

St. John Berchmans Catholic School

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Called to live as children of God

The Holy Father... highlighted that we are called in a more positive way to live a new life that roots its foundational expression in being children of God, discovering the beauty of being "brothers and sisters among ourselves, because we have been united in Christ."

"The differences and contrasts that separation creates should not exist among believers in Christ," the Pope said. "Rather, our vocation is that of making concrete and evident the call to unity of the entire human race."

In this manner, everything that exacerbates differences and causes discrimination no longer has any meaning, thanks to the salvation effected in Christ.

"What is important is that faith that operates according to the path of unity indicated by the Holy Spirit," Pope Francis concluded, adding that "our responsibility is that of journeying decisively on along this path."

Benedict Mayaki, SJ
on the Pope's General Audience of September 8, 2021

[Pope at Audience: Equality in Christ overcomes our differences - Vatican News](#)

Upcoming events:

Blessing of the Animals: Monday, October 4, 2021

Solidarity Day: Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Early Dismissal: Friday, October 8, 2021

School Mass: Sunday, October 10, 2021

Run with a Mission 5K

Don't forget to sign up for the 15th Annual Run with a Mission 5K. St. John Berchmans is currently in 5th 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!** We 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 \(archsa.org\)](#) 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 will have helped 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!

Drills

As the school year progresses, we have been practicing more of our safety drills. So far, we have had fire drills and a lock-down drill. We will also be practicing for tornadoes and lock-outs. Your child(ren)'s teachers have talked to them about the reasoning behind the drills, but would suggest you talk to them as well, in case there is any anxiety or concerns they may have.

Solidarity Day

On Tuesday, October 5th, we will unite in faith, hope and love against bullying. To celebrate the 5th Annual Solidarity Day, we will all wear orange as a sign of our commitment to taking a stand against bullying. Shirts should be plain orange and must not have Halloween pictures or school logos. Students may wear jeans, but they must not be ripped, torn, or holey. Leggings are also not allowed.

Progress Reports

Progress reports are being emailed today. The reports include grades up to last Friday. If you have any questions, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher.

Picture Day

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

CYO Basketball Registration

For students in grades Pre-K4-sixth grade who are interested in CYO basketball, parents can begin filling out their information. Go to [St. John Berchmans Catholic School - San Antonio, TX \(sjbschool-sa.com\)](http://St.JohnBerchmansCatholicSchool-SanAntonio,TX(sjbschool-sa.com), and under "Academics and Clubs", choose "CYO." Fill out the information and once teams are formed and filled, parents will be notified after October 4th. Registration is \$70 plus a fundraiser.

Catholic Life Raffle Tickets

Don't forget to continue selling your Catholic Life Raffle tickets.

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.

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.
- *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.
- *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.