



SJB Open House

Tomorrow, January 15, SJB will host a monthly open house for prospective parents from 8:30am-11am. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this event.


SJB will begin accepting Applications for Admission from new families on Friday, February 5.

Calendar Items

- 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
- 1/23 FSA Snow Ball
- 1/31-2/5 Catholic Schools Week
- 1/31 Family Mass, 9:45am
- 1/31 Science Fair, Large Hall following 9:45am Mass
- 1/31 Applications for Admissions accepted for current SJB Families

Coin Wars

SJB students are raising money to help sponsor a Tuesday night supper at Catholic Charities for the homeless. Students may bring in coins any time from Tuesday, January 20th through Friday, January 29th. All

proceeds will go to Catholic Charities. As an added bonus, the class that raises the most money will get a pizza party! We hope you participate in this fun event for a great cause. 


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.

Ms. Petie will also offer three workshops which will occur over three week time periods.

We are happy to offer several new programs this semester. In addition to the dance, yoga, music and Mandarin classes, we will also offer Taekwondo classes for PK-grade 4 and a Chess Club for PK-grade 8.

We appreciate your excitement for these programs and look forward to sending home a sign up sheet next week listing all of the enrichment programs!


Questions? Please call Mary Jo in the school office. 

St. Jude Mathathon



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We are very excited to offer our K-8 students the chance to help kids in need. The materials for the 2010 St. Jude Math-A-Thon went home on Monday, January 11th. The permission slips were due by Wednesday, January 13th. The pledge

money is due back to school no later than Thursday, January 28th. Please send all pledge money in an envelope with your child's name and grade on it. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Kathleen (Kindergarten) or Ms. Kate (First Grade). What better way to celebrate the New Year than to help families that need it! 

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! 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.

A sign up sheet and additional information is included in this week's Family Folder. Please return sheets no later than Thursday, January 21.

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.

Please see the sign up sheet in this 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

January 16, 11am
SJB vs. St. Sylvester

Girl's Varsity

January 17, 3pm
SJB vs St. Stanislaus

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders for the month of February 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. ☎

Fun Packs

In last week's Family Folder, a Fun Pack was sent home with your child's school picture on it. Fun Packs are \$10. 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. Unfortunately, Fun Packs do not count toward Family Fundraising as mentioned last week in the Newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Mary Jo in the school office. Please make checks payable to St. John Berchmans School.

Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy the Fun Packs of your beautiful child! ☎



Market Day
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Pick Up: Today

Small Hall

5:00-6:00pm

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](mailto:hbui19@yahoo.com)

Room Parents: Meg O'Rourke,
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Ambassadors Club: dgkren@covad.net

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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