



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Picture Retake Day

SJB is offering Picture Retake Day on Tuesday, November 3 for new students and students who were absent on the original picture day. Please see the handout in this week's Family Folder for more information regarding retakes.

If you ordered a photo packet for your child, it is included in this week's Family Folder. Anyone who did not order a photo package may still do so, but must have their photo taken on retake day. The package order and payment must be submitted at the time the photo is taken.

Calendar Items

- 10/23 End of Quarter I
- 10/25 First Communion Rite of Enrollment, 9:45am Mass
- 10/27 Taffy Apple Pick Up
- 10/28 FSA Meeting, 7pm, Church Basement
- 10/28-29 Child Find Testing for PK & K
- 10/29 Halloween Fest Setup
- 10/30 Halloween Fest
- 11/1 All Saints Day
- 11/1 Daylight Savings
- 11/2 All Souls Day
- 11/3 Glimmer Meeting, 7pm, Altgeld Campus
- 11/8 Parent Teacher Conf., 9-1:30pm

Halloween Fest



On Friday, October 30, our gym will be transformed for our annual Halloween Fest. If you have not done so already, please send two bags of candy with your child to school as soon as possible.

Remember that students are not allowed to wear masks or have prop weapons at school.

PreK and K students should wear their costumes to school, but please send a change of clothes with them. Students will not stay in their costumes for the entire day. If your PreK student does not normally attend on

Friday, you are welcome to bring them to Halloween Fest but must remain with them. Please meet in the gym at 8:30am.

There will be no FSP hot lunch program on Friday, October 30. If your child did not purchase a hot dog lunch, please plan to send a lunch from home on this day.

Halloween Fest Schedule:

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

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

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

12:15-2:00pm: Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Halloween Fest Volunteers



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. Please contact Julie in the Altgeld office with any questions.

Child Find Testing

The Child Find Screening Program is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, October 28 and 29. All signed forms were due on Monday. If you have not done so, please turn in this form immediately. Child Find Screening is for PreK and Kindergarten students only. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.

Spooky Movie Night

The SJB Cheerleading Squad hopes that you will join them for Spooky Halloween Movie night tomorrow, October 23! On this night, the SJB cheerleaders will show two movies. Grades 2-4 will enjoy "Coraline" and grades 5-8 will watch "When a Stranger Calls". This event is a fundraiser for the SJB Cheerleading Squad, so we hope you support them in their endeavors. More information can be found in this week's Family Folder.

Glimmer Auction

It is hard to believe, but we are now starting to plan for the 6th Annual Glimmer Auction! The first meeting is open to anyone interested in helping and will be held on Tuesday, November 3 at the Altgeld Campus.

The Glimmer Auction is one of SJB's largest annual fundraisers. This year's Glimmer Auction will take place on Saturday, May 1 in our very own gym. Funds raised go to support our school and its wonderful programs.

We are looking for help with the committees that oversee the

silent auction, classroom projects, decorating, and food for the evening. Any help is appreciated! Serving on one of these committees or simply lending your hand whenever needed is a great way to meet other families and fill your family fundraising commitment.

If you have any ideas you would like to share for the Glimmer Auction or if you want to help, please come to the meeting on November 3. Questions? Call Mary Jo in the school office.

We hope to see you all on November 3! 🍎

Morning Drop Off Reminders

The end of October is a great time for parents to encourage students to walk into their classrooms on their own. Parents are still welcome to walk children to the front door, but should begin to let them walk to their classrooms independently.

Although it is fun to walk children into the classrooms, we are hoping they are comfortable enough to come in on their own. By allowing children to do this, we are encouraging independence

and self confidence. Don't forget—teachers will be at the door waiting to greet them!

Also, please remember that if you are late in the morning, students will have to enter through the office. In order to maintain proper attendance records and insure they will have a lunch, we must be able to check students in as they arrive. For their safety and well being it is important to follow this procedure. Thank you! 🍎

Thank You!

Last week, the PreK through grade 3 students had the opportunity to meet with Devin, a Chicago Fire Fighter. SJB is so grateful for Devin's willingness to come into our classrooms and spend the day with our students. All of the SJB students learned important things that week about Fire Safety. We hope to see Devin back again next year! 🍎

Plastic Bags

Ms. Raghda needs your help! The lunch room is in need of plastic shopping bags. If you have plastic shopping bags at home, a great way to recycle them is by giving them to SJB. You can either send them with your child to school or drop them off in the office. 🍎



Taffy Apple Orders



Don't forget that Taffy Apples will be in on October 27. You must pick your Taffy Apple order up on that day. Orders will be in your oldest

child's classrooms.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie in the Altgeld Building.

Thank you for your support of this great Fall fundraiser! 🍎

FSA Corner

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

General FSA Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 28, 7pm

Where: Church Basement

Who: Anyone who is interested!

FSA Contact Info

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

Mom's Club: Sally Moulton, sallymoulton@sbcglobal.net

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

Hospitality Club: Cathy Puralewski, cpural@sbcglobal.net

Sports Club: Khanh Bui, Khanhbui19@yahoo.com

Room Parents: Meg O'Rourke, ourourkem@ameritech.net

Orders Due: 10/29

Phone/Internet Orders Due: 11/2

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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