



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## Welcome Baby Trimberger!



SJB is excited to welcome our newest Eagle! Paxton Elizabeth Paige Trimberger was born on Tuesday, December 1st. Mrs. Trimberger and Paxton are healthy and recovering.

### Calendar Items

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| 12/4  | Breakfast with Santa Set-up, 7pm  |
| 12/5  | Breakfast with Santa, 9-11:30am   |
| 12/6  | Confirmation Rite of Enrollment, 9:45am                                   |
| 12/8  | Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8:30am Mass                           |
| 12/8  | Glimmer Auction Meeting, 7pm  |
| 12/9  | Sacrament of Reconciliation for 2nd Grade & Religious Ed Students, 6:30pm |
| 12/10 | Mid-Quarters go home  |
| 12/10 | 2010-2011 Applications for Admission Packets Available                    |

## Warm Clothing Drive



The warm clothing drive is off to a great start! Beginning on November 30, our confirmation candidates began a warm clothing drive in conjunction with our CCD students.

If you would like to drop off clothes, you can find bins in each school building for warm clothing. All clothing collected will be do-

nated to the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program. Please donate new or gently used clothing. The drive will end on Saturday, December 12.

We are continually amazed by the generosity of our parents at SJB. Thanks to all of you who have already donated. Your donation certainly does make this winter a bit warmer for those receiving the clothes. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Pratl at 773-486-4300 or [apratl@stjohnberchmans.org](mailto:apratl@stjohnberchmans.org).

## FSA Progressive Dinner



On Friday, December 11, the Family School Association will hold its first Progressive Dinner Party.

What is a progressive dinner? It's a fun way to get to know other school families by visiting four pre-selected houses for a different dinner course. Guests will be split into

four groups which will visit each house along the route at different times. All four groups will meet at the end of the night.

We hope you join us for this festive evening. Spots are limited. Please RSVP by this Monday if you wish to participate. The cost is \$20 per person.

Questions? Contact Mary Jo in the school office.

## Breakfast with Santa

Please join the FSA Hospitality Committee this Saturday, 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.

Breakfast with Santa is a popular event that will get everyone into the Christmas spirit! We look forward to seeing you this Saturday for breakfast and a visit with Santa!

## Toy Drive

The SJB Student Leadership is hosting a toy drive to provide Christmas gifts for local families in need this Christmas.

If you are interested in donating, you may bring unused, unwrapped toys to your child's classroom. The toy drive ends on December 10.

Please help the Student Leadership at SJB make this Christmas a special holiday for local families in need. Much thanks goes to the Student Leadership group and their advisors, Mr. Schwider and Mrs. Kurzynski for their coordination!

# SJB Glimmer Auction

The 6th Annual Glimmer Auction is off to a great start! Our next meeting is open to anyone interested in helping and will be held on Tuesday, December 8 at 7pm in 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 volunteer 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 December 8. Questions? Call Mary Jo in the school office. ☎

## SJB Basketball



The 2009-2010 athletic season kicked off last weekend as our basketball teams played their first games of the year. All girls games are played at the St. Stanislaus Kostka (1351 W. Evergreen) and boys games are at Pritzker College Prep (4131N. Cortland).

Wear your SJB apparel and come out to support our team! This is a great family outing for younger students, and a concession stand is available. This weekend's schedule includes:

### Boy's Varsity

Saturday, December 5 at noon

### Girl's Varsity

Sunday, December 6 at 3pm

## FSA Soccer



Calling all soccer players!! The FSA Sports Club will be hosting indoor soccer this year. Soccer is open to students of all ages and will begin on Saturday, January 23 in the SJB Gym. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks regarding soccer. There will also be opportunities for coaching and volunteering. ☎

## Lunch Orders

Lunch orders for the month of January are due to Ms. Raghda no later than 8:30 am on Friday, December 11. Please remember that these orders must be paid in cash or check and cannot be charged on RenWeb. Because of Christmas break, no late orders will be accepted this month! ☎

## FSA Corner

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

## Progressive Dinner

When: Friday, December 11

Where: Houses in the neighborhood

Who: Any SJB Parents interested in celebrating the holidays!

## 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

## Nativity Play



Plans for this year's Nativity performance at the annual Children's Christmas Mass are on! We are looking for students to participate in the Nativity performance who can play Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, wise men, and narrators. Students of all ages are encouraged to attend.

More information is available in this week's Family Folder. If you have any questions, please contact Alyson Beaton or Mary Jo in the School Office. ☎



**Market Day**  
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**Pick Up: Today, 12/3**

**5:30-6:30pm**

**Church Basement**

*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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