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Issue #7



# School Connection

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## Happy October!

Some exciting things happening this October are:

The Guardian Angel Gala, tomorrow, October 2 at 7pm. Tickets are available online or at the door.

Sunday evening Mass beginning on Sunday, October 4 at 6:30pm. This Mass will run weekly at SJB!

Walk-a-Thon, Friday, October 9

Halloween Fest, Friday, October 30.

Read about all of these things in this week's **School Connection**

## Guardian Angel Gala Tomorrow Night



Please join us tomorrow evening, 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.

## 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 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 Wednesday, October 6.

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

### Calendar Items

- 10/2 Guardian Angel Gala, Misericordia, 7pm
- 10/4 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 Festival Of Faith
- 10/18 VIRTUS Training, Parish Hall, 1-4pm

## 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 no later than before school on Monday, October 5.

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

## Floor Hockey

Various schools in our area are interested in starting a Floor Hockey league for students in grades 3-8. There are currently 3 available slots for teams at both the JV and Varsity level. Teams are co-ed and the league will run for 12 weeks every Monday evening from 6-9pm (starting date is still to be determined).

SJB is currently looking for parents who can commit to coaching one or both of the floor hockey teams. Coaching one of these teams would fulfill your family volunteer commitment for the year. If you are interested in coaching or learning more about the program, please contact Mary Jo in the school office.

# Halloween Fest Volunteers Needed



Are you looking for another way to work toward your family's annual volunteer commitment of 10 hours? We are looking for help with our annual Halloween Fest which is scheduled for Friday, October 30.


We need volunteers to set up on Thursday, October 29 beginning at 9:00am, and volunteers to work at the event on October 30. In order to volunteer, please remember that

you will need to complete the four required volunteer items: CANTS form, background check, Code of Conduct, and Virtus Training.

At the Halloween Fest, we will also need parents who are interested in helping to prepare the day's hot dog lunch. More information is included in this week's Family Folder.

Please contact Julie in the Altgeld office with any questions. 

## Walk to School Day


Wednesday, October 6 is National Walk and Bike to School Day. All students are encouraged to walk or bike to school in order to raise awareness about health and fitness. Walking and biking to school is also a great way to help the environment. We hope that everyone participates. Those students who walk or bike to school will receive a special reward once they arrive! 

## Taffy Apple Orders


Once again we will be selling taffy apples this year. An order form is included in this week's Family Folder.

Apples are sold by the case, and there are 24 apples per case. For each case sold, your family will receive \$5 toward your annual fundraising commitment.


## Service Project

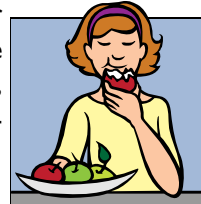
Mr. Brennan and the 8th grade class are asking for assistance in a service project. Over the next month, they will be collecting toiletries to give to the homeless. Boxes will be put in each classroom, so please help them by sending items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, razors or any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


## 8th Grade Haunted House

Cleaning out closets? The eighth grade will be hosting a haunted house at the Halloween fest and needs donations. We are accepting all things Halloween! Items such as hay bales, corn stocks, long black cloth, orange string lights, rubber rats and bats, maybe costumes and make up are welcome! Thank you in advance for your help! 

## VIRTUS Training


Please note that there has been a change to the VIRTUS training that was scheduled to be at SJB on Sunday, September 27. The new date is Sunday, October 18 from 1-4pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact Mary Jo with questions. 



Please note that apples are only available in full cases. Orders are due by Thursday, October 15, and apples will be delivered on Tuesday, October 27. Apples must be picked up on this date, so please plan accordingly. 



## FSA Corner

Please see this section each week in the School Connection for FSA updates and upcoming events. 

### SAVE THE DATE-DAD'S OUTING

When: Friday, October 16, 7pm

Where: Quencher's Saloon, 2401 N. Western Ave.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Jody Moulton at [jodymoulton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jodymoulton@sbcglobal.net)

## FSA Contact Info

Have ideas? Interested in joining a specific club? Feel free to contact us!

- Mom's Club: Sally Moulton, [sallymoulton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sallymoulton@sbcglobal.net)
- Dad's Club: Jeff Head, [jhead1@habitat.com](mailto:jhead1@habitat.com)
- Hospitality Club: Cathy Puralewski, [cpural@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpural@sbcglobal.net)
- Sports Club: Khanh Bui, [Khan-hbui19@yahoo.com](mailto:hbui19@yahoo.com)
- Room Parents: Meg O'Rourke, [orourke@ameritech.net](mailto:orourke@ameritech.net)

**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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