

E-CARDINAL NEWSLETTER



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60 Years of Support and Success

Our Grandparents' Day/Diamond Jubilee Celebration was a marvelous success! We are so glad to hear from so many of you that your children and their grandparents had a wonderful weekend.

The weekend's success was due to so many in the St. John's community working together to serve. Our school is celebrating 60 years because of the support we have from our families and friends. We are reminded once again of the generosity of our Home and School Association and SJB parents and we would like to thank the following individuals and companies for their help:

Bishop Duca, Cajun Footwork Dance Club, Robert Breedlove, Dr. Mattie Mosely, Deacon John Basco, Mr. Yatcko, Ray and Maureen Fenton, Tree Top Tree Service, Ridgeways Reporgraphics, Dee Parks and the cafeteria staff, the Knights of Columbus, Student Council, Brandy Brocato, Toookie Barr and Larry Meier, the SJB teachers and students, parishioners, Dawne Murray, Cheryl Reine, Lisa Marcalus, and Jennifer Christiansen and Jennifer Kihlken.

Thank you so much to our parish office for organizing the fantastic Fall Festival honoring our school's 60th Anniversary and for your continued appreciation for education. Those working in the parish office planned months and months in advance to make the festival a success. Thank you also to our vendors, listed below:

Dardie's Pralines, Tastefully Simple, SJB Jr. Beta Club, Christian Barnett - Photography, Alice & Caroline's Jacob's Well, Loyola College Prep Flyer Club, The Children's Loft, Bedazzled, Just Ask Designs, Kelly's Candles, Mary Kay, I.B.G. Gifts, Tooty Fruity Hair Bows, Cub Scouts, Peak's Unique, Word Diva Designs, Carla Hauser - Flip Flops & Bows, Tim Johnson - Photography, Sonya Fanning - Embroidery, SJB Catholic School, and the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans.

And last but not least, thank you to YOU the parents for your participation and support. We are so glad that the weekend was a truly memorable celebration of our family and school.



Important Dates

10/6 - PreK3 - K to Red River Revel

10/7 - Living Rosary (No Mass)

10/12 - **NO SCHOOL**

10/13 - Credit Union Day
8th Grade to Pines Camp
6th & 7th grades to SciPort

10/14 - School Mass 8:15 am

10/15 - End of Pines Camp Retreat

10/16 - HSA Meeting after Morning Assembly

Reminders!

✝ **There is NO SCHOOL Oct. 12 or 23. There will be school Oct. 16.**

✝ Oct. 16 is the end of the quarter. Parent/Teacher conferences will be Oct. 23. The Honor Roll assemblies will be after Morning Assembly on the following days: Grades 1-4 will have their assembly Oct. 26 and grades 5-8 will have their assembly on Oct. 27.

✝ If you come inside to pick up your children after school, please use the side doors instead of coming through the front! Thank you for your cooperation!

Flyers to Show off "Timeless" Fashions

It's that time of year again!

Mark your calendars for Nov. 4 - the 2009 Loyola Style Show! This year's theme is "The Magnificent Time Machine" and 100 seniors will model fashions from Dillard's, Stein Mart, Squires Formal Wear, and several other Shreveport clothiers. Since 1952, the Style Show has been the Loyola Parents' Association's primary fundraising event and proceeds go directly to the school's scholarship fund and other capital needs. The event begins with VIP seating at 10:45 a.m. and all other admission may be seated at 11 a.m. Tickets may be purchased from Loyola families or from the Development Office for \$25 or \$30 at the door.



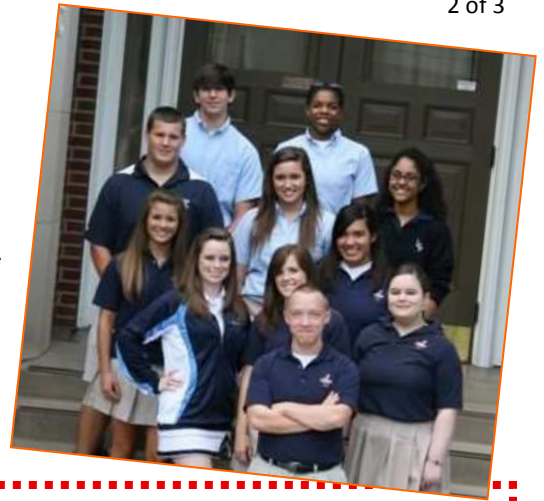
Notes from your HSA President, Cheryl Raney

- * Monster Mash information was sent home in the VIP folders this week. Mark your calendars this fun, family event will be held on Friday, October 30th 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- * Check your VIP Folders for this year's Boo Bag orders! Sponsored by Student Council, Boo Bags are a great way to give someone a thrill for Halloween! Get your Boo Bag order forms in **by** Tuesday, Oct. 20. Late orders will not be accepted.
- * The Revel is up and running! SJB Parents Liana Smith, Jennifer Christiansen, and Jason Brancamp know how to stir up quality Philly Cheese Steaks. We are doing so well at the Revel, but we need more volunteers! Sign ups are still outside of the MultiRoom. Please come and support our school now through the 10th. Thanks to our HSA Revel Committee Jody Raney, Ray Fenton And Kristie Giglio for organizing this fundraiser for our school!



