

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Calendar Updates and Reminders

JANUARY

****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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Just a Reminder to Complete Your Re-Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year

Re-registration is the process for stating your intention for your student(s) to return to St. John and secure your spot on the roster for the upcoming academic year.

To re-register, parents must complete the online form and submit a non-refundable deposit by January 22 at <http://stjohnacademy.org/registration>. Re-registration fees are as follows:

- Kindergarten—8th Grade: \$275 per student
- Preschool: \$325 per student

Students who are registered are considered "enrolled" for the upcoming school year. Accurate enrollment numbers are important to help us determine our staffing and budget needs for the academic year.

Re-Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year

Early Dismissal on Friday, January 24

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

A Letter from the Superintendent of Schools

Please see the attached letter from Dr. Joseph Vorbach, Superintendent of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, about a cybersecurity incident that PowerSchool, our diocesan school database, recently experienced. Additional information will be forthcoming.



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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

Register for McLean Little League by January 22!

Come discover baseball or softball this spring and make friends from all over McLean and surrounding towns! Our beautiful private facility at 1836 Westmoreland Street is a social hub for families and buzzes with co-ed baseball and girls' softball into the night all spring. Roughly 1,200

children grow with us every year including children from Saint John the Beloved Academy! We have programs for boys born on or after 9/1/08 and girls born on or after 1/1/08, of all abilities and experience. We also have adaptive programs for children with special needs.

Any child enrolled at St. John can play at McLean Little League regardless of home address!

Please send us any questions at registration@mcleanll.com, and to register, visit us at mcleanll.com and click on REGISTER!

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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Catholic Schools Week 2025

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 27-31.

Monday, January 27: 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 28: Wit and Whimsy Day - Students are encouraged to dress up as any Dr. Seuss, Fairy Tale, Charlie Brown or pre-approved character. 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, January 29: 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, January 30: 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 down day! Students can wear their House t-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, January 31: 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.

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 SJBA sweatshirt is now available in ADULT SIZES and 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.

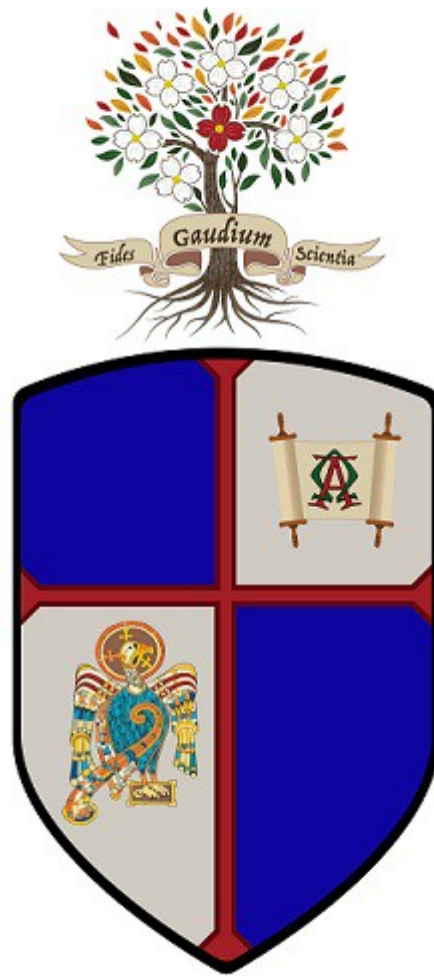
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Saint John the Beloved Academy

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.

Artwork: Vetheuil in Winter. Claude Monet. 1879



Christine White

