

St. John Berchmans Catholic School

Father Fidèle Dikete, Pastor
Nora García, Principal

Upcoming events:

School Mass: Sunday, September 12, 2021

NWEA Testing: September 13-17, 2021

Father Fidèle's Birthday: Saturday, September 18th

Open House: September 22, 2021

School Mass-September 12, 2021

We invite all of you to join us at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Our SJB students will be serving as greeters, lectors, hospitality ministers, and choir members. Students who attend the Mass, in their school uniform, will have a free dress day on Monday, September 13, 2021. **All students who are receiving a scholarship from Father Fidèle are asked to attend the Mass for a special presentation.**

NWEA Testing

Students in kinder through eighth grade will be taking the NWEA next week. Please be sure your students arrive to school on time, are well rested, and have had a healthy breakfast.

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be emailed next week.



Prayer for the Anniversary of 9/11

O God, our hope and refuge,
in our distress we come quickly to you.
Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided,
replaced now with an emptiness,
a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering those who lost their lives
in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants
who demonstrated the greatest love of all
by laying down their lives for friends.
We commit their souls to your eternal care
and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.

We come remembering
and we come in hope,
not in ourselves, but in you.

As foundations we once thought secure have been
shaken,
we are reminded of the illusion of security.
In commemorating this tragedy,
we give you thanks for your presence
in our time of need
and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
our guide and our guardian.

Amen.

- Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon

[Patriot Day \(xavier.edu\)](http://xavier.edu)

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.archsa.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. **The first leaderboard will be announced soon and we want St. John Berchmans to be at the top! We have had the most registrants the last couple of years and we want to keep up that tradition!**

Student Handbook

Acknowledgement forms for the student handbook were due today. If your child has not turned in his/her signed acknowledgment form, please be sure they turn that in by Monday, September 13, 2021.

Tardies

There are still students who are arriving late to school. Please make every effort to have your children arrive to school on time. They day begins at 7:55 AM and we do not want the students to miss out on instructional time.

Cross Country Schedule Change

There will be NO cross country practice on Wednesdays until further notice. There will still be practice on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

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.

Water Bottles

Please send a water bottle to school with your child daily. Refilling stations are available. This will allow students to have water available to drink during these hot, late summer days as they are outside for P.E. and recess.

Prayer Corner

*Let us pray for our country as we commemorate the 20th anniversary of Let us pray for those still suffering in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.

*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.

*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.