16, along with a check or cash for your student(s) total order.

Please see the attached form for a detailed menu and more information.



## Student Artwork on Display at the Pimmit Hills Library

Student artwork is on display at the Pimmit Hills Library through the end of December. The exhibit is entitled, "stained glass" and features images from students in preschool-8th grade. The pieces displayed represent Advent and the season of preparation for the Nativity of Christ at Christmas.



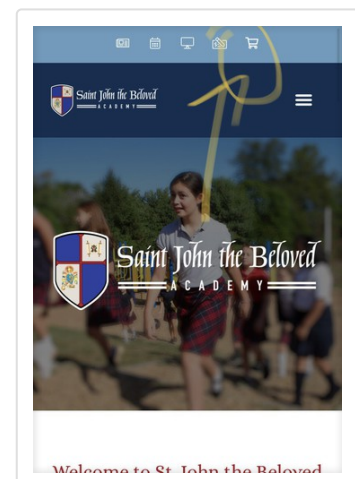
## New Spirit Store Inventory Alert- Just in time for Christmas!

**2022 House Shirts are NOW available for Purchase!**

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!





## 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](mailto: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, 2023

- 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*

## 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: Booksellers Notre Dame, Winter. Antoine Blanchard.*