



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## Don't Forget:



This week is Cultural Diversity Week. Tomorrow we will have a special lunch in the Cafeteria with foods from around the world. If you would like to share something from your culture, please bring it in by 10:45am.

### Calendar Items

- 9/20-25 Cultural Diversity Week
- 9/25 No School-Staff Development
- 10/2 Guardian Angel Gala, Misericordia, 7pm
- 10/2 Sunday Evening Mass begins, 6:30pm
- 10/5 School Pictures
- 10/7 National Walk to School Day
- 10/9 Walk-a-Thon/Hot Dog Day
- 10/12 Columbus Day-No School
- 10/12-16 Fire Prevention Week
- 10/15 Taffy Apple Orders Go Home
- 10/15 Tuition Due
- 10/16 No School, Catholic Fest. Of Faith

## Guardian Angel Gala




Please join us on 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 sup-

port of our school.

The cost of a ticket is \$100, of which \$40 goes toward your family fundraising commitment. This offer is exclusive to school family members only—limit two per family.

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


## Olympic Gold Medalist Visit



Yesterday Mr. Bill Mulliken came to visit SJB and talk to our students in grades 3-8. Mr. Mulliken won a gold medal in the 1960 Olympics in Rome for the 200m breaststroke.

During his visit, Mr. Mulliken shared with students his experience of compet-

ing in the Olympics and described what it felt like to win the gold medal. During the assembly, he passed around his gold medal and Olympic torch for students to hold.

We were indeed fortunate to have Mr. Mulliken visit and share his story with us. Below you will see pictures from his visit. 



Top from Left:  
SJB Cheerleaders pose for pictures with Bill Mulliken

SJB Students gather around Bill Mulliken with his torch and medal


Left:  
Gabriel and Ian holding the Olympic Torch

## 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 missing paperwork in addition to forms requested last week for the 2009-10 school year. We ask that you submit these forms by Wednesday, Sept 30. Students missing any health, dental or vision forms will be excluded from classes as of Thursday, October 15. 

## FSA Meeting

The FSA will meet tonight at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All school parents and guardians are welcome. If you are interested in learning more about the FSA or a specific committee, then this is a great opportunity to do so. Please contact Mary Jo with any questions. 


## Entertainment Books

If you have not turned in your payment or returned your unsold Entertainment Book you must do so. Families that do not return either will be charged \$20 on their RenWeb account. Books were due last Friday but will be accepted until tomorrow. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jo in the school office. 


## School Pictures

Say Cheese! On October 5, SJB students will have their school pictures taken. Order forms went home last week in the Family Folder.


Forms, along with payment, must be turned in ahead of time to order school pictures.

October 5 is an out of uniform day. Students must dress appropriately and may not wear jeans, tshirts or shorts. 

## Service Project

Mr. Brennan and the 8th grade class are asking for assistance in a service project. Over the next month, they will be collecting toiletries to give to the homeless. Boxes will be put in each classroom, so please help them by sending items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, razors or any other items you collect. These items will then be donated to Catholic Charities. 

## VIRTUS Training

Please note that there has been a change to the VIRTUS training that was scheduled to be at SJB this Sunday. The new date is Sunday, October 18 from 1-4pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact Mary Jo with questions. 



**Orders Due by Thu 10/1**  
**Phone/Internet Due 10/5**  
**Pick Up: 10/8**


*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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## 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](http://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. 