



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 10, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

Our 8th Graders were confirmed this past Saturday! The Mass was beautiful and we are incredibly impressed by our Confirmation Candidates and all of the time, effort and consideration they put into their preparation for this monumental step in their faith. Thank you to Dr. Chermak, Fr. Ken, Ms. Russell, Ms. Browne, Mrs. Condon and all of the teachers, sponsors, parents, grandparents, and loved ones who have guided our Falcons along the way.

Tomorrow we have another opportunity to be together on campus. All are invited to the 3rd annual Cpl. Conner T. Lowry Gym Dedication at 3:40 p.m. [To learn more about Conner's story click here.](#) Thank you for your generosity and support of the Conner T. Lowry Memorial Foundation dress down day. As a school we raised over \$600. We hope to see you tomorrow to celebrate the life and legacy of our Falcon alum, Conner T. Lowry!

Next Sunday, February 19th at 8 a.m., Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain, will preside over our Blue Mass to bless, support and pray for all law enforcement officers. We are also hosting Alderman Matt O'Shea's Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast from 8-12 in Kane Hall. This day is near and dear to our school's heart as we are the proud home to 115 Falcons whose mom or dad is a Chicago Police Officer. We honor your sacrifice every day and we thank you for keeping our community safe.

Finally, if you haven't had a chance to set up a Parent-Teacher Conference with your child's homeroom teacher, [please visit this link to do so.](#) We look forward to meeting with you next Thursday to discuss your child's academic progress. Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. **PEACE+LOVE+SJF.**

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- **iReady Update:** Parents and Guardians, an envelope was sent home this week containing your child's iReady Winter Diagnostic scores, along with additional information discussing how to interpret your child's scores and how SJF utilizes iReady as a school. We invite you to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences on February 16th to discuss this information in person with your child's **homeroom teacher**. **[Visit this link to reserve your spot today!](#)**
 - Due to scheduling challenges, parents are only able to meet with their child's homeroom teacher. If you would like to speak with a teacher who is not your child's homeroom teacher, please reach out to that teacher (the staff directory is linked below) to schedule a time. Thank you!
- Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday, February 16th from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. ***[Students have a 12:00 dismissal this day!](#) Students can bring a snack on this day; we will not have our regular scheduled lunch periods.***
- Please save the date for **SJF's Family Night on Thursday, March 9th**. See the flyer below for more details and **[click here to RSVP!](#)**
- **Next week we have another fundraiser dress down day.** This is not mandatory by any means. Thank you for any support you can provide!
 - **February 15th:** **[bring in a \\$1 and dress in blue](#)** to support the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Get Behind the Vest Program.
- Athletic **pictures for the school yearbook are needed**. Please send any pictures you have to Mrs. Maxwell, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us. Thank you!
- **Extended Day:** Visit **[this link](#)** to register your child. Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- **ATTENTION 7TH & 8TH GRADERS:** Looking for volunteer hours? Mrs. Corley is looking for consistent volunteers to help with Art Club once a month. You can receive up to 4 volunteer hours. Please add your name to **[this list](#)** if interested. Meeting dates are 3/02, 3/30, 5/04, 6/01.
- **Fisher Family Ambassadors!** What does this mean? The Fisher Community encourages you to share all of the great happenings about SJF with friends, family, neighbors and others - in conversation or on social media! If you are active on social media: please share our posts on Facebook, and tag us in any of your SJF posts on Facebook and Instagram; feel free to use #FalconsNOW.

FSA Corner




- **How do you feel about ordering your school supplies** through SchoolKitz? Please share your opinion by filling out a survey [linked here](#). Thank you!
- **Are you planning on walking in the parade with SJF?** If so, please let us know. [RSVP here](#). Thank you!
- Our **St. Baldrick's Event is back!** Please save the date for **Saturday, March 4th** and **[visit this link to register to be a shavee](#)**. See the flyer below to purchase apparel. The store closes Sunday @ 11:59 p.m.!
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The FSA will be organizing a Mother Son White Sox Game Sunday, May 21st. We will share more details in the coming months.

Pro Labore Dei Update

- Our next lunch making session is on **March 4th at 9:15**, location is tbd. For now, our needs for March 4th are: 150 chips, 150 treats (granola bars, Rice Krispie treats...)
- Please note that we still collect meal fixings for Robbins, Posen and Blue Island on the parking lot from 9:30 to 10 a.m. each Saturday morning. Donations are down throughout the entire city and surrounding areas. Items like cereal, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, desserts are all needed to keep our pantry operational.
- Again, thanks for making the mission so successful and fun! Any questions or concerns contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428)



Looking Ahead

Saturday, February 11th	<i>3rd Annual Conner T. Lowry Gym Dedication @ 3:40 p.m.</i> 
Weekend Mass	<i>Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.</i>
Monday, February 13th	<i>Academic Study Hall 3-4 w/ Ms. Dunlavy ETC Valentine Stem Lab 3-4 w/ Mrs. Altman Open Gym 3-4 w/ Mrs. Ade Who Would Win? 3-4 w/ Mrs. Garza</i>
Tuesday, February 14th <i>*Store bought Valentine treats are acceptable to share</i>	<i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy ETC Valentine w/ Mrs. Altman</i> 
Wednesday, February 15th <i>Back the Blue CPD Memorial Fund Dress Down Day for \$1</i>	<i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade & Mrs. Schiller ETC Finger Knitting 3-4 w/ Mrs. Biernacki ETC Adopt a Pet 3-4w/ Mrs. Altman</i>
Thursday, February 16th	<i>12:00 Student Dismissal</i> <i>*students should bring a snack!</i> <i>Parent Teacher Conferences 1-4 p.m.</i>
Friday, February 17th Monday, February 20th	<i>No School!</i> <i>President's Day Weekend</i> 

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St. John Fisher Backs the Blue!

