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Fall Equinox

*"Autumn, the year's last,
loveliest smile." ~William Cullen
Bryant*

On Sunday, September 23rd we will observe the Autumn Equinox. The Autumn equinox signals the beginning of Fall. It is the point where there are exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness at the equator. If you live anywhere else, however, you will see a little bit more or a little bit less than 12 hours of daylight. The daylight hours are dwindling and will continue to do so until we reach the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year and the start of winter.

The Japanese have traditionally called the period around the autumnal and vernal (springtime) equinoxes *higan*. There's a saying that goes, "both the heat and cold end with *higan*." *Higan* lasts for seven days - beginning three days prior to the equinox and ending three days after it. It occurs twice a

year, once when the blustery winter temperatures give way to spring and again when the heat subsides and the cool, crisp air of autumn arrives.

Higan has Buddhist origins. It means the "other side of the river of death." This side of the river is the world where we live, and the other side is the realm where the souls of those who have passed away dwell. To pray for the repose of deceased ancestors, visits are made to the family grave.

Visiting the family grave usually means cleaning the tombstone, offering flowers and food, burning incense sticks, and praying. A popular offering is *ohagi*, made with glutinous rice covered with adzuki-bean paste or soybean flour.

<http://webJapan.org/kidsweb/explore/calendar/september/shubun.html>



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tuesday Sep 28- Aramark Meeting 6:00pm
- ◆ Thursday Sep 27- Breakfast with Tony the Tiger
- ◆ Thursday Sep 27- Individual Picture Day
- ◆ Friday Sep 28-Dollar Dress Day
- ◆ Monday Oct 1 - School Council Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday Oct 3- Parent Lunch
- ◆ Friday Oct 5-Noon Dismissal (Faculty meeting)
- ◆ Monday Oct 8-Room Mother Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday Oct 17- PTC Meeting 6:00pm

Individual Pictures

We were originally scheduled to have individual pictures on Friday, Sep 21. Some of the photographers got sick and are unable to be here. We have rescheduled picture day for Thursday, Sep 27. The students may wear regular clothes that day. The envelopes for the picture orders will be handed out on Monday. You may put the money in the envelope or you can order online. The pictures are pre-paid.



Meditation

"Either he will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other"

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations. "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Luke 16:1-13

Gradespeed

By now you should have received a progress report for your child. You also have the ability to check on your child's grades and attendance by using the gradespeed website. The address for gradespeed is www.stjohnberchman.gradespeed.net. When you visit the website you will need a username and password. If you had one last year then it is still good. If you need a username and password then e-mail me at babbott@archdiososa.org. I will set you up with a username and password. Let us continue to work as a team and to help the students succeed and be the best they can be.

Have a Ggrrreeeaattt day!!

One of our grandparents, Deacon Rodriguez, won the opportunity to have breakfast with Tony the Tiger. Since his granddaughter attends school here he decided to share this opportunity with our students. On Thursday morning, Sep 27th, Tony the Tiger will be here to have breakfast with the students. He will be here at 7:00 AM. Each student will receive a cereal bowl. We wish to thank Deacon Rodriguez and WalMart stores for this kind gesture and for thinking of us.

Parking

We are doing a better job during dismissal time. The traffic is flowing smoothly and much more quickly. Please remember not to park in the handicapped slots unless you have a valid handicapped permit. We have parents and grandparents that have physical limitations that need to park there. Also, please remember not to park outside of the parking spaces. It makes it difficult for the traffic to exit when the lanes are crowded. Thank you for your help and God Bless!



September 17-23

Birthdays

<i>Cross Ramos</i>	<i>9/17</i>
<i>Nevaeh Garcia</i>	<i>9/19</i>
<i>Desiree Mireles</i>	<i>9/19</i>
<i>Julia Leal</i>	<i>9/20</i>
<i>Christopher Ortiz</i>	<i>9/20</i>
<i>Brianna Lopez</i>	<i>9/20</i>
<i>Cristano Lucio</i>	<i>9/20</i>
<i>Maleri Lopez</i>	<i>9/20</i>
<i>Anthony Faz</i>	<i>9/21</i>
<i>Dean Campos</i>	<i>9/22</i>
<i>Angelica Quintero</i>	<i>9/22</i>
<i>Amanda Salazar</i>	<i>9/23</i>



SPORTS NEWS

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball "B" team will play St. James on Tuesday, September 25th at 4:30pm. The "A" team defeated Atonement on Thursday. Way to go Girls....

FLAG FOOTBALL PRACTICE

The Flag football team plays against Little Flower today at St. Luke's field at 4:30pm and Saturday they play against St. Leo's at 12:30pm at St. Phillip of Jesus field.

KIDS LEAGUE SOCCER

Kids League practices are as follows:

Pre-K team- Mondays from 5:00pm-6:00pm.

1st and 2nd grade team - Tuesdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm.

Kinder team - Wednesdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm.

3rd and 4th grade team - Thursdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm.

The first Kids League soccer game will be on October 6th. Times and places will be announced at a later date.

CHEERLEADERS

The cheerleaders practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:45pm.

SJB Cheerleaders Spaghetti Plate Sale Tickets are on sale for \$5.00 per plate. Plate includes Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread & Tea. The Plate Sale will be Saturday, October 6, 2007 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Please get with a cheerleader, cheer parent or cheer coaches for tickets.

The Pep squad practices on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm. The Dance team practices on Tuesdays and Thursday s from 3:30pm-4:30pm.



||| Champions keep
||| playing until they get it
||| right.
|||
||| *Billie Jean King*

We are on the web:
www.stjohnberchmans.com/school/

VISITOR SIGN IN

Please remember to sign in when you are picking up a child. The teachers will not release a student unless the office has notified them. We are responsible for the accountability of the students and we need your help and cooperation.