

St. John Berchmans Catholic School

Father Fidèle Dikete, Pastor
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Upcoming events:

PTC Meeting: Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Early Dismissal: Friday, September 3, 2021

Labor Day Holiday: Monday, September 6, 2021

Catholic Life Raffle Tickets

Tickets for the Catholic Life Raffle will be passed out next week on Monday, August 30, 2021. Tickets will be distributed in the car line during dismissal.

Amazon Smile

When shopping online through Amazon, please go to 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.

Student Handbook

The student handbook will be posted to the school website this weekend. Please begin to go over this document with your child(ren.) The acknowledgment form will be due on September 10th. Turning the form in on time will allow the student(s) to drop their lowest homework grade. We will send paper copies of the acknowledgement form home on September 7th.



On August 27th, we celebrate the feast day of St. Monica. St. Monica was a fervent observer of the Catholic faith whose profound, patient prayer and devotion led to the conversion of her pagan husband and, more famously, her son Augustine, who went on to become a bishop and doctor of the church.

St. Monica...pray for us.

Tardies

We are striving to make every minute count so that our students may learn and grow as much as possible. We need your cooperation and support in this matter. Please be sure your child(ren) is/are on time to school. As you will see in the handbook, prompt attendance in each class is expected of all students. Students arriving after 7:55 AM are considered tardy and must report to the office for a tardy slip. Unnecessary or habitual tardiness will NOT be tolerated.

Students who are tardy for the 3rd time in a 9-week period, will be charged a \$5.00 fee every day the student is tardy. If there are multiple children in the family, each child is assessed the fee. Tardy fees will be added to FACTS on next payment due or to charge account on file.

We will begin to enforce this rule and start counting tardies toward the three per semester limit on Monday, August 30th.

8th Grade Fundraiser

Beginning Monday, August 30th, the 8th grade students will begin selling raspas after school. The cost will be \$1. Please support the class of 2022.

Run with a Mission 5K

The 15th Annual Run with a Mission 5K is just around the corner and the St. John Berchmans community is ready to earn more money for our school! 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.runwithamission.org/) and choose St. John Berchmans Catholic School. Our goal is to use the funds raised from this event to repair and improve our playground.

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.

Pick-up Line

Thank you for your continued 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!

Prayer Corner

- *Let us pray for the U.S. service members and all those who lost their lives in the attack at the Kabul Airport.
- *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 for inclusion in future editions of the newsletter.