

# A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

## Calendar Updates and Reminders

### OCTOBER

**Oct 7-11** Mid-Trimester 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM

**Oct 14** NO SCHOOL Columbus Day

**Oct 17** Yearbook Picture Day - Preschool-8th Grade

**Oct 18** 11:30 AM DISMISSAL Professional Development

6:30 PM [An October Party](#)

**Oct 31** 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

## NOVEMBER

**Nov 1** All SCHOOL MASS, All Saints, HOUSE DAY

4:30 PM Fall Family Picnic/Tail Gate

**Nov 5** 3rd Grade Saints Presentation Presidential Election Day

**Nov 11** 10:00 AM Veterans Day Assembly

### Athletics Calendar

#### **SJBA Middle School Boys Soccer**

**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=Y19IMTcwMTU5ZjFiNjk3ZDg0NWExYWM5NTMyOTA4MjhiNmNiYWQyZTUwOGMwMThkY2FjNDRIMGRiNDZiYWRjNmZlQGdyb3VwLmNhbGVuZGFyLmdvb2dsZS5jb20)

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**School Calendar 2024-2025 8-28.pdf**

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## Joins us for An October Party!

### **Get Your Tickets Today!**

All parents and friends are invited to attend our annual fall event, [An October Party](#), on **Friday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the courtyard.**

The evening will include light appetizers, refreshments, and live jazz. Feel free to bring a favorite seasonal beverage to share!

This event is for adults only and attire is casual. We hope to see you there!

Tickets can be purchased at the link below.



# An October Party Ticket and Sponsorship Information

## New Lunch Option

St. John's is pleased to announce that hot lunch will be available every Tuesday and Thursday with [Vignola Gourmet](#) through December on a trial basis. Vignola is a wonderful full-service catering company that asks for a minimum of 50 orders per week to partner with St. John's. If orders are consistent, we will continue with the service from January to June.



**VIGNOLA GOURMET**  
— CATERING & MARKET —

Orders and payments can be placed through Vignola on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. There are several menu items to choose from every day. The cost is \$7.25 per lunch. *(There is a one-time \$10 maintenance fee for each user through Vignola.)*

**Ordering will close every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. for the week**, however you may order for the entire month if you wish. No minimum order required. A one-time activation fee of \$10 per child will be applied at the time of your first order. You can cancel individual orders through your account portal. Credit is automatically issued for canceled orders. Orders must be canceled by 9pm the day before for full credit.

Please follow the instructions in the welcome letter linked below to register.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ub8GBD00qoMsYhtvYhsNNu92BiqFxcOK/edit?usp=sharing&oid=104809483975307051689&rtpof=true&sd=true>

[docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)

## Yearbook Picture Day

Mark your calendar! Yearbook picture day is **Thursday, October 17**, in Eagle Hall.

- All K-8 Students should dress in their school uniform. Any sweatshirts, sweaters or coats will be asked to be removed before being photographed (including the SJBA sweatshirt).
- Preschool and Pre-K student attendance varies, so students who do not attend class on Thursday and would like their picture taken, are invited to come to the school preferably between 8:20-8:30 am.
- If a child needs to take his/her picture earlier/later due to scheduling needs, please let their homeroom teacher know ahead of time if they will be out.

Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase photos via Lifetouch photography. **Students who are absent on October 17 will be photographed on our makeup date which is Wednesday, December**

If you have questions or concerns, please email Vivian Grady at [vgrady@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:vgrady@stjohnacademy.org).

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## Shop our School Spirit Store!

Visit our online store to view the latest SJBA apparel and accessories! You can access the store via our website at <https://stjohnacademy.org/shop/> or on your phone by clicking on the shopping cart icon linked to the toolbar.

**\*\*Please note the youth SJBA sweatshirts available on the website can be worn during the school day as part of the uniform for grades K-8. Additionally, the SJBA golf polo can be worn by 8th graders as part of the uniform.\*\***

Thank you in advance for supporting our school store!



Welcome to St. John the Beloved



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## 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](mailto:dlang@stjohncatholicmclean.org). **Rehearsals have started, but students are still welcome to join!**



## Voice Lessons Now Available!

Voice lessons have been added to our music offerings this session for students in grades K-8.

Our instructor will be Miranda Smith. Mrs. Smith received her BM in Music and her MM in Voice Performance and Pedagogy from Westminster Choir College. In addition to teaching voice, she is a piano instructor.

Lessons will begin on **Friday, October 4**. Dates include the following Fridays:

October 4, 11, 25 and

November 8, 15, 22.

The cost is \$35 per lesson, for a total of \$210. Lessons will be 20 minutes long, in the choir room on Fridays.

You can register for voice lessons on our website at, <https://stjohnacademy.org/optional-music/>, or by clicking the link below.

Please contact Mr. David Murray at [dmurray@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:dmurray@stjohnacademy.org) with any questions.

## Music Lessons

## 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

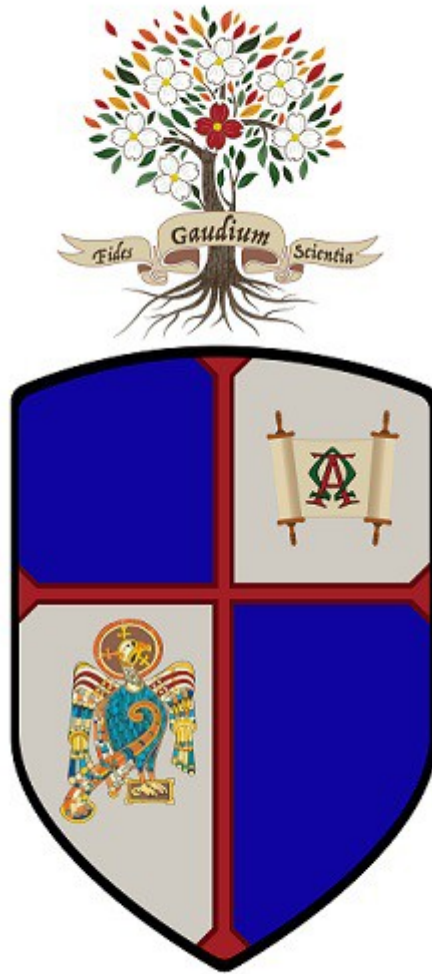
When a student is going to be arriving late, leaving early, or has a change in their pick-up routine, please email Mrs. Monica Stilson in the attendance office: [attendance@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:attendance@stjohnacademy.org) and copy Mrs. Gracia Escudero in the front office: [gescudero@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:gescudero@stjohnacademy.org) 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.

**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: The Arrival of Columbus' Flotilla, [Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky](#). 1880.*



**Christine White**

