

St. John Berchmans Catholic School

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Upcoming events:

School Clean-up: Saturday, October 9, 2021

School Mass: Sunday, October 10, 2021

Volunteers Needed

Tomorrow, Saturday, October 9th, will be the day for cleaning and fixing up the school. We are hoping to have at least 30 volunteers. Some of the areas needing work are: windows (inside and outside); gate; painting walls, stage, and steps; dusting; sinks; ceiling fans; AC filters; ceiling tiles; base boards; branch removal; lights, desks; desktop computers; lights; and securing the playground. If anyone is in possession of orange netting to secure the playground, please bring that with you tomorrow. Drinks will be provided for volunteers. If anyone is able to bring in a grill to cook burgers for the volunteers, please contact Mrs. Garcia. Thank you for your assistance!

Picture Day

School picture day will be on Wednesday, October 13th. Students should wear their Mass uniforms.

SJB School Council Agenda

The agenda for the upcoming SJB Council meeting, to be held on October 12th, can be found as an attachment in the email that contained this newsletter.



On October 7th, we celebrated Our Lady of the Rosary. As a school community, we will continue to pray the rosary weekly during the month of October.

"The rosary is a truly Catholic devotion. It is a form of prayer and meditation in honor of Mary and celebrates the mysteries of Jesus' and Mary's lives. It has been called a miniature catechism highlighting the key events of our faith. Our Lady of the Rosary remembers Mary's intercession and celebrates this popular devotion."

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Playground

Our playground equipment is in need of replacement and repairs. This is one of the areas that will be worked on this Saturday, but we also want to use money from the Run with a Mission 5K to make further repairs and additions. Please be sure to register for the 5K!

Run with a Mission 5K

Don't forget to sign up for the 15th Annual Run with a Mission 5K. St. John Berchmans has now fallen to 8th 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.

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!

SJB Sports Report

- *Congratulations to the St. John Berchmans Middle School Cross Country Team. They opened up the Fall Sports Season and participated in the AIAL Cross Country Meet at Woodlawn Lake Park on Monday, October 4th. Well done, Knights! A major thank you to Coach Julie Ortiz and Assistant Coach Ian Williamson for their help conditioning and practicing with the athletes!
- *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 an 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.

Prayer Corner

- *Let us pray for the soul of SJB alumnus Jay Pena, who was laid to rest yesterday. May perpetual light shine upon him.
- *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.
- *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 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.