



Forms Checklist

Please be sure that these forms have been submitted:

- Dental for K, 2nd & 6th
- Physical for K, 6th & New Students
- Eye Exam for K
- Emergency Information
- School Medication Procedures/Authorization
- Computer/Internet Access
- Photo/Media Release
- SJB Values Statement
- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate

School Hours

Before Care Begins: 6:45am
School Doors Open: 7:50am
School Begins: 8:00am
Dismissal: 3:00pm
After Care Ends: 6:00pm

Calendar Items

- 8/20** Half-day, Dismissal 11:30am
No Before/After Care
No FSP Hot Lunch Program
- 8/21** First Full Day of School
Opening School Mass 8:30am
First Day of Before/After Care
No FSP Hot Lunch Program
- 8/24** FSP Hot Lunch Program Begins
- 9/2** 7pm Mandatory Parent Meeting
- 9/7** No School-Labor Day

Welcome Back!

This is the first edition of the SJB School Connection newsletter for the 2009-2010 school year. This newsletter will be delivered to you via your Family Folder every Thursday and will highlight some of the important news and events for the upcoming week. Please read it carefully as well as any of the additional folder information. Folders are to be returned the following school day, signed and containing only permission slips or forms to be returned to school.

There are several forms which should be completed and returned as soon as possible. Please read below for a more detailed description.

Handbooks

The 2009-10 School Handbook and Calendar are included in your folder today. Please take time to look it over and talk about important issues with your child such as homework, uniforms, and behavior policies. Please note that we also have an online Google calendar available at www.stjohnberchmans.org. This calendar will contain the most specific and up-to-date information possible.

RenWeb Student Information

Please review all information provided on the Student Information Sheet included in your Family Folder. Changes/corrections can be made directly on the form. Please sign and return this form, with or without changes, tomorrow.

Medical Authorization Forms

This packet of information contains the Archdiocesan policies on School Medication procedures. Please read this packet carefully. Every child is required to have a complete and up-to-date "Medical Information and Emergency Notification Form" on file in the school office. Please return the last page of this packet. The rest is your copy to keep.

If your child requires any type of medication administered either on a regular basis or on an "as needed basis," as in the case of asthma, your child's physician must complete the Medical Authorization Form (Please follow the procedures indicated in the package). This form must be updated **each** school year. School Staff is not allowed to administer any medication without this important form.

Parent Volunteers

Any parents wishing to volunteer at the school must complete the following: Virtus Training (Protecting God's Children), CANTS form, Background Check, and Code of Conduct. For more information, please contact our school office or visit our website.

Website and Class Blogs

Please visit our school website at www.stjohnberchmans.org and check out our class blogs. Each teacher has a class blog that will be updated with class events, upcoming test/projects, and more. Eventually, we will be running our new online system, Renweb. Keep checking the newsletter for details.

Welcome continued

Book Covers

Your child needs to cover his/her school books. We ask that you not use any type of covers using adhesive as it may cause damage to the books. We recommend cloth book covers which are readily available. No wrapping paper please.

School Mass

Our 1st–8th graders celebrate a weekly Mass together every Friday at 8:30 AM. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend. The first school Mass will be held tomorrow, Friday, August 21.

Questions? Feel free to contact the school office at 773-486-1334 with any questions you have.

Welcome Back from Mrs. Rokat

Wow! It's hard to believe how quickly the summer has gone. But as I write each year, there is truly something



special about the beginning of each school year that makes the passing of summer easier to bear. Even as an adult, and much to my husband's dismay, I still practice the traditional back to school shopping ritual — new school clothes and shoes, paper and pens and a new school bag — so that I am ready to greet the year refreshed and with a new sense of enthusiasm and readiness. Our school, too, has

received its annual “fall facelift”, and we are ready to greet our students with reconditioned facilities, new faculty members and some exciting additions to our school curriculum and programs. We're excited, too, to report

that we will begin the school year with 19 more students than we ended with last year and a waiting list for our growing and bustling pre-k program! Sr. Joyce and her fabulous team of early childhood educators will have their work cut out for them, for sure! As we look forward to a happy and healthy school year, I encourage you to help our students be their academic best by fostering good lifestyle and study habits at home. Adequate rest, good nutrition and a proper and well equipped study space all make a tremendously positive impact on school success! Finally, we'd like to thank you for choosing to be a part of the SJB school community — your presence here truly makes a difference — and we hope that our presence makes a difference for you! 📞

Changes at St. John Berchmans

Did you notice all of the construction that occurred at SJB this summer? We are fortunate to have many updates to make our school an even more exciting place to learn and grow together.

Improvements this year include:

- ~ New wood floors on second floor and stairs of the Logan Campus
- ~ A new Kindergarten Classroom
- ~ After School Partnership with the Merit School of Music will continue (early childhood music program)
- ~ After School Mandarin Chinese and French Language Programs
- ~ After School Dance and Yoga programs will continue

We are also excited to welcome the following new members to our school team:

- ~ Ms. Michelle Donnelly— Grade 7 homeroom and 6,7,8 math
- ~ Ms. Susan Fratamico- PreK team teacher with Ms. Susie
- ~ Ms. Margaret Kaikaris— PreK team teacher with Ms. Eileen
- ~ Ms. Ellie O'Connor— Kindergarten team teacher with Ms. Kathleen
- ~ Ms. Amanda Pratl— Transferred to new position as Director of Faith Formation

We are looking forward to a great year!!

Family School Association

This year, SJB is very excited to see many new activities planned by the SJB Family School Association (FSA). The FSA will host events throughout the year and every parent will have the opportunity to participate in one or more of the FSA groups. Among these groups will be a Mom's club, Dad's club, sports club, hospitality club and many more. We know the FSA will not only host fabulous events for the whole family but will also work hard to welcome new families to SJB. A special thanks goes to the Dad's Club for a fantastic BBQ on Wednesday! 📞

Remember, cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed, and the school is not responsible for these items. These items must be turned off and left in student backpacks.



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