

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



November 6, 2025

Calendar Updates and Reminders

NOVEMBER

- Nov 3-14 [The Great {Hallowed} Turkey Auction!](#)
- Nov 7 [Book & Author Jazz Night](#) 7:00 PM
- Nov 10 Yearbook Picture Day

- **Nov 11** 10:00 AM Veterans Day Assembly
- **Nov 17-22** Discover Catholic Schools Week
- **Nov 19** [Admission Information Coffee 9:30 AM](#)
- **Nov 25** End of 1st Trimester, 11:30 AM DISMISSAL
- **Nov 26-Dec 1** Thanksgiving 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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Book, Author, and Jazz Night!

Join us Friday, November at 7:00 p.m. for a Book, Author & Jazz Event featuring author Mrs. Kathleen deLaski, author of the book, *Who Needs College Anymore?* (a best-selling book on Amazon)!

The evening will feature great live jazz, comfortable hospitality, and easy conversation. Kathleen will engage us in conversation during intermission, with opportunities for conversation during the second half of the evening's jazz.

This an adults only, byob event. Please RSVP at <https://stjohnacademy.org/art-and-culture-events/> and feel free to bring a refreshment to share. The suggested contribution is \$20.

Books will be available for sale.



RSVP Here

Veterans Day Celebration and Slideshow

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served our nation in the armed forces. At St. John's, we will be celebrating Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11, with a school assembly and slideshow at 10:00 a.m. to honor the Veterans in our community. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

If you have a Veteran in your family and you would like for us to include them in our school slideshow, please email a picture of them along with their name and rank to Christine White at, cwhite@stjohnacademy.org by Friday, November 7.

Yearbook Picture Day

Mark your calendar! Yearbook picture day is **Monday, November 10**, in Eagle Hall. **Order forms are coming home this week! Please check your child's backpack and contact your homeroom teacher if you need additional forms.**

- 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 Monday 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.
- **Thursday, December 4** is the retake day.

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

For questions regarding yearbook picture day, please contact Vivian Grady at, vgrady@stjohnacademy.org.

The Great (Hallowed) Turkey Auction is Now Open!

The 2025 St. John the Beloved Academy Turkey Auction is here! Proceeds from this auction support our Annual Fund with a focus on scholarships and financial aid for students.

This year we have 9 turkey auction items featuring gourmet turkeys and sides from the Organic Butcher of McLean sourced from local farms. Every auction item has a "Buy Now" price to be secured on the spot!

The first 5 auctions include Thanksgiving Dinner for Another: 12-14 lbs. locally sourced free range turkey plus traditional herb stuffing (2 lbs.) & apple cranberry sauce with orange & ginger.

The Auction will run from November 3, 8:00 a.m. - November 14, at 8:00 p.m.



Bid on the Great (Hallowed) Turkey Auction Today!

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

Admission Information Coffee

St. John the Beloved Academy is hosting an Admission Information Coffee for prospective families on Wednesday, November 19, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The Coffee is a great opportunity to learn more about our Catholic liberal arts curriculum and the Saint John the Beloved mission. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from our headmaster, Mr. Presberg, as well as tour the campus and chat with current SJBA parents. For more information visit: <https://stjohnacademy.org/open-house/>



Admission Coffee - November 19

Contact Us!

If you have questions about the Admission Information Coffee or if you have a child applying for the first time to our school, please send me an email to let me know so I can keep an eye out for your application. Our application is open and can be submitted on our website, using this [link](#). The application deadline for preschool-8th is January 12, 2026.

RSVP for the Admission Information Coffee Here

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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[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: The Bridge at Argenteuil in Autumn. Pierre-Auguste Renoir. 1882.



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