



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Dress Down Day- Friday

Please remember that if students dress down on Friday they must pay \$1. Students are allowed to wear jeans, gym shoes, and their SJB t-shirt or sweatshirt.

Thanks to everyone who participated in Spirit Week! SJB has never been more colorful or energized!

Calendar Items

- 11/16 Tuition Due
- 11/17 SJB Board of Specified Jurisdiction Meeting, 7pm
- 11/22 Family Mass, Thanksgiving Food Drive, 9:45am
- 11/22 FSA Mother Son Bowling, 1pm
- 11/24 Feast of St. John Berchmans Mass, 1:30pm (Please note the change of time)
- 11/25-29 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29 First Sunday of Advent
- 12/1 SJB Day at Barnes & Noble, 9am-10pm
- 12/1 First half of Fundraising Due

Warm Clothing and Food Drive




Currently we are holding our annual food drive, and beginning on November 30, our confirmation candidates will be holding a warm clothing drive in conjunction with our CCD students.

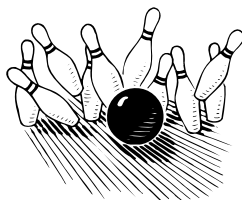
We are in need of non-perishable food items for our food pantry. These may be brought to your child's classroom between now and November 20. The food collected will be incorporated with Family Mass on

November 22 at 9:45am.

We are continually amazed by the generosity of our parents at SJB. Thanksgiving is a great time to share our gifts with others and to teach our students about giving to those who are less fortunate. We hope that you participate in both the food drive and the warm clothing drive.

More information will be available about the warm clothing drive in the coming weeks. As the weather cools off, please be on the lookout for gently used warm clothing you have in your home. Thank you in advance for your support! 

FSA Mother Son Bowling




The FSA Dad's Club is very excited to host a special event for SJB mom's and son's!

On Sunday, November 22, SJB families are invited to participate in a bowling day at Timber Lanes located at 1851 W. Irving Park Rd. Bowling will take place from 1-3pm.

More information is in today's Family Folder. If you are interested in participating

in this event, please contact Jeff Head at srcabeza@gmail.com or Mary Jo in the school office.

The cost of bowling is \$15 per person. You must pay the bowling fee at Timber Lanes on the day of the event—money sent to the school office will not be processed for this event. The \$15 fee includes pizza and drinks.

We hope to see you at this event. Stay tuned for Father/Daughter events later on in the year! 


Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast



On Sunday, November 22, SJB School will celebrate our Thanksgiving Family Mass at 9:45am. All families are encouraged to participate in this Mass!

After Mass, the SJB cheerleaders will host a pancake breakfast in the Church basement.

We hope that you will join us as our cheerleaders cook and serve a delicious breakfast while raising funds for the cheerleading squad. The cost of breakfast is \$3.00, which includes pancakes, sausage and a drink.

An RSVP form is included in this week's Family Folder. Please fill out the form and return it to the school office. 

Barnes & Noble Book Fair


The SJB Barnes & Noble Book Fair (located at Webster & Clybourn) will be held on Tuesday, December 1, from 9am-10pm. This book fair is an easy and fun way to support SJB while getting some of your Christmas shopping out of the way!

On December 1, a portion of almost any purchase you make (pre-tax and excluding gift cards) goes directly to support SJB School. All you have to do is let the cashier know you are there for St. John Berchmans.

Throughout that evening, we will have fun activities including

stories read to students, Christmas Carols sung by our choir, and more.

If you know you will not be able to make it to the store on December 1, please contact Mary Jo in the school office to arrange a phone order ahead of time.

We hope you are able to join us for this wonderful event! If you would like to help out with the event, feel free to contact Mary Jo for more information. 



The 2009-2010 athletic season kicks off this weekend as our basketball teams play their first games of the year. All games are played at the St. Philomena Gymnasium (4131 W. Cortland).

Wear your SJB apparel and come out to support one (or all) of our teams! This is a


great family outing for younger students, and a concession stand is available.

This weekend's schedule includes:

Boy's Varsity

Saturday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Girl's Varsity

Saturday, November 14 at 11:00am 

The following St. John Berchmans School alums were named to the honor roll at their high school's for the first quarter. Congratulations!


St. Benedict High School:

Yadira M. Duarte, Grade 12,
Second Honors


Brother Rice High School:

James Ciurej, Second Honors


Breakfast with Santa

Please join the FSA Hospitality Committee on December 5 for our annual Breakfast with Santa. This special event takes place in the Church Hall from 9:00-11:30am. The cost for the delicious pancake and sausage breakfast is \$3 for kids and \$5 for adults. This event is open to the public, so please be sure to invite neighbors, friends and family. An RSVP form is included in this week's Family Folder. Please contact the school office with any questions. We hope to see you on December 5 as we celebrate Breakfast with Santa! 

Lunch Orders


Lunch orders for the month of December are due to Ms. Raghda no later than 8:30 am on Friday, November 13. Please remember that these orders must be paid in cash or check and cannot be charged on RenWeb. If you have any questions, you may contact Ms. Raghda in the school office. 

If you have news about an SJB alum, please submit it to the school office for use in future editions of the SJB School Connection Newsletter.

We are so proud of all of our graduates and continue to wish them the best in their future endeavors. 



FSA Corner

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

Mother/Son Bowling Night

When: Sunday, November 22, 1pm

Where: 1-3pm

Who: Moms, grandmas, aunts or nannies and SJB male students

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: 11/25

Phone Orders Due: 11/30

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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