

# A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



**January 11, 2026**

## Calendar Updates and Reminders

### JANUARY

- **Jan 19** NO SCHOOL, Dr. MLK Jr. Holiday
- **Jan 23** 11:30 AM DISMISSAL, March for Life
- **Jan 24** (Saturday) First Penance Parent/Child Retreat 10 AM-12 PM
- **Jan 25-Jan 31** Catholic Schools Week

## FEBRUARY

- **Feb 3** Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM
- **Feb 2-6** Mid-Trimester 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Feb 7 7:00 PM BIG BAND Auction**
- **Feb 16** NO SCHOOL- Presidents' Day
- **Feb 18** ASH Wednesday, ALL SCHOOL MASS
- **Feb 21** (Saturday) 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Feb 27 & 28** Theatre and Jazz Performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest*

### **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

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Please see the latest version of the calendar attached below.



**School Calendar 2025-2026 10-2.pdf**

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### **Sync the SJBA parent calendar with your family calendar:**

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

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## **Lunch Options for the New Year**

### **Chick-fil-A - Wednesday**

This program will run on Wednesdays beginning January 14.

To add your child to the list, please fill out the form by Monday, January 12, and send payment via Venmo (@andymarie-shepard) or Zelle (shepardkm@gmail.com, Katherine Shepard). If payment is sent via Venmo, please make sure "purchase protection" is toggled off to avoid fees being charged.

\*For families with multiple children, please fill out one form per child.

CFA order form: <https://forms.gle/WPYPNjqZed3npBPH8>.

Parent volunteers are needed to help sort and distribute orders. Please see link below to sign up.

Volunteer Schedule:

Please direct any questions to Glenn Paik [glennpaik@gmail.com](mailto:glennpaik@gmail.com).

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## Vignola Gourmet - Tuesday & Thursday

Hot lunch is available every Tuesday and Thursday starting January 8.

**\*\*\*If you currently have an account with Vignola, please make sure your child's grade and homeroom reflect the 2025-2026 school year!!!\*\*\***

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. For questions, please reach out to Michael at, [vignolagourmet@gmail.com](mailto:vignolagourmet@gmail.com).



**Welcome Letter St John the Beloved 2025 -2026**

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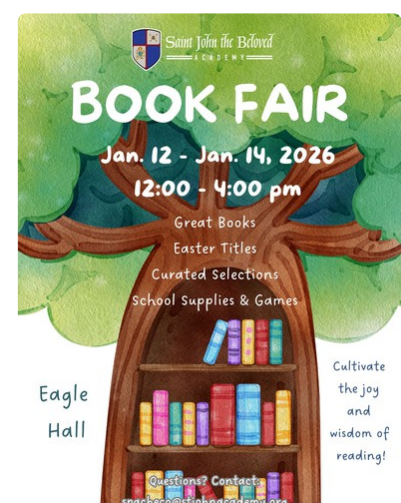
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## The SJBA Book Fair is This Week!

**Returning January 12-14**, the SJBA Book Fair will be in Eagle Hall featuring Great Books, Easter Titles, and curated selections!

### Book Fair Payment Methods & e-Wallet:

The Book Fair accepts cash, credit/debit, and an electronic payment option called e-Wallet. Families can create accounts, or update last year's, and add a credit card payment method (with a limit!). e-Wallet caps student purchases and doesn't charge the card until a payment is made. It's just an option, not required. Visit <https://www.bookwormbmaps.com/eWallet/> to set-up or change your e-Wallet! Just select "St. John Academy" from the list of schools.



**Make plans to stop by!** And please consider volunteering for set-up, take down, or acting as cashier! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0448A4AA2AA1F58-61172287-2026>.

All questions can be sent to Stephanie Pacheco at [spacheco@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:spacheco@stjohnacademy.org).

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## McLean Little League

McLean Little League registration is now open! **Students attending SJBA are eligible to play even if you don't live in McLean!**

SJBA families are invited to join our McLean Little League community of 1,200 boys and girls learning the games of Baseball and Softball while making friends from all over McLean and surrounding towns! The spring season runs from late March to early June.

**To register, go to [www.mcleanll.com](http://www.mcleanll.com) and click the "register" button at the top of the page. Registration closes on January 15th.**

If you have questions, please contact [registration@mcleanll.com](mailto:registration@mcleanll.com). We hope to see you out on the ball field!

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## Winter Weather Reminder

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](http://www.fcps.edu) for the latest updates during these winter months.

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## Admission Information for the 2026-2027 School Year

We are now accepting applications for new students for the 2026-2027 school year! If you have a child who will be applying for admission, we want to encourage you to apply early. The application deadline for Preschool - 8th grade is January 12, 2026.

For more information, please visit our website at <https://stjohnacademy.org/admissions/> or contact our Director of Admissions, Maggie O'Neill at, [moneill@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:moneill@stjohnacademy.org).

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## 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.

## 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](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.



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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 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



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## Quick Links

[School Spirit Store](#)

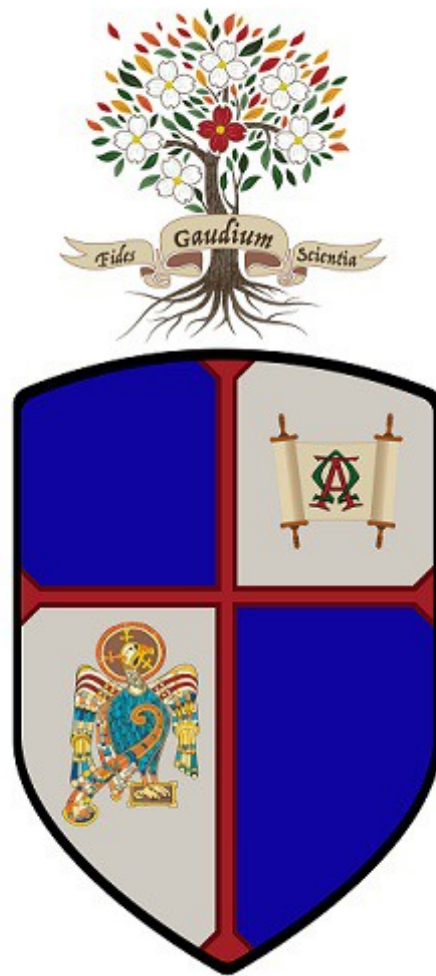
[School Health Forms](#)

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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: Adoration of the Kings (Epiphany). Pietro Perugino. 1476.*



**Christine White**