



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

SJB Spaghetti Dinner



St. John Berchmans School

The SJB Spaghetti Dinner will be held this Saturday, January 9, immediately following the 5pm Mass. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids and seniors, and children under 6 eat for free!

We hope to see you for this fun event!!!

Calendar Items

1/8	End of Quarter 2
1/9	High School Placement Test
1/9	SJB Spaghetti Dinner, after 5pm Mass
1/10	Virtus Training, 1-4pm
1/11	Graduation Pictures
1/11	St. Jude Math-a-thon begins
1/15	Tuition Due
1/18	No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/19	Board of Specified Jurisdiction Meeting, 7pm
1/21	Report Cards Go Home

Note from the Salamone Family

Dear S.J.B. Families,

Ms. Eileen, Gina and Thomas would like to thank you for your generosity and support to our family. We are blessed to have such a caring, loving school community.

The Salamone Family

After School Program

The SJB After School program at SJB will kick off again in mid February! We know the second half of the year will be just as successful as the beginning.

We are excited to increase the activities we are offering in After School to give you even more options in enrichment courses. While we are still working out the final details of our new courses, we are happy that we will once again be offering Music, Dance, Yoga,

Mandarin, and Art classes for our students.

In addition, we will also be offering Terra Nova prep classes for students in grades 1-7 and the Children's Choir for students in grades 3-8.

You will receive a signup sheet in next week's Family Folder for all of the activities we'll be offering. Questions? Call Mary Jo in the office for more information. ☎

Picture Fun Packs

In today's Family Folder, you will find a Fun Pack with your child's school picture on it. Fun Packs are \$10. If you decide to purchase a Fun Pack, you will receive \$10 toward your Family Fundraising commitment. If you decide not to purchase your Fun Pack, you must return it to the SJB office or you will be charged \$10 to your RenWeb account. Please make checks payable to St. John Berchmans. ☎

FSA Snow Ball



Put your dancing shoes on!

OK, SJB ladies... put on your prettiest dress, grab your favorite dance partner and head over to our first annual FSA Snow Ball!

Graduation Photos

On Monday, January 11, the 8th grade class will be taking graduation pictures.

For these special pictures, boys must wear a shirt and tie and girls should wear skirts, dresses or dress slacks. Absolutely no jeans, low cut tops or sleeveless shirts are permitted.

Please contact Julie in the Altgeld Campus with questions. ☎

Whether you bring your dad, favorite uncle, or grandpa, everyone is sure to have a great time dancing the night away as our very own SJB Church Hall is transformed into an elegant ballroom just in time to chase those post-holiday blues away.

Please join us on Saturday, January 23 from 6:30-9pm for a night you're sure to remember! ☎


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 is well underway! All girls' games are played at 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


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 a sign up sheet in next week's Family Folder. 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. 

Snowball!

When: Saturday, January 23

Where: Parish Hall

Who: The lady students of SJB and their dads, uncles, or grandpas!

outing for younger students, and a concession stand is available. This weekend's schedule includes:


Boy's Varsity

Saturday, 1/9 at 3pm vs. OLG

Girl's Varsity

Sunday, 1/10 at 2pm vs. St. Mary of the Angels

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders for the month of January are due to Ms. Raghda no later than 8:30 am on Friday, January 15. Please remember that these orders must be paid in cash or check and cannot be charged on RenWeb. 

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, khbui19@yahoo.com

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

Ambassadors Club: dgkren@covad.net

Virtus Training

Our second Virtus training of this school year will be this Sunday, January 10 from 1-4pm in the Church Hall. Registration is now full. Other sessions are available and can be found on the Virtus Website.

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. 



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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