

# A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



**Thursday, November 7, 2024**

## Calendar Updates and Reminders

### NOVEMBER

Nov 11 10:00 AM Veterans Day Assembly

Nov 17-23 Discover Catholic Schools Week

Nov 19 [Admission Information Coffee 9:30 AM](#)

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

Nov 27-Dec 2 Thanksgiving Break

## 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:**

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?>

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**School Calendar 2024-2025 8-28 (1).pdf**

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## Congratulations to the O'Neill Family!

Brian and Maggie O'Neill welcomed Coulter Edward O'Neill on Tuesday, October 29, at 8:09 AM.

Coulter is 19 inches long and 7 pounds.

A meal train has been set up for those who would like to bring the family a meal. Please see the link for available dates:

<https://mealtrain.com/nwlr5o>

Congratulations to Brian, Maggie, & Molly!



## Hurricane Helene Dress Down Day November 8!

After learning about the devastation that Hurricane Helene caused in North Carolina, St. John's eighth grade class wanted to help by organizing a fundraiser for the community of Jackson County, North Carolina.

**On Friday, November 8**, students can participate in a dress down day for \$5 per student or \$20 per family. Donations can be made in the form of cash, check (please write "Hurricane Helene" in the memo line), or credit card via our website at: <https://buy.stripe.com/aEU8ApcB1dJjgMw8wx>.

Students can be out of uniform with jeans or nice pants. They can also wear their house shirts!

All donations will go to the Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry, Inc. in Cashiers, North Carolina. Thank you in advance for your support!

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## Veterans Day Celebration and Slideshow

At St. John's, we will be celebrating Veterans Day on Monday, November 11, with 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. Please click here for more information:

<https://secure.smores.com/n/r62u5>

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## Student Artwork Displayed at McLean Project for the Arts Children's Art Walk

The McLean Project for the Arts Children's Art Walk is a celebrated tradition at its annual MPAartFest. Due to ongoing construction within McLean Central Park, MPAartFest will not take place this year.

However, organizers have figured out a way to still have the Children's Art Walk, by displaying the children's art on the walls of the McLean Community Center ramp.

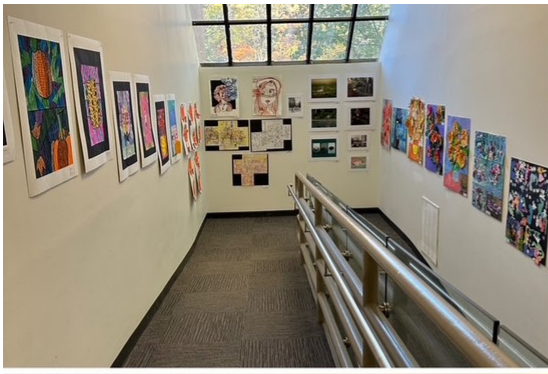
Various pieces of SJBA student artwork will be featured in the Children's Artwalk. Congratulations to the following students whose pieces are on display until December 15!

**Grade 1:** Arstahn D., Gwen P., & Bridget Q.

**Grade 2:** Eve C., & Teagan K.

**Grade 5:** Henry A., Colette C., & Evie P.

**Grade 6:** Elena B., Olivia C., Bianca L., & Mia T.



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## After-School Clubs - Session #2

Registration is now open for session two of our after school clubs program. The dates are October 28 - November 25, 2024. 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. Please note that some of our clubs have a maximum number of students that can be accepted. Just a reminder that clubs are available on all regular school days Monday - Thursday from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Students who are registered for a club may attend supervised open playground on Monday, October 28th - Friday, November 1st on the day(s) of their respective club (Thursday, October 31st is an 11:30 dismissal, so there will be no clubs that afternoon!) The formal club program will begin on Monday, November 4th. For general information regarding clubs, please contact Cristina Crowley at [clubs@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:clubs@stjohnacademy.org).

Thank you for supporting our after-school clubs!

## Sign Up for Session #2 After-School Clubs!

### Admission Information Coffee

St. John's is hosting an "Admission Information Coffee" on Tuesday, November 19, 9:30 AM for prospective families.

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

RSVP's are required to attend this event. Please register on our website at the link below.



**Admission Information Coffee**  
November 19, 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 for Our Admission Information Coffee Here

### 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 by October 31.

## 2024-2025 SJBA Parent-Student Handbook

### New Lunch Option

Hot lunch is available every Tuesday and Thursday with [Vignola Gourmet](#) through December on a trial basis. Vignola is a wonderful full-service catering company that asks for a minimum of 50 orders per week to partner with St. John's. If orders are consistent, we will continue with the service from January to June.

Orders and payments can be placed through Vignola on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. **Orders must be placed by Sunday at 5:00 p.m. for the week.** There are



**VIGNOLA GOURMET**  
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several menu items to choose from every day. The cost is \$7.25 per lunch. *(There is a one-time \$10 maintenance fee for each user through Vignola.)* Please follow the instructions in the welcome letter linked below to register.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ub8GBD00qoMsYhtvYhsNNu92BiqFxcOK/edit?usp=sharing&oid=104809483975307051689&rtpof=true&sd=true>

[docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)

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## Yearbook Picture Make-Up Day

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](mailto:vgrady@stjohnacademy.org).

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## 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



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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](mailto:attendance@stjohnacademy.org) and copy Mrs. Gracia Escudero in the front office: [gescudero@stjohnacademy.org](mailto: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.

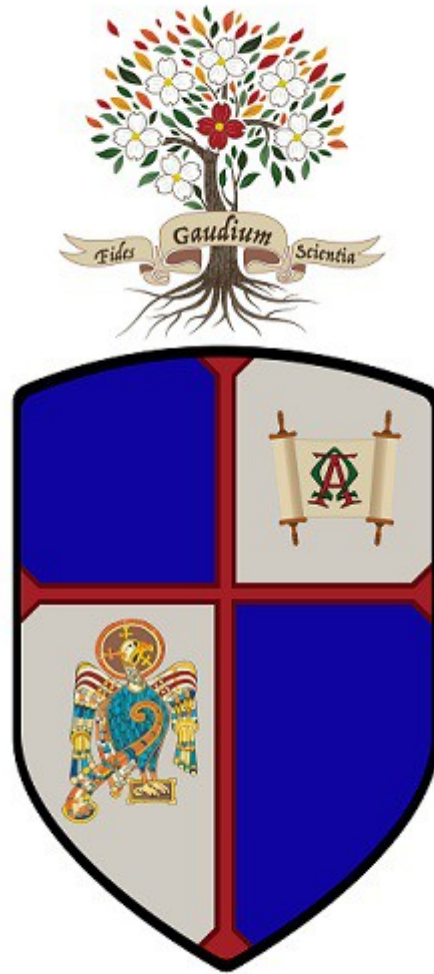
A note, email, or phone call should be sent to school requesting early dismissal and stating the time and identifying the person who will pick-up the child. Persons picking up a child at a time other than dismissal should report to the school front office and sign the child out. The school staff will 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

[After School Clubs](#)

[Music Lessons](#)

[Donate to our Annual Fund](#)



## 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 Pond in October. Clarence Gagnon. 1921.*



**Christine White**



