

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Calendar Updates and Reminders

APRIL

Apr 25-26 Mid-Trimester 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Apr 26 Jazz Night 7-10 PM

Apr 27 First Holy Communion Parent/Child Retreat & Rehearsal 10 AM – 12 PM

Apr 30 Spring Picture Day - please see below for more information

MAY

May 7 Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM

May 9 World Language Exam

May 10 Grandparents Day

May 11 First Holy Communion Mass at 11 AM

May 13 May Crowning with School Rosary

May 17 11:30 AM DISMISSAL, Prof. Development

May 17 SPRING DREAM at 7:00 PM

May 23 Evening with the Arts 6:30 PM

May 24 Last Day of School for Preschool & Pre-K

May 27 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

May 30 End of Year HOUSE DAY

May 31 Kindergarten Graduation 9:00 AM

May 31 ALL SCHOOL MASS 10:30 AM

May 31 8th Grade Graduation

School Day Hours:

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

Jazz Night - Friday, April 26

All parents and friends are invited to attend our April Jazz Night on Friday, April 26, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. outside in the courtyard! (weather permitting)

This is an adults only event. The cost is \$20 per person and feel free to bring a refreshment to share. Payments can be made here: <https://stjohnacademy.org/art-and-culture-events/>.

Please contact, Maricel Heeter, with any questions at mheeter@stjohnacademy.org.

Spring Dream Tickets & Information

Join Us at the Spring Dream!

The Spring Dream Garden Party is Friday, May 17, from 7:00 - 10 PM at St. John the Beloved Academy.

Join us for this incredible evening to both celebrate and raise funds for our school. Sponsorships and event tickets can be purchased



here: <https://stjohnacademy.org/spring-dream/>.

Volunteers are needed to help with this fun event. Please contact Maricel Heeter at mheeter@stjohnacademy.org for more information.

Spring Dream Raffle Tickets

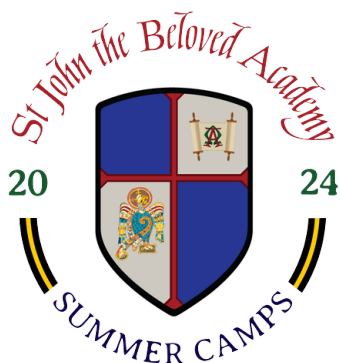
*Raffle closes May 17, 2024 at 10:00 pm. Winners need not be present to win.
Tickets are 1 for \$40 or 5 for \$150.*

Grandparents Day at SJBA

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents and/ or extended family members to "Grandparents Day" at St. John's on Friday, May 10. Our morning will begin at 9:15 am with refreshments. Grandparents and/or extended family members are welcome to attend Mass at 8:30 am.

To receive an invitation for this event, please register at:
<https://stjohnacademy.org/grandparents-day/>

Sign Up For Summer Camp at SJBA!



Summer Camps Highlight

SJBA will be offering summer camps on campus beginning June 10!

**Renaissance & Sports Camp | \$450 per camper | June 10-14 -
9am - 3:00pm
Rising 3rd - 8th Grade**

Campers will participate in a variety of interactive and engaging activities throughout the day. Throughout the day campers will move between two main stations of activities. They will work with Mrs. Lochmann on crafts, drawing, molding, storytelling, scavenger hunts, group bonding activities, baking, and other treat creation projects. Mr. O'Neill will lead a number of different sports games and tournaments including soccer, World Cup, street hockey, Knockout, kickball, Home Run Derby, football, and a variety of lawn games such as Bocce, Kubb, Cornhole, Ladder Toss, and Spikeball. Campers will kick off summer by experiencing well-rounded and exciting days filled with fun activities!

(Students should pack a snack, lunch, and a water bottle. They will have a lunch break at school from 12:00-12:30 pm, before their afternoon session from 12:30-3:30 pm)

Directors: Mrs. Lochmann and Mr. O'Neill



Additional camps offered this summer include:

- Historic Adventures of DC: Battlefields, Forts and Monuments
- Adventurers' Camp
- Kayak Camp
- Dangerous Boys Camp & Daring Girls Camp
- Tennis Camp
- National Park Junior Ranger Camp
- Volleyball Camp
- Day Trips and Explorations Camp

Please check our website for more information at: <https://stjohnacademy.org/summer-camp/>

Opening Week Schedule for 2024-2025

Plans are underway for the 2024-2025 school year. The opening week schedule is as follows:

AUGUST 2024

- **Aug 21** Ice Cream Meet & Greet 3:30-5:00 PM, all grades
- **Aug 22** First Day of School for K-8 students
Preschool & Pre-K Orientation for 1 Hour (with parents)
- **Aug 23** Preschool & Pre-K Orientation for 1 Hour (without parents)

Order Your 2023-2024 Yearbook Today!

