

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Thursday, March 7, 2024

Calendar Updates and Reminders

MARCH

Mar 7 10:00 AM 1st Penance for 2nd Grade Students

Mar 7 11:30 AM DISMISSAL, End of 2nd Trimester

Mar 8 NO SCHOOL, Professional Development

Mar 14 Adventures in Parenting & Jazz Night 7:00 PM

Mar 28 11:30 AM DISMISSAL, Holy Thursday

Mar 29-Apr 7 Easter Break

School Day Hours:

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

Donate to our Annual Fund

Opening Week Schedule for 2024-2025

Plans are underway for the 2024-2025 school year. The opening week schedule is as follows:

AUGUST 2024

- **Aug 21** Ice Cream Meet & Greet 3:30-5:00 PM, all grades
- **Aug 22** First Day of School for K-8 students
Preschool & Pre-K Orientation for 1 Hour (with parents)
- **Aug 23** Preschool & Pre-K Orientation for 1 Hour (without parents)

Diocesan Teacher Job Fair

The Diocese of Arlington is having a teacher job fair on Saturday, March 9, 2024

from 9-11 a.m. at St. Bernadette Catholic School. Meet with Catholic school representatives to explore teaching in one of the diocesan schools.

To register or for more information, please see the attached flyer.

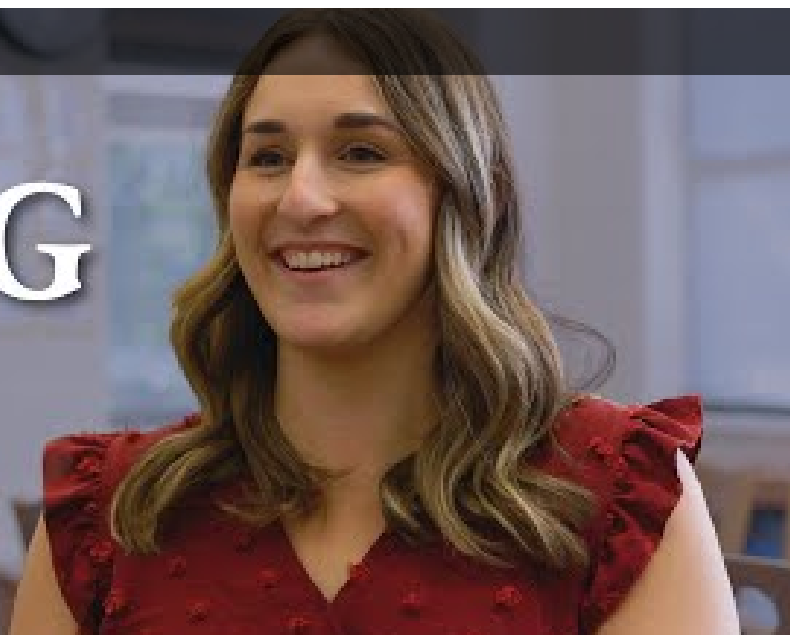
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Come to our Teacher Job Fair!

2024
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Altar Server Training

Fr. Pollard will be holding three training sessions for any and all new Altar Boys during the month of April on the following days:

- Saturday, April 13
- Saturday, April 20
- Saturday, April 27

Training will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Church. Boys in grades 3 - 8 who are interested in learning how to serve at daily and/or Sunday Masses are welcome to attend.

For questions please email Fr. Pollard at Fr.Pollard@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org

Session #5 Clubs

Registration for Session #5 of our After-School Clubs is now open. The registration process is set up by student. Families with multiple students will need to complete one form and payment per child.

Students who are registered for a fall club may attend supervised open playground on Monday, March 4th - Wednesday, March 6th on the day(s) of their respective club (Thursday, March 7th is an early dismissal with no clubs, and Friday, March 8th is a Teacher Professional Development Day with no school for students). The formal club program will begin on Monday, March 11th.

For general information regarding clubs, please contact Cristina Crowley at clubs@stjohnacademy.org. Thank you for supporting our after-school clubs!

Click Here for Session #5 Clubs

Private Music Lessons - Session III

Session III of private music lessons will start March 15. Lessons will include 8 lessons 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. The cost is \$280 total per child (\$35 per session).

