

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



April 23, 2026

Calendar Updates and Reminders

APRIL

- **Apr 20-24** Mid-Trimester 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Apr 22-23** ACRE Testing grades 5 & 8 only
- **Apr 23** [Encountering Art & Reality? Seminar I, 5:00 PM](#)
- **Apr 24** [Encountering Art & Reality? Seminar II, 7:00 PM](#)
- **April 25** (Saturday) First Communion Parent/Child Retreat & Rehearsal 10 AM – 12 PM

MAY

- **May 1** 11:30 AM DISMISSAL
- **May 6** World Language Exam
- **May 8** Grandparents Day, 8:30 AM MASS, 9:15 AM Refreshments followed by Student Performance
- **May 9** First Holy Communion Mass at 11:00 AM
- **May 13** May Crowning with School Rosary
- **May 15** 11:30 AM DISMISSAL, Prof. Development,
- **May 15** 7:00 PM [Spring Dream Garden Party](#).
- **May 20** 6:30 PM Evening with the Arts
- **May 22** Last Day of School for Preschool & Pre-K
- **May 25** NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- **May 26** HOUSE DAY
- **May 28** Kindergarten Graduation, 8th Grade Graduation, ALL SCHOOL MASS

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

Please see the latest version of the calendar attached below.



School Calendar 2025-2026 10-2.pdf

Download

136.7 KB

Sync the SJBA parent calendar with your family calendar:

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

[cid=Y19IMTcwMTU5ZjFiNjk3ZDg0NWUwYWM5NTMyOTA4MjhiNmNiYWQyZTUwOGMwMThkY2FjNDRIMGRiNDZiYWRjNmZlQGdyb3VwLmNhbgVuzGFyLmdvb2dsZS5jb20](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y19IMTcwMTU5ZjFiNjk3ZDg0NWUwYWM5NTMyOTA4MjhiNmNiYWQyZTUwOGMwMThkY2FjNDRIMGRiNDZiYWRjNmZlQGdyb3VwLmNhbgVuzGFyLmdvb2dsZS5jb20)

Encounters with Art & Reality? SJBA Special Educator Event: O'Connor Seminars

Join the headmaster and other educators to enjoy and discuss dramatic short stories by the curious, humorous, inimitable (and wise) Miss Flannery O'Connor.

Both staged in Room 10, **the first seminar is tonight, Thursday, April 23, (Shakespeare's birthday!) from 5 - 7:30 p.m. The second is tomorrow evening, Friday, April 24, from 7 - 9:30 p.m.**

Each event will open with hospitality--feel free to bring refreshments to share--and an opening presentation by the headmaster, followed by a dramatic reading of a short story and lively

discussion. Hospitality will close each evening.

Feel free to join both evenings or just one. The suggested contribution is \$15 per adult, per event. It is free for teachers. Please RSVP as space will be limited.

[RSVP Here](#)

Arrival and Dismissal Reminder

Please be mindful of the the traffic patterns for entering and exiting the school during drop-off and pick-up.

Just a reminder that the right lane exiting the school onto Linway Terrace is an exit lane only. For the safety of all of our parents and students, this is strictly enforced by the security guard at drop-off and pick-up. We appreciate your cooperation on this enforcement. To avoid any confusion, traffic signs have been posted.

The procedures for arrival and dismissal shared at the beginning of the school year are attached below.



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures.pdf

[Download](#)

384.5 KB

Lost and Found

There are several sweaters, coats, sweatshirts, and water bottles that have accumulated in the lost and found. All items are on display in the school lobby and at school pick up. If your child is missing an item, please check the lost and found.

Opening Week of School for the 2026-2027 School Year

Plans are underway for the 2026-2027 school year! The opening week schedule is as follows:

AUGUST 2026

- **Aug 18** Ice Cream Meet & Greet 3:30-5:00 PM, all grades
- **Aug 19** First Day of School for K-8 students, 11:30 AM Dismissal
Preschool & Pre-K Orientation for 1 Hour (with parents)
- **Aug 20** Preschool & Pre-K Orientation for 1 Hour (without parents)

Middle School Bash 2026

All middle school students (6th-8th graders) of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join Bishop Burbidge at BASH 2026 on Saturday, April 25, from 3:15 - 8:30 p.m. at Bishop O'Connell High School.

