



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

DECEMBER 16, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

We cannot believe that Christmas break is just a few days away. The lead up to Christmas has been so much fun at SJF! Between our preschool and kindergarten shows, door decorating contest, Christmas and holiday curriculum, a visit from Santa, our all-school kindness projects and everything in between, we are truly ready for Christmas! Next week's fun dress-down days, cookies and milk, all-school sing-a-long and Christmas prayer service will be icing on the holiday cake! We love celebrating this beautiful and magical season with our Falcons. Thank you for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. We are so grateful for all of our Falcon families!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **PEACE+LOVE+SJF.**

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

## Important Announcements

- **Congratulations** to our amazing preschool and kindergarten Falcons on their beautiful performance at their Christmas Shows yesterday. Their enthusiasm and talent truly ignited the Christmas Spirit in us all. Thank you to our loving and patient teachers for rehearsing with them to ensure their shows were a success! Thank you to all of the parents and extended family who joined us. It was truly a special and memorable day!
- **REMINDER:** Wednesday, **December 21st is an 11:30 a.m. dismissal.**
- **Extended Day:** Visit [this link](#) to register your child. Extended Day hours are regular on Monday and Tuesday. **Extended Day closes at 3:30 on Wednesday, 12.21.** Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- The **School Office** will be **closed from December 21st - January 5th.** We will respond to any email/voicemail when we return from break. Thank you!

## FSA Corner

- The **House Decorating Contest runs from December 17th - 20th!** See the form below to share your vote! Thank you for participating in lighting up our neighborhood and spreading Christmas cheer!

## Athletics

- We love having students at the gym to cheer on their fellow Falcons! **Please take a minute to have a conversation with your child(ren) about respecting the gym.** The stage area and bathrooms are always a mess after games. Please help the gym and athletic coordinators and our maintenance staff by ensuring our kids are throwing out their garbage and not leaving a mess. Thank you for your help!

## Pro Labore Dei

*Thank you for your generous donations in support of our  
Christmas Project.*

*You are so appreciated.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New year!*



Looking Ahead

 <p><b>Weekend Mass</b></p>	<p>4 p.m. on Saturday &amp; 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday  <i>The fourth week of Advent</i></p>
<p><b>Monday, December 19th</b></p>	<p><i>*Dress in your Christmas P.J.'s</i></p> 
<p><b>Tuesday, December 20th</b>  <i>Cookies &amp; Milk</i></p>	<p><i>*Dress in your Ugly Sweater or Christmas Themed Attire</i>  <i>*All-school Christmas Sing-A-Long @ 1p.m.</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, December 21st</b></p>	<p><i>*Dress in your Sunday Best</i>  <i>*10 a.m. Christmas prayer service in church hosted by our 8th graders including a preview of our Christmas Gospel by our 2nd graders</i>  <i>11:30 a.m. Dismissal</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday, December 22nd</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Break Begins</b>  Merry Christmas &amp; Happy New Year!  <b>See you on January 5th!</b></p> 





## **Inaugural SJF House Decorating contest**

- 1. 2613 W. 103rd Place**
- 2. 10351 S. Maplewood**
- 3. 10440 S. Troy**
- 4. 10046 S. Fairfield**
- 5. 10317 S. Fairfield**
- 6. 10459 S. Albany**
- 7. 3936 W. 109th**
- 8. 10520 S. Talman**
- 9. 2621 W. 102nd St**
- 10. 10500 S. Talman**
- 11. 10532 S. Whipple**
- 12. 10355 S. California**
- 13. 2630 W. 103rd Place**

**[Click here to vote!](#)**

**Voting takes place 12/17/22 - 12/20/22. Winners  
will be announced at school on 12/21/22  
Thank you to all those who participated  
in the fun!**



## Social & Emotional Learning

At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. Each month of the school year will have an all-school focus on the trait of the month, helping students strengthen particular social skills with different lessons and activities at the classroom level and as an entire school. We encourage you to talk to your children about these traits at home for a consistent message and focus. The trait of the month program is building upon this year's behavior system and school mantra: **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.**

September	Responsibility
October	Respect
November	Gratitude
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism

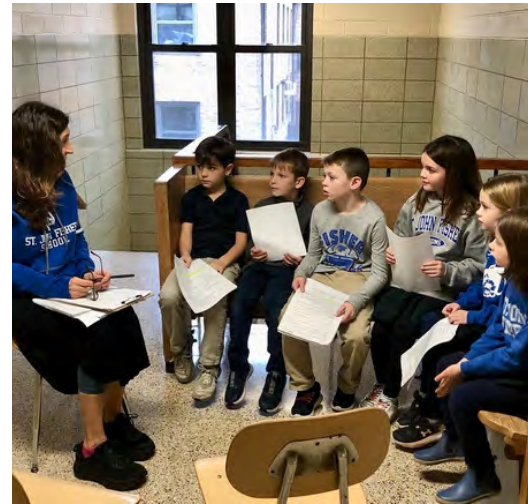


**Be Respectful, Responsible & Safe. Be a Falcon.**

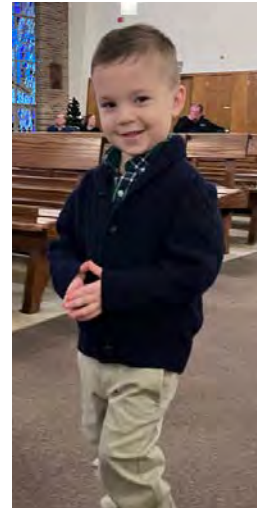




















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\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a very “normal” school year ahead!

