

St. John Berchmans Catholic School

Father Fidèle Dikete, Pastor
Nora García, Principal

Upcoming events:

Labor Day Holiday: Monday, September 6, 2021
Grandparents Day Program: Friday, September 10, 2021
School Mass: Sunday, September 12, 2021
Father Fidèle's Birthday: Saturday, September 18th

Labor Day Holiday

There will be no school on Monday, September 6th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 7th, 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.

New Council Board President

SJB Catholic School would like to introduce our new Council Board President, Erica Foust. Erica is an alumnus of St. John Berchmans and has been a parent at the school since 2017. Erica had been serving as a board member, but has graciously agreed to take on the responsibility of president. Thank you for your commitment to our school!

Standards

St. John Berchmans teachers follow the Archdiocesan standards when creating and delivering their lessons. This allows them to be sure the students have mastered the concepts for their grade level and will be prepared for the next.



Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894.

[Labor Day 2021: Facts, Meaning & Founding - HISTORY](#)

Hope for the Future

There are still funds available for Hope for the Future Scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have not done so, please apply as soon as possible.

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Catholic Life Raffle Tickets

Tickets for the Catholic Life Raffle were passed out this week. If you did not receive yours, please contact the school office.

Cross Country

The Cross Country Team will have practice next week on Wednesday, September 8th and Thursday, September 9th. Beginning the following week, practices will be held Mondays-Thursdays from 3:30-4:15 PM.

CYO Soccer

The CYO soccer teams have begun their practices and are looking forward to their upcoming games. There are a few spots open for students in grades Pre-K4 through 4th grade. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Gonzales. rachel.gonzales@sjsa.com

Garden Club

The Garden Club will have its first meeting on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021. They will meet from 3:30-4:15 PM.

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.

Student Handbook

The student handbook has been posted to the school website. Please do not forget 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.

Tardies

As noted in the handbook (page 14), 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.

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.

Prayer Corner

- *Let us pray for those affected by 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.