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Issue #8



School Connection

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Columbus

Columbus Day

Don't forget that there will not be school on Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day.

We will also be out of school on Friday, October 16, as teachers will be attending "Catholic Festival of Faith".

Because of this short week, Family Folders will go home on Wednesday.

Walk-a-Thon & Hot Dog Day Friday

On Oct. 9 after 1st-8th graders celebrate their weekly Mass together, the entire school (Pre-K-8) takes a leisurely walk down historic Logan Boulevard to the Eagle monument and back. Wear your SJB t-shirt and jeans on this day, and prepare for a day of fun.

Older students and volunteers assist our youngest walkers, and we carry signs, cheer, and have a great time. When we return, students will enjoy a hot dog lunch prepared by our Family School Association.

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 must have been turned in ahead of time. We hope to see you tomorrow from 9-11:30, and join us for this fun and spirited event.

Parents wishing to help with the hot dog lunch preparation can earn an additional hour of service by staying after the walk and assisting in the kitchen. We hope that you'll join us!

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.

Calendar Items

- 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, Lunchroom/ Church Hall, 1-4pm
- 10/17-25 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/21 Sacramental Parent Meetings, First Communion/Reconciliation, 6:30pm Confirmation, 8pm
- 10/23 End of Quarter I

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. You must register online at www.virtusonline.com. You may not see SJB's training session on the website just yet, but please be patient as we wait for VIRTUS to verify the session.

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 Schedule



On Friday, October 30, our gym will be transformed for our annual Halloween Fest. In today's Family Folder, you will find information regarding both game and raffle tickets as well as hot dog lunch orders. There will be no FSP hot lunch program on Friday, October 30. If your child does not wish to purchase a

hot dog lunch, please plan to bring a lunch from home on this day.

Halloween Fest Schedule:

8:30-9:30am: Pre-K, Playgroup

9:45-10:45am: K, Grade 1

11:00am-12:00pm: Grades 2- 3

12:15-1:30pm: Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Guardian Angel Gala. It was a wonderful night and raised a significant amount of support for scholarships. We hope to see even more SJB families join us next year for the 3rd annual Guardian Angel Gala. Pictures from the event will be posted next week at www.guardianangelgala.org.

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.



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.

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

FSA Contact Info

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

Mom's Club: Sally Moulton,
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Dad's Club: Jeff Head, jhead1@habitat.com

Hospitality Club: Cathy Puralowski,
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Sports Club: Khanh Bui, khbui19@yahoo.com

Room Parents: Meg O'Rourke,
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Glimmer Auction

Would you like to be a part of the planning for our 6th Annual Glimmer Auction? If so, please contact Mary Jo in the school office for more information. Check back next week for the first meeting date! For each meeting you attend, you'll receive one hour of volunteer credit.

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!

Lunch Order Forms

Lunch order forms for November are in this week's Family Folder. Forms are due back no later than Thursday, October 15. Don't forget that lunch orders must be paid in cash or check and cannot be paid with a credit card. Please contact Raghda with questions.



Pick Up: 10/8

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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