

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Thursday, December 12, 2024

Calendar Updates and Reminders

DECEMBER

Dec. 12-15 [Last Week of the Christmas Tree Sale!](#)

Dec 9-13 1st Trimester P/T Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM

Dec 18 [Christmas Concert 4:00 PM](#)

Dec 20 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Dec 23-Jan 7 – Christmas Break

JANUARY

Jan 8 Classes resume

Jan 20 NO SCHOOL, Dr. MLK Jr. Holiday

Jan 24 11:30 AM DISMISSAL, March for Life

Jan 25 First Penance Parent/Child Retreat 10 AM-12 PM

Jan 26-Feb 1 Catholic Schools Week

School Day Hours:

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

ALL SCHOOL MASS - 10:30 AM unless otherwise noted

A few additions have been made to our school calendar. Please see the attached calendar.

Sync the SJBA parent calendar with your family calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?>

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School Calendar 2024-2025 10-10.pdf

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Trimester 1 Report Cards Going Home This Week

First trimester report cards and MAP® Growth™ test results will be sent home with all students in grades K-8 this 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.

Introducing a New Member of Our Team!

After a few unexpected delays, we are pleased to welcome and introduce our new security guard, Randy Krape to the St. John the Beloved Academy community!

Randy will be at the school from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. During this first week, he was introduced to all of the students and visited each of their classrooms.

Randy is excited to join our school team and is looking forward to getting to know our wonderful school community in the weeks and months ahead.

Christmas Break is December 23-January 7

Just a friendly reminder that our last day of school before Christmas break is Friday, December 20 and there is an 11:30 AM dismissal for all students.

Fr. Pollard has given the school a "Pastor Holiday" on Tuesday, January 7 so that families can celebrate the full 12 days of Christmas and the High Feast of the Epiphany. **Therefore, classes will resume on Wednesday, January 8.**

Support the SJBA Christmas Tree Sale!

We need volunteers to help us sell Christmas trees for this final week. We have had record sales the past two weekends and expect to sell out this weekend! Our Christmas trees are best in town and people love buying them from our school. Please take a look at the sign up genius and help at the lot for any amount of time that you can this week.

Here's How You Can Help!

1. Volunteer to Work at the Christmas Tree Lot - Please consider volunteering at least 1 hour this week to help us fill all the slots.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49ABAC2DA6FF2-52745233-2024>

2. Spread the Word! Tell your friends and neighbors about our Christmas tree sale and encourage them to get their tree this week. We are almost out of inventory!

Thank you for your support!



The poster features the school's crest and name at the top. Below is the title 'Christmas Tree Sale' in a decorative font. It lists the sales schedule: Wednesday-Friday 4 pm - 7 pm and Saturday-Sunday 10 am - 7 pm, with a note that cash and credit cards are accepted. A paragraph encourages community support for the school. The location is St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101, with the website www.stjohnacademy.org. A list of items for sale includes Fresh Cut Fraser Fir (5 ft to 11 ft), Wreaths starting at \$22, and Garland (White Pine or Fraser Fir). A 'Merry Christmas' wreath and a decorated Christmas tree with gifts are also shown, along with the slogan 'The quality is amazing!'.

Saint John the Beloved Academy
Christmas Tree Sale
Sales Begin November 30!
Wednesday-Friday: 4 pm – 7 pm
Saturday-Sunday: 10 am – 7 pm
Cash and Credit Card Accepted

Come to St. John the Beloved for this year's fresh cut trees, garland and wreaths. Don't miss this opportunity to support St. John the Beloved Academy and have the best tree, wreath and garland in the community!

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church
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www.stjohnacademy.org

Fresh Cut Fraser Fir – 5 ft to 11 ft
Wreaths starting at \$22
Garland (White Pine or Fraser Fir)

Merry Christmas
The quality is amazing!

Christmas Tree Lot Volunteers

Admission Information for the 2025-2026 School Year

We are now accepting applications for new students for the 2025-2026 school year! If you have a sibling who will be applying for admission, we want to encourage you to apply early! The application deadline for Preschool - 8th grade is January 13, 2025.

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

Thank you again for your support and for choosing St. John the Beloved Academy!

Parent-Student Handbook

The Parent-Student Handbook for the 2024-2025 school year is now available on our website.

Please read through the Handbook and complete the electronic signature form at your earliest convenience.

2024-2025 SJBA Parent-Student Handbook

Shop our School Spirit Store!

Visit our online store to view the latest SJBA apparel and accessories! 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 SJBA sweatshirts available on the website can be worn during the school day as part of the uniform for grades K-8. Additionally, the SJBA golf polo can be worn by 8th graders as part of the uniform.****

Thank you in advance for supporting our school store!



Welcome to St. John the Beloved



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. Monica Stilson in the attendance office: attendance@stjohnacademy.org and copy Mrs. Gracia Escudero in the front office: 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.

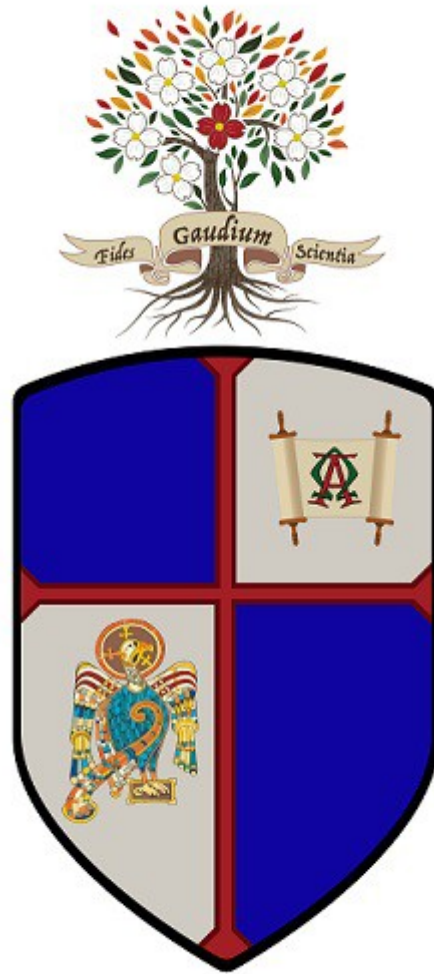
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Saint John the Beloved Academy

Saint John the Beloved Academy was founded in 1954 to offer quality Catholic education to parish children. Saint John the Beloved Academy continues to provide children in preschool through eighth grade with a Catholic liberal arts education rooted in rich tradition of academic excellence and spiritual formation, captured by the school's motto, "*Fides, Scientia, et Gaudium.*" By Faith, children are led beyond themselves to entrust their formation to God. By forming the entire child, we impart the Knowledge for both intellectual and spiritual growth. The Mission of Saint John the Beloved Academy is manifested in genuine Christian Joy—rooted in the Sacraments, self-sacrifice, charity, and service to others.

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



Christine White

