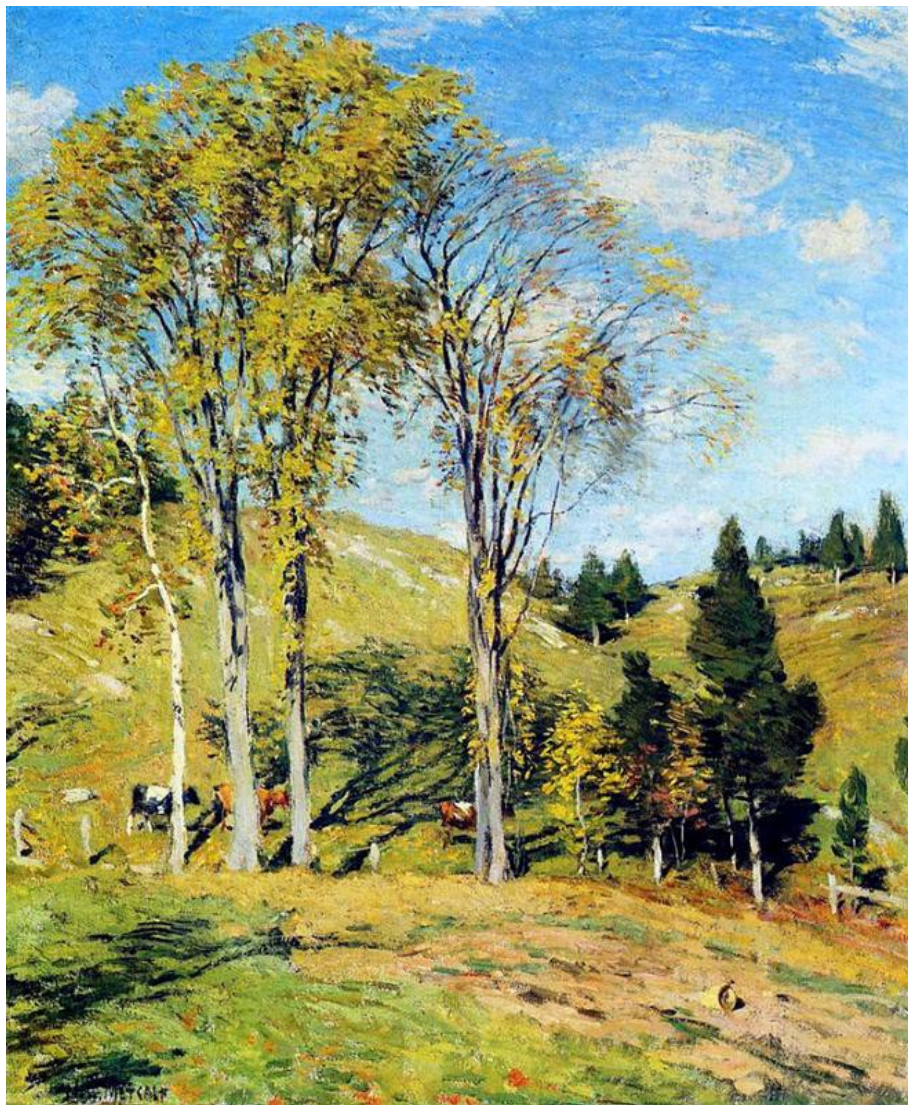


A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Thursday, September 5, 2024

Calendar Updates and Reminders

SEPTEMBER

Sept 9-13 Parent/Teacher Meetings

Sept 12 6:30 PM Staff Introduction

7:00 PM Parent Wine and Cheese w/ Jazz

Sept 16-27 Constitution, Civil Liberties Weeks

Sept 30 NO SCHOOL for Students/Prof. Dev. for faculty

Athletics Calendar

SJBA Middle School Boys Soccer

Sept 17 vs. Trinity at Meadowview, 3:45 PM @ Trinity

Sept 24 vs. Avalon School, 3:30 PM @ SJBA

Oct 1 vs. Potomac B, 2:45 PM @ Potomac

Oct 16 vs. Lorien Wood, 3:45 PM @ SJBA

Oct 22 vs. Trinity at Meadowview, 4:00 PM @ SJBA

Oct 23 vs Georgetown Day School, 2:45 PM @ GDS

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?](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y19IMTcwMTU5ZjFiNjk3ZDg0NWUwYWM5NTMyOTA4MjhiNmNiYWQyZTUwOGMwMThkY2FjNDRIMGRiNDZiYWRjNmZlQGdyb3VwLmNhbgVuZGFyLmdvb2dsZS5jb20)

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School Calendar 2024-2025 8-28.pdf

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Parent Wine and Cheese Night with Jazz

All parents are invited to join us in celebrating the beginning of the school year with a relaxed evening and great jazz on **Thursday, September 12, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.**

This is an adults only event. Please RSVP at <https://stjohnacademy.org/art-and-culture-events/> and feel free to bring a refreshment to share.