The 2023-2024 school yearbook is being compiled and copies can be preordered online for \$20 at this link:

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/LookupJob?jobNumber=11970724>

Our yearbook will feature a durable, long-lasting hard cover and full color pages. Purchase your copy today!

Spring Picture Day

Tuesday, April 30, Lifetouch photography will be on campus to take **optional** spring portraits for students in grades preschool-8th grade.

Students may dress up for these photos (Sunday attire is suggested) if they choose to. Completed order forms can be submitted to Lifetouch on April 30. Photos will also be available for purchase through Lifetouch afterwards.

Please email your child's homeroom teacher by Monday, April 29 if you would like your student to have their spring portrait taken.

If you have any questions or concerns about spring picture day, please reach out to Vivian Grady at vgrady@stjohnacademy.org.

Lost and Found - SALE!

All unclaimed lost and found items are now for SALE. All items are \$1.00.

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.

Altar Server Training

Fr. Pollard will be holding three training sessions for any and all new Altar Boys during the month of April on the following days:

- Saturday, April 27

Training will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Church. Boys in grades 3 - 8 who are interested in learning how to serve at daily and/or Sunday Masses are welcome to attend.

For questions please email Fr. Pollard at Fr.Pollard@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org.

All Middle School Students are Invited to BASH 2024!

Bishop Burbidge invites all middle school students of the Diocese to join him at BASH 2024. BASH is the largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) in the Diocese of Arlington every year! This event is a celebration of our Catholic faith and love of the Lord.

This event includes music, games, inspirational speakers, confessions, and a Vigil Mass for Sunday, with Bishop Burbidge as the principal celebrant. BASH is designed to be open to any Middle School aged youth that want to attend. Every student is welcome and invited to participate in the life of the Catholic Church!

Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/bash/>.

Details

WHEN: Saturday, May 4, 2024. 3:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington, VA

COST: \$15.00 per participant (youth and adults)

HOW TO SIGN UP: Please email Michael Jacobeen, Director of Faith Formation at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, at mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org if you would like to attend.

Sick Student Protocols and Attendance Procedures

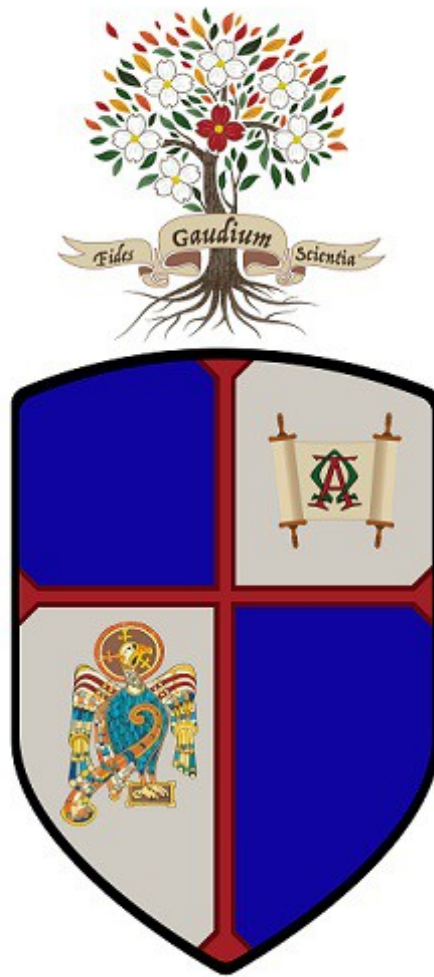
If your child is going to be out sick for the day, a phone call or an email from a parent is required each day(s) of the absence(s) of the student to Mrs. Monica Stilson in the health office at: attendance@stjohnacademy.org. Mrs. Stilson will communicate the absence with your child's homeroom teacher and coordinate homework (if applicable).

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.

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.

Pictured above: Swan Boat, Tidal Basin (Washington, D.C.). Marjorie Acker Phillips.



Christine White

