



St. John Berchmans Catholic School

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Upcoming events:

Halloween Parade: Friday, October 29, 2021 @ 2:15 PM

PTC Meeting: Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Accreditation Visit: November 7-10, 2021

Picture Day

School picture day will be on Thursday, October 21st. Students may have a dress down day. Please consult the student handbook to ensure your child is in compliance.

Utensils

If your child's lunch requires a fork or a spoon, please be sure to include one in your child's lunchbox. The school does not have these items to provide for the children.

End of the Marking Period/Conferences

Today marks the end of the first grading period. Teachers will be setting up parent-teacher conferences. Please be on the look-out for that information.

Run with a Mission 5K

Don't forget to sign up for the 15th Annual Run with a Mission 5K. **As of the morning of October 15th, St. John Berchmans is in 7th place on the Archdiocesan leadership board!** We would really like to continue the tradition of having the most registrants for the 5th year in a row and need your support to achieve this goal. Every dollar of your registration fee will be given to St. John Berchmans. Money raised through the 5K will be used for playground repairs and improvement. The virtual run/walk will run from October 10-24, culminating with the in-person event on Sunday, October 24th. Registration is open! Please visit [Run With a Mission 2021 | Archdiocese of San Antonio \(archsa.org\)](https://www.archsa.org) and choose St. John Berchmans Catholic School.



On October 15th, we celebrate the feast day of Saint Teresa of Avila.

"Saint Teresa of Avila lived during the time of Martin Luther, and worked to bring significant reform to the Carmelite Order. Patroness of Catholic writers, she is celebrated on October 15, and is the first woman to be proclaimed as a Doctor of the Church, along with St. Catherine of Siena."

[Saint of the Day - Calendar of Saints of 10/15 - Vatican News](#)

St. Teresa of Avila...pray for us.

Let's go from this...



to this!!!



The cost for removal of the old equipment, purchasing the new equipment and installation is \$41,000. The more people we have register for the 5K, the closer we are to making the new playground a reality for all of our St. John Berchmans students! Our Friday morning 5K total was \$1,700.

5K Incentives

- *Families who register 30+ people will have their name put on a plaque to be displayed in the new playground area that they helped to fund and will be entered into a drawing to win one month's tuition. (December or May)
- *The first homeroom to have 100% registration (students and teacher) will have a sundae party.
- *School-wide pizza party if SJB wins the most registrants.
- *Service hours: 3 hours per parent who registers for the 5K and 2 hours for attending the event.

Please email your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher with screenshots of registration confirmations and be sure to keep a list of people who have registered on behalf of your child(ren) to turn in once you hit the 30 registrant mark. But feel free to keep registering people even after reaching 30! Every registrant helps!

Volunteers Needed -Trimming Branches

We are looking for volunteers to trim branches on Tuesday, October 19th, 2021. Please bring ladders. Thank you for your assistance!

SJB Sports Report

*The Winter Sports Season is just around the corner, which will include Middle School Basketball. To be eligible, 5th-8th grade must have signed parent permission slips, an up-to-date athletics physical (forms are available from P.E. teacher), and passing grades in all of their classes. There is also an athletic fee of \$75 (due date to be announced.)

*If there is a parent volunteer interested in coaching the middle school girls basketball team, please email lisa.robertson@sjbsa.com.

*Practices will be held Mondays-Thursdays, beginning on November 1st. Practices will be held from 3:35-4:45 and 4:50-5:55 on the SJB basketball court. The A team and B team practice schedule will be announced at a later date.

CYO Basketball Registration

Registration is open for students in grades Pre-K4-sixth grade who are interested in CYO basketball. Go to [St. John Berchmans Catholic School - San Antonio, TX \(sjbschool-sa.com\)](http://sjbschool-sa.com), and under “Academics and Clubs”, choose “CYO.” Please register as soon as possible so that teams may be formed. Once teams are formed and filled, parents will be notified. Registration is \$70 plus a fundraiser. Northside Gym will be used.

Prayer Corner

**Please pray for the health and safety of our St. John Berchmans community.

*Let us pray for all those who are battling COVID and those who have lost loved ones to COVID.

*Please pray for the continued distribution of the vaccine and an end to this pandemic.

*Let us pray for a successful accreditation visit. *Please pray for those in the SJB community dealing with health issues, both spoken and unspoken.

*Let us pray for an end to prejudice and injustice.

*Please pray for an increase in enrollment in Catholic schools, especially at St. John Berchmans.

*Let us pray for peace throughout the world.

Prayer requests and student submissions may be emailed to newsletter@sjbsa.com for inclusion in future editions of the newsletter.