

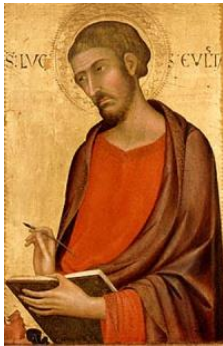


ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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St. Luke, Evangelist

St. Luke is the only Gentile to have written books in the Bible: the third Gospel & the Acts of the Apostles. The gospel of Luke focuses on the poor and oppressed, encouraging tenderness and compassion for the less fortunate. He was the first Christian physician and was venerated by the Church as the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. St. Luke's feast day is celebrated on October 18th.



October is Bully Prevention Month!

The month of October is Bully Prevention Month! This year the Archdiocese is promoting the start of an annual Catholic Schools Solidarity Day. St. John Berchmans will be uniting with our fellow Catholic Schools to stand against bullying and promote a culture of kindness in our school by wearing orange on October 25th. Please make a note of this on your calendar, and encourage your child to wear an orange shirt with jeans or khaki pants ONLY to help promote kindness, compassion, and acceptance in our school. Those who choose not to participate will be required to wear their Mass uniform.

Wear **ORANGE** on Solidarity Day 2017!

-For more information on bullying and bullying prevention check out:

<http://www.pacer.org/bullying/>

"Blessed are the Peacemakers" Matthew 5:9

Please refer to pages 20 – 24 in the 2017-2018 Parent/Student handbook regarding the bullying policy

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE 5K RUN:

THE 5K WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT MISSION COUNTY PARK. IT ALL STARTS WITH MASS AT 7:30AM; RACE/WALK TO FOLLOW AT 9:00AM. WE NEED EVERYONE TO COME OUT AND SHOW LOTS OF SPIRIT! THE SCHOOL COULD EARN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE LIGHTS. YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL. REGISTER AS A WALKER OR RUNNER, EVEN IF YOU DON'T WALK OR RUN. LATE REGISTRATION IS \$20.00 BUT \$15.00 WILL GO TO THE SCHOOL.

BINGO:

BINGO is scheduled for the Sundays of October 22nd, November 5th, 12th and December 3rd in the school cafeteria from 2:00 -6:00p.m. Cards are \$6 each; concessions will be available.

We had our first bingo last Sunday and made a profit of \$1,300. Thank you to all who contributed to make it a great success.

When you sell or buy Bingo tickets, you will receive service hours and if you donate a prize or two, you can earn service hours as well. Please be generous as this is revenue for the school that will be used for minor repairs: i.e. air conditioners, etc. Examples of prizes: gift cards, blenders, slow cookers, etc.

October: The Month of the Rosary

Our next Rosary will be on Wednesday, October 25th at 2:15 pm in the Church. All families are invited.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:



Starting October 2nd-22nd there will be a “Box Top for Education” Competition. The class that brings in the most box tops will win a prize. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.



We want to wish the participants in the 4-H Culinary Cooking Contest the best of luck. Their competition is Saturday, October 21st, 2017.

4H meets every Monday from 3:15-4:15 in Room 19.

SPORTS UPDATE:

Soccer Team: SJB field. Volleyball Team:

GO KNIGHTS GO!!!

END OF THE FIRST NINE WEEKS (October 20th)

- According to the 2017-2018 Parent/Student Handbook, page 41 under the section: “Visitor”:

From the beginning of the second marking period, only school personnel will escort the children to their classrooms from the gate.

- “Mandatory Parent-Teacher conferences will be held after the first marking period for the purpose of discussing the child’s academic progress and personal development. The meetings are professional and are confined to the subject of the individual student’s well-being. Students are asked to attend these conferences with parents.” P. 44 2017-2018 Parent/Student Handbook

Parent conferences are scheduled to begin October 24th, 2017. Homeroom teachers should be contacting you to set up appointments.

COUNSELOR’S CORNER: (Emily Daniels)

This year St. John Berchmans is cracking down on attendance! Did you know that just by missing 18 days of school it could be harder for your child to learn to read? Even being regularly tardy can affect your child academically, socially, as well as lead to a chronic absence issue. To help prevent tardiness and absences make sure your child gets regular efficient sleep, lay out clothes the night before, and develop a back-up plan for getting your child to school if needed. Additionally, be cautious of letting your child stay home unless they are truly ill (fever, doctor recommendation, etc.).

*Information gathered from <http://www.attendanceworks.org/research/>

Please see the website for more information

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