



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Please remember to keep the Salamone family in your prayers while they mourn the loss of a wonderful husband and father. To send condolences, please send notes, cards, or donations for the Salamone fund to the school office.
Thank you.

Applications for Admissions Now Available

It's hard to believe, but "Applications for Admission" for the 2010-2011 school year are now available and can be found in this week's Family Folder.

Although applications are available now, you cannot begin submitting them until Sunday, January 30th when we kick off Catholic Schools Week.

You will also find a form for "Pass It On" in

your Family Folder. If you refer a friend to SJB and they remain at our school for the entire year, you will receive a refund of your enrollment rates and your friends will receive a discounted rate.

We are excited to watch our school continue to grow in the coming year. Our parents are our best marketing tool and we hope that you continue to spread the word about the great things happening at SJB!

Warm Clothing Drive



Don't miss your last chance to donate warm clothes! Our confirmation candidates are holding a warm clothing drive in conjunction with our CCD students that will end tomorrow,

December 11.

If you would like to drop off clothes, you can find bins in each school building for warm

clothing. All clothing collected will be donated to the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program. Please donate new or gently used clothing.

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.

Calendar Items

- 12/10 Mid-Quarters go home
- 12/10 2010-2011 Applications for Admission Packets Available
- 12/11 Open House, 8:30am-11am
- 12/11 FSA Progressive Holiday Party
- 12/15 Tuition Due
- 12/16 Christmas Concert, 7pm
- 12/17 Advent Reconciliation
Gr. 3-5, 9:30-10:30 am
Gr. 6-8, 10:30am-11:30am
- 12/18 No After School Care Available
- 12/19-1/4 Christmas Break

Christmas Concert

On Wednesday, December 16, SJB will have its annual Christmas Concert. The Christmas Concert will take place at 7pm in the Church.

Students are to arrive at the Christmas Concert between 6:30 and 6:45. More information is included in this week's Family Folder about specifics for each grade.

We hope this is the best Christmas Concert yet. You can help by remembering the importance of this holy time of year and respecting the sacredness of our Church.

Virtus Training

Our second Virtus training of this school year will be on Sunday, January 14 from 1-4pm in the Church Hall. Registration is now open, but space is limited. Spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

If you have already completed the Virtus Training then you do not have to repeat it. All people who wish to work with children are required to complete the 3 hour Virtus training and fill out the proper paperwork which can be found on our website.

To sign up for Virtus, please visit www.vitrus.org.


School Closing Information

Should you ever wonder if our school day has been cancelled or modified due to inclement weather, please use the Emergency Closing Center website or phone to find information. To access the information:

1. Go to the Emergency Closing Center's public website at www.emergencyclosings.com and search for St. John Berchmans School by typing St. John Berchmans, Chicago or 773-486-1334.
2. Call 847-238-1234 from a touch-tone phone and enter St. John Berchmans' phone number: 773-486-1334.
3. Receive an e-mail notification of any change to St. John Berchmans' status by signing up on the Emergency Closing Center's website at

www.emergencyclosings.com

4. Listen to WGN Radio 720-AM, WBBM Radio 780-AM or watch CBS CH. 2, NBC CH. 5, ABC CH. 7, FOX 32, WGN-TV or CLTV cable for closing information.

4. As a general rule, St. John Berchmans closes if the Chicago Public School System closes. If you travel a long distance to school or have extenuating travel circumstances, please use your own judgment as to whether or not you will send your child to school on days when we experience severe weather. In extreme cases, individual attendance will be considered on a case by case basis. 

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 (4131 N. 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

December 12, 9am


Girl's Varsity

December 13, 1pm


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. 

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!

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 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 Puralewski,
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Sports Club: Khanh Bui, hbui19@yahoo.com


Room Parents: Meg O'Rourke,
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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 was available in last 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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Orders Due: 1/7

Phone/Internet Orders: 1/14

Pick Up: 1/14

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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