

St. John Berchmans School Herald

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Where's my Homework?

"One of life's painful moments comes when we must admit that we didn't do our homework, that we are not prepared." Merlin Olsen

We've heard it all before. You can't find your homework, but you swear you just had it in front of you. Avoid the embarrassment of misplacing your report 5 minutes before you have to turn it in – and all the other following scenarios – by putting some method in your messes' madness.

Your teacher asks the class to turn in last night's assignment. Everyone's reaching into folders, backpacks, and desks, pulling out the homework. But yours, alas, is not materializing. Your stomach sinks as you realize you have no clue where you put your homework.

So what happened? Chances are, you left it in the pile of papers on your desk at home. Remedy this NOW by resolving to organize your schoolwork. Here's a tried-and-true tactic to ensure you never have to use this lame excuse.

1. Establish a homework routine. Try to do your assignments in the same place each night.
2. Whether you choose a comfy workspace in your room or at the kitchen table, set up file baskets or bins marked "Done," "To Do," and "For Mom to sign," so you keep track of what assignments need to go back to school, what you're still working on, and if you need a parent signature for field trips or report cards.
3. Keep all notes, handouts, and graded assignments in separate, labeled folders in a binder.
4. When your homework assignment is complete, put it in the correct folder and zip it into your backpack. Voila! No more homework humiliation.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Wednesday Oct 17-PTC meeting; 6:00 in the cafeteria
- ◆ Friday Oct 19-End of the first 9 weeks
- ◆ Thursday Oct 25-8th grade Haunted House and Dance
- ◆ Friday Oct 26-Teacher In-service (No School)
- ◆ Monday Oct 29-Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
- ◆ Wednesday Oct 31-Halloween parade
- ◆ Friday Nov 2-Faculty meeting (Early Dismissal)

School Begins at 7:55

The school day begins at 7:55. At this time prayer is said over the intercom, announcements are made and the morning classroom routines begin. If your child is not in the classroom or in line with his/her teacher by 7:55 then they are tardy.

Since school began on August 20 we have had 635 tardies. I did not count tardies on bad weather days or on the day that Tony the Tiger visited. Please remember that traffic is not an excused tardy. I am sure that bosses in the workplace do not accept

that excuse.

It is important that the students be on time so please help us keep the number of tardies to a minimum.



Meditation

“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

"On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Sama'ria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:11-19



October 8-14

Birthdays

- Destiny Flores 10/9
- Ariel Yanez 10/9
- Evan Moreno 10/9
- Genesis Escamilla 10/10
- Luis Moran 10/14
- Heathcliff Lopez 10/14

PTC Fundraiser

Everyone is doing a great job of selling their tickets. If you are having trouble you can check with the office to see what days we can sell after masses on Sunday. We also have the opportunity to sell tickets at Holy Spirit church on November 11. Thank you for all your hard work. All the money from the PTC fundraisers benefits the school and the students.

Spirit Week

This week we will be showing our spirit in many ways. We definitely have spirit for our sports events. We would like to also show our spirit for our academic and spiritual endeavors. This is a time to take pride in our school, in ourselves and in our faith. These are the activities that have been planned:

Monday-Door decorating

Tuesday-Let us create various spirit items (e.g. noisemakers and posters). I will ask the students to give a short quote about what they like at St. John Berchmans and display the quote with their picture.

Wednesday-School Mass with a blessing for everyone. Let us say the rosary together. This rosary will be said in honor of Archbishop Gomez. We are doing this to show our appreciation for his commitment to Catholic education.

Thursday-Academic Day! We will have a spelling bee in our classrooms. We will also do activities for other subjects such as math, reading or poetry and recognize the students' accomplishments.

Friday-Show your spirit day! We will all wear green or yellow and we will have a pep rally at 2:00.



8th Grade Fundraiser

The 8th grade class of 2008 will be having a Haunted House and dance on Thursday, Oct 25th. The tickets will go on sale on Monday. Students may purchase the tickets during their lunch time. The Haunted House tickets are \$1.00 pre-sale and \$2.00 at the door. The dance tickets are \$2.00 pre-sale and \$3.00 at the door. Please remember that students in PK3-4th grade must have a parent with them when they attend the haunted house or the dance



Let us enjoy a week of pride!

Go Knights Go!