Dates include: March 15, 22, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 24 (10th & 17th, partial day)

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.

Session III Music Lessons

Summer Camps 2024

SJBA will be offering summer camps on campus beginning June 10! Camps will include:

- Historic Adventures of DC: Battlefields, Forts and Monuments
- Adventurers' Camp
- Renaissance & Sports Camp
- Kayak Camp
- Dangerous Boys Camp & Daring Girls Camp
- Tennis Camp
- National Park Junior Ranger Camp
- Volleyball Camp
- Day Trips and Explorations Camp



Please check our website for more information at: <https://stjohnacademy.org/summer-camp/>

Lost and Found

There are several sweaters, coats, sweatshirts, and water bottles that have accumulated in the lost and found. If your child is missing an item, please check the lost and found in the school lobby.

Please remember to make sure that all of your student's personal items, including clothing, water bottles, and other important items are labeled clearly with their name for ease of identification.

Lastly, we have several gently used items in the St. John's uniform closet in Eagle Hall. This is a free used uniform exchange for all students. Parents can stop by to grab any items they may need.

Reminder: Financial Aid Applications are Due March 13!

Questions regarding admission for the 2024-2025 school year may be directed to Maggie O'Neill, our Admissions Director, by email at moneill@stjohnacademy.org.

The 2024-2025 Diocesan Financial Aid application in FACTS will open on November 1, 2023. Assistance with tuition expenses is available for families in need of assistance. Please visit <https://online.factsmgt.com/Signin.aspx> to download an application. Applications and all supporting tax documentation should be submitted by the due date. For additional information, please call Facts Aid at (866) 441-4637

- One application is required per family
- A processing fee is required
- Families seeking aid for students in BOTH ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL should follow the high school submission deadline.

Due Dates

Elementary School | March 13, 2024 | You will need 2023 W-2s and Tax Returns

Awards are determined on a case by case basis by the school and applicable for one academic year. Questions regarding financial assistance may be directed to our Business Manager, Francisco de Brey at fdebrey@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

Winter Weather Reminder

Just a reminder that Saint John the Beloved Academy follows Fairfax County public schools for weather related school closings and delays. Please remember to check emergency announcements at www.fcps.edu for the latest updates regarding school closings and delays during these winter months. Thank you!

Sick Student Protocols and Attendance Procedures

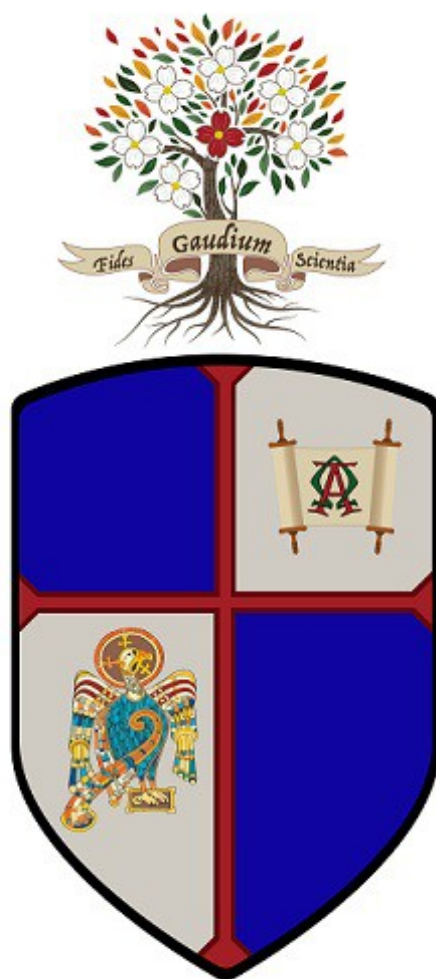
If your child is going to be out sick for the day, a phone call or an email from a parent is required each day(s) of the absence(s) of the student to Mrs. Monica Stilson in the health office at: attendance@stjohnacademy.org. Mrs. Stilson will communicate the absence with your child's homeroom teacher 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

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.

Pictured above: Ullswater, Early Morning. John Glover. 1824.



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