

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



Friday, May 30, 2025

Calendar Updates and Reminders

MAY

May 30 ALL SCHOOL MASS - Kindergarten Graduation & 8th Grade Graduation

JUNE

June 5 End of Year Family BBQ, 5:00 PM

June 6 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
ALL SCHOOL MASS - 10:30 AM unless otherwise noted

Sync the SJBA parent calendar with your family calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y19IMTcwMTU5ZjFiNjk3ZDg0NWEwYWM5NTMyOTA4MjhiNmNiYWQyZTUwOGMwMThkY2FjNDRlMGRiNDZiYWRjNmZlQGdyb3VwLmNhbGVuZGFyLmdvb2dsZS5jb20>



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Congratulations to our Class of 2025!



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Celebrating our Class of 2025

In the last few weeks of the school year, the eighth grade class has enjoyed several activities and events. Students embarked on a field trip to the Library of Congress, attended the 8th grade vocations Mass with Bishop Burbidge, enjoyed a new 8th Grade tradition, a Huckleberry Finn Feast, participated in the diocesan Shakespeare Festival, performed *Benedick and Beatrice*, the abridged version of William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* at our Evening with the Arts, pulled off a narrow victory over the faculty in the 8th grade v. faculty basketball game, enjoyed a catered formal luncheon on Wednesday of this week where graduates, teachers, and administration

gathered to celebrate and share their memories, and participated in their final House Day as SJBA students.

A graduation ceremony will be held at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon for graduates and their families. Congratulations to our class of 2025!



The 2024-2025 Yearbook is Now Available!

The 2024-2025 school yearbook is here and books can be purchased by check (made out to St. John's) or cash for \$25 per yearbook addressed to Vivian Grady/Yearbook.

For questions please email Mrs. Grady at vgrady@stjohnacademy.org.

SJBA BBQ & Bluegrass Party in the Valley

Join us in the Valley Amphitheatre for BBQ and Bluegrass on Thursday, June 5, at 5:00 p.m.! Here are the details you need to know:

- This event is for the whole family
- Featuring bluegrass band, Dunlap & Mabe
- BBQ and potato salad will be provided.
- KONA ICE truck
- Bring your own refreshments, sides, etc., and feel free to bring a blanket and/or chairs.
- Suggested Contribution: \$30 per family. Please RSVP here: <https://stjohnacademy.org/bbq/>
- We're looking for helpers for all the prep work involved, please sign up if you are able to help at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49ABAC2DA6FF2-57100597-bbqand#/> or contact Caroline Herbert at, carolineknox81@gmail.com.

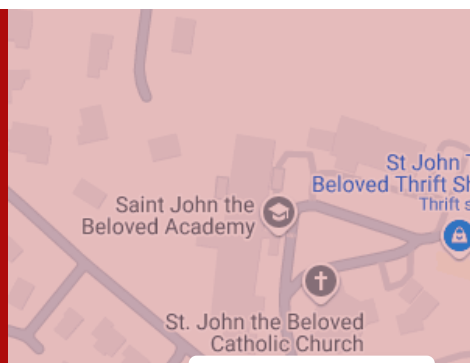
Event Information

SJBA BBQ & Bluegrass Party in the Valley

When?

Thursday, Jun 5, 2025, 05:00 PM

Where?



Catholic Diocese of Arlington Survey

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington, assisted by the professional consulting firm Meitler, has prepared two surveys, one for parents, and one for students (current 8th to 11th graders) to determine potential interest in a Catholic Career and Technical Education program (that is, a Vocational School).

Parents who would like to share their perspective may take the survey here:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8304711/catholic-diocese-of-arlington-parent-survey>

Students (current grades 8-11) who would like to take the survey may take it here:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8304741/catholic-diocese-of-arlington-student-survey>

The survey is open until June 8 for those who would like to participate.

Summer Camp at SJBA



Summer camp registration is now open!

St. John's is offering 4 weeks of camps for students in rising K-8 grade.

Join our NEW signature full-day SJBA camp, ***Renaissance Adventurers Club***, for one or two weeks this summer! *Campers will be split into two groups for age-appropriate activities: Grades k-3 & Grades 4-8.*

Highlights from this camp include: team-building activities, virtue chats and challenges, a guild craft or project, games, Scripture exploration, food and hospitality crafts—such as learning the art of baking, BBQ, and preserves while preparing our own week-end feast! Afternoons will finish with outdoor games, survival skills, and stories—engaging American conundrums, history and heritage.

The last two weeks of June will feature a selection of fun half-day camps! Offerings include: art, painting, reading and word games, tennis & pickleball, primitive skills and nature exploration, and sports and games.

