

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Thursday, January 18, 2024

Calendar Updates and Reminders

JANUARY

Jan 8-22 Re-registration for Current Students can be found here:

<https://stjohnacademy.org/registration/>

Jan 19 11:30 AM DISMISSAL, March for Life

Jan 20 2nd Grade First Confession Parent/Child Retreat 10 AM-12 PM

Jan 27 [Big Band Auction 7-11 PM](#)

Jan 28-Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

Feb 6 Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM

Feb 5-9 Mid-Trimester 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM

Feb 14 ASH Wednesday, All SCHOOL MASS

Feb 16 NO SCHOOL, Professional Development

Feb 19 NO SCHOOL- President's Day

School Day Hours:

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

Donate to our Annual Fund

Winter Weather Announcement for Friday, January 19

With snow in the forecast again tomorrow and a scheduled 11:30 AM Dismissal for St. John's, please take note of the following:

- If Fairfax County calls a 2-hour delay - St. John's school will be cancelled.
- If Fairfax County cancels all classes for the day - St. John's school will be canceled.

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.

Big Band Auction

Dress Down Day!

Join us for the the Big Band Auction on January 27th 7pm-11pm. This will be a fun evening for the adults to dress up in black tie or 1920s attire to enjoy an evening of live jazz music, food, libations, and dancing.

You can purchase tickets [here](#). Also, please consider one of the tiered sponsorships that will provide premier seating at the event and sponsorship recognition. This is a new event for St. John the Beloved Academy and will be a key fundraising event where the funds go directly to staff and staff development.



If you can't make it, we will miss your presence dearly, but please consider bidding on one of the many curated auction items available. Bidding on auction items will be available throughout the

Also, to add some incentive for purchasing tickets this week, the school will plan a dress down day on Friday, January 19 (in the event of a snow day, the dress down day will be moved to Friday, January 26) for all students whose families have purchased tickets/sponsorship for the event.

Sponsorships and tickets can be purchased here: <https://stjohnacademy.org/bigband/>

Catholic Schools Week

Saint John the Beloved Academy will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration celebrating Catholic education, with a variety of activities and events from **January 28-February 2**. As part of our activities for the week, students will bring in school supplies to be used toward packing backpacks for Catholic Charities Refugee services.

January 29th Monday: Mad Hatter and Crazy Socks Day - Students are encouraged to wear a hat and/or crazy socks of their choice to celebrate the "foolish" wisdom, community, and joy of Christianity and wondrous gift of the sacraments.

January 30th Tuesday: Wit and Whimsy Day - Students are encouraged to dress up as any Dr. Seuss, Fairy Tale, Charlie Brown or pre-approved character to dress up as. As well as memorize a quote, passage or line from a book that their character uses. We celebrate the eternal foundation of being loved children of God and of enhancing our capacities for wit, insight and good humor.

January 31st Wednesday: House Day Spark - In the spirit of community and friendship, storytelling and story writing competitions will kick off in the classrooms grades 6-8. Students will work on these projects throughout February preparing for our school House Day competition. Students in grades K-5 will read aloud a saint book and retell the story of a beloved saint.

February 1st Thursday: SJBA celebrates the Love of Friendship and the special friendship of St. John the Beloved and Our Lord - With an emphasis on hearing the personal call to holiness and discovering our vocation. Thursday will be a dress out day! Students can wear their House t-shirts, jeans or nice pants. Students will bring a school supply to be used toward packing backpacks for Catholic Charities Refugee services. All homerooms will recite a decade of the Rosary, praying for our Diocese as part of the Golden Jubilee Events as well as praying for vocations in Religion class and throughout the day.

February 2nd Friday: Catholic Trivia in the Classrooms - Students will have fun and be challenged to answer Catholic trivia questions. Students in grades K-4 will play a "Know your Catholic Bingo" game. Students in grades 5-8 will work in teams or individually on puzzles that enhance their knowledge and understanding of our faith. There will be a traveling coffee cart for teachers to grab a coffee and a treat. Our 8th grade students will pack the backpacks for Refugee Services.

Lunch Options for the New Year!

Good Gracious Catering! - Tuesday & Thursday

The Good Gracious Catering Company is offering the option to order student lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **January 16, 2024 - June 6, 2024**. Order forms along with payment are due January 12.

