

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Calendar Updates and Reminders

DECEMBER

December 20 Christmas Concert 4:00 PM

Dec 22 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Dec 22 A Special Headmaster Christmas Event, "A Christmas Carol" Dramatic Reading 7:00 PM

JANUARY 2024

Jan 8 Classes Resume

Jan 15 NO SCHOOL Dr. MLK Day

Jan 19 11:30 AM DISMISSAL, March for Life

Jan 20 2nd Grade First Confession Parent/Child Retreat 10 AM-12 PM

Jan 27 Big Band Auction 7-11 PM

Jan 28-Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week

School Day Hours:

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

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Donate to our Annual Fund

Early Dismissal Friday, December 22, at 11:30 AM

Just a friendly reminder that Friday, December 22 is an early dismissal at 11:30 AM for all students in grades Preschool-8th grade.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone again when classes resume on Monday, January 8.

Volunteers Needed for the Faculty Christmas Party

On behalf of all SJBA families, the Parent Council will be hosting a Christmas celebration that will include an afternoon tea and party on Thursday, December 22nd, for the wonderful SJBA faculty and Staff.

Help is needed to decorate room 10 for the party and clean up the next day. If you are unable to help with set up or clean up at the school please consider donating to the cause. Information can be found on the Sign Up Genius linked below. Please contact Caroline Herbert, at carolineknox81@gmail.com for any questions. Thank you!



Staff Christmas Party

Please help us celebrate the wonderful SJBA faculty and staff. We will be hosting a staff Christmas tea and party on Thursday, December 22nd. We need help decorating room 10 for the party and help with clean up the next day. If you are unable to help at school please consider donating to the cause.

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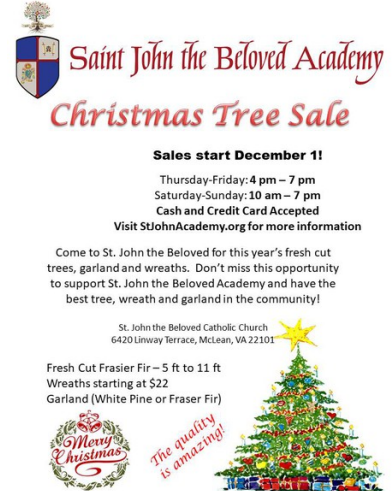
Only A Few Christmas Trees Remain!

Our lot will be open today, Wednesday, December 20 from 4-7 PM. Please stop by and help with this last push of tree sales if you can volunteer. We have less than 25 trees remaining.

All remaining trees are 50% off, so come by TODAY!

This is a great fundraiser for our school and we are so grateful that you are a part of it!

Thank you for all of your support!



Saint John the Beloved Academy
Christmas Tree Sale

Sales start December 1!
Thursday-Friday: 4 pm – 7 pm
Saturday-Sunday: 10 am – 7 pm
Cash and Credit Card Accepted
Visit StJohnAcademy.org for more information

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
6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101

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

The quality is amazing!

Merry Christmas

2023 SJBA Tree Flyer (1).pdf

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"A Christmas Carol" Dramatic Reading

All parents and friends are invited to a special Headmaster Christmas event to prepare and celebrate Christmas on **Friday, December 22 from 7 - 10 p.m. in Eagle Hall!**

This event will feature a dramatic reading of a play version of Dickens' fun and deeply wise work: ***A Christmas Carol***. Souls and pipes willing, we will have a short intermezzo of singing Christmas Carols.

There is no cost for this event, but it is completely pot-luck! Bring your appetizers, treats, refreshments, etc...sharing will be quite in the spirit. If you are able to help with a little set-up or clean-up please let the headmaster know.

This is designed as an adult event. Please RSVP here: <https://www.smores.com/tvkjc>

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"A Christmas Carol" Dramatic Reading with the
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Student Artwork on Display at the Pimmit Hills Library

Student artwork is on display at the Pimmit Hills Library through the end of December. The pieces displayed represent Advent and the season of preparation for the Nativity of Christ at Christmas.

(Please tell the library staff how much you appreciate the festive display!)



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 regarding school closings and delays during these winter months. Thank you!

Lunch Options for the New Year!

Chick-fil-A Orders! - Wednesday

Orders can now be submitted for the Chick-fil-A lunch program starting January 10. Please note what grade your child is in to determine pricing:

1. Pre-School/Pre-K - 19 weeks
2. Kindergarten/8th Grade - 20 weeks
3. Rest of School - 21 weeks

CFA lunches will be delivered starting on January 10 until June 5. Please fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/UCJUcBoQws1T7cL16>, or linked below, by **Sunday January 7 WITH payment marked "AS A GIFT."** We accept Zelle (shepardkm@gmail.com, Katherine Shepard) or Venmo (@andymarie-shepard).

*For multiple children, please fill out the form again to add your children.

**Pricing (please note updated pricing for 2024)

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

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Admission Information for the 2024-2025 School Year

We are now accepting applications for new students for the 2024-2025 school year!

If you have a child who will be applying for admission, we want to encourage you to apply early!
The application deadline for Preschool - 8th grade is **January 12, 2024**.

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!

Sick Student Protocols and Attendance Procedures

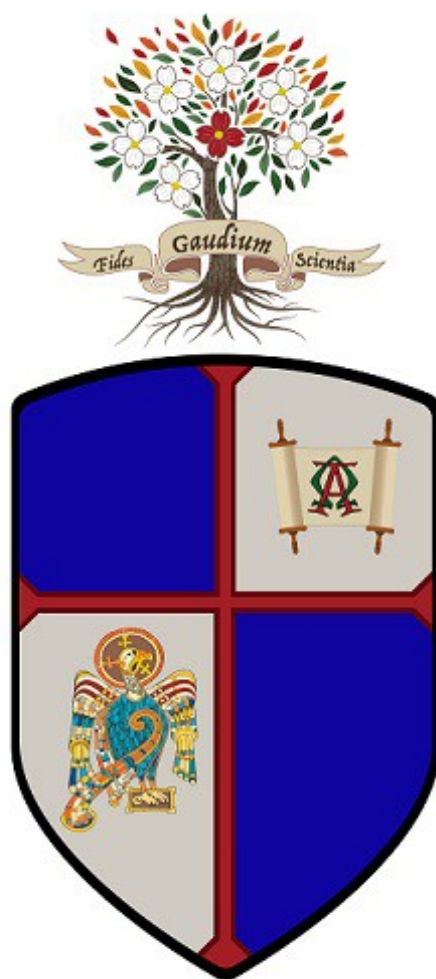
If your child is going to be out sick for the day, a phone call or an email from a parent is required each day(s) of the absence(s) of the student to Mrs. Monica Stilson in the health office at: attendance@stjohnacademy.org. Mrs. Stilson will communicate the absence with your child's homeroom teacher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



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