

# A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



**August 28, 2025**

## Calendar Updates and Reminders

### AUGUST 2025

- Aug 29 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept 1 NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

- **Sept 8-12** Parent/Teacher Meetings
- **Sept 11** 7:00 PM Parent Wine and Cheese w/ Jazz
- **Sept 15-26** Constitution, Civil Liberties Weeks
- **Sept 29** NO SCHOOL for Students/Prof. Dev. for faculty

**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?>

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## Early Dismissal - Friday, August 29, 2025

Just a friendly reminder that tomorrow, Friday, August 29, 2025, is an early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. for all students. Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

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## Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

In preparation for the first day of school, please review our arrival and dismissal procedures. Your patience is appreciated this first week of school as we all get back into the swing of things with drop off and pick up. Please see the attached map for more information.

- Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday.
- Any student who arrives after 8:20 a.m. will be considered tardy.
- The school day closes at 3:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and at 2:25 p.m. on Friday.
- Early dismissal takes place at 11:30 a.m.

The parking lot traffic plan for arrival and dismissal is as follows:

### AM CARPOOL

ENTRY ON THE SCHOOL/CHURCH GROUNDS IN THE MORNING MUST BE VIA LINWAY TERRACE AND THE REAR ENTRANCE (BEHIND THE RECTORY)

- Cars should line up and drop off students near the front entrance as usual. Upon arrival, students should exit their vehicles and proceed to enter through their classroom doors to ease the congestion of traffic during arrival and to avoid the clustering of students upon entry. Faculty members will be on hand to guide students to the right door.
- Kindergarten, first and fifth graders will enter through the main entrance of the school and will be directed to their classroom.

- Sixth grade will enter through the middle school entrance and will be directed to their classroom.
- Seventh and eighth graders will go through the gate and enter their respective classroom doors.
- Second and third graders will go through the playground gate and enter through the lower school door and will be directed to their classroom.

## **PM CARPOOL**

Entry on the School/Church grounds in the afternoon **MUST BE** via the REAR ENTRANCE (behind the Rectory).

- Kindergarten through eighth grade – There are 3 lanes in the parking lot for afternoon pick up. ALL cars picking up students are asked to be in the proper lane as explained below. Lane 1 is the lane closest to the island, Lane 2 is the middle lane, and Lane 3 is the lane closest to the school building.
- Lane 1 **MUST EXIT LEFT** onto LINWAY TERRACE. Lane 2 **MUST EXIT STRAIGHT** to BIRCH ROAD OR LEFT on to OLD DOMINION DRIVE. Lane 3 (lane closest to the school) **MUST EXIT RIGHT** onto LINWAY TERRACE
- Once you are in the correct exit lane, put the car in park and do not leave the car running if you have to exit the vehicle.
- Students will be dismissed promptly at 3:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 2:25 p.m. on Friday. On early dismissal days students will leave school at 11:30 a.m. Once students begin walking outdoors, no additional cars will be permitted in the parking areas.
- The school does not recommend parents to park anywhere other than the carpool lanes. However, if they need to do so, parents/drivers should park in a designated parking space that is not a part of the carpool lanes. Parents who park in a designated parking space are required to walk to the front of the school to meet their child(ren) and walk them to the car.
- Students will be released by grade. **Students in grades K-5 may NOT be picked up anywhere on school grounds other than the designated carpool pick-up zone.** Students may not walk to cars not in carpool lanes.
- **Students in grades 6-8 may be picked up in the lower-level parking lot in front of the church if waiting for regular carpool is not an option.** Students in grades K-5 must still be met at the front entrance of the school.
- Students may not leave the building before carpool dismissal to meet a carpool. If the child needs to be picked up before carpool dismissal time, the parent or driver must sign the child out at the front office window.
- Carpools are not allowed to park and/or pick up students at the bottom of the school building on Linway Terrace. **This area is reserved for faculty parking only.**

- Any student who has not been picked up at the conclusion of afternoon carpool and is not attending an after-school club, generally by 3:15 p.m., will wait in the lobby of the school until they can be picked up.
- Students may use phones once at dismissal to connect with parents regarding carpool logistics.
- Students who walk home from school must leave the school from the front door exit and are monitored there by a faculty member. They should begin walking to their destination immediately and may not linger on the school grounds.



