

St. John Berchmans School Herald

"Building the Mind and Spirit in Every Child!"

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1 Down-35 To Go!

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

Joseph Addison

The first week of school got off to a wonderful start. Students were eager to come to class and teachers were eager to greet the students. I know that Father Rudy was excited to see all the new faces and all the returning faces. This year we opened up another PK4 and another PK3. We have definitely grown.

We welcome the following new faculty members:

- Irene Quintero-PK3
- Laura Hamman-2nd grade
- Mira Guerrero-3rd grade
- Danny Blaser-5th grade
- Joel Sanchez-5th grade
- Stephanie Rodis-Music
- Trish Mascorro-teacher's aide
- Kathy Diaz-teacher's aide

This year our school got a new and improved look. We had the hallways and the cafeteria painted. They make the school look like new.

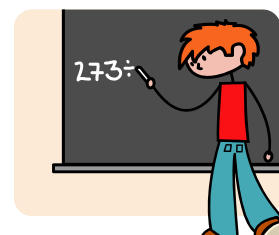
Parish Dance

St. John Berchmans parish will be hosting a dance at La Villita on September 29. The parish is wonderful about supporting our school and even provides a subsidy. With this spirit we need to continue to help our parish with their events. They have asked that we help with donations for the dance. The PTC will provide us with a list of what

Eventually we will also have the classrooms painted. It all depends on time and money.

I know everyone wants to know when our offices are going to be ready. We had to wait until the roof was finished and that was delayed by the amount of rain that we received this summer. Our roof is finally finished and work has begun on the office area. We actually have walls and doors! I am hoping that we will be able to move our furniture and supplies in by the end of September. I keep praying!

As the school year progresses we may need help to get our library ready. They will be working on the library right after the office has been finished and it will be FUN and interesting to get all our books back into the new library. I will keep you updated.



each class can help with. We usually provide sodas, water or nacho chips and cheese. While the parish dance is going on, children can attend a dance on the bottom floor. The PTC sponsors this and provides a concession for snacks. Let us pitch in and help!

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Monday Sep 3-Labor Day Holiday (No School)
- ◆ Wednesday Sep 5- Parent Lunch Day (Bring a lunch and eat with your child)
- ◆ Friday Sep 7-Faculty Meeting (Noon Dismissal)
- ◆ Monday Sep 10-School Council Meeting; 6:00 PM



Meditation

"Do not risk being shut out!"

He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. And some one said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the householder has risen up and shut the door, you will begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us.' He will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from; depart from me, all you workers of iniquity!' There you will weep and gnash your teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves thrust out. And men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Luke 13:22-30

Immunizations

If you've seen the marquis at the various public schools they say "NO SHOTS, NO SCHOOL, NO KIDDING!" This applies to our school as well. When you filled out the registration packets you were asked to bring a copy of the birth certificate, social security card and immunization record. This must be provided to the office by Friday, August 31 or the students will not be allowed back to class. It is a state law and we need to comply. If you have any questions please call the office at 433-0411.

Handbook Acknowledgements

When you came to orientation you were provided a copy of the Parent/Student handbook. The last page is an acknowledgement form that you have read the handbook. This form must be turned in to the teacher by Friday, August 31. Please make note of the changes that were discussed. On p 33 it states that each family must raise \$300. This was a misprint. Each family must raise \$400 or you may choose to pay a non-participating fee of \$350. This must be taken care of by September 1, 2007 and NOT February 1, 2008.

Parent Lunch

Our first parent lunch will be on September 5th. At this time you can come and eat with your child or children. You may bring whatever you like or you can choose to eat what is being offered for lunch that day. If you have more than one child and they have different lunch shifts we will get the children for you so you can eat with all of them. Please remember that PK3-Kinder are used to eating at 11:00-11:30; 1st-4th are used to eating at 11:45-12:15; and 5th-8th are used to eating at 12:35-1:05. Sometimes students are looking for their parents.



August 20-26

Birthdays

- 8/20 Hallie Borden*
- 8/22 Heather Cisneros*
- 8/23 Angelina Torres*
- 8/24 Victoria Flores*
- 8/25 Gavin Guerrero*
- 8/26 Jonah Garcia*
- 8/27 Kaylah Alderete*