Please see the attached form for a detailed menu and more information. For questions, please contact Carolyn Megee directly at Carolyn@psyourparty.com

St. John's Academy Lunch order form January -June 2024 (1).docx

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LAST CHANCE For Chick-fil-A Orders! - Wednesday

This is the LAST WEEK orders can still be submitted for the Chick-fil-A lunch program. Please note what grade your child is in to determine pricing:

1. Pre-School/Pre-K - 17 weeks
2. Kindergarten/8th Grade - 18 weeks
3. Rest of School - 19 weeks

CFA lunches will be delivered until June 5. Please fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/UCJUcBoQws1T7cL16>, or linked below, by **Sunday, January 21, WITH payment marked "AS A GIFT."** We accept Zelle (shepardkm@gmail.com, Katherine Shepard) or Venmo (@andymarie-shepard).

*For multiple children, please fill out the form again to add your children.

**Pricing (please note updated pricing for 2024)

Volunteers are needed to help distribute lunch orders to the classrooms. If you can help, please see the sign up genius here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4AACA2FAAFD0-47159902-cfavolunteer>

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

Chick Fila Order Form

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Dads Needed!

Fr. Pollard is in need of a few good dads to assist with altar server training for daily Mass. If you would like to help, please email Fr. Pollard at fr.pollard@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

Student Artwork Featured in Youth Art Walk at Dulles Airport

In October, The McLean Project for the Arts hosted its annual MPAartfest at McLean Central Park. Various pieces of SJBA student artwork were featured in the Children's Artwalk which lines the walking path from the library parking lot into McLean Central Park.



Recently The McLean Project for the Arts was asked for submissions from the Children's Artwalk to be featured in the new Youth Art Walk at the Dulles International Airport. **The Youth Art Walk, will be held on January 23, at 6:00 p.m.** The collection is comprised of art pieces from students in Fairfax County Public Schools and Private Schools.

Two of the art pieces submitted by The McLean Project for the Arts were made by St. John's students! Congratulations to second graders, **Isabelle Abbott (below left) and Raphael Llaudes (below right)** on being selected!

The Youth Art Walk is free and open to the public. If you would like to attend, please see the attached invitation for more information.



Register for McLean Little League by January 22!

Come discover baseball or softball this spring and make friends from all over McLean, even some from Arlington, Falls Church, Vienna or Great Falls! Our beautiful facility at 1836 Westmoreland Street is a social hub for families and buzzes with baseball and softball into the night all spring. Roughly 1,200 children grow with us every year including children from St. John the Beloved! We have programs for children of all ages and abilities, and adaptive programs for children with special needs. We even have a great program for players who aged out of Little League last spring! **Any child enrolled at St. John can play at McLean Little League regardless of home address!**

Please send us any questions at registration@mcleanll.com, and to register, visit us at mcleanll.com and press the REGISTER button!

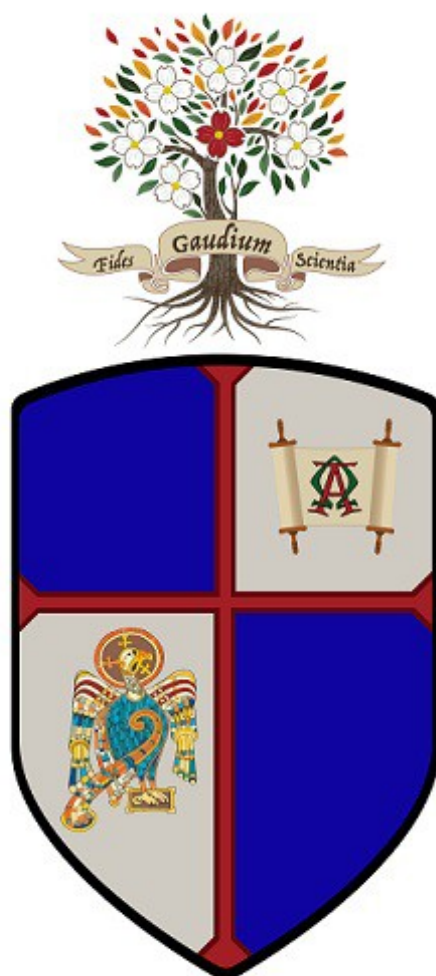
Sick Student Protocols and Attendance Procedures

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.



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: Landscape with Snow. Vincent van Gogh. 1888.



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