From Cardinals to Flyers:

Row 1 Andrew Swan,
Row 2 Haley Molen, Kristina Scales, Christina Hodgkiss, **Row 3** Rachel Urbanowski, Rachel Gallion, **Row 4** Eric Reuther, Chelsey McNeely, Jessica LeBeau, **Row 5** Jacob Chaisson, Ginny Pullen



"The most effective kind of education is that a child should play amongst lovely things."

- Plato

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

In our fast paced, technology-driven world, we easily forget that our children's work is to play. Play allows children to learn while having fun. When adults interact with children through play, children are allowed to participate in more complex activities and discover how to take risks in a safe environment. Often, children will communicate more openly when engaged in an activity. This is the perfect vehicle for asking questions and conveying information both to and from the child. REAL toys (not television or video games) and DAILY interaction (even 10 – 15 minutes!) are essential in providing these opportunities. Don't underestimate the relaxation and exhilaration of flying through the air on a swing!

While at play, children learn language development, gross and fine motor skills, creativity, and critical thinking. Social skills and stress management (for example, winning and losing gracefully) are learned through almost all play. In addition, the American Academy of Pediatrics recognizes that a loss of play can actually lead to stress, anxiety, and even depression.

Some constructive games and activities parents and children can enjoy together (and the skills they promote) include:

- Bananagrams, Scrabble, Reading Books (language development)
- Jacks or marbles (fine motor skills)
- Football, soccer, dodge ball, jumping rope (gross motor skills)
- Cranium, Pictionary, Charades (creativity, language development)
- Legos, blocks, Etch-a-Sketch (creativity, fine motor skills)
- Spinner Dominos, Puzzles, Card games (critical thinking)

Enjoy!

- Wendy C. Gayle, MA

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

Sign up your son for Columbian Squires, an organization of more than 20,000 young men who have fun and share their Catholic faith, help people in need, and enjoy the company of friends in social, family, athletic, cultural, civic and spiritual activities. As a Squire, he'll be a member of one of more than 1,300 "circles" located throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, the Caribbean, and other places where Knights of Columbus councils are located. Every circle is sponsored by a Knights of Columbus council, and Knights serve as adult counselors to the group.



A Squires Circle is designed to be run both by and for young men. Through their local circle, Squires work and socialize as a group of friends, gradually developing into Catholic leaders.

The Columbians Squires program is for young Catholic men ages 10-18. You can sign up after the 11 a.m. Mass in the school cafeteria where there will be a quick meeting to answer questions and enroll SJB boys!

SPIRITWEAR!

The Spirit Store has two new items for sale: tote/grocery bags (\$6 each or 2 for \$10) and water bottles (\$4 each). We also have several items leftover from Grandparents' Day and the Parish Fall Festival: 1 Adult Medium and 1 Adult Small fleece jackets (\$25 each); 1 Youth Large and 3 Adult XLarge hoodies (\$22 each); 3 SJB 60th Anniversary t-shirts (\$10 each); and 1 Youth Medium and 2 Youth Large red/white polka dot SJB shirts (\$13 each—they run VERY small). Please contact Lisa Marcalus at 227-8189 if you would like to purchase any of these items. We will send order forms home again at the end of October. Thank you!

Cardinal Students of the Month

Students of the Month for August/September

1st grade Cabe Mayeux/Aubrey Bailes

2nd grade Gabriel Jose/Clayton Cook

3rd grade Viveienne Davis/Luke Griego

4th grade Morgan Roque/Maria Vu

5th grade Lilly Herron/Angela Nguyen

6th grade CJ Hicks/Ty'Tyana Lewis

7th grade Sarah Brockman/Amy Nguyen

8th grade Paul Vu/Tori Brooks

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

Please participate in the Keeping Kids Safe Project. FREE digital fingerprinting and photographing will be available the weekend of Oct. 16-17 for all children who attend. Services will be offered from 3-6:30 pm on the 16th and from 10 am—4 pm on the 17th. The program uses specialized equipments that tours the country and will only be in the area this particular week-end.



So many children are reported missing each day in the U.S. Most are found within minutes or hours and have happy endings. Police officials say that time is critical in the recovery of missing children. One major problem that costs precious time is the gathering of current photographs, fingerprints, and statistical information to assist law enforcement agencies.

Go to www.KeepingKidsSafeProject.com for more details!

Students of the Year...

After much consideration, St. John Berchmans announced the Student of the Year Award winners for 2009-2010. We would like to offer our congratulations to the 5th grade winner, the 8th grade nominees, and the 8th grade winner.

Our 5th Grade Winner, **Marie Marcalus**

Our 8th grade nominees:

**Rachel Bonk, Victoria Nguyen,
Tori Brooks, and Julia Vanchiere**

And our 8th grade winner **Andy Nguyen**

You all make our school so proud and you bring so much to our community. Thank you for your service and positive attitudes.