For more information or to apply visit our website at, <https://stjohnacademy.org/summer-camp/>.

****Extended camp is available from 3:00-4:00 p.m. per week for \$125 per camper***

Summer Camp Application

Camp Schedule

June 9-13

- Renaissance Adventurers Club (Week 1) | From 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | \$475 per camper | For Rising K-8

June 16-20

- Renaissance Adventurers Club (Week 2) | From 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | \$475 per camper | For Rising K-8

June 23-27

Morning Sessions (9:00 - 11:30 am)

- Art Camp (Week 1) | From 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | \$225 per camper | Rising K-3
- Painting Camp (Week 1) | From 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | \$225 per camper | Rising 4-8
- Reading & Word Games Camp (Week 1) | From 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | \$225 per camper | Rising 4-8
- Tennis & Pickleball Camp (Week 1) | From 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | \$225 per camper | For Rising 4-8

Afternoon Sessions (12:30 - 3:00 p.m.)

- Painting Camp (Week 1) | From 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. | \$225 per camper | Rising 4-8
- Sports & Games Camp (Week 1) | From 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. | \$225 per camper | For Rising K-3
- Primitive Skills and Nature Exploration Camp (Week 1) | From 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. | \$225 per camper | For Rising 4-8

June 30-July 3

Morning Sessions (9:00 - 11:30 am)

- Art Camp (Week 2) | From 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | \$225 per camper | Rising K-3
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Preliminary Calendar for the 2025-2026 School Year

Plans are underway for the 2025-2026 school year. The preliminary calendar is attached. Dates in yellow are tentative.

The opening week schedule is as follows:

AUGUST 2025

- **Aug 19** Ice Cream Meet & Greet 3:30-5:00 PM, all grades
- **Aug 20** First Day of School for K-8 students, 11:30 AM Dismissal
Preschool & Pre-K Orientation for 1 Hour (with parents)
- **Aug 21** Preschool & Pre-K Orientation for 1 Hour (without parents)



Preliminary School Calendar 2025-2026.pdf

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Health Office Announcements

For questions regarding these announcements or for any additional information, please feel free to contact Mrs. Monica Stilson at mstilson@stjohnacademy.org in our health office.

Now is a Great Time to Schedule Your Yearly Physical Appointment!

The following students will need an updated physical and immunization form ([The Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health Form](#)) for the 2025-2026 school year (dated 8/20/2024 or later):

- All Kindergarten students (**including those currently registered in St. John's PreK**)
- 7th grade students
- Students in 5-8 who want to participate in [school sports](#).

Additional information and links to all of school health forms can be found on our website at: <https://stjohnacademy.org/parent-resources/forms/>.

Parent-Student Handbook

The Parent-Student Handbook for the 2024-2025 school year is now available on our website.

Please read through the Handbook and complete the electronic signature form at your earliest convenience.

2024-2025 SJBA Parent-Student Handbook

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 SJBA sweatshirt is now available in ADULT SIZES and 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



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 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.

Quick Links

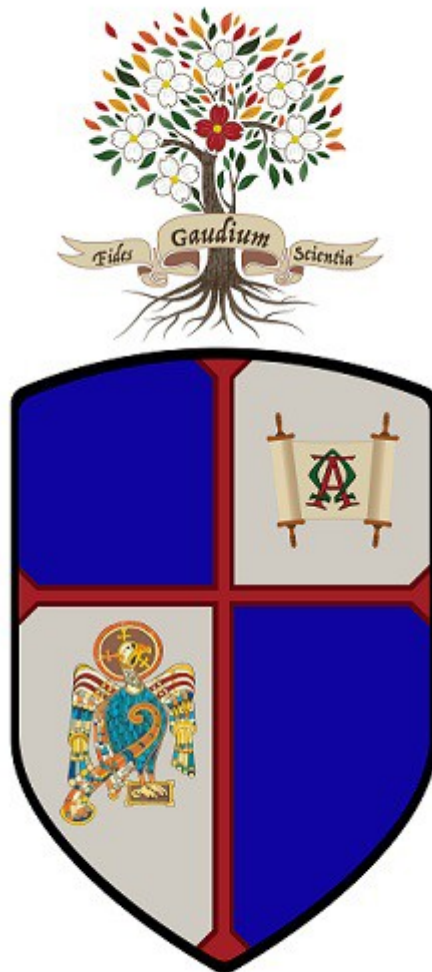
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Saint John the Beloved Academy

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.

Artwork: Umbrellas in the Rain. Maurice Prendergast. 1898 - 1899.



Christine White