

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Thursday, September 28

Calendar Updates and Reminders

OCTOBER

Oct 2 ALL SCHOOL MASS, House Assignment Day

Oct 3 Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM

Oct 6 ALL School Rosary, Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct 9 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day

Oct 10-13 Mid-Trimester 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM

Oct 13 Bishop Burbidge Visits SJBA - 11:30 DISMISSAL

Oct 16-20 DFE Week

Oct 20 11:30 AM DISMISSAL 6:30 PM [An October Party](#).

Oct 27 NO SCHOOL, Professional Development

School Day Hours:

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



St. John the Beloved Academy School Calendar 2023-2024
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Coffee with the Headmaster

When

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 8am

Where

6422 Linway Terrace
McLean, VA

More information

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 10 after drop off for coffee and pastries. These coffees feature a Liberal Arts presentation by Mr. Presberg. Questions and conversation are always welcome at the end of the presentation.

Our October 3rd coffee will focus on the goals and vision for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please RSVP here: <https://www.smores.com/tmj1s> if you can join us! RSVPs are greatly appreciated, however last minute attendees are encouraged.

Volunteer Opportunities at SJBA

Whether it's helping with one of our community events, supporting one of our school fundraisers, assisting with our Admissions efforts, or showing appreciation for our teachers, there is a host of great ways to get involved throughout the school year! Please take a look at where

you can contribute and contact Maricel Heeter at, mheeter@stjohnacademy.org if you have any questions or for more information.



23-24 SJBA volunteer form.pdf

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Student Artwork to be Featured in Local Art Show

The McLean Project for the Arts will host its annual **MPAartfest on Sunday, October 1 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at McLean Central Park**. Now in its 17th year, MPAartfest features contemporary art, live music throughout the day from some of the DC-area's best musical talents, a Children's Art Walk, food vendors, children's art activities, and much more. <https://mpaart.org/mpaartfest2023>.

Various pieces of SJBA student artwork will be featured in the Children's Artwalk at the MPAartfest. The Children's Artwalk lines the walking path from the library parking lot into McLean Central Park.

Parent-Student Handbook

Just a reminder that the Parent-Student Handbook for 2023-2024 is now available. Please read through the Handbook and return your signed form to your child's homeroom teacher.



2023-2024 Parent-Student Handbook SJBA.pdf

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Handbook Agreement Form.docx

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Carpool Reminders

Thank you for a great start to the school year! Just a friendly reminder of our carpool protocols to ease with the drop off and pick up of students.

AM Carpool

ENTRY ON THE SCHOOL/CHURCH GROUNDS IN THE MORNING Can be at the light VIA LINWAY TERRACE AND THE REAR ENTRANCE (BEHIND THE RECTORY). Please do not use the exit ramp to enter onto Linway Terrace. During drop off and pick up this is an exit ramp only.

- Cars should line up and drop off students near the front entrance of the school, as close to the curb as possible. Please do not park in the middle of the driveway to drop off students. If you need to park your car, please do so in a designated parking spot and escort your student(s) safely to the entrance.

PM Carpool

Entry on the School/Church grounds in the afternoon **MUST BE** via the REAR ENTRANCE (behind the Rectory).

- Kindergarten through 8 --There are 3 lanes in the parking lot for afternoon pick up. ALL cars picking up students are asked to be in the proper lane as explained below.
- Lane 1 **MUST EXIT LEFT** on to LINWAY TERRACE. Lane 2 **MUST EXIT STRAIGHT** to BIRCH ROAD OR LEFT on to OLD DOMINION DRIVE. Lane 3 (the exit ramp lane closest to the school) **MUST EXIT RIGHT** on to LINWAY TERRACE. Lane 1 is the lane closest to the island, Lane 2 is the middle lane and Lane 3 is the lane closest to the school building.



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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.



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: Cresheim Glen, Wissahickon, Autumn. Thomas Moran. 1864
