

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Thursday, September 14

Calendar Updates and Reminders

SEPTEMBER

Sept 11-15 Parent/Teacher Meetings for grades K-8

Sept 16 [Parish Fall Festival 12-4 PM](#)

Sept 18-22 Constitution Week

Sept 21 Parent Wine and Cheese w/ Jazz 7-9 PM [RSVP here](#)

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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Parent-Student Handbook

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 by September 22.



2023-2024 Parent-Student Handbook SJBA.pdf

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Handbook Agreement Form.docx

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Constitution Week is September 18-22

St. John's will be celebrating constitution week September 18-22 The week will consist of discussion and activities with students about the Constitution. The following events will be taking place:

- Friday, September 15: students will be sent home with bells to celebrate Constitution Day (Sunday) with family.
- Tuesday, September 19: Grades 4-8 will have a special assembly at 10:00 a.m. with Cathy Gillespie, CEO of [Constituting America](#) (parents are welcome to attend).
- Friday, September 22: All students may dress up in patriotic attire (i.e. dress shorts and polos for boys; patriotic dresses for girls). It will also be a surprise celebration day!

Happy Constitution Week!

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN "BELLS ACROSS AMERICA"
THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

THE TRADITION OF THE RINGING OF BELLS ON CONSTITUTION DAY
BEGAN WHEN, AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF HEATED DEBATE, THE
DELEGATES REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON SEPT. 17, 1787. AS THEY
EMERGED FROM INDEPENDENCE HALL AT 4 P.M., ALL THE CHURCH
BELLS IN PHILADELPHIA WERE RINGING TO CELEBRATE THE
SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Student Artwork to be Featured in Local Art Show

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. The event is Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is free and friendly for all ages. Please visit their website for more information, <https://mpaart.org/mpaartfest2023/>

Private Music Lessons

Session I of private music lessons will start **September 8**. Lessons will include 7 weeks of guitar for grades 4-8, violin for grades 1-8, piano for grades 1-8, and drums for grades 3-8. Each lesson is 20-minutes long.

Dates include September 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6, 20; November 3. (November 17 will be used as a makeup day in case a teacher is absent one Friday).

You can register for classes on our website at, <https://stjohnacademy.org/optional-music/> or by clicking the link above.

Please contact Mr. David Murray at dmurray@stjohnacademy.org with any questions.

Register Here for Music Lessons

Fall Lunch Options

Last Call for Chick-fil-A - Wednesday!

Orders can still be submitted for the Chick-fil-A lunch program this year! This program will run every Wednesdays until 12/20.

Please fill out the form below by Sunday, September 17 to receive CFA starting next week. Orders cannot be accepted after this date.

Payments can be sent to Katherine Shepard via Zelle (shepardkm@gmail.com) or Venmo (@andymarie-shepard).

CFA Sign-up Form: <https://forms.gle/MYAbFiafwsvtJP4o9>.

We will also need to volunteers to help sort and distribute orders again this year, so please see link below to sign up.

Volunteer Schedule:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RA8cetOJDkyDUd2dv2xeAzgfDI3T_96xaj0yUfwW1oA/edit?usp=sharing

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

Good Gracious Catering! - Tuesday & Thursday

The Good Gracious Catering Company is offering the option to order student lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **Sept 12, 2023 - December 21, 2023** .

Please see the attached form for a detailed menu and more information.



Good Gracious Catering Lunch Order Form

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Choir Information for 2023-2024

St. John the Beloved Academy offers several choir opportunities for girls and boys in grades 3-8.

Choristers will learn proper vocal technique, sight-singing and ear training, music theory, and how to sing in an ensemble for blending and musicianship. Rehearsals take place in the Music Room. No audition required, just a love of singing and willingness to learn!

Students may sign up for more than choir. Please fill out one form per student and check all choirs that they would like to participate in. Please email completed forms and any questions to Director David Lang at dlang@stjohncatholicmclean.org. **Rehearsals start the week of September 11.**



Choir form 23-24.pdf

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Attendance Procedures

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.

Parish Events

St. John The Beloved Parish Fall Festival

All SJBA families are invited to the 110th anniversary and annual Fall Festival of our parish on Saturday, September 16, from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and neighbors. This event is FREE to attend, but donations are appreciated online or at the door. If you want to donate towards the event cost, please go to <https://FallsFestival.eventbrite.com>

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: a Big Bounce and Rock Wall for the kids, Father's Famous BBQ and Brats, Sides from Willards catering, a Face Painter, Beer Keg and Wine, Live Music.

To volunteer, reach out to Knight and usher, Lloyd Miller or parishioner Karen Rosenberg at womenscouncilatsjb@gmail.com or please sign up for a slot here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA9AD2FAAFAC25-fall>

Let us know you are coming on Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/1st8GS49x>. Hope to see you there!

Parish Fall Festival

Confetieor Class for Students Grades 8-10

Our Dominican brothers, Rev. Br. Cyril Stola, O.P. and Br. Louis Bethea, O.P. are offering a Confetieor class for students in grades 8-10 every Monday, 4:15-5:15PM in Room 10 at the school beginning on September 11, 2023. Please see the flyer for more information.



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Theology for Christians

Join Father Pollard for a theology reading group open to all Christians. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month (except for January) in Room 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Each month a short book or long article will be the topic of discussion. Please see the flyer for more information.

The St. Joseph Society Fathers Club

The St. Joseph Society is a monthly gathering of Catholic fathers. The group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month (except for December) from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 10.

The St. Joseph Society has 2 rules:

1. you must be practicing the Faith and
2. you cannot come because your wife told you to do so.

Please see the flyer for more information. To receive invitations and reminders, please send an email to Fr.Pollard@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org.



Monthly Meetings with Fr. CJP full-page bulletin ad (Sept 2023) (1).pdf

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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: Autumn Effect. Francis Picabia. 1905.