

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Thursday, November 30, 2023

Calendar Updates and Reminders

NOVEMBER

Nov 28-Dec 1 We Care about Catholic Charities Week

Nov 30 HSPT for 8th Grade

DECEMBER

Dec 1 Dress Down Day

Dec 1 Christmas Tree Sale

Dec 5 Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM - RSVP here: <https://www.smore.com/4s7eb>

Dec 4-8 1st Trimester P/T Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM

Dec 7 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Dec 8 ALL SCHOOL MASS, The Immaculate Conception

Dec 8 Jazz Night 6:30 PM - RSVP here: <https://www.smore.com/a10em>

Dec 14 Make-Up Day for Yearbook Photos

Dec 14 Christmas Caroling 4:15 - 5:30 PM - RSVP here: <https://www.smore.com/gsq27>

December 20 Christmas Concert 4:00 PM

Dec 22 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Dec 23-Jan 5 – Christmas Break

School Day Hours:

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

Preliminary School Calendar 2023-2024 (11-2).pdf

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Donate to our Annual Fund

Dress Down Day for Catholic Charities "We Care Week" - Friday, Dec. 1

"We Care Week" is a collaboration between the Office of Catholic Schools and Catholic Charities, specifically the Catholic Charities Ball. We Care Week was initiated by Ball volunteers to help educators and parents teach students about the needs of the poor in our diocese. It is a wonderful opportunity to emphasize the importance of charitable service to the poor in living out our Catholic faith.

We will have a dress down day on Friday, December 1. **Donations for "We Care Week" are \$3.00 per student or \$5.00 per family (or any amount of your choice), students can dress in their house colors, or Christmas colors with jeans.**

All proceeds will go to Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Arlington. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

For more information, you can visit their website at: <https://www.cdda.net/about-us/our-programs/>.

Christmas Tree Offload - Friday, December 1

Volunteers are needed to help offload trees when they are delivered on the morning of Friday, December 1. If you are able to help, please click the link below

Christmas Tree Lot Volunteers

Support Our SJBA Christmas Tree Sale!

Christmas Tree Sales is a **15 year tradition** at St. John the Beloved. 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!

The tree sale will be set up in the lower level parking lot:

December 1 - December 20

Thursday-Friday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. &

Saturday-Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!

To make this fundraiser a great success, we will need volunteers for the following roles every shift:

- Tree Lot Manager
- Cashier
- Sales

Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49ABAC2DA6FF2-week7#/>.

This is a great fundraiser for our school and we are so grateful that you are a part of it! Thank you in advance for your support!

First Trimester Parent-Teacher Conferences

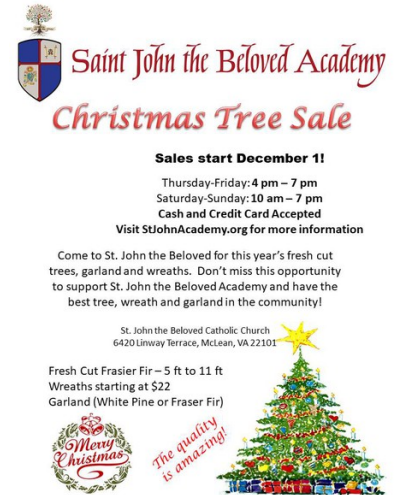
First trimester parent-teacher conferences will take place in person next week, December 4-8, 2023. These conferences are a great opportunity to connect with your child's teachers at the first grading period of the year. Please be on the look out for an email from your child's homeroom teacher with information on how to schedule a meeting.

Just a reminder that Thursday, December 7, is an early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. to allow for conferences to be scheduled in the afternoon.

First Trimester Report Cards

First trimester report cards and MAP® Growth TM test results will be sent home with all students in grades K-8 next week.

Please note the diocese has replaced scantron testing with MAP® Growth TM achievement tests in grades three through seven. Students will be tested three times during the school year in the fall, winter, and spring and a cumulative report will be mailed home at the end of the year with final report cards. These results can be kept at home. Report cards should be signed and



returned to your child's homeroom teacher.

If you have any questions about these reports, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

2023 SJBA Tree Flyer (1).pdf

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Session #3 Clubs - November 28 - January 19

Registration for Session #3 of our After-School Clubs is now open. The registration process is set up by student. Families with multiple students will need to complete one form and payment per child.

Clubs are open to all current students in grades K-8. The formal program will begin on Monday, December 4th. Registration can be completed through our website at:

<https://stjohnacademy.org/clubs/>.

Session #3 Clubs

Yearbook Picture Make-Up Day

The make-up date for yearbook portraits is Thursday, December 14, in Eagle Hall.

- All K-8 students who were absent on November 2, should be dressed in their school uniform. Any sweatshirts, sweaters or coats will be asked to be removed before being photographed (including the SJBA sweatshirt).
- Preschool and Pre-K students who do not attend class on Thursday and would like their picture taken, are invited to come to the school preferably between 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- If your child needs to have a retake of his/her portrait, please email their homeroom teacher by December 13.

Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase photos via Lifetouch photography after the photo session.

If you have questions or concerns, please email Vivian Grady at vgrady@stjohnacademy.org.

Christmas Concert Information

The Christmas Concert for grades K-8 and Choir, will take place on Wednesday, December 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the gym. Students will perform in the following order:

- 4:00-4:30 PM Kindergarten-2nd grades
- 4:30-4:45 PM Intermission with instrumental/carolers
- 4:45-5:45 PM Grades 3-5, Choir and Advanced Choir performance and 4th grade activity

Students in grades K-8 are welcome to stay after school between 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., or go to their regularly scheduled club. The movie, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* will be shown in Eagle Hall for students staying after. Please email your homeroom teacher(s) if your student will stay from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Students are welcome to come to school dressed in their Christmas Best or bring something to change into. Seating in the gym for families will begin at 3:40 p.m. Students will assemble inside the gym at 3:50 p.m. Please have your student sit with their class if they are not already at school.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Ms. Viviana Urbano by email at vurbano@stjohnacademy.org.

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!

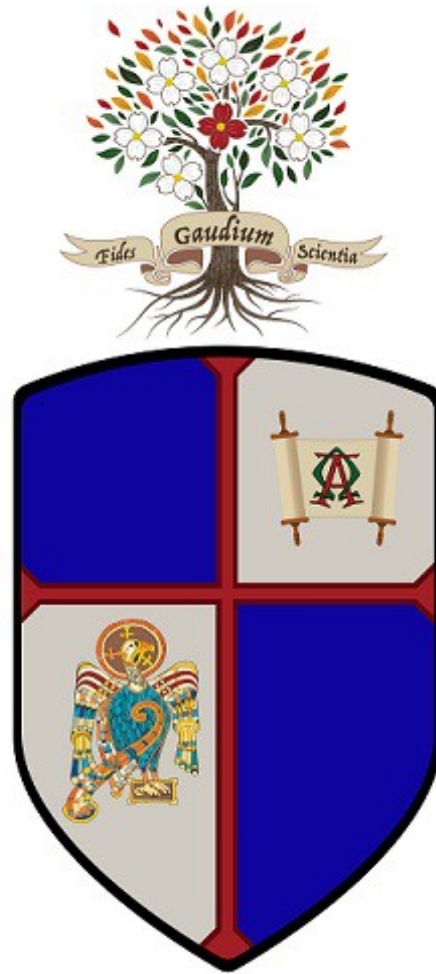
Sick Student Protocols and Attendance Procedures

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: On the Terrace. Pierre-Auguste Renoir. 1881.



Christine White

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