

A Few Notes, Dates & Reminders

St John the Beloved Academy



November 20, 2025

Calendar Updates and Reminders

NOVEMBER

- Nov 22 [St. John the Beloved Parish Christmas Bazaar 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM](#)
- Nov 25 End of 1st Trimester, 11:30 AM DISMISSAL
- Nov 26-Dec 1 Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- **Dec 1** NO SCHOOL, Professional Development
- **Dec 2** Classes Resume, Coffee w/ Headmaster 8:00 AM
- **Dec 3** [Christmas Tree Delivery 8:00 AM - Volunteers Needed!](#)
- **Dec 4** HSPT for 8th Grade
- **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?](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y19lMTcwMTU5ZjFiNmJk3ZDg0NWUwYWM5NTMyOTA4MjhiNmNiYWQyZTUwOGMwMThkY2FjNDRIUMGRiNDZiYWRjNmZlQGdyb3VwLmNhbGVuZGFyLmdvb2dsZS5jb20)

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A Note of Thanks from the Headmaster

It was wonderful to welcome so many family members to our Veterans Day Program last Tuesday. Unfortunately, because of time limitations, I was unable to publicly thank everyone who contributed to making the event possible.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our guest speaker and St. John's grandparent, Major General Arnold L. Punaro, as well as all St. John's students for their wonderful choral performances, Music Directors Mr. David Lang and Mrs. Julia Sawtelle, Mr. David

Murray and all those behind the scenes assisting with the event, especially Mrs. Maricel Heeter and Mrs. Christine White.

Admission Information for the 2026-2027 School Year

Our Admission Information Coffee yesterday was a great success! With more than 55 families signed up, it marked our biggest admission event so far.

We appreciate you spreading the word about this event and inviting friends and family to join us. It was wonderful to connect with so many members of our school community!

Thank you also to our parent volunteers, Mrs. Laura Orme, Mrs. Shannon Quine, Mrs. Emily Raval, and Mrs. Josefina Burke Urzaiz who were able to join us for the morning and lead tours of our school.

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.

Share of McLean Thanksgiving Drive

In coordination with Share of McLean, St. John the Beloved Academy will provide non-perishable foods to our neighbors in need in McLean and Northern Virginia. Students in each class area asked to donate a food item by **Friday, November 21**, and our 8th grade class will assemble and sort our donations for Share.

Preschool: 2 cans of corn

Pre-K: 2 cans of fruit

Kindergarten: 2 cans of mixed vegetables

First Grade: 2 cans of chickpeas

Second Grade: 2 cans of pinto beans

Third Grade: 2 cans of kidney beans

Fourth Grade: 2 cans of tomato products (sauce or diced)

Fifth Grade: 1 pound bag of rice

Sixth Grade: 2 cans of tuna or chicken

Seventh Grade: 1 box granola bars

Eighth Grade: 2 boxes of macaroni & cheese

Grocery store gift cards are also appreciated

Please contact Mrs. Crowley at ccrowley@stjohnacademy.org with any questions!



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St. John the Beloved Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, November 22

All families and friends are invited to attend the St. John the Beloved Parish Christmas Bazaar this Saturday, November 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the school gym.

This event is packed with festive fun for the whole family—including brats/hot dogs/BBQ, live music, a magical visit from Santa Claus between 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., a performance by the St John the Beloved Academy choir at 1:00 p.m., face painting, a children's raffle, and much more. Admission is FREE!



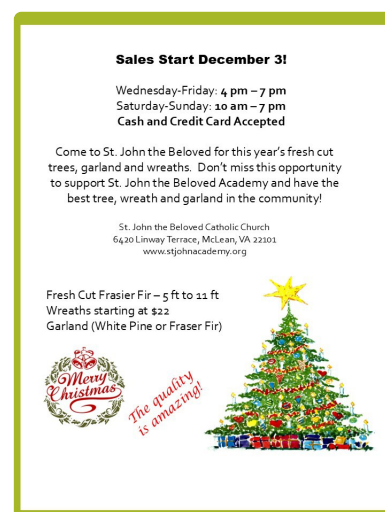
For more information visit: <http://christmasbazaar2025.eventbrite.com/>

SJBA Christmas Tree Delivery & Sales

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.

This year, Christmas trees will be delivered to the school on the morning of Wednesday, December 3. **We are seeking volunteers to help offload the trees from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.** Your assistance will help ensure that the lot is ready for sales to begin at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

If you or a family member can join us, please sign up here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49ABAC2DA6FF2-60626501-2025#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49ABAC2DA6FF2-60626501-2025#/)



Volunteer to Offload Christmas Trees on December 3

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.*

Yearbook Picture Retake Day

Mark your calendar! 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.

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 Closest

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: Claude Monet, The Turkeys, 1876, Musée d'Orsay, Paris, France.



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