

Vision Statement – St. John Berchmans School

St. John Berchmans is a Catholic elementary school committed to academic excellence and the development of creative, insightful and respectful students. Through our holistic approach to learning, we strive to deepen all students' experiences of the Catholic faith while encouraging them to develop their own personal gifts and passions.

As an anchor of the Logan Square community for over 100 years, we provide a safe, diverse and nurturing environment, where students and faculty live the teachings of Jesus with gentleness, humility, charity, joy and freedom. We celebrate the uniqueness of each child, while inspiring the confidence and the disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit necessary for students to reach their maximum potential.

Pillars for SJB Vision:

LEARN

Academics

In an environment that values excellence in scholarship, St. John Berchmans students...

- Develop core academic competencies.
- Receive differentiated instruction that realizes an individual student's unique needs and abilities.
- Gain critical thinking skills.
- Develop the ability to work independently or as part of a team.
- Engage in meaningful classroom discussions.
- Learn to present information to others with ease and competency.
- Develop conversational competency in a foreign language.
- Utilize modern technology in an effort to recognize the link between their own lives and the lives of people throughout the world.
- Collaborate with an engaged faculty who are provided with the tools, support and continuing educational opportunities to help students flourish.
- Graduate prepared to enroll in a quality high school and be provided with thoughtful guidance in making an enrollment decision that best fits their skills, goals and needs.

BELIEVE

Faith

With a deep understanding of their faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ, inspired by faculty and staff, St. John Berchmans students...

- Live the moral teaching of the Church.
- Practice and act out their faith with respect to how they treat themselves and others.
- Learn the precepts, tenets and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and understand the importance of Sunday Mass.
- Pray, study and act generously, respectfully and thoughtfully.
- Develop a respect for all life and work to better the lives of the less fortunate.

SHARE

Community

As members of a community dedicated to fostering a diverse campus where teachers, staff and parents lead by example, St. John Berchmans students. . .

- Engage in experiences and services beyond the school campus.
- Experience opportunities to become positive citizens through lessons that instill awareness of others, respect, manners and common courtesy.
- Witness parents who volunteer in the classroom, school and community showing their children the importance of getting involved and helping others.
- Embrace Chicago's diversity by celebrating their own cultures, learning about others and respecting all people; regardless of age, gender, religion, abilities, race, or background.
- Are supported by the Church, administration, teachers and extended families of the school and parish.

GROW

Enrichment

With a solid foundation in the core curriculum, through unique opportunities designed to develop and discover individual gifts and talents, St. John Berchmans students...

- Develop an appreciation for the arts while also growing comfortable expressing themselves through art, crafts, music, drama and design.
- Learn about healthy lifestyles with regular physical education classes.
- Find multiple outlets for physical activity and expression ranging from playground games and exercise to individual athletics and team sports.
- Have the opportunity to participate in a broad range of after school activities.
- Are exposed to new fields of study and programming designed to inform students' career exploration.