We look forward to seeing you there! For questions contact Maricel Heeter, at mheeter@stjohnacademy.org.

Chick-fil-A Lunch

This program will run for **Wednesdays until 12/18 (skipping 11/27)**. Please fill out the form by **Sunday 9/8 and send payment via Venmo or Zelle by Monday 9/9**.

We accept Zelle (shepardkm@gmail.com, Katherine Shepard) or Venmo (@andymarie-shepard). If payment is sent via Venmo, please make sure "purchase protection" is toggled off to avoid fees being charged.

*For families with multiple children, please fill out one form per child.

The CFA Sign-up Form has been updated to reflect pricing for 14 weeks:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScd8-_f-BzcY54b23fPqwPdt_RMuoQfNLd5cliiJh20ZtJlnkA/viewform

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/10rLLqksZLGoZ_gihyg4lq69Onzs9siz82VHJ-33pJDI/edit

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

Sign Up for Chick-fil-A Here!

MAP Growth Testing Information

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington testing program is intended to assist teachers and administrators in a systematic evaluation of the academic and religion programs, to diagnose students' strengths and weaknesses and to aid in revision of the curriculum and planning of instruction.

In addition to academic tests for grading purposes, the school will administer the ACRE religion standardized test in 5th and 8th grade and the MAP® Growth™ achievement tests in reading, and language usage for 3rd – 7th grade. 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.

Our fall testing will begin the week of September 9. For more information on MAP® Growth™ please see the attached flyer, "A Family Guide to MAP® Growth™".



Choir Information for 2024-2025

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

Choristers will learn basic musicianship, proper vocal technique, sight-singing and ear training, music theory, and how to sing in an ensemble. Rehearsals take place in the Music Room. No audition is required; only 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 9.**



After School Clubs

The first session of our after school clubs program will begin on Monday, September 16. Club offerings and registration information will be sent out the week of September 9.

In the meantime, students may sign up for supervised open playground for the first three weeks of school:

- Monday, August 26 - Thursday, August 29
- Tuesday, September 3 - Friday, September 6
- Monday, September 9 - Friday, September 13

Students will enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor games and activities suitable for their grade level. The registration process is set up by student. Families with multiple students will need to complete one form and payment per child. Sign up here: <https://stjohnacademy.org/clubs/>.

Clubs are open to all current students in grades K-8. 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.

Please remember that there is a 15-minute pick up window from 4:00-4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 3:30-3:45 p.m. on Friday.

For general information regarding clubs, please contact Cristina Crowley at clubs@stjohnacademy.org.

Register for After School Clubs

Volunteer Requirements for all Parents

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 or to volunteer in the classroom**, kindly complete the online *Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OPCYP)* application for a background check **and** attend a VIRTUS session.

The instructions for completing the online application are attached to this email. It should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete. This process produces the Central Registry Release of Information Form which needs to be signed by you to give the Diocese permission to submit a background check. Stop by the Front Office to sign the form.

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

Location: Saint John Academy (NOT THE CHURCH)

Position Title: Volunteer

Once your application is complete and approved, you will receive an email from the Office of Child Protection with available sessions to register for *Virtus: Protecting God's Children* safe environment training within 45 days of receiving the email.

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



Volunteer Instruction Sheet Background Check Application (1).pdf

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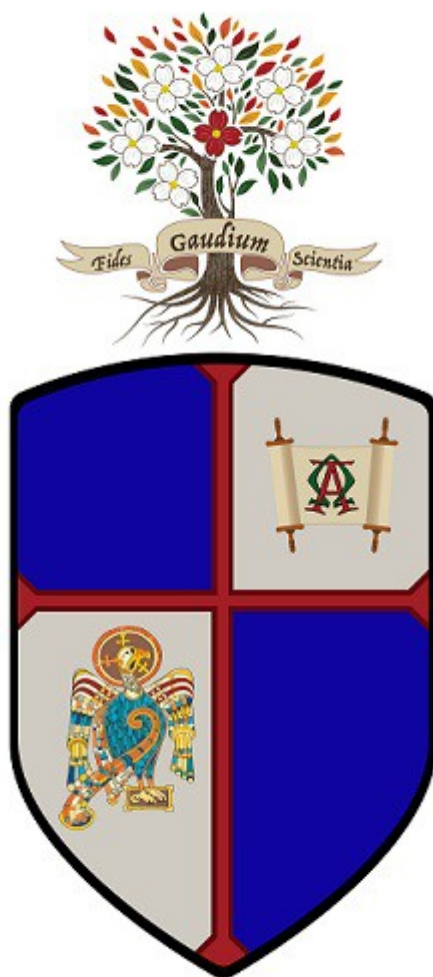
Attendance Procedures

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.

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: Summer Landscape. Pierre-Auguste Renoir. 1875.



Christine White