



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Feast of St. John Berchmans



SJB School will celebrate the Feast Day of St. John Berchmans on Tuesday, November 24 at 1:30pm with an all school Mass. All families are invited to join us as we celebrate this special day!

Calendar Items

- 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
- 12/2 Yearbook Pictures
- 12/4 Breakfast with Santa Set-up, 7pm
- 12/5 Breakfast with Santa, 9-11:30am

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 this weekend, on November 22 at 9:45am.

Beginning on Monday, November 30, there will be bins in each school building for warm clothing. All clothing collected will be donated to the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program. Please donate gently used clothing. The drive will end on Saturday, December 12.

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. 

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.

Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast




This 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.

More information is included in this week's family flier. We look forward to having breakfast with all of you and supporting our cheerleading squad at the same time. 


Mother Son Bowling



The FSA Dad's Club is very excited to host a special event for SJB moms and sons! The FSA Dad's Club is very excited to host a special event for SJB moms and sons! ested in participating in this event, please contact Jeff Head at srcabeza@gmail.com or Mary Jo in the school office.

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. 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.

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

SJB Basketball




The 2009-2010 athletic season kicked off last weekend as our basketball teams played their first games of the year. All games are played at the St. Stanislaus Kostka (1351 W. Evergreen). outing for younger students, and a concession stand is available. This weekend's schedule includes:

Wear your SJB apparel and come out to support our team! This is a great family


Girl's Varsity

Saturday, November 21 at 1:00pm

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 is \$3 for kids and \$5 for adults and breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, fruit, muffins and more. This event is open to the public, so please be sure to invite neighbors, friends and family. A volunteer 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! 

FSA Corner

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


Mother/Son Bowling Day

When: Sunday, November 22, 1pm

Where: 1-3pm

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

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders for the month of December are due to Ms. Raghdha 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. Raghdha in the school office. 

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, orourke@ameritech.net

Ambassadors Club: dgkren@covad.net

FSP Website

FSP, the Lunch Service we use at SJB, now has a website available to view menu's, allergy information, and frequently asked questions about daily meals served at lunchtime. Please visit www.schoolmenu.com. You will need to create a user name and password which you can do under "New Member Sign Up". When prompted to select a school district, please select Archdiocese of Chicago.

This service is only being provided to a select group of schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please check out the site and provide FSP with feedback about the usefulness of the site to help determine if it is of value. 



Orders Due: 11/25

Phone Orders Due: 11/30

Pick Up: 12/3

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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