

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Thursday, January 15, 2025

Calendar Updates and Reminders

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

Feb 4 Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM

Feb 3-7 Mid-Trimester 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM

Feb 7 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Feb 7 [BIG BAND Auction at 7:00 PM](#)

Feb 17 NO SCHOOL- President's Day

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 12-16.pdf

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Calendar Reminder - Regular Dismissal on Friday, January 17, 2025

Just a friendly reminder that this **Friday, January 17, is a regular day of school with a 2:25 p.m. dismissal.** Private music lessons and after-school clubs will take place as scheduled.

Friday, January 24, 2025, is an 11:30 a.m. dismissal to enable our students, faculty and staff to attend the March for Life.

Winter Weather Reminder

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 for the latest updates during these winter months.

Big Band Auction

Tickets are now available for our Big Band Auction fundraiser on Friday, February 7!

This elegant black tie evening will feature a large "Big Band" jazz ensemble, specialty cocktails, heavy appetizers, and an online auction. Proceeds from this event directly benefit staff development.

Sponsorships and tickets can be purchased at the link below.



Big Band Auction Sponsorship & Ticket Information

Choir Information for 2024-2025

St. John the Beloved Academy offers several choir opportunities for girls and boys in grades 3-8. Choristers will learn basic musicianship, proper vocal technique, sight-singing and ear training, music theory, and how to sing in an ensemble. Rehearsals take place in the Music Room. No audition is required; only a love of singing and willingness to learn!

Students may sign up for more than choir for the remainder of the year. Please fill out one form per student and check all choirs that they would like to participate in. Please email completed forms and any questions to Director David Lang at, dlang@stjohncatholicmclean.org.



Choir form 2024-2025.pdf

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Lunch Options for the New Year!

Vignola Gourmet - Tuesday & Thursday

St. John's is pleased to announce that hot lunch will continue to be available every Tuesday and Thursday with [Vignola Gourmet](#) for the remainder of the year.

Orders and payments can be placed through Vignola on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. There are several menu items to choose from every day. The cost is \$7.25 per lunch. *(There is a one-time \$10 maintenance fee for each user through Vignola.)*

Please follow the instructions in the welcome letter linked [here](#) to register.

Please note that pricing for round 1 and 2 of Chick-fil-A orders mistakenly included the Wednesday of Easter break. If you have not already received a small refund, you will be receiving a refund from Marie Shepard via Zelle or Venmo in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions about your refund, please email Marie at, shepardkm@gmail.com.

Last Chance to Order Chick-fil-A!

If you would like to sign for the Chick-fil-A lunch program for the remainder of the year starting on January 22, **please fill out the updated order form and send your payment via Zelle or Venmo by Monday, January 20.**

Please fill out the order form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYf8cHxQ72Hvb6uTAWX4U2RPDVpEAVnUqTfll4osFW5-y-xQ/viewform?usp=sharing>

*For multiple children, please submit one form per child.

We accept Zelle (shepardkm@gmail.com, Katherine Shepard) or Venmo (@andymarie-shepard). If payment is sent via Venmo, please make sure "purchase protection" is toggled off to avoid fees being charged. Please send your payment via Zelle or Venmo by **Monday, January 20.**

Volunteers are needed to help distribute lunches to classrooms. Please see the link below and sign up if you can help.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_F_Tf0pW67QA1C_Tt70Ow8bdfi2VZhfdLbMr9kWqxVk/edit?usp=sharing

Please direct any questions to Glenn Paik at, glennpaik@gmail.com.

St. John's Student Artwork Chosen for Dulles Artwalk

The Dulles Airport Youth Art Walk is an initiative of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority showcasing artwork created by student artists from Fairfax County public and private schools.

As a collaborator in this initiative, the McLean Project for the Arts submits pieces from the MPA Children's Artwalk to be featured in the Dulles Airport Youth Art Walk at Dulles International Airport.

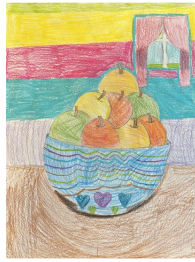
We are very proud to announce that two of the art pieces submitted by The McLean Project for the Arts were made by St. John's students Elena Bennett (6th) and Teagan King (2nd).

The unveiling of the Dulles Airport Youth Art Walk will take place on Thursday, January 30 at the airport, with refreshments beginning at 5:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Details on the reception, and how to RSVP to the event, are provided in the attached invitation.

Congratulations to Elena and Teagan!



Artwork by Elena Bennett



Artwork by Teagan King



Invitation



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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. 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.

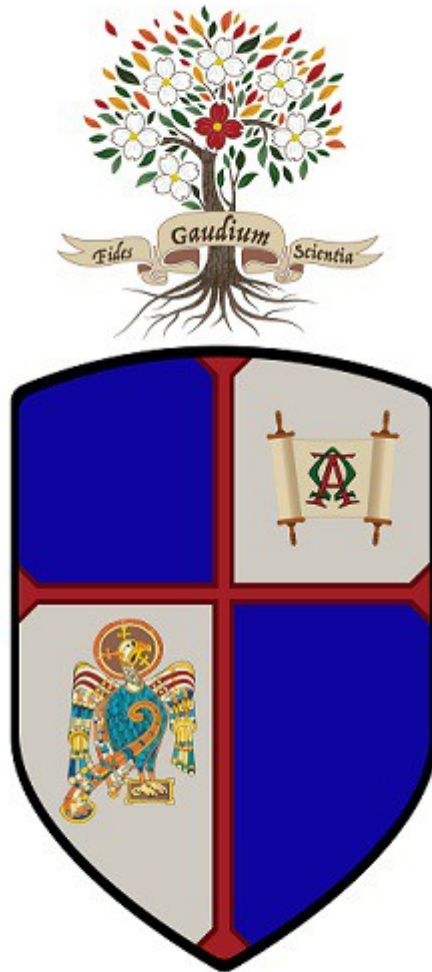
Quick Links

[After-School Clubs](#)

[Music Lessons](#)

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[Donate to our Annual Fund](#)



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.

Artwork: *Winter Landscape with Skaters and a Bird Trap*. Pieter Bruegel the Elder. 1565.



Christine White