



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Don't Forget:

If you are not planning to sell or purchase the Entertainment Book you received last week, you must return it to the school office in the bag you received it in. Families who do not purchase, sell or return their books will be charged \$20.

Calendar Items

- 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 Family Mass, Catechetical Sunday, 9:45 am
- 9/20 SJB Music Series Inaugural Event
- 9/20-25 Cultural Diversity Week
- 9/25 No School-Staff Development
- 10/2 Guardian Angel Gala, Misericordia, 7pm

Parish/Alumni Cookout

All SJB parishioners, school families and friends are invited to our Alumni/Parish Picnic. Please join us for a great evening of food, drinks and fun! The picnic will be held in the courtyard on Saturday, September 12, from 6 to 9pm, immediately following the 5pm Mass. SJB will provide hot-dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and a refreshment

of your choice. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Mary Jo in the school office.

We hope to see you on Saturday night and look forward to spending the evening with you! 



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, Dance Classes for our Pre-K through grade 4 students and a Toymaking Workshop with Ms. Petie. For students in grades 3-8.

After school enrichment programs are an additional fee due at the time of registra-

tion.

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

Please note that Pre-K/K after school Music Classes started this 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 are very excited to see what talents our students will develop this year! 


Entertainment Books



Last week 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.

Thanks to those of you who signed up to sell Entertainment Books after Mass this weekend. Spots are now filled. If you signed up, you will receive a reminder in your Family Folder today.

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. 

2009 St. John Berchmans Walk-a-Thon


Walk-a-Thon is just around the corner. This is our first major fundraising opportunity of the school year, and it's a wonderful chance 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 \$200 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. 


2009-10 Paperwork

In this week's Family Folder you will receive a note that lists your missing paperwork for the 2009-10 school year. We ask that you submit these forms by Wednesday, September 30. Students missing any of these forms will be excluded from classes as of Thursday, October, 15. 

Lunch Orders

October lunch order forms are being sent home in today's Family Folder and are due no later than Friday, September 18. The eligibility status for families who applied for the free/reduced lunch program will also be included in this week's Family Folder. 


Thank You!

The SJB Cheerleading Squad sends a big thanks to all of the parents who supported them at their bake sale last Wednesday night at the Mandatory Parents Meeting. Because of your support, they raised almost \$200! Way to go SJB Families for being so generous! 


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. 

Correction

Please have your School Directory Permission Slip in by Monday, September 14, not Tuesday, December 9 as indicated on the form. If you have any questions, please contact Julie in the Altgeld office. 



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.

We hope you can join us for this event. Tickets can be purchased in the school office or at www.guardianangelgala.org. Please contact Mary Jo in the school office if you have any questions about the Gala.

**Pickup: Tonight, 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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