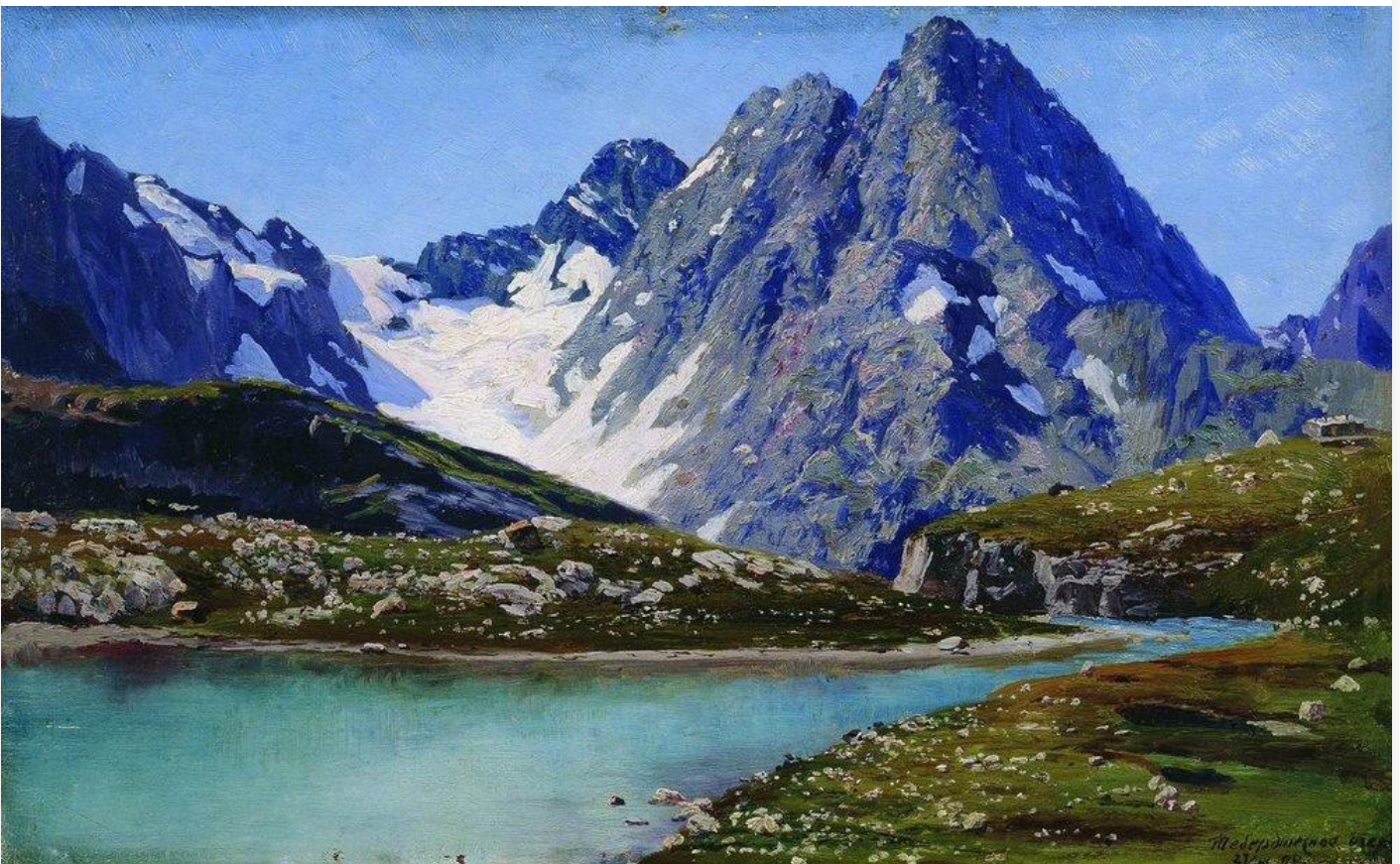


A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Thursday, May 2, 2024

Calendar Updates and Reminders

MAY

May 7 Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM

May 9 World Language Exam

May 10 Grandparents Day

May 11 First Holy Communion Mass at 11 AM

May 13 May Crowning with School Rosary

May 17 11:30 AM DISMISSAL, Prof. Development

May 17 SPRING DREAM at 7:00 PM

**** May 22** NEW EVENT - "*A Time for Tea and a Touch of Whimsy*," the next event in the Adventures in Parenting series. All SJBA Mothers' are invited tea from 8:30am -10:30am. More details to come.**

May 23 Evening with the Arts 6:30 PM

May 24 Last Day of School for Preschool & Pre-K

May 27 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

May 30 End of Year HOUSE DAY

May 31 Kindergarten Graduation 9:00 AM

May 31 ALL SCHOOL MASS 10:30 AM

May 31 8th Grade Graduation

JUNE

June 6 End of Year Picnic time TBD

June 7 Last day of school, 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

School Day Hours:

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

Spring Dream Tickets & Information

Join Us at the Spring Dream!

The Spring Dream Garden Party is Friday, May 17, from 7:00 - 10 PM at St. John the Beloved Academy.

Join us for this incredible evening to both celebrate and raise funds for our school. Sponsorships and event tickets can be purchased here: <https://stjohnacademy.org/spring-dream/>.



Volunteers are needed to help with this fun event. Please contact Maricel Heeter at mheeter@stjohnacademy.org for more information.

