

E-CARDINAL NEWSLETTER



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Regular Office Hours

The school office is back to full time hours of 7:30-3:30 pm.

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for the 09-10 school year is August 17th. School will dismiss at 2 pm. Parent Orientation will take place the weekend of August 15-16.

Aug. 15 - PK3-K Orientation 2:30 pm

Aug. 16 - Grades 1-4 at 2pm
Grades 5-8 3:30 pm

Grade 8 Meeting 4:30 pm

SJB Turns 60!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. JOHN'S!
Here at the school we are celebrating our Diamond Jubilee and YOU'RE invited to the party! Starting Friday, Sept. 25 with Grandparent's Day through Sept. 27 with the Parish Festival, the whole SJB block will be full of activities for you and your family. We'll have live music, kids games, concessions and plenty of vendors; plus a chicken dinner and tours of the school. Be sure to mark your calendars and call your friends about our Birthday Weekend!



First Morning Coffee

Come join us on the first day of school after Morning Assembly for coffee sponsored by HSA. Catch up with other SJB parents and relax as the kids start back at school!

School Supply Tax Deductions

Don't forget to hang on to all those receipts. For the first time this year, Louisiana taxpayers can deduct half the costs they incur per child -- up to \$5,000. Tuition, fees, and uniforms for private education are deductible, along with other items.

There are also some tax breaks for home-schooled children. You can find more information at www.revenue.louisiana.gov.

The Teachers are Back!

We've welcomed back the SJB teachers this week who have officially completed their inservice! We got off to a great start with Mass on Tuesday and a wonderful brunch prepared by HSA! Later in the week we enjoyed a terrific lunch from Mr. Jerry Waters, Mrs. Waters' husband, Mrs. Woods, and Mrs. Cazes. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped us transition back to the classroom!

Notes

In order to volunteer with St. John's in any capacity, you must take the Protecting God's Children class available through the Diocese of Shreveport. Go

Important Dates

8/15-16 - Parent Orientation

8/17 - First Day of School
First Morning Coffee after Morning Assembly
Dismissal at 2:00 pm

8/19 - SJB/LCP Mass with Bishop Duca
9:30 am in Cathedral

8/21 - Student Council Induction
Middle School Dance at St. Joseph's 7-9 pm

8/26 - School Mass 8:15 am

8/28 - Middle School Dance 7-9 pm
in Multi-Room

to the VIRTUS tab of the school website for more information.



Don't forget to fill out your Student Directory Form and get it in as soon as possible! You can fax (425-0648) or mail it to the office. Please indicate any new or changed addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses.

If your child will need to take over-the-counter or prescribed medicine during the school day, you must fill a Medication Permission Form, found on the website under School Information or you can get a copy in the office. Prescribed medication must be accompanied by a doctor's note and parents must furnish all medication, as the school will not be able to provide any.



JV Cheer Preps for the Games!

Last week we featured SJB's Varsity Cheer Squad in the eCardinal and are proud to see the JV girls in the spotlight this week! Soni Mangum and her squad had their own Cheer Camp last week, run by Alex Lacy, sister of 5th grader Joshua Hawboldt. Alex is a NCA Cheer instructor who invited special guest LSU cheerleader Michael Reed to help her prep the girls for the upcoming year. The camp was a great success and got the girls excited to cheer on the Cardinals this year!

Notes from your HSA President, Cheryl Raney

FIRST HSA MEETING!

Mark your calendars for the first HAS Meeting—Sept. 9 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.

CARDINAL COURTYARD

Thanks to everyone who helped with our NEW Cardinal Courtyard! After hours of working in the sun, our Cardinal Courtyard is ready for use for our PreK-Kindergarteners! Thanks to Dan Marcalus, Jody Raney, Vincent Mangum, Geoff Cazes, and Josh Mangum. We also had a handful of LCP Flyers assisting—Trevor Raney, Andrew Smith, Eleanor Brainis, Victoria Ayres, and Coach Mawhinney. Our preschoolers especially appreciate your hard work!

WELCOME BACK TEACHERS!

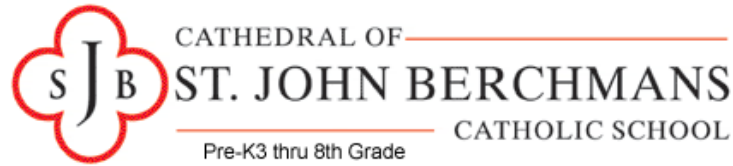
On Tuesday, our SJB school and parish staff enjoyed a special breakfast together thanks to our HSA volunteers—Jennifer Kihlken, Cheryl Reine, Cheryl Raney, and Dawne Murray.

DIAMOND T-SHIRTS!

We will be selling t-shirts for the school's Diamond Jubilee celebration at Parent Orientation THIS weekend! The shirts are \$10 and come in a variety of sizes! We will also have plenty of SJB spirit items on sale.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Also at Parent Orientation, you can sign up for a number of volunteer opportunities. You can help with the Sixtieth Celebration Weekend, various receptions, Picture Day, Monster Mash, the Santa Pancake Breakfast, Science Olympiad mentoring, Catholic Schools Week, Book Bundles, the Spring Auction, be a Room Mother, and more! Thanks in advance for considering any of these services, which greatly enhance the lives of our students and teachers. We are looking forward to seeing all of you this weekend!



OFFICE NOTICE

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ASBESTOS containing building materials are located within St. John Berchmans Catholic School. In their present condition they present NO HAZARD to school occupants. An Asbestos Management Plan has been developed to prevent the asbestos from becoming a hazard and is on file in the school office. The plan is available for inspection upon request and appointment.

IPM (Intergrated Pest Management) Plan

All schools are required to file an Intergrated Pest Management Plan with the LA Department of Agriculture & Forestry & have a copy on hand at their school. In this detailed outline, a list of all chemicals must be disclosed. St. John Berchmans Catholic School is in compliance with this law. No chemicals are located in the school as Anti-Pest Company is used for our monthly or other pest control spraying. Due to the school's concern for the care of your child, chemicals are applied only by Anti-Pest Company after all students have left the campus for the day. If any of your children are hyper-sensitive to any type of chemical a "Registry of Pesticide Hypersensitive Individual Application" will need to be completed by the parent and the child's physician. This form is available on our website: www.sjbcathedralschool.org. (under Student Information) After this form has been completed, please send to the office as it needs to be on file as required by the law of the state of Louisiana. If interested, the IPM Report is available for you to look at upon request.

To submit information for future eCardinal publications, email Mrs. Sciba at ksciba@sjbcathedralschool.org.
All submissions must be approved by Mrs. Cazes before appearing in the eCardinal. Thank you!