- Thank you Faculty & Staff The Gift of Time - No School: **12.2**
- **12.21** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.4** \*classes resume **1.5**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.16**
- Confirmation: **2.4** - 11:00 a.m.
- Graduation Picture Day: **2.8**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.16**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **2.17**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.20**
- Family Night: **3.9**
- No School: **3.13**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **3.24**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **4.5**
- Spring Break: **4.6 – 4.16** \*classes resume **4.17**
- First Holy Communion: **4.29**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.29**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **6.2**
- Graduation: **6.4** ~ 1 p.m. in church
- Last Day of School: **6.8** - 10:30 dismissal

**Come as you are. You are loved.**



**\*1 p. m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**





# 2022-2023 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern...

- Assignments
- Homework Class
- Activities

Contact [Classroom Teacher](#) by email or note.

- Discipline
- Classroom
- Behavior/Specific Incidents

Start by contacting the [Classroom Teacher](#) for an appointment.  
If further assistance is needed, contact SJF Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: [clarmon@sjfschool.us](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail [attendance@sjfschool.us](mailto:attendance@sjfschool.us)

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

Mrs. Kris Houston: [khouston@sjfschool.us](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us)

- Registration
- Admissions Medical
- Forms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: [lmurray@sjfschool.us](mailto:lmurray@sjfschool.us)

- Powerschool
- Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: [dmaxwell@sjfschool.us](mailto:dmaxwell@sjfschool.us)

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: [mredmond@sjfschool.net](mailto:mredmond@sjfschool.net)  
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: [echermak@sjfschool.us](mailto:echermak@sjfschool.us)  
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: [dogrady@sjfschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjfschool.us)  
Manna Team: [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com)

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: [jschultz@sjfschool.us](mailto:jschultz@sjfschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): [wbiernacki@sjfschool.us](mailto:wbiernacki@sjfschool.us)  
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us)





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If you have a question or concern about...

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, [mcummings@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcummings@sjfschool.us)

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcorley@sjfschool.us)

- Parent Newsletter
- Financial Aid Applications
- School Procedures
- Administrative Matters
- Policy
- Further assistance on any matter listed above

Contact SJF Principal,  
Mrs. Maura Nash: [mnash@sjfschool.us](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us)

- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

Mr. Bill Gula: [mr.gula@aol.com](mailto:mr.gula@aol.com)  
School Advisory Board: [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com)  
Athletic Association: [stjohnfishersports@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfishersports@gmail.com)  
FSA: [sjffsa103@gmail.com](mailto:sjffsa103@gmail.com)  
Women's Club: [SJFWomensClub@gmail.com](mailto:SJFWomensClub@gmail.com)  
HNS: [SJFHNS@gmail.com](mailto:SJFHNS@gmail.com)



# Manna Information



Mondays: 8:00 - 9:00 AM  
Wednesdays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Thursdays: 8:00 - 9:00 AM  
Fridays: 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
Saturdays: 8:30 - 9:30 AM  
Sundays: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM



We will continue to look for ways to manage the costs of running the program, so it continues to be a good fundraiser for the school while reducing family tuition costs. With the holidays coming, we hope the expanded hours allow increased participation. We may need to adjust in off peak times based on participation.

**Please note: Manna can be sent home with SJF students. A few requirements:**

- PLEASE SUBMIT: Manna Waiver Form - Agreement for Gift Cards to be sent home through School. Submitting this form will signal to the Manna team that you'd like ALL orders to be sent home from school.
- Use <https://www.raiseright.com/> or Download the App (*As Easy as Venmo*)
- Place order by 10 AM on Sundays and gift cards will be sent home on THURSDAYS. If you miss that deadline, your order will be sent home the following Thursday.
- Note: If this is the method you choose, all orders submitted and paid for will be delivered this way. If you decide to revert back to picking up your orders at the convent, please email [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com) to be removed from the "Send Home" list.

## Simple steps for creating opportunities



### You buy a gift card

You get the full value.



### The brand gives back

No extra money comes out of your pocket.



### Your organization earns

Impacting what matters most to you.



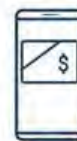
### Budget friendly

There's no need to buy things you don't want. There's no need to spend extra money.



### Time saving

It fits right into your schedule, without having to sell door-to-door or plan events.



### Contactless

Use your smartphone or tablet to earn from anywhere—even from the comfort of your own home.



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# ART CLUB

STARTING JANUARY 2023



EVERY 1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

3:00PM-4:00PM



DRAWING • PAINTING • CRAFTING & MORE!



[CLICK TO SIGN UP](#)

CONTACT MRS. CORLEY WITH ANY QUESTIONS  
MCORLEY@SJFSCHOOL.US

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society Proudly Presents



LIVE AMATEUR BOXING AT ST. JOHN FISHER

**FEBRUARY 4, 2023**

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

**FIGHTS START AT 7 PM**



**\$20 ADULTS  
\$10 UNDER 21YRS**







**SJF Alumni**

75th Anniversary Montage  
Coming 2023-2024



# We Are Collecting **Throw-back** SJF Photos

*Share your old grade school photos*

Please include  
caption and year



Email to:  
**[sjfalum@gmail.com](mailto:sjfalum@gmail.com)**



**Save the date**

*Cloud 9*

St. John Fisher  
2023 Father Daughter Dance

*Saturday, April 1, 2023*

