

Catholic Schools Week Schedule

- Sun:** Family Mass, 9:45am
Admissions Process Opens for current Families
Science Fair in Church Hall
- Mon:** Prayer Service, 8:30am
Distinguished Alum Lunch, 11:30am (For 8th grade students only)
- Tues:** Are you smarter than an 8th grader? (Teachers vs. 8th graders), 1pm
- Wed:** SJB Spirit Day-wear gym clothes or SJB shirt with jeans
School Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30pm
- Thurs:** Banner/Poster Project in Class
- Fri:** Open House 8:30-11:00
School Mass, 10am, SJB Families invited

Applications for Admission



For the 2010-2011 school year, we will be continuing our early admissions procedures. In order to help us properly plan for class sizes, teachers, and supplies, it is important to apply early. Packets for the 2010-2011 year were sent home before Christmas break, and they are also available on our website.

In order to ensure a space in next year's class, please submit your application for admission during Catholic Schools Week before the applications are submitted by the public.

- Catholic Schools Week (1/31-2/5)**
 - Applications can be submitted for current SJB families only.
 - Application fees will be \$75 per child (\$150/family maximum).
 - Each child will receive a **free backpack** for re-applying during Catholic Schools Week (current SJB families only).

Friday, February 5 at 8:30am

- Applications accepted from the public.
- Admissions fees will be \$75 per child (\$150/family maximum).

February 26 after 3:30pm

- Admissions fees will increase to \$150/child (\$300/family maximum).

Please contact the school office with any questions at 773.486.1334. ☎

SJB School Spaghetti Dinner

Please join us for Family Activity Night on Wednesday, February 3 at 5:30pm. This year, all current SJB school families are invited to attend a spaghetti dinner which is being hosted by the FSA Dad's Club. Dinner will start at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread and soda will be provided. There is no charge for this event!

After dinner, head on over to meet the teacher and the classroom your child will be

in for the 2010-2011 school year. While you are meeting your teacher, we hope you enjoy desserts that you and other parents in your class bring to share.

More information is available in this week's Family Folder regarding the Dessert Night. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday night at 5:30pm!

Come and celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us! ☎

Calendar Items

- 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, School Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30pm followed by Dessert Night in classrooms
- 2/5** Open House, 8:30-11am
Applications for Admission Accepted for New Families
- 2/12** Tuition Due

Read to Succeed



We are pleased to announce that the Read to Succeed program will start on Monday, February 1 for grades K-6. Your child will bring home the Parent Information Letter and the Student Reading

Log Form.

To participate, students must read at least 6 hrs before February 24. When students return the signed Parent/Guardian Form verifying they have read the hours, they will receive a Great America ticket in May! ☎


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

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

Boy's Varsity


BYE

Girl's Varsity


Sunday, 1/31, vs. St. Sylvester @ 1pm

Mathathon




Today, Thursday, January 28th was the deadline for all Mathathon donations. Please make sure you have sent in your completed sponsor list and money in an envelope labeled with your child's information if you participated. If the amount of the total donation is at least \$35.00, don't forget to check off a **t-shirt size**. If you have not sent back your donations please do by tomorrow, Friday, January 29th. Thank you for doing your part in helping the children at St. Jude's Hospital! 

Bring Your Palms

We are collecting palms from Palm Sunday 2009 so that they may be made into ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday Mass on February 17. Please bring your old palms to mass and leave them in the collection bins in the back of the church. 

FSA Corner

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

Spaghetti Dinner

When: Wednesday, February 3, 5:30pm

Where: Parish Hall

Who: All current SJB Families!

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 Puralowski,
cpural@sbcglobal.net

Sports Club: Khanh Bui, khbui19@yahoo.com


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

Ambassadors Club: dgkren@covad.net

Pass It On



We are always hoping that our current SJB families will refer new families to our school. In order

to help with this process, we are again offering the "Pass It On" program. When you refer a new family to SJB, they will receive a 50% reduction in their enrollment fees. If the new family stays throughout the 2010-2011 school year, your family will receive a credit to your May 2011 statement for 100% of your enrollment fees. 



Orders Due: 2/4

Phone/Internet Due: 2/8

Pick Up: 2/11

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.



Logan Campus 2511 W. Logan Blvd. • Chicago, IL 60647 • P773.486.1334 f773.486.1782

Altgeld Campus 2524 W. Altgeld. • Chicago, IL 60647 • P773.486.1573