

# A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



**December 18, 2025**

## Calendar Updates and Reminders

### DECEMBER

- Dec 3-20 [Christmas Tree Sale!](#)
- Dec 19 EARLY 2:00 p.m. DISMISSAL
- Dec 19 [Dramatic Reading of A Christmas Carol with Live Brass Band](#) 7:00-11:00 PM
- Dec 22 11:30 AM DISMISSAL
- Dec 23-Jan 6 – Christmas Break



## Volunteer December 18-20

### A Special Christmas Event

All parents and friends are invited to join us for a special **Christmas Event** on **Friday, December 19, from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall!**

The evening will feature carols and songs performed by a brass quintet a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' ***A Christmas Carol!***

This is a BYOB event. *Feel free to bring something to share!* Some refreshments and plenty of delectable appetizers will be served.

The suggested contribution is \$20 per person (an adult event). ***Donations are welcome to help with our Art & Culture Events!***

Please RSVP at <https://stjohnacademy.org/art-and-culture-events/>.



## RSVP for A Special Christmas Event

### Christmas Break Basketball Camp

Guided by SJBA faculty and coaches--Brian O'Neill and Ben Thrasher--the camp will be led by an elite basketball coach and trainer: **Lucious "Lucky" Jones**.

Coach Lucky Jones currently trains sons of SJBA dads as well as elite high school athletes in the area--including players at Bishop O'Connell. Lucky was trained by Coach Bobby Hurley Sr--father of the current coach of UConn (Danny) and the former great Duke guard (Bobby). Lucky helped lead his *Robert Morris* team to a NCAA tourney bid and a victory in the tournament, and multiple NIT Tournaments, in addition to playing professionally overseas. He is an experienced coach and trainer.



The Camp will include great skill training, as well as fun games and competitions. It will feature a 3-day session, Monday - Wednesday, December 29 - 31. Friday, January 2 will feature an open gym and training and is an optional day.

The morning session (\$150 for the three days), running from 9:00 - 11:45 a.m., will be for boys and girls from grades 3 - 8.

The afternoon session (\$150 for the three days), running from 12:15 - 3:00 p.m., will be for boys and girls from grades 7 - 12, and will highlight 3-on-3 games.

Fridays open gym will have the same times and ages as above and are \$50 per session.

Since 7th and 8th Graders can sign up for either session, there is also an option for them to sign up for the full day for a reduced price of \$250.

An automatic discount of 50% will be applied for the third and each additional kid that you register.

Please email Brian O'Neill at [boneill@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:boneill@stjohnacademy.org) with any questions

**Register for Basketball Camp Here!**

## 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).

## Mark Your Calendar for the SJBA Book Fair!

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

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).



# 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](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

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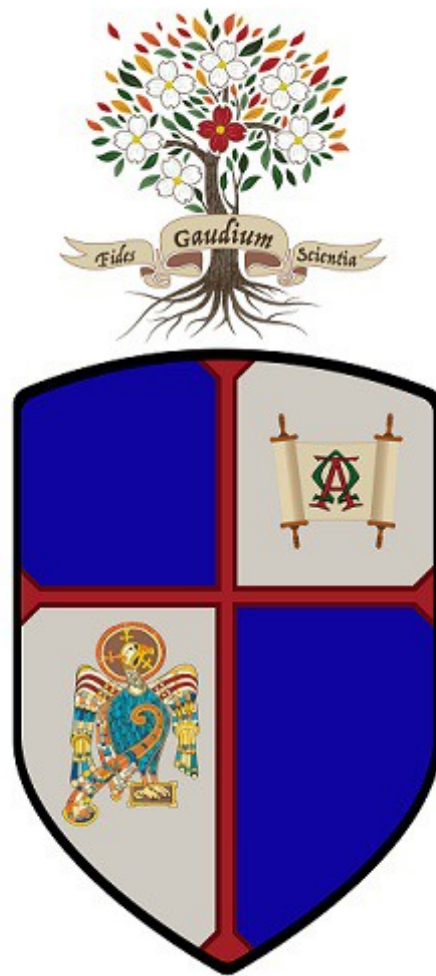
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## Saint John the Beloved Academy

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: Nativity of Christ. Lorenzo Lotto. 1523.*



**Christine White**