Spring Dream Raffle Tickets

Raffle closes May 17, 2024 at 10:00 pm. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets are 1 for \$40 or 5 for \$150. Visit our website for more information.

Raffle #1 - A Capitals Suite!



Win four Washington Capitals suite tickets to a regular season game in 2024-2025 (200 level, specific date and game worked out with winner).

Raffle #2 - A Collector's Bourbon & Fine SJBA Swag Basket!

Featuring 6 great bourbons, including Buffalo Trace, Willett Reserve, Blanton's, and Angel's Envy...and curated SJBA Swag!

Raffle #3 - A Washington Nationals Experience!

Up to 12 tickets in section 229 to a Washington Nationals home game, complete with field passes and an opportunity to get autographs!

Raffle #4 – Box Seats at the DC Open!

Up to four tickets and parking to a weekday session at the 2024 Mubadala Citi Open Tennis Tournament.

Raffle #5 – A Suite to Cirque du Soleil® OVO!

Enjoy four suite tickets to the spectacular Cirque du Soleil show, OVO, at the Capital One Arena September 12-15.

Grandparents Day at SJBA

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents and/ or extended family members to "Grandparents Day" at St. John's on Friday, May 10. Our morning will begin at 9:15 am with refreshments. Grandparents and/or extended family members are welcome to attend Mass at 8:30 am.

To receive an invitation for this event, please register at:

<https://stjohnacademy.org/grandparents-day/>

Sign Up For Summer Camp at SJBA!



Summer Camps Highlight

National Park Junior Rangers Camp | June 24-28, 2024 | Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 3:00pm* | \$525 per camper

Rising 2nd-4th Grade

This camp is designed to give campers the opportunity to join the National Parks Junior Ranger family. Campers will explore the park, complete a series of activities, speak with Park Rangers, and

receive an official Junior Ranger patch and certificate at each park they visit.

Campers will visit the National Mall, Great Falls Park, Oxon Hill Farm, Fort Washington, and more! On days when the group returns to SJBA before pickup, the campers will have time to play lawn games and sports on the field.

(Students should pack a snack, lunch, and a water bottle for the day)

Director: Mr. O'Neill

(*There will be some days that students return to SJBA between 3:00 – 5:00pm.)

Photo credit: National Park Service



Great Falls Park



Oxon Hill Park



Ft. Washington

Additional camps offered this summer include:

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

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

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)
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Order Your 2023-2024 Yearbook Today!

The 2023-2024 school yearbook is being compiled and copies can be preordered online for \$20 at this link:

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/LookupJob?jobNumber=11970724>

Our yearbook will feature a durable, long-lasting hard cover and full color pages. Purchase your copy today!

All Middle School Students are Invited to BASH 2024!

Bishop Burbidge invites all middle school students of the Diocese to join him at BASH 2024. BASH is the largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) in the Diocese of Arlington every year! This event is a celebration of our Catholic faith and love of the Lord.

This event includes music, games, inspirational speakers, confessions, and a Vigil Mass for Sunday, with Bishop Burbidge as the principal celebrant. BASH is designed to be open to any Middle School aged youth that want to attend. Every student is welcome and invited to participate in the life of the Catholic Church!

Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/bash/>.

Details

WHEN: Saturday, May 4, 2024. 3:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington, VA

COST: \$15.00 per participant (youth and adults)

HOW TO SIGN UP: Please email Michael Jacobeen, Director of Faith Formation at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, at mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org if you would like to attend.

Sick Student Protocols and Attendance Procedures

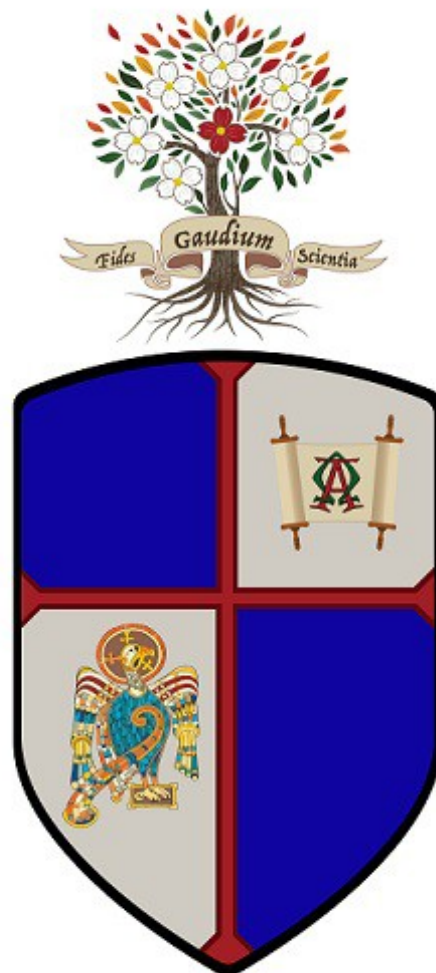
If your child is going to be out sick for the day, a phone call or an email from a parent is required each day(s) of the absence(s) of the student to Mrs. Monica Stilson in the health office at: attendance@stjohnacademy.org. Mrs. Stilson will communicate the absence with your child's homeroom teacher 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 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: Lake Teberdinsky, Caucasus. Mykola Yaroshenko. 1894.



Christine White