

# A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



**Thursday, February 29, 2024**

## Calendar Updates and Reminders

### MARCH

**Mar 5** Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM

**Mar 6** 8th Grade Confirmation Mass 7:00 PM

**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

**Mar 25** ALL SCHOOL MASS, Feast of The Annunciation House Day

**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

### Student Talent Show

We are pleased to announce that we are hosting our first annual St John the Beloved Academy Talent Show for students in grades 3-8.

**Auditions run until Friday, March 1. Students will audition during their music class and should be reminded of the guidelines:**

- Audition should be 3 minutes or less.
- It does not have to be musical.
- Students may audition with other SJBA students from other grades; there is no size limit for each group.
- Students may choose whatever song that they would like as long as it is school appropriate.
- Performance must contain a beginning, middle, and end.
- The Talent Show will be held during the school day (~1-3pm) date TBD.

For questions or more information, please email Director David Lang, at [davbrilang@gmail.com](mailto:davbrilang@gmail.com) or Ms. Viviana Urbano, at [vurbano@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:vurbano@stjohnacademy.org).

### Altar Server Training

Fr. Pollard will be holding a training session for any and all new Altar Boys this Saturday, March 2, 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](mailto:Fr.Pollard@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org).

### Coffee with the Headmaster

Our next coffee with the Headmaster will be on Tuesday, March 5 at 8:00 a.m. Please join us in room 10 after drop off for a Liberal Arts presentation by Mr. Presberg followed by questions and conversation.

Please RSVP at <https://www.smores.com/n/e4jcn> if you plan to attend. However, last minute attendees are always welcome.

#### Event Information

### Coffee with the Headmaster

When?

**Tuesday, Mar 5, 2024, 08:00 AM**

Where?

**Room 10**

[Attend \(RSVP\)](#)

## 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](mailto:clubs@stjohnacademy.org). Thank you for supporting our after-school clubs!

[Click Here for Session #5 Clubs](#)

## 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/>

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## 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.

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## Admission and Financial Aid Information for the 2024-2025 School Year

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](mailto: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](mailto:fdebrey@stjohncatholicmclean.org).

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## 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](http://www.fcps.edu) for the latest updates regarding school closings and delays during these winter months. Thank you!

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## **Sick Student Protocols and Attendance Procedures**

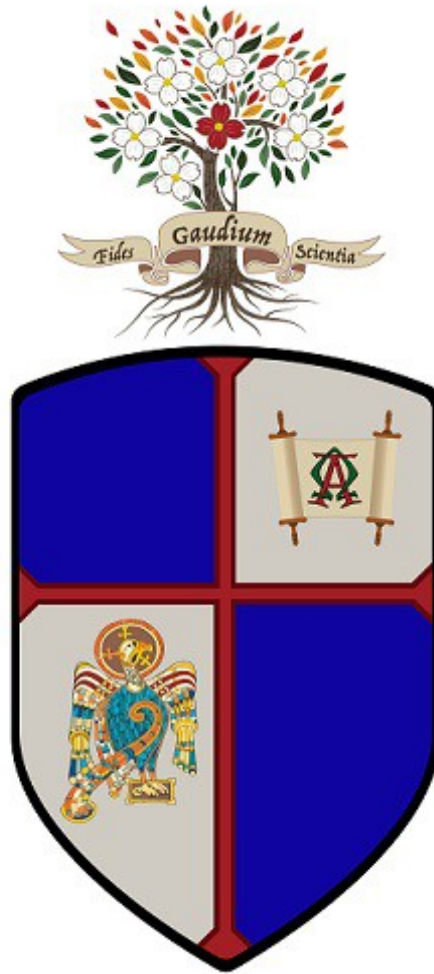
If your child is going to be out sick for the day, a phone call or an email from a parent is required each day(s) of the absence(s) of the student to Mrs. Monica Stilson in the health office at: [attendance@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:attendance@stjohnacademy.org). Mrs. Stilson will communicate the absence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





## 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: A Winter Landscape with Skaters and Sleighs before a Town. Salomon van Ruysdael. 1660.*



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