



ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY

SHAWNIGAN LAKE



Welcome to the Pack

Curious by nature. Empowered to act. Stronger together.



Hear the howl?

Mission

We grow curious, confident, and globally minded learners through empowering academics, purposeful action, and a caring community.

Vision

A school where young people enquire boldly, think critically, and act with courage and compassion to shape a better world.

Head of School



Thank you so much for taking the time to learn about St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake. As Head of School, I'm proud to share what makes our community truly special.

This is an environment where learning is dynamic. It literally happens in motion across our classrooms, on the waters, and through the forests of our beautiful campus.

As an IB World School, we go beyond typical academics. We actively prepare our students to think critically, act compassionately, and engage confidently with the surroundings. Through our rigorous Elementary, Middle Years, and Diploma programs, students are challenged daily to question, create, and contribute in meaningful ways. After all, we are **curious by nature**.

At SJASL, education is designed to spark action. Learning is not confined to what is taught, but is constantly inspired by what is possible outside the walls of our campus. Our students are **empowered to act**.

Our community is uniquely defined by its character. Students, teachers, and families share a commitment to integrity, balance, and growth. We call this culture **The Pack** - a bond of collective strength and care, where every individual is essential and welcomed. Just like seawolves, we are **stronger together**.

I invite you to see our mission in action. We take pride in the quality of our relationships and the exceptional work of our teachers and students. I look forward to the possibility of you joining our Pack.

Josh Hart

Why choose us?

“The thing that makes our school community so special to me is the diversity of students. This is my first international school, and I never thought I would have friends from all over the world, but here I am!” - Olivia, C. '27



An Unforgettable Setting
Nestled on the shores of Shawnigan Lake with Mount Baldy as our backdrop, learning happens in classrooms, forests, and on the water.

Experiential Learning
Our campus is a living laboratory of nature where science, leadership, and creativity come alive.

World-Class Education
We offer the prestigious IB Programme; delivered by passionate and dedicated educators.

Close-Knit Community
Students thrive in a warm environment that feels like family; where everyone is known, valued, and supported.

Small Classes, Big Impact
Personalized attention and meaningful teacher-student relationships empower confidence and success.

Global Perspectives
Our diverse student community cultivates open-mindedness, cultural understanding, and global citizenship.

The Seawolf Spirit
Students belong to a proud, supportive pack; growing together with curiosity, courage, and compassion.

Our Promise
An education that inspires confidence, builds character, and opens doors to the world.

Balanced Student Body
A vibrant mix of local and international students (75% local, 25% boarding) learning and leading together.

We are SEAWOLVES

*Curious by nature
Empowered to act
Stronger together*

At St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake, the Seawolf represents the spirit that unites us — care in community, curiosity in learning, and integrity in leadership.

Rooted in Indigenous legend and West Coast symbolism, the Seawolf embodies harmony between land and sea, reminding us that balance, adaptability, and connection make us stronger together.

Just as the Seawolf thrives both on land and in water, our students are resilient, curious, and confident, embracing new challenges and experiences with courage and purpose.

Guided by our core values of **Courage, Integrity, and Caring**, we empower every student to explore boldly, act with compassion, and lead with authenticity – living the true spirit of the Seawolf every day.

The Seawolf Way of Learning

Every student belongs to the Seawolf Pack: a community where relationships, curiosity, and excellence come together to inspire lifelong learning.

Every aspect of our program, from the International Baccalaureate curriculum to our outdoor learning pathways, is designed to help students discover who they are and what they can achieve.

Our approach blends academic excellence with real-world experience, so students don't just learn about the world, they engage with it.

They explore. They lead. They grow.

Together, we are the Seawolf Pack

With integrity, care and courage, we live the true spirit of the Seawolf every day.



“We are more than a school. We are a family. We all matter, and we love to welcome new members to our pack.” - Mila R. '31



THE EXPLORER

Experiential & Holistic Learning
Curious by Nature

Focus areas: inquiry, global citizenship, hands-on learning, risk-taking.



THE LEADER

Excellence & Innovation
Empowered to Act

Focus areas: academic challenge, innovation, integrity, leadership and personal success.



THE PACK

Community & Wellbeing
Stronger Together

Focus areas: belonging, inclusion, diversity, social-emotional learning and student voice.

Seawolves learn by doing.

Through outdoor adventures, creative expression, and hands-on discovery, students explore the world with curiosity and purpose. We connect learning to life beyond the classroom.

Outdoor Education / Experiential Learning
Seawolves explore, question, and discover the world beyond the classroom.

THE EXPLORER

*Curious
by nature*



“ Learning in nature around the lake, trails, or forest makes school feel more alive and meaningful for me. Being outdoors helps me focus and feel calmer, especially when surrounded by fresh air and the sounds of nature. ”
- Anna F. '26





Active minds, active bodies.
Through athletics and outdoor adventure, Seawolves build resilience, teamwork, and confidence.

