

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy

an **October Party**

Fides Gaudium Scientia

October 20th
from 6:30-10pm

Don't Miss It!

- Live Music, Jazz, & Great Conversation
- BYOB Wine, Beer & Refreshments
- A Fun Night to Build & Support SJBA!
- Light Appetizers Provided

 Saint John the Beloved
ACADEMY

2022

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Calendar Updates and Reminders

OCTOBER

Oct 16-20 DFE Week

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

Oct 27 NO SCHOOL, Professional Development

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 All SCHOOL MASS, All Saints, HOUSE DAY

Nov 1 4:30 PM Fall Family Picnic/Tail Gate

Nov 2 Yearbook Picture Day

Nov 2 3rd grade Saints Presentation

Nov 7 Coffee w/Headmaster 8:00 AM

Nov 10 10:00 AM Veterans Day Assembly

Nov 12-18 Discover Catholic Schools Week

Nov 15 [SJBA Admission Information Coffee 9:30 AM](#)

Nov 21 End of 1st Trimester, 11:30 AM Dismissal

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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An October Party - Friday, October 20!

Join us for [An October Party](#), on Friday, October 20, at 6:30 pm! Sponsorships and tickets are still available for purchase via our website at: <https://stjohnacademy.org/an-october-party/>.

In the spirit of October and Autumn...feel free to bring special seasonal beer or drinks to share. We will have light appetizers, refreshments, live jazz, and great conversation among friends.

Weather permitting, the evening will be outside in the courtyard enjoying the beauty of the season. There will be some heaters and a warming fire...attire is casual.

(This event is for adults only).

Sponsorship & Ticket Information for An October Party

Bishop Burbidge Visits St. John's!

On Friday, October 13, St. John's was blessed to have Bishop Michael Burbidge visit for the day. In addition to celebrating the 8:30 a.m. all school Mass, the Bishop toured our campus and visited with students in small groups throughout the morning. Before departing for the afternoon, faculty and staff also enjoyed a luncheon with the Bishop.



Greeting 1st Graders after Mass



Talking to 8th Grade Students



Visiting with 1st and 2nd Grade Students

Photographer on Campus 10-24

On Tuesday, October 24, a professional photographer will be on campus to capture some new images of the school community for our website and marketing materials. He will be taking some candid as well as some staged pictures of our students and staff. Thank you for your support!

Chaperone Requirements For Field Trips

For the safety of our students, the Diocesan Office of Child Protection requires that all chaperones be clear to volunteer. To that end, **prior to a field trip**, kindly complete the online *Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OPCYP)* application for a background check and register for *Virtus: Protecting God's Children* safe environment training. You only need to do this once for the duration of your students' enrollment in SJBA. Please see instructions for both the online application and the Virtus training attached to this email.

The online portion should not take you longer than 5-10 minutes max. Virtus training sessions are offered at different times and locations throughout the Diocese and are usually full two months in advance. Kindly, please register for a class prior to the field trip.

In order to complete the online application, you will need the following information:

Location: Saint John Academy (NOT THE CHURCH)

Position Title: Volunteer

Once you complete the online application, an email is sent to Mrs. Escudero (our SJBA OPCYP Liaison Officer). You will get a confirmation email from Mrs. Escudero that your application is complete. After you receive the confirmation email and **prior to a field trip** please stop by the front office to sign the paper form which is produced from the online application. Mrs. Escudero will print the form and she will have it ready for you to sign.

Thank you so much for all you do for our students and our school.



VIRTUS Registration Instructions.pdf

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Volunteer Instruction Sheet Background Check Application.pdf

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Volunteer Opportunities at SJBA

Whether it's helping with one 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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Veterans Day Celebration and Slideshow

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served our nation in the

a school assembly and slideshow at 10:00 a.m. to honor the Veterans in our community. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

If you have a Veteran in your family and you would like for us to include them in our school slideshow, please email a picture of them along with their name and rank to Christine White at cwhite@stjohnacademy.org by Friday, November 3.

Yearbook Picture Day

Mark your calendar! Yearbook portraits for all students will be on Thursday, November 2, in Eagle Hall.

- All K-8 Students should dress 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 student attendance varies, so students who do not attend class on Thursday and would like their picture taken, are invited to come to the school preferably between 8:20-8:30 am.
- If a child needs to take his/her picture earlier/later due to scheduling needs, please let their homeroom teacher know ahead of time if they will be out.

Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase photos via Lifetouch photography. **Students who are absent on November 2 will be photographed on our makeup date which is Thursday, December 14.**

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

Advertising Opportunities in the School Directory

Please consider sponsoring this year's St. John the Beloved directory by placing an ad for your business! There are still premium placements available in the print directory and advertising starts as low as \$275. Your business will have visibility for at least a year!

Please reach out via email to Stephanie Kempter (stephanie@atozconnect.com) from AtoZ Connect to reserve your spot! Thank you for your support!

Admission Information Coffee - November 15, 9:30 AM

St. John's is hosting an "Admission Information Coffee" on Wednesday, November 15, 9:30 AM for prospective families.

Please invite family and friends who are interested in learning more about our wonderful school!



Admission Information Coffee
November 15, 9:30 AM

Cultivating the Joy & Wisdom of the Liberal Arts Daily

See How Your Child Can Thrive at SJBA!

- Strong Liberal Arts Curriculum
- Catholic Religious Instruction Daily
- Co-Educational Preschool-8th Grade
- Singapore Math Curriculum
- Music Program
- After School Club Offerings
- Beautiful Campus Featuring a Large Outdoor Playground & Field
- Summer Camps

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RSVP's are required to attend this event using the form below.

RSVP Here

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.