

# St. John Berchmans Catholic School

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## Upcoming events:

**SJB Community Health Fair:** Saturday, August 21, 2021

**PTC Meeting:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021

**Early Dismissal:** Friday, September 2, 2021

**Labor Day Holiday:** Monday, September 6, 2021

## Welcome Back!

We were so excited to welcome everyone back to kick-off our completely in-person 2021-2022 school year! The students and staff have been hard at work and are getting into the routine of school while adhering to the health guidelines and mandates as we maintain our commitment to navigating this pandemic as best we can to protect the health and safety of our entire SJB community. St. John Berchmans Catholic School will continue to follow the CDC's guidelines, including temperature checks for students and staff members. Please continue to talk to your child/ren about best practices for staying healthy themselves while also protecting those around them.

## Change to Dismissal Time

Starting Monday, August 23, 2021, there will be a change in the dismissal times. All students, Pre-K-eighth grade will be dismissed at 3:10 PM. We apologize for the inconvenience, but this change must be made in order to ensure that the students receive all of their instructional minutes.



As we begin this new school year, we ask for the intercession of St. Thomas Aquinas, doctor of the church and patron saint of students as we pray the words he wrote:

A Student's Prayer  
by St. Thomas Aquinas

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen.

## Catholic Life Raffle Tickets

Tickets for the Catholic Life Raffle will be passed out next week.

## Amazon Smile

When shopping online through Amazon, please go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and then, after you sign-in, choose St. John Berchmans Catholic School as your charity. 0.5% of your eligible purchases will be donated back to our school.

## School Calendar

Please be sure to check your school calendar so as not to be surprised by holidays or early release days. The school calendar is posted on our school website. [St. John Berchmans Catholic School - San Antonio, TX \(sjbschool-sa.com\)](https://www.sjbschool-sa.com)

## School Masses

Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend our school Masses. However, to continue to adhere to our COVID protocols, parents and grandparents should not sit with their child(ren)'s class. We ask that you please sit in the back pews.

## St. John Berchmans Community Back to School Health Fair

Tomorrow is the SJB Community Back to School Health Fair from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please do not forget that in order to facilitate safe social distancing requirements, ALL patients must register for appointments. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Thank you to Mrs. Calderon for coordinating this event.

## Pick-up Line

Thank you for your patience and cooperation in the pick-up line during dismissal. We understand that the construction is affecting traffic as well as the flow of dismissal and we appreciate your support in helping to keep it moving. We ask that you continue to display your color-coordinated signs and ask that after a teacher/staff member puts your child in the car, that you pull forward into one of the empty spaces to buckle them, which will assist us in keeping the line moving. Thank you!

## Donation Request

We are humbly asking for donations to purchase Marathon Adjustable Automated Soap Dispensers and soap refills. The cost per dispenser is \$11.97 and the refills are \$14.98. Donations will count towards your service hours. Please contact the school office if you would like to make a donation.

## Ballet Folklorico

Mrs. Carrera will be holding an informational meeting for parents of students interested in Ballet Folklorico. Ballet Folklorico will be available for students in Pre-K3 all the way through eighth grade. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 5:00 PM in Room 3.

## Prayer Corner

\*Let us say a prayer of thanksgiving for the successful beginning of a new year and for the opportunity to be together again.

\*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 an end to prejudice and injustice.

*Prayer requests and student submissions may be emailed to [newsletter@sjbsa.com](mailto:newsletter@sjbsa.com) for inclusion in future editions of the newsletter.*