Passion with purpose.
Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) encourage students to pursue interests, develop talents, and grow as leaders.



Creativity in motion.
In our Music and Band programs, students express themselves, collaborate, and find their voice.



Global perspective.
Through service, learning, and cultural exploration, Seawolves connect their local actions to a wider world.

Seawolves lead with purpose.

We nurture excellence through integrity, reflection, and effort. We prepare students to think creatively, act courageously, and lead with authenticity.

Innovation for tomorrow.
Inquiry, creativity, and reflection drive every learning experience.

THE LEADER *Empowered to act*



“ Leadership at SJASL is very supportive. It helps many people and guides other students to be kinder or to step into bigger leadership roles. Being a leader is so fun! ”
- Madeline S. '27





Leaders in action.
From Student Council to service projects, Seawolves take initiative and make a difference.





“ Over my time over here at St. John's Academy, I've grown to understand that leadership isn't about being the one that shines the brightest; it's about helping others find their own light and path. ” - Ryan C. '26

Seawolves lead with purpose.

We nurture excellence through integrity, reflection, and effort — preparing students to think creatively, act courageously, and lead with authenticity.



Results That Matter

“ Without this school, I don't think I would have nearly as many options for universities. Not just because of the academic and leadership opportunities, but because it showed me how many paths are out there and that only I can limit what I can do. ” - Nick H. '26

2025 IB Scores - DP Results

AVERAGE DIPLOMA SCORE	33 Us!	30.6 Global
AVERAGE DIPLOMA SUBJECT GRADE	5.13 Us!	4.9 Global
DIPLOMA PROGRAMME PASS RATE	90% Us!	81.3% Global

100% UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE

Top 5 Canadian Universities: University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, University of Waterloo and McMaster University

All students that applied to UVIC were offered placement, and each student also received an entrance scholarship.

Seawolves thrive in connection.

Our Pack is built on belonging. We are community where kindness, respect, and courage guide us. Students feel seen and celebrated, growing into compassionate individuals, ready to make a difference.

Community Spirit

Collaboration and compassion build the foundation of Seawolf pride.

THE PACK *Stronger together*



“I'm very grateful for how tight-knit the community is here at SJASL. Thanks to the smaller classroom sizes students are able to get to know each other easily and very quickly become comfortable working with any of their peers.”
- Nicholas H. '26





Advisory & Connection

Close connections with teachers and peers inspire trust, courage, and growth. Relationships that matter.



Many stories, one Pack.

Diversity strengthens our community and deepens understanding across cultures.



“ One thing that really makes this school special is how the house system is treated, because even though we’re all competing with each other it never stops anyone from being kind and caring towards others from other houses. ”
- Paige L. '27

Our house system builds

teamwork & friendship

across all grades

Where Boarding Meets Belonging

Boarding life encourages students to step forward with confidence; ready for university and life beyond.

Our international boarding program offers more than a place to stay. It's a community that feels like home. Students from across the world live and learn together in a supportive, family-style environment that emphasizes connection, independence, and character.

- On-campus residence with caring dorm staff, and a small student community.
- Balanced daily routine with structured study, wellness, and recreation.
- Weekend trips: Vancouver, Victoria, beaches, forests, and local attractions.
- Nutritious meals, after-school clubs, and evening activities that foster life long friendships.
- Safe, inclusive environment that celebrates diversity and global citizenship.
- Over 10 nationalities represented: purposeful integration of local and international students.



“ The fully English-speaking environment helped me improve my language skills quickly. ” - Tomonari K. '28



“ There are many opportunities for me to enjoy the natural environment, such as paddleboarding, hiking, whale watching, or walking to the village! ” - Anna F. '26

Learn More and Connect With Us!

Discover what makes our community special and how you can become part of it.

We would love to get to know you and share more about what makes St. John's Academy such a special place to learn and grow. Our friendly Admissions Team is always happy to answer your questions, guide you through the application process, or arrange a personalized campus tour at your convenience.

To get a glimpse of student life, learning experiences, and upcoming events at our school, we invite you to explore our community through our social media pages and newsletters using the links below.



www.stjohnsshawniganlake.ca

SJASL Newsletter

Enjoy!

Click for our webpage!

All of the teachers are really nice, and the students too. I love SJASL because it has a beautiful lake where you can swim, canoe, paddle board or just look at the view. There is also a grape vine, apple trees, and pear trees all around campus if you need a snack. Everyone is so supportive and the school spirit could never be higher! - Robin C. '31



For all inquiries, please call our main reception between 8:30am-3:30pm (PST)
250-220-4888

Admissions
admissions@sjasl.ca

You hear it now? It's calling YOU!



SEAWOLVES



2371 Shawnigan Lake Road
Shawnigan Lake, BC V8H 2H1



ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY
SHAWNIGAN LAKE