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# A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Wednesday, January 25

## Calendar Updates and Reminders

### JANUARY

Jan 29-Feb4 Catholic Schools Week

Jan 31 6th / 7th basketball game vs. GDS B, 3:00 PM @ SJBA

### FEBRUARY

Feb 3 Varsity basketball game vs. Heights 8th, 2:45PM @ The Heights

Feb 6 6th / 7th basketball game vs. Heights 6th, 2:45PM @ The Heights

Feb 7 Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM

Feb 9 Varsity basketball game vs. GDS A, 3:00PM @ SJBA

Feb 6-10 Mid-Trimester 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM

**\*\*Feb 11 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat for Boys and Girls 8AM-3 PM\*\***

Feb 17 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Feb 20 NO SCHOOL- President's Day

Feb 22 ASH Wednesday, All SCHOOL MASS

**\*\*Feb 23 8th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00 PM\*\* Date change**

Feb 27 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM

*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.*

## Catholic Schools Week Activities!

Saint John the Beloved Academy will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration celebrating Catholic education, with a variety of activities and events from January 29-February 3. **Please note that students are asked to bring in a school supply item on Thursday, February 2, to be used toward packing backpacks for Catholic Charities Refugee Services.**



**Monday, January 30: Mad Hatter and Crazy Socks Day**, students are encouraged to wear a hat and/or crazy socks of their choice to celebrate the "foolish" wisdom, community, and joy of Christianity and wondrous gift of the sacraments.

**Tuesday, January 31: Wit and Whimsy Day**, students are encouraged to dress up as any Dr. Seuss, Fairy Tale, Charlie Brown or pre-approved character to dress up as. Students will also have a quote, passage or line from a book that their character uses. We celebrate the eternal

foundation of being loved children of God and of enhancing our capacities for wit, insight and good humor.

**Wednesday, February 1: House Day Spark**, in the spirit of community and friendship. Storytelling and story writing competitions will kick off in the classrooms grades 6-8. Students will work on these projects throughout February preparing for our School House Day competition. Students in grades K-5 will read aloud a Saint book and retell the story of a beloved saint.

**Thursday, February 2:** SJBA celebrates the Love of Friendship and the special friendship of St. John the Beloved and Our Lord, with an emphasis on hearing the personal call to holiness and discovering our vocation. We will have a dress out day. Students will wear their House Day shirts, jeans or nice pants. **Students will bring a school supply to be used toward packing backpacks for Catholic Charities Refugee services.** All homerooms will recite a decade of the Rosary, praying for our Diocese as part of the Golden Jubilee Events.

**Friday, February 3:** Catholic Trivia in the classrooms. Students will have fun and be challenged to answer Catholic trivia questions. Students in grades K-4 will play a "Know your Catholic Bingo" game. Students in grades 5-8 will work in teams or individually on puzzles that enhance their knowledge and understanding of our faith.

## Session #4 Clubs

### Sign Up for Session #4 Clubs

Session #4 begins on January 23rd and ends on March 8th. 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.

For general information regarding clubs, please contact Cristina Crowley at [clubs@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:clubs@stjohnacademy.org).

### 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!

## Scan Your Box Tops for SJBA!

St. John's is now connected to Box Tops for Education! For over 25 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn money for their school with products they already buy!

Additionally, Box Tops is digital, this means it is even easier to earn money for St. John the Beloved Academy while you do your regular grocery shopping. It only takes a few easy steps:

1. Download the Box Tops app
2. Create an account linking it to St. John the Beloved Academy with the **School ID of 123535**.
3. Scan any physical receipts or email your digital receipts within 14 days of your purchase.

Anyone can participate so please pass the information on to any friends or extended family members who might be interested in helping!

For questions or more information, please email Kristen Zacha at [kristen.kennedy.87@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.kennedy.87@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for supporting our school!



Box Tops for Education Overview

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## The Spring Dream Garden Party is May 19!

Mark your calendars! All parents and friends of SJBA are invited to join us on Friday, May 19 for the Spring Dream Garden Party!

Volunteers are needed to help with this wonderful event. Please contact Maricel Heeter at [mheeter@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:mheeter@stjohnacademy.org) for more information.

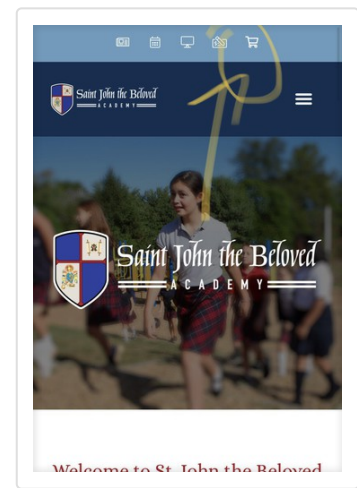
## Spirit Store Announcement!

**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**

Deadline for applications



- 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

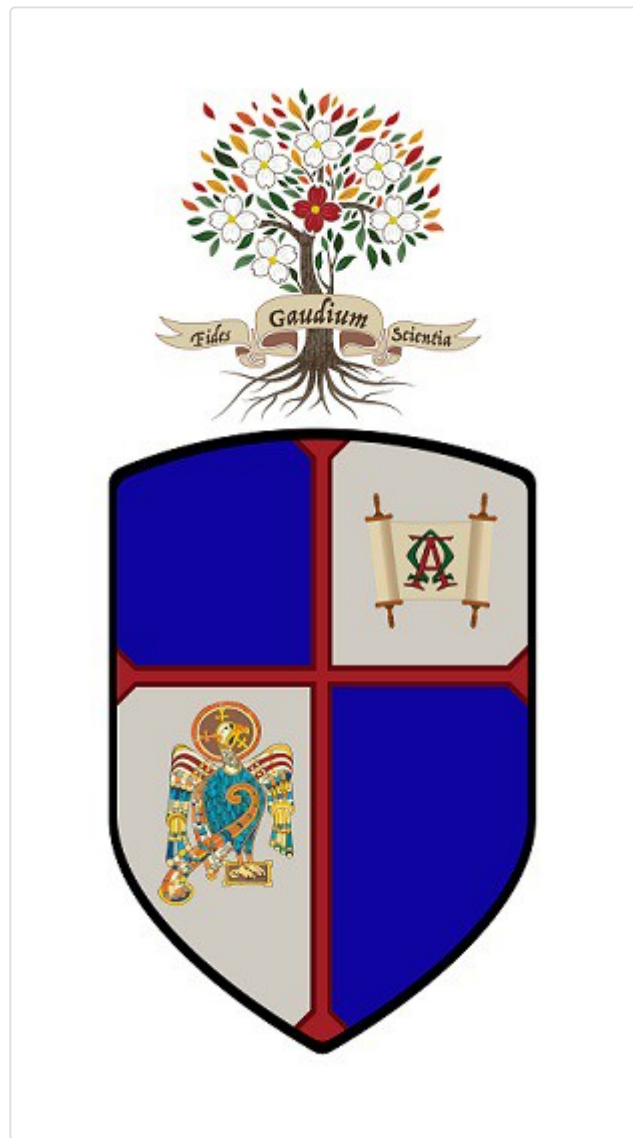
- Elementary School | **March 15, 2023** | *You will need 2022 W-2s and Tax Returns*

## 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: Umbrellas. Pierre-Auguste Renoir. 1886.*