To sign up, please Contact Mr. Michael Jacobeen by email at, mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org or sign up online at : <https://giving.myparishsoft.io/App/Form/0e7b4ec0-b0bd-41df-a1be-53464c9593a3>.



Bash Flyer 2026.pdf

Download

708.4 KB

Grandparents Day at SJBA

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents and/ or extended family members to "Grandparents Day" at St. John's on Friday, May 8. Our morning will begin at 9:15 a.m. with refreshments. Grandparents and/or extended family members are welcome to attend Mass at 8:30 a.m.

To receive an invitation for this event, please register at: <https://stjohnacademy.org/grandparents-day/>

Health Office Announcements

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 2026-2027 school year (dated 8/20/2025 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/>. **All health forms are due by August 1, 2026.**

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.

2026-2027 School Forms

Preorder your 2025-2026 Yearbook Today!

The 2025-2026 school yearbook is being compiled and copies can be preordered online for \$25 at this link:

YBPay.Lifetouch.com

Yearbook Code: 11970726.

Our yearbook will feature a durable, long-lasting hard cover and full color pages. Purchase your copy today!

Uniform Closet

We've been blessed with many generous uniform donations, and we've put together a simple system to help families find what they need.

How it works:

- We've created a Google Sheet with an updated list of all available uniform pieces.
- You can view the list at any time using this link [here](#) or by scanning the QR code. The sheet is view-only so everyone can see what's available in real time.
- Please note: The document contains five tabs at the bottom. Google Sheets will always open to the first tab by default. To see the other categories, simply select the tab you'd like at the bottom of the sheet.

How to request items:

- If you see something you'd like, simply text **Michele Schnabel at 703-508-8933** with your request.
- Michele will gather the pieces for you and coordinate with you to either:
 - Hand them to you at pickup,
 - Drop off at the front desk, or
 - Drop them off with your child during the school day.



This way, uniforms get reused and shared easily, and every family can find what they need.

Thank you to everyone who contributed—you've made this possible!

Parent-Student Handbook

The Parent-Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year is now available on our website.

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

2025-2026 SJBA Parent-Student Handbook

Attendance and Dismissal Procedures

A dismissal form lets the school know how your child(ren) will be arriving and departing from school every day.

When a student is going to be arriving late, leaving early, or has a change in their pick-up routine, please email Mrs. 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.



Dismissal-Sheet-2025-26 (1).pdf

Download

132.9 KB

Quick Links

[School Spirit Store](#)

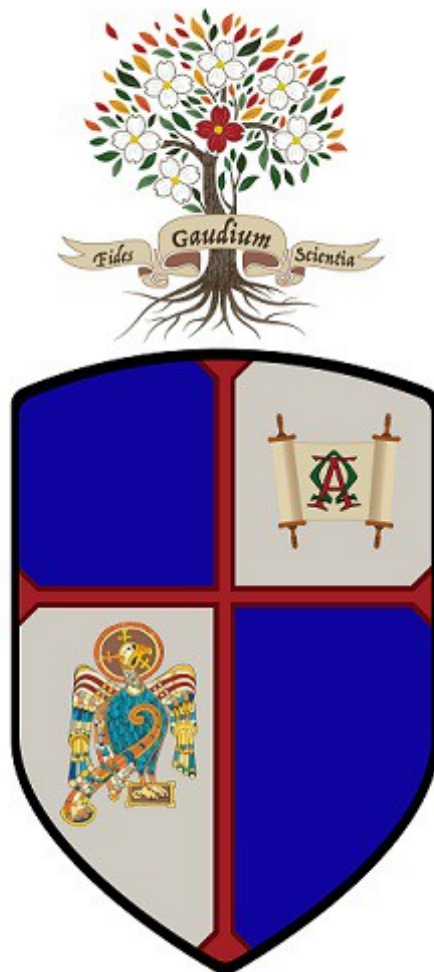
[School Health Forms](#)

[After-School Clubs](#)

[Private Music Lessons](#)

[Lunch Options](#)

[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.

Artwork: Isles of Shoals Garden (aka The Garden in Its Glory). Childe Hassam. 1892.



Christine White