

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Calendar Updates and Reminders

NOVEMBER

Nov 14-21 [Great {Hallowed} Turkey Auction!](#)

Nov 21 [Happy Hour Smoker for Volunteers 5:00 - 7:30 PM](#)

Nov 17-23 Discover Catholic Schools Week

Nov 23 St. John the Beloved Parish Christmas Bazaar 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Nov 26 End of 1st Trimester, 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Nov 27-Dec 2 Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 30-Dec 15 [Christmas Tree Sale!](#)

DECEMBER

Dec 2 NO SCHOOL, Professional Development

Dec 3 Classes Resume

Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM

Dec 4 Make-Up Day for Yearbook Photos

Dec 5 HSPT for 8th Grade

Dec 9-13 1st Trimester P/T Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM

Dec 9 ALL-SCHOOL MASS, The Immaculate Conception

Dec 18 Christmas Concert 4:00 PM

Dec 20 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Dec 23-Jan 6 – Christmas Break

School Day Hours:

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

ALL SCHOOL MASS - 10:30 AM unless otherwise noted

A few additions have been made to our school calendar. Please see the attached calendar.

Sync the SJBA parent calendar with your family calendar:

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The Great {Hallowed} Turkey Auction

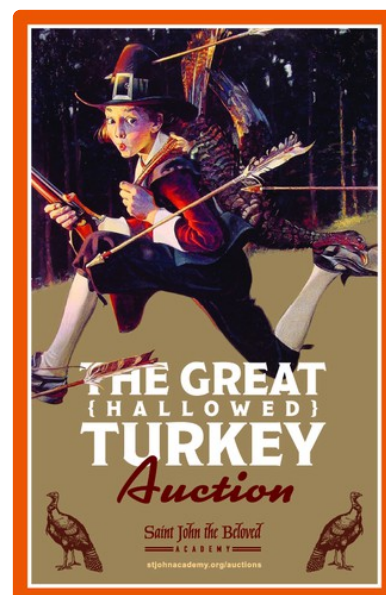
Closes November 21, at 8:00 p.m.

The St. John the Beloved Academy Turkey Auction closes tomorrow! Don't miss your chance to enjoy a Thanksgiving turkey smoked by Fr. Pollard!

Proceeds from this auction support our Annual Fund with a focus on scholarships and financial aid for students.

This year we have 9 turkey auction items featuring gourmet turkeys and sides from the Organic Butcher of McLean sourced from local farms. Every auction item has a "Buy Now" price!

The first 5 auctions include **Thanksgiving Dinner for Another**: 12-14 lbs. locally sourced free range turkey plus traditional herb stuffing (2 lbs.) & apple cranberry sauce with orange & ginger.



Bid on the Turkey Auction Here!

Happy Hour Smoker for Volunteers

Just a reminder that this Thursday, November 21, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. is our Happy Hour Smoker for Volunteers!

All past, current and future St. John the Beloved Academy volunteers are invited to join us for an informal gathering in gratitude (and solicitation!) for all that parents do for our wonderful school!

Join us for a relaxed happy hour with friends and fine curations—including smoked meats by Father Pollard, cigars, and live music!

We'll have refreshments and light appetizers—please bring a refreshment to enjoy and share.

Please RSVP at <https://secure.smores.com/n/7c6ed>. This is an adults only event.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

St. John the Beloved Academy is coordinating a Thanksgiving food drive for [Share of McLean](#), an organization dedicated to helping low and moderate income neighbors alleviate food, clothing, and shelter insecurities in the McLean, Great Falls, and the Pimmit section of Falls Church.

Students in each class are asked to donate a non-perishable food item from the attached list by **Friday, November 22**, and our 8th grade class will assemble and sort our donations for Share (*grocery store gift cards are also appreciated*).

Thank you in advance for your donations and please contact Mrs. Crowley at ccrowley@stjohnacademy.org with any questions!



Share of McLean Food Drive.pdf

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Admission Information for the 2025-2026 School Year

Thank you for spreading the word about our November 19 Admission Information Coffee. It was a pleasure meeting so many friends of our school community!

We are now accepting applications for new students for the 2025-2026 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 13, 2025.

