



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## Don't Forget...

Current SJB Families can begin submitting applications for admission on Sunday,

January 31

immediately

following the 9:45am

Family Mass.

Don't wait—save your spot early and receive a reduced admissions fee until February 26!

## CCD Mass

This Saturday, January 23 the students from the SJB CCD program will be having a special Mass in the church. All SJB students and their families are invited to come and worship! Mass will begin at 9:30am.

We hope you can join us! If you have any questions please contact Amanda Pratl, Director of Faith Formation and Religious Education, in the parish office. ☎

## 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 two workshops—a 10 week workshop for students in K-3 and a 5 week workshop in scrapbooking for students in grades 4-8.

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.

You will find a sign up sheet in this week's Family Folder. Please return the sign up sheet with payment.

Questions? Please call Mary Jo in the school office. ☎

## St. Jude Mathathon



**St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital**

ALSAC • Danny Thomas, Founder  
Finding cures. Saving children.

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 11<sup>th</sup>. The permission slips were due by Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The pledge

money is due back to school no later than Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. 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! ☎

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## 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.

Everyone is welcome to kick off the night with 5pm Mass before heading down to the hall for dancing and treats.

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

### Calendar Items

- 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
- 2/1 Distinguished Alumni Luncheon, 11:30am
- 2/3 Family Activity Night, Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30pm followed by Dessert Night in classrooms
- 2/5 Open House, 8:30-11am

# 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](http://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](http://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

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

### Boy's Varsity

Saturday, 1/23, vs. St. Philomena @ noon

### Girl's Varsity

Sunday, 1/24 vs. St. Stan's @ 1pm

## Thank You!

Dear SJB School Community,

Thank you very much for your support of the 8th Grade/Leadership Bake Sale last week for Haiti. Our students raised almost \$200 for The Haitian Project, which runs a school in Haiti that we supported during Lent last year. Please remember there will be another second collection this Sunday for Haiti.

I personally would like to thank you all as well for your support of Haiti and The Haitian Project. Having lived and worked in Haiti for 2 years and having a very close connection with The Haitian Project for 7 years now, I am truly touched by your generosity, concern and support.

In Kindness,  
Mary Jo Dunne



**Orders Due: 2/4**

**Phone/Internet Due: 2/8**

**Pick Up: 2/11**

## 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 this Saturday, January 23 in the SJB Gym.

Sign up sheets were sent home in last week's Family Folder. Please return the sign up sheet with your payment to the office. ☎

## Lunch Orders

Ms. Raghda needs your help! The lunch room is in need of plastic shopping bags. If you have plastic shopping bags at home, a great way to recycle them is by giving them to SJB. You can either send them with your child to school or drop them off in the office. ☎

## 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!

## FSA Contact Info

Have ideas? Interested in joining a specific club? Feel free to contact us!

**Mom's Club:** Sally Moulton,  
[sallymoulton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sallymoulton@sbcglobal.net)

**Dad's Club:** Jeff Head, [jhead1@habitat.com](mailto:jhead1@habitat.com)

**Hospitality Club:** Cathy Puralewski,  
[cpural@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpural@sbcglobal.net)

**Sports Club:** Khanh Bui, [khbui19@yahoo.com](mailto:khbui19@yahoo.com)

**Room Parents:** Meg O'Rourke,  
[orourkem@ameritech.net](mailto:orourkem@ameritech.net)

**Ambassadors Club:** [dgkren@covad.net](mailto: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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