



Frequently Used Beauvoir-Related Terms

ABC: The After Beauvoir Center is Beauvoir's after school program.

AIMS: Association of Independent Maryland and DC Schools. The organization that accredits Beauvoir and other independent schools in our area.

Annual Fund: The cornerstone of Beauvoir's fundraising efforts. The Annual Fund supports the basic operations of the school that tuition dollars do not cover. All parents are asked to give, as participation is our most important goal.

Beauvoir Drive: The main road through the Cathedral Close that leads to Beauvoir. Please enter from Wisconsin Avenue.

Beauvoir Summer: A comprehensive seven-week program for ages three through ten. Registration opens in early January.

Book Fair: An annual event and fall fundraiser for the Parents Association. The Book Fair also offers parents the opportunity to donate new titles to add to our library's collection of children's books.

Christmas Chapel: A service that takes place on the last morning of school before the winter break in the Great Crossing of the Washington National Cathedral. First graders perform the traditional nativity scene and all students attend. School is dismissed for the winter break following the chapel.

Closing Chapel: A service that takes place on the last morning of school before summer break in the Great Crossing of the Washington National Cathedral. Third graders perform the traditional maypole dance and receive graduation certificates. School dismisses for the year at the conclusion of the chapel.

Courtyard: Part of the original footprint of Beauvoir Mansion, where the first school was housed. Currently, students use the courtyard for classes, observation, and recreational purposes.

Cubs: The program for three-year-old children at Beauvoir and the final year of Beauvoir's Early Learning Center (ELC) program.



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Dining Room: Located one floor down from the main level and the location of first, second, and third grade lunches. This room is also home to the ABC program when it is in operation.

DreamBox Math: DreamBox Learning® Math empowers students to master the key concepts of elementary math, increase achievement, accelerate learning, and boost long-lasting confidence with an adaptive online math learning environment. Each student in pre-kindergarten through third grade receives their own account.

ELC: Beauvoir's Early Learning Center, serving children ages three months through three years of age. The ELC is primarily filled with children of faculty and staff at Beauvoir and the other Cathedral schools.

Enrichment Classes: Classes offered for pre-kindergarten through third grade students after school in three sessions: fall, winter, and spring. Registration dates are announced via email.

Global Studies: A tradition at Beauvoir that dates to the 1940s. Each year from January until March, students engage in integrated museum-style, hands-on, inquiry-based learning from various regions around the globe. Global Studies culminates in Museum Night, where students show their families what they have learned.

Gym Show: A second grade tradition at Beauvoir that takes place each spring. Students practice the skills they have learned throughout the year and throughout their time at Beauvoir.

Play Deck: The deck located one level down from Beauvoir's main level that links the two kindergarten hallways and that is in close proximity to Beauvoir's Early Learning Center classrooms.



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Life Rules: Kindness, respect, responsibility, and honesty. The Beauvoir Life Rules are an integral part of Beauvoir's social curriculum and guide interactions at Beauvoir among children and adults alike. Beauvoir asks for the support of parents reinforcing and modeling the Life Rules at home and requests parents use them in their interactions with other adults in the school community.

Magnus Health: The third-party service that handles the collection of health forms and other vital information. A link to your child's Magnus Health Profile can be found on the Parent Resource Board. NAIS: National Association of Independent Schools, of which Beauvoir is a member.

Parent Portal: The secure portion of Beauvoir's website that parents access once they enter their Beauvoir username and password.

Parent Resource Board: The main landing page for parents once logged into the Parent Portal. The board is filled with "pins" or icons that provide access to additional information.

Paula J. Carreiro Campus for Outdoor Learning: The official name for Beauvoir's playground, named after Beauvoir's fourth Head of School. It includes Bear Creek, Cistern, Little Village, Zip Line, Tree Walk, Pyramid Slide, and more.

Responsive Classroom: The classroom management program in which all Beauvoir teachers are trained. Responsive Classroom helps faculty members create positive classroom communities. Part of the Responsive Classroom approach includes morning meeting and closing meeting.

Scholarship Benefit: An annual event begun in the 1970s and held each spring to raise money for the Beauvoir Scholarship Fund.

TADS Tuition Management: The third-party service that manages tuition and billing at Beauvoir. A link to TADS can be found on the Parent Resource Board.

Taylor Hall: A room at Beauvoir that hosts plays, musicals, and other school events. It is named after Beauvoir's first Head of School, Elizabeth Glascock Taylor.



Frequently Used Cathedral-Related Terms

Bishop's Garden: Located on the South Side of the Cathedral, between South Road and Pilgrim Road, Beauvoir students use the Bishop's Garden frequently for art, science, and nature walks.

Cathedral Close: The 59 acres of land that encompasses the entire Cathedral campus and is bounded by Wisconsin Avenue, 34th Street, Garfield Street, and Woodley Road.

Cathedral Flower Mart: A spring festival hosted by the Washington National Cathedral's All Hallows Guild to benefit the upkeep of the Cathedral grounds and garden. It is typically held on the first full Friday and Saturday in May. This market includes plants, flowers, and merchandise from local artisans. Beauvoir parents organize and run the children's games and sell tickets for the games and rides.

Cathedral Underground Parking Garage: The underground parking garage at the National Cathedral. Beauvoir parents may park and receive validation for up to two hours at the School.

Dean of the Cathedral: The religious leader in charge of the Washington National Cathedral. The current Dean is The Very Rev. Randolph Marshall Hollerith.

Great Crossing: The area in the front of the Washington National Cathedral's Nave where Beauvoir pre-kindergarten through third grade students sit for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Closing Chapels.

NCS: National Cathedral School

NCS Athletic Center Parking Garage: The parking garage beneath the NCS Athletic Center, located at the base of Beauvoir Drive and Woodley Road. Beauvoir faculty and staff are assigned parking spots in this garage. The center row is reserved for visitor parking.

Olmsted Woods: The wooded area between Beauvoir and St. Albans. Beauvoir students use Olmsted Woods frequently for nature walks and other project and service opportunities.

PECF: The Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation is the legal entity of which all institutions on the Cathedral Close, including Beauvoir, St. Albans School, National Cathedral School, and the Washington National Cathedral, are a part.



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Pilgrim Steps: The large set of outdoor steps that lead from the Cathedral's south side to Pilgrim Road and the George Washington Statue.

STA: St. Albans School

St. Albans Parish: The parish church on the grounds of the Washington National Cathedral. St. Albans Parish is not a part of the PECF nor is it affiliated with St. Albans School.

Great Choir: The area of the Washington National Cathedral where Beauvoir first, second, and third grade students attend monthly chapel.

West End of the Cathedral: The front doors of the Cathedral that face Wisconsin Avenue. These doors are the ones parents should use when entering the Cathedral for Beauvoir's three all-school Cathedral services.