

St. John Berchmans School Herald

"Building the Mind and Spirit in Every Child!"

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St. Francis

"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." ~St. Francis of Assisi

sisters the birds." The birds surrounded him, drawn by the power of his voice, and not one of them flew away.

Another legend from the *Fioretti* tells us that in the city of Gubbio, where Francis lived for some time, there was a wolf "terrifying and ferocious, who devoured men as well as animals." Francis had compassion upon the townsfolk, and went up into the hills to find the wolf. Soon fear of the animal had caused all his companions to flee, but the saint pressed on and when he found the wolf he made the sign of the cross and commanded the wolf to come to him and hurt no one. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_of_Assisi



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Saint Francis of Assisi (September 26, 1181 - October 3, 1226) was a Roman Catholic friar and the founder of the Franciscans.

He is known as the patron saint of animals, birds, and the environment, and it is customary for Catholic churches to hold ceremonies honoring animals around his feast day of October 4.

Many of the stories that surround the life of St Francis deal with his love for animals. Perhaps the most famous incident that illustrates the Saint's humility towards nature is recounted in the 'Fioretti' (The Little Flowers), a collection of legends and folk-lore that sprang up after the saint's death. It is said that one day while Francis was traveling with some companions they happened upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on either side. Francis told his companions to "wait for me while I go to preach to my

Upcoming Events

- Monday October 1- School Council meeting at 6:00
- Wednesday Oct 3- Parent Lunch
- Thursday Oct 4- Blessing of the Animals
- Friday Oct 5-Noon Dismissal (Faculty meeting)
- Monday Oct 8-Room Parents meeting
- Monday Oct 15-Fri Oct 19-Spirit Week

PE Uniforms

The new PE uniforms are looking very nice on the students. We have had 6 weeks of school and the only students who should not have a PE uniform are the younger ones in Pre K and possibly Kinder. Everyone else should either have a uniform from last year (gray shirt and black school shorts) or the new green uniform. If they are wearing anything else then it is incorrect. Monday is the first of October and all students should be in compliance.





September 24-30

Birthdays

Noah Pacheco	9/25
Gloria Hernandez	9/26
Juan Carlos Jaimes	9/26
James Cano	9/26
Alexis Lopez	9/27
Iliana Morales	9/27
Shyanne Perez	9/27
Victoria Brooks	9/27
Victor Flores	9/28
Destiny Roman	9/29
Kristian Coronado	9/30

Meditation

"Lazarus died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom"

"There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Laz'arus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Laz'arus in his bosom. And he called out, `Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Laz'arus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, `Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Laz'arus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, `Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, `They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, `No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, `If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Luke 16:19-31

School Council

We currently have positions available for the St. John Berchmans School Council. In order to be part of the school council you would need to let Father Rudy or myself (Mrs. Abbott) aware of your intentions. We are looking for parishioners, parents of students and especially someone with a desire and expertise to help advise us on matters. If you are interested in serving on the school council or to be a member of any of the committees please let the office know.

PTC Meeting

Many thanks go to the all the parents who came to our first PTC meeting. We had a wonderful turnout. The numbers have been tallied and the classes that won a free dress day are PK3 (Ms. Gonzales), 3rd Grade (Ms. Guerrero), and 8th grade (Mrs. Garcia). Those classes may have a free dress day on Thursday, October 4th.

We are looking at having some guest speakers for future PTC meetings as well as performances by the students. We already see a need for a math night for PARENTS. Some of you have asked how you can help your child with their math homework. We will set something up for the future.

Many Thanks to all the parents that brought in donations for the parish dance. The parish really supports the school and I know that they appreciate all that the school does to help. May God Bless You for all your efforts!



SPORTS NEWS

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team will play St. Anthony on Tuesday, October 2nd the "B" team will play at 4:30pm and the "A" team play at 5:30pm. The location to be announced on Monday. On Thursday, October 4th they play against St. Paul at St. Paul's. The "B" team play at 5:00pm and the "A" team play at 6:00pm.

FLAG FOOTBALL PRACTICE

The Flag football team plays against St. Joseph on Saturday, September 29th here at the SJB field at 9:00am and next Friday, October 5th they play against St. Cecilia's at 4:30pm here at the SJB 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 dance team practices on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm. The Pep Squad practices on Tuesdays and Thursday s from 3:30pm-4:30pm.



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		not measured by the		
		height of her jumps but		
		by the span of her		
		spirit. ~Author		
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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.