



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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

If you have not yet submitted these forms, please do so as soon as possible.

Calendar Items

- 9/7** No School-Labor Day
- 9/12** SJB Parish/Alum Cookout, following 5pm Mass
- 9/15** Tuition Due
- 9/17** Mid-Quarters Go Home
- 9/18** Entertainment Money/Orders Due
- 9/18** FSA Mom's Night Out
- 9/20** SJB Music Series Inaugural Event
- 9/25** No School-Staff Development

SJB After School Program



We are thrilled to offer a new schedule this year for after school enrichment programs. In addition to the Mandarin Chinese, French, and Music Classes we offered last year, we will have Yoga for our Pre-K through grade 1 students and Dance Classes for our Pre-K through grade 4 students. In this week's Family Folder, you will also find a sign up sheet for our newest program, a Toymaking Workshop with Ms. Petie. The Toymaking Workshop is offered to students in grades 3-8. After school en-

richment programs are an additional fee due at the time of registration.

After school registration forms are available online or in the school office.

Please note that Pre-K/K after school Music Classes start next week. There are still some spots available but sign up soon! Space is limited.

If you have any questions on any of our after school programs, please contact Mary Jo in the school office. We can't wait to see all the new things our students will learn this year! 📞

Entertainment Books



Today kicks off our Entertainment Book Fundraiser. Coupon books are available for \$20, and your family will be credited \$8 per book sold toward your annual fundraising commitment.

If you are interested in selling books after Mass during the weekend of September 12 & 13, please fill out the form in this week's Family Folder. Spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Today kicks off our Entertainment Book Fundraiser.

The Entertainment Book Fundraiser is a great way to work toward the \$400 family fundraising requirement and help your friends and family save money doing the things they love. This year, Entertainment is happy to offer over \$18,200 in savings. Coupons are available for Chicago Bulls tickets, American Airlines, Dave & Busters, Dick's Sporting Goods, Dunkin' Donuts, and Domino's Pizza.

If you have any questions on the Entertainment Book Fundraiser, please contact Mary Jo in the Logan Office. 📞

Join the CCD Team!



The SJB Religious Education Program is looking for Catholic adults who are interested in sharing and teaching their faith to elementary school students. CCD classes take place on Saturdays, September through May, from 9:00am-10:30am. Workshops for teaching

Religious Education are offered for those who do not have experience. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet their yearly service requirements! Volunteers of all ages are also always welcome to assist teachers in the classroom. 8th grade participation will count toward the service hours for Confirmation! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Ms. Pratl at (773) 486-4300 or apratl@stjohnberchmans.org. 📞

2009 St. John Berchmans Walk-a-Thon

Last week's Family Folder contained information regarding the 2009 SJB Walk-a-Thon. This is our first major fundraising opportunity of the school year, and it's a wonderful opportunity to continue to strengthen our SJB community. After 1st-8th graders celebrate their weekly Mass together, the entire school (preK-8) takes a leisurely walk down historic Logan Boulevard to the Eagle monument and back. We carry signs, cheer, and have a great time. When we return, students will enjoy a hot dog lunch prepared by the FSA Hospitality Club.

Remember, if you successfully collect \$150 you will have fulfilled your family's fundraising commitment for the first half of the school year. Please be sure to return your permission slips and registration fees as soon as possible. In order to be eligible for prizes, all pledges and monies are due by October 2.



Save the date, October 9 from 9-11:30, and join us for this fun and spirited event. 📅

Save the Date

Please join us on Sunday, September 20, as SJB hosts the world premier of Jacob Bancks's Concert Mass for chorus and orchestra entitled "Mass For All Saints". The event will be held in our Church at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale for \$25.

Jacob Bancks is SJB Parish's Music Director and the director of our school children's choir. In addition to composing this piece for several months, Jake is also pursuing his doctorate in Music Composition from the University of Chicago. We hope to see you on September 20 to support Jake and his hard work!

Please call the rectory at 773-486-4300 if you would like to purchase a ticket. 📅

Guardian Angel Gala



Mark your calendars for Friday, October 2 for SJB's Second Annual Guardian Angel Gala! All funds raised at the Guardian Angel Gala go directly to support

scholarships at SJB. This year, we will be honoring Monsignor Kenneth Velo of Big Shoulders Fund for his continued support of our school.

In the coming weeks you will receive more information about the Gala in an invitation that will be sent to your home. Please contact Mary Jo in the school office if you have any questions about the Gala. 📅

Join the SJB Google Group

Would you like to receive a weekly email reminder about SJB events and happenings? If so, visit our website (www.stjohnberchmans.org) and submit your email for the SJB Google Group.

This group consists of SJB parents, grandparents, alums, and friends who want to stay in touch with events and happenings. If you register, you'll receive one email a week with a link to the weekly updates. Please contact Mary Jo Dunne (773.486.1334) with any questions. 📅

Medication

Please remember that if your child needs any medication administered during the school day you need to submit the Archdiocesan Medication Authorization Form. This form needs to be completed and signed by your doctor. Forms are available in the school office. 📅

Free/Reduced Lunch

Don't forget that forms for free and reduced lunch are due no later than Tuesday, September 8 by noon. If you have any questions about this program or need additional information, please contact Raghda in the school office at 773-486-1334. 📅



Orders Due: 9/4

Internet Orders: Noon on 9/7

Pickup: 9/10 5:30-6:30pm

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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