**Carpool Map (1) (1).pdf**

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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.

**2025-2026 SJBA Parent-Student Handbook**

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## **Cell Phones and Smartwatches**

As a school, we encourage thoughtful use of technology at these young ages. It is preferred that students not bring cell phones and/or smartwatches to school.

However, if a parent feels it is necessary for a phone or smartwatch to be with their student on school property for parent communication/carpool needs, it should be in the off position and stay in the student's bag, locker, or teacher's desk drawer and not accessed during the school day.

If a student is found using a phone or smartwatch while on school property for personal/non-emergency purposes and without the permission of a teacher or school administrator they may have the phone or smartwatch confiscated and privileges withdrawn.

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## Choir Information for 2025-2026

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 start Wednesday, September 3.**



Choir form 2025-2026.pdf

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## School Supplies

Starting this year, St. John the Beloved Academy will be purchasing school supplies in bulk for students in Kindergarten-8th grade.

The addition of this school supply fee allows for the purchase of essential classroom supplies in bulk, saving our parents time and money while providing the items necessary for an engaging learning environment and the ability to replace materials as needed. There will be some specific items that individual homeroom teachers will request from each student – that will be communicated the first week of August and items can be brought in on the first day of school.

The School Supply Fee for the 2025 – 2026 school year is \$45 per student. Fees can be paid here: <https://stjohnacademy.org/parent-resources/supply-lists/>.

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## Fall Lunch Options

### Chick-fil-A Lunch - Wednesday

This program will run on Wednesdays until Wednesday, December 17 (skipping November 26).

**To add your child to the list starting on September 3 order, please fill out the form by Monday, September 1, and send payment via Venmo or Zelle.**

We accept Zelle ([shepardkm@gmail.com](mailto:shepardkm@gmail.com), Katherine Shepard) or Venmo (@andymarie-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 Sign-up Form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSet4t7zB8ibajllNgeHh7uHU\\_Cl-XB4wNZYdyNlePSMkuTDA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSet4t7zB8ibajllNgeHh7uHU_Cl-XB4wNZYdyNlePSMkuTDA/viewform).

Volunteers will be needed to help sort and distribute orders again this year, so please see link below to sign up.

Volunteer Schedule:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ekSXCSLkK89PthykFgO7ipJo6mGVeAhCdPP60msybq4/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

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

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## Vignola Gourmet - Tuesday & Thursday

Hot lunch will be available every Tuesday and Thursday this year with [Vignola Gourmet](#).

**If you ordered from Vignola last year, please make sure your child's grade and homeroom are updated for this 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).



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For questions regarding health forms, please feel free to contact Mrs. Monica Stilson at [mstilson@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:mstilson@stjohnacademy.org) in our health office.

## Physical and Immunization Requirements for the School Year

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 new students in preschool-8th grade
- All Kindergarten students (**including those who attended 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/>.

## Epipens, Asthma, & Medication Forms

If your child has an allergy requiring an Epipen, please have your physician fill out an Allergy Action plan (using the [Diocesan Allergy Action Plan](#) or your physician's preferred form). We will need this plan and required medications no later than August 21, 2025. If your child has asthma that requires the use of a rescue inhaler, please have your physician fill out an [Asthma Action Plan](#).

We will also need this plan and your child's rescue inhaler no later than August 21, 2025. If your child will need any other medications (not including Epipens and rescue inhalers) to be given at the health office, please fill out the [Medication Authorization form](#). Prescription medications will need a signature from a licensed provider. As a reminder, children are not permitted to carry medications with them in school.

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## 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. 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



## Quick Links

School Forms

School Supplies

**Summer Reading**

**Uniform Information**

**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: Indian Summer at Moret Sunday Afternoon. Alfred Sisley.*



**Christine White**