



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## Terra Nova Testing



Grades 1-8 will take Terra Nova Tests next week. We wish our students the best of luck and hope they do the following to prepare:

- ◇ Get plenty of sleep by going to bed early.
- ◇ Eat breakfast! It wakes the brain up.
- ◇ Relax and do your best!

### Calendar Items

2/23-26	Practice Terra Nova Testing
3/1-5	Terra Nova Testing
3/4	Fannie May Orders Go Home
3/5	Stations of the Cross Gr. 4-8, 2pm
3/12	No School, Staff Retreat
3/14	Daylight Savings Time
3/15	Tuition Due
3/18-22	Scholastic Book Fair
3/19	Fannie May Orders Due
3/19	FSA Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Set-Up
3/20	Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 9-11:30

## Volunteer for the Glimmer Auction



What is the Glimmer Auction? Glimmer is our school's largest fundraiser of the year, and this year it will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2010. The theme will be "Derby Days: Run for the Roses."

We are currently looking for volunteers for this year's Glimmer Auction. You can volunteer to set up the week before or to do one of many things during the actual event. Volunteering is a great way to meet other

parents, accumulate required volunteer hours, and have a lot of fun.

Volunteer forms have been sent home. Simply fill it out and return to the office by Friday, March 5.

The next Glimmer Auction meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3 at 7pm in the Altgeld Building .

If you have any questions, please call the school office or email Mary Jo.

## Glimmer Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for the Glimmer Auction were sent home in last week's Family Folder. Tickets are \$10 each and 100% of each ticket sold goes directly toward the Family Fundraising Commitment.

Raffle prizes are \$1000, \$500, and \$250. The books that were sent home contain 10 raffle tickets per book. Each family received two books in last week's Family Folder. If you do not plan to sell your raffle tickets, please return them to the school office immediately. All money collected and unsold raffle tickets are due to the school office no

later than Friday, April 23. If you do not return your tickets by this date, you will be charged for the balance on your May 15, 2010 statement. No unsold tickets will be accepted.

Raffle tickets are a great way to meet your Family Fundraising commitment. Please remember that all fundraising needs to be completed by the May 15 and that each family commits to raising \$200 each semester.

Please contact Mary Jo with questions.

## Applications for Admission

In order to receive the reduced application fee, all Applications for Admission are due no later than tomorrow, February 26 at 3:30pm.

After tomorrow, rates will go up from \$75 per child (\$150 family maximum) to \$150 per child (\$300 family maximum).

If you are planning to re-apply for next year, now is the time to do it! You can return the application tomorrow in your Family Folder with payment.

Please contact the school office with questions.

**Glimmer Lingo**-Get into the spirit of Glimmer by learning some Derby Lingo. Each week we'll put a new term in the newsletter to help you get familiar with terms used at the Kentucky Derby.

The term of the week is **Derby Hat Parade**. The derby hat parade takes place inside of Churchill Downs and refers to the sea of stylish and elegant hats worn by women and men alike during the Kentucky Derby.

# School Closing Information

Should you ever wonder if our school day has been cancelled or modified due to inclement weather, please use the Emergency Closing Center website or phone to find information. To access the information:

1. Go to the Emergency Closing Center's public website at [www.emergencyclosings.com](http://www.emergencyclosings.com) and search for St. John Berchmans School by typing St. John Berchmans, Chicago or 773-486-1334.
2. Call 847-238-1234 from a touch-tone phone and enter St. John Berchmans' phone number: 773-486-1334.
3. Receive an e-mail notification of any change to St. John Berchmans' status by signing up on the Emergency Closing Center's website at

[www.emergencyclosings.com](http://www.emergencyclosings.com)

4. Listen to WGN Radio 720-AM, WBBM Radio 780-AM or watch CBS CH. 2, NBC CH. 5, ABC CH. 7, FOX 32, WGN-TV or CLTV cable for closing information.

4. As a general rule, St. John Berchmans closes if the Chicago Public School System closes. If you travel a long distance to school or have extenuating travel circumstances, please use your own judgment as to whether or not you will send your child to school on days when we experience severe weather. In extreme cases, individual attendance will be considered on a case by case basis. ☎

## SJB Basketball



The 2009-2010 playoffs are here! All girls' games are played at St. Stanislaus Kostka (1351 W. Evergreen) and boys' games are at Pritzker College Prep (4131N. Cortland).

Wear your SJB apparel and come out to support our team! This is a great family

## Planning Ahead

**Uniforms**—For the 2010-2011 school year, we will once again be using the Schoolbelles uniform company. This Spring, Schoolbelles will be at SJB to measure your children for next year's uniforms. In the meantime, you may order items for this school year via their website, phone, or by visiting their store in Des Plaines.

**Admissions**—Please help us to plan for the 2010-2011 school year by submitting your enrollment tomorrow.

## FSA Corner

Please see this section each week in the School Connection for FSA updates and upcoming events. ☎

### Ladies Night Out

When: Friday, March 26

Where: Chief O'Neill's Pub

Who: All SJB Moms, Aunts, Stepmoms, and Grandmas!

outing for younger students, and a concession stand is available. This weekend's schedule includes:

### Boy's Varsity

2/27 vs. St. Sylvester at 9am

### Girl's Varsity

2/28 vs. St. Sylvester at 2pm

After tomorrow, enrollment fees are \$150/child.

**Financial Aid**—Financial aid packets for the 2010-2011 school year are now available in the school office and on our website. All families seeking financial assistance must submit this packet in order to be considered. Financial Aid Applications need to be sent in to the address on the form no later than April 16, 2010. Applications are also available in Spanish. ☎

## FSA Contact Info

Have ideas? Interested in joining a specific club? Feel free to contact us!

**Mom's Club:** Sally Moulton, [sallymoulton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sallymoulton@sbcglobal.net)

**Dad's Club:** Jeff Head, [jhead1@habitat.com](mailto:jhead1@habitat.com)

**Hospitality Club:** Cathy Puralowski, [cpural@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpural@sbcglobal.net)

**Sports Club:** Khanh Bui, [hbui19@yahoo.com](mailto:hbui19@yahoo.com)

**Room Parents:** Meg O'Rourke, [orourkem@ameritech.net](mailto:orourkem@ameritech.net)

**Ambassadors Club:** [dgkren@covad.net](mailto:dgkren@covad.net)

## Pass It On



We are always hoping that our current SJB families will refer new families to our school. In order

to help with this process, we are again offering the "Pass It On" program. When you refer a new family to SJB, they will receive a 50% reduction in their enrollment fees. If the new family stays throughout the 2010-2011 school year, your family will receive a credit to your May 2011 statement for 100% of your enrollment fees. ☎



**Orders Due: 3/4**

**Phone/Internet Due: 3/8**

**Pick Up: 3/11**

*Remember, cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed, and the school is not responsible for these items. These items must be turned off and left in student backpacks.*



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