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!

Christmas Bazaar this Saturday!

St. John the Beloved Parish is hosting the 45th annual Christmas Bazaar in the school gym on **Saturday, November 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

This event is free and for the whole family! Please see the flyers below for more information.

40+ Vendors, Bake Sale
Visit from Santa 11-1
Live Magic Show at 3:00 PM
Raffle, Hourly Live music
Food truck & Knight's Bar



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Christmas Tree Sale Starts November 30!

The Christmas Tree Sale has been a St. John the Beloved Academy tradition for **16 years** and an important piece of our Annual Fund.

Here's How You Can Help!

1. Help Offload Trees- Volunteers are needed to help offload trees when they are delivered on the morning of Tuesday, November 26, from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

2. Volunteer to Work at the Christmas Tree Lot - Please consider volunteering at least 3 shifts this season to help us fill all the slots. Like the past several years, we expect the trees to move off the lot quickly—so especially sign up for the opening weeks—as we may not have more than a few weeks of sales!

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49ABAC2DA6FF2-52745233-2024>

3. Spread the Word! Tell your friends and neighbors about our Christmas tree sale. We have the best trees, wreaths and garlands in town!

Come join us to keep this tradition going strong. We hope to see you!



Christmas Tree Sale

Sales Begin November 30!

Wednesday-Friday: 4 pm – 7 pm

Saturday-Sunday: 10 am – 7 pm

Cash and Credit Card Accepted

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
www.stjohnacademy.org

Fresh Cut Fraser Fir – 5 ft to 11 ft

Wreaths starting at \$22

Garland (White Pine or Fraser Fir)



The quality is amazing!



Christmas Tree Lot Volunteers

Parent-Student Handbook

The Parent-Student Handbook for the 2024-2025 school year is now available on our website.

Please read through the Handbook and complete the electronic signature form at your earliest convenience.

2024-2025 SJBA Parent-Student Handbook

Make-Up Day for Yearbook Photos

The make-up date for yearbook portraits is Wednesday, December 4, in Eagle Hall.

- All K-8 students who were absent on Thursday, October 17, 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 Wednesday 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 2.

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.

Shop our School Spirit Store!

Visit our online store to view the latest SJBA apparel and accessories! You can access the store via our website at <https://stjohnacademy.org/shop/> or on your phone by clicking on the shopping cart icon linked to the toolbar.

****Please note the youth SJBA sweatshirts available on the website can be worn during the school day as part of the uniform for grades K-8. Additionally, the SJBA golf polo can be worn by 8th graders as part of the uniform.****

Thank you in advance for supporting our school store!



Welcome to St. John the Beloved



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.

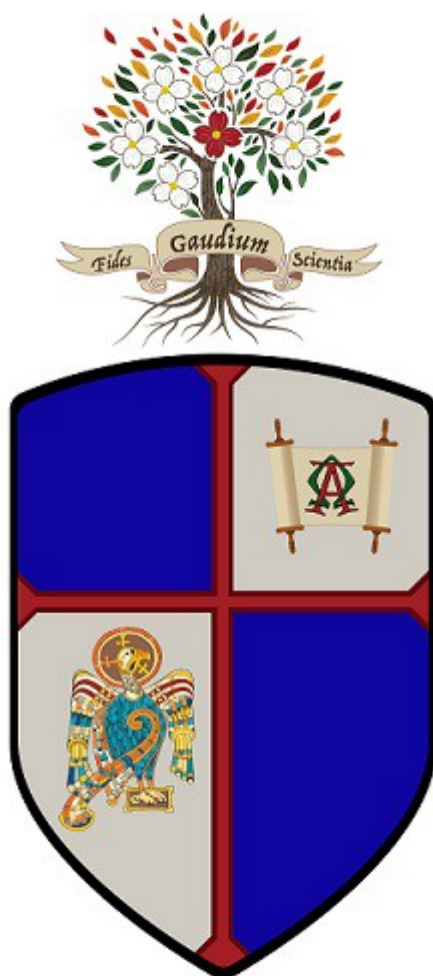
Quick Links

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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 Landscape at Dusk. Vincent van Gogh. 1885.



Christine White