

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



December 3, 2025

Calendar Updates and Reminders

DECEMBER

- Dec 3 [Christmas Tree Sale Starts Today!](#)
- Dec 4 HSPT for 8th Grade
- Dec 4 Yearbook picture retake day
- Dec 5 Christmas Happy Hour 4:00-6:00 PM
- Dec 8-12 1st Trimester P/T Conferences 3:15-4:30 PM

- **Dec 8** ALL-SCHOOL MASS, The Immaculate Conception
- **Dec 17** Christmas Concert 4:00 PM
- **Dec 19** EARLY 2:00 p.m. DISMISSAL
- **Dec 19** Dramatic Reading of *A Christmas Carol* with Live Brass Band
- **Dec 22** 11:30 AM DISMISSAL
- **Dec 23-Jan 6** – Christmas Break

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

A few changes and additions have been made to our school calendar. Please see the latest version 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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Yearbook Picture Retake Day

Yearbook picture retake day is **Thursday, December 4**, in Eagle Hall. **Please email your child's homeroom teacher if they missed picture day or if they need to retake their picture.**

- All K-8 Students should dress in their school uniform. Any sweatshirts, sweaters or coats will be asked to be removed before being photographed (including the SJBA sweatshirt).
- Preschool and Pre-K student attendance varies, so students who do not attend class on Thursday and would like their picture taken, are invited to come to the school preferably between 8:20-8:30 am.
- If a child needs to take his/her picture earlier/later due to scheduling needs, please let their homeroom teacher know ahead of time if they will be out.

Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase photos via Lifetouch photography.

For questions, please contact Vivian Grady at, vgrady@stjohnacademy.org.

SJBA Christmas Tree Sale Starts Today!

For the past 17 years, the Christmas tree sale has been a cherished tradition at St. John's, serving as an important fundraiser for our school. All proceeds from the sale support our Annual Fund.

The SJBA Christmas tree lot will open for sales on Wednesday, December 3, at 4:00 p.m. Sales will continue Wednesday through Sunday during the first three weeks of December, or until our supply of trees is sold out. Our lot hours are:

Wednesday-Friday: 4 pm – 7 pm

Saturday-Sunday: 10 am – 7 pm

Sales Start December 3!

Wednesday-Friday: 4 pm – 7 pm
Saturday-Sunday: 10 am – 7 pm
Cash and Credit Card Accepted

Come to St. John the Beloved for this year's fresh cut trees, garland and wreaths. Don't miss this opportunity to support St. John the Beloved Academy and have the best tree, wreath and garland in the community!

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church
6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101
www.stjohnacademy.org

Fresh Cut Fraser Fir – 5 ft to 11 ft
Wreaths starting at \$22
Garland (White Pine or Fraser Fir)

 The quality is amazing!



Volunteers are needed this week! Please sign up here if you can help:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49ABAC2DA6FF2-60626501-2025#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49ABAC2DA6FF2-60626501-2025#/)

Volunteer December 3-7

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.

Christmas Happy Hour

The SJBA Parent Council warmly welcomes all parents to join in celebrating the season at a **Christmas Happy Hour on Friday, December 5, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 10.** You're welcome to bring your favorite festive beverage to share and your best holiday spirit!

During the event, volunteers will be recruited for our legendary Christmas Tree Sale—a fundraiser known for big success and even bigger fun. We encourage anyone with strong arms, quick wit, and lively conversation to take part.

Come for the cheer and stick around for the tree sale fun! *This event is for adults only.*

RSVP here if you can attend: <https://app.smore.com/n/gtcj1>

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

Free 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!

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 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.



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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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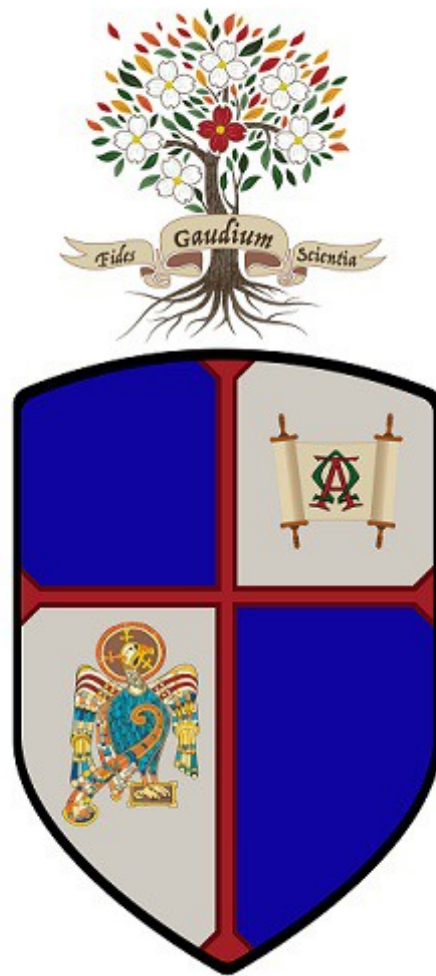
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Saint John the Beloved Academy

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: Lonely Village on the Saint Lawrence. Clarence Gagnon. 1922.



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