St. John Fisher is proud to be home to 115 students whose parents are Chicago Police Officers.



Thank you to those men and women who protect and serve us each day!

10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE. (773)445-4737

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CPL. CONNER T. LOWRY DAY

**Join us for the 3rd Annual
Conner T. Lowry Gym Dedication**

**FEBRUARY 11TH
3:40PM CEREMONY
BOYS BASKETBALL GAMES
ST. JOHN FISHER GYM**



**National Anthem performance
by SJF students!**

LIVE LIFE LARGE



★ CPL. CONNER T. LOWRY DAY ★

FEBRUARY 11TH

9:00 AM	4TH	SJF White vs St. Walter
9:50 AM	5TH	SJF Gray vs St. Mikes
10:40 AM	6TH	SJF 6B White vs Sutherland
11:30 AM	7TH	SJF 7A vs St. Catherine
12:20 PM	7TH	SJF 7B vs CK
1:10 PM	5TH	SJF Blue vs CK Red
2:00 PM	8TH	SJF 8A vs St Catherine
2:50 PM	8TH	SJF 8B Blue vs MHR White

3:40PM CPL. CONNER T. LOWRY CEREMONY & CONCESSION RAFFLE DRAWING



4:00 PM 8TH SJF 8B White vs. Barnabas



ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SAINT JOHN FISHER KANE HALL

10200 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago

Tickets: \$5 per person / \$25 per family

All proceeds will benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Get Behind the Vest Campaign.



There will be a police mass at 8:00am

For more information, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com or (773) 238-8766.

**I PROTECT THOSE
WHO PROTECT ME.**



When Chicago Police Officers are hired, they receive a new bulletproof vest. However, a vest isn't bulletproof forever.

It wears out. It breaks down. It needs to be replaced every 5 years. Just one bullet permanently damages a vest, making it unusable. Chicago Police Officers are responsible for replacing their own vests. At \$500 or more per vest, in addition to other equipment and uniform expenses, the costs can quickly add up. That's why we need your help.

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has paid out more than \$4.9 million to purchase over 12,000 replacement vests for Chicago Police Officers and at least 500 more in 2023. The initiative is ongoing and we project 500 officers a year will need new vests in the future.

This event has raised over \$500,000 to date.

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**Matt
O'SHEA**
19TH WARD ALDERMAN

BILL STATE SENATOR
CUNNINGHAM

**Fran
Hurley**
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MARIANO'S

ONLY 2 DAYS
LEFT TO ORDER!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY APPAREL

PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE ST. BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION

[CLICK TO ORDER](#)

DEADLINE IS THIS SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 12TH @ 11:59PM



\$15



\$20



\$20

\$25





Please join us for a night of fundraising & shenanigans!

St. John Fisher's St. Baldrick's Night Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:00 - 10:00

Following the 4:00 Irish mass hosted by the 3rd Graders

Conner T. Lowry Gym

Featuring...

Face Painting & Kids' Games

Cash Food from Swanson's & Bar

Entertainment

6:00 p.m. Dennehy Irish Dancers

6:30 p.m. Cross Keys Irish Dancers

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Music by Joe McShane



To Register as a shavee or make a donation use the QR code to the right. Donations also accepted at the event. Must pre-register as a shavee, there will be NO WALK-INS.





St. John Fisher Family Night

HOSTED BY THE SJF FACULTY

Lucky to be a Falcon

Where: St. John Fisher School

ENTER THROUGH THE KANE HALL DOORS FOR CHECK-IN

When: Thursday, March 9, 2023

6:00- 8:00 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY WITH YOUR FAMILY!

-  VISIT THE BOOK FAIR, GRAB A SNACK, AND HELP CREATE OUR PARADE BANNER.
-  TEACHER-LED ACTIVITIES
-  CRAFTS, GAMES, AND FAMILY FEUD
-  BUY YOUR ST. BALDRICK'S SHIRTS.
-  RSVP BY FEBRUARY 17, 2023 USING THE QR CODE.



SJF FAMILY NIGHT - March 9th 6-8 PM

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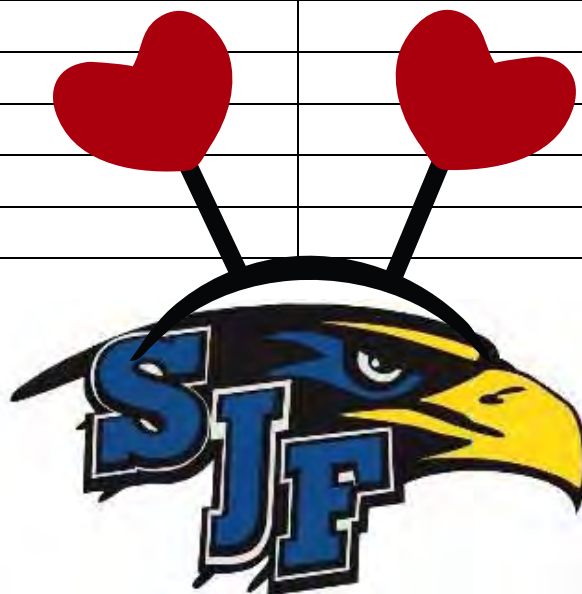




Social & Emotional Learning

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.

YAY!



YAY!

MANNA UPDATE

Manna participation has increased significantly! Thank You! May thru December of this year totals \$83,000 of rebate earnings directly benefiting SJF families and the school. Almost half of school families have already accrued \$300 in total rebates. If you want to know where you stand, just ask the Manna team when you stop in or email sjfmanna@gmail.com.

The school office will be sending out a usage report to all families in the next couple weeks. Many more families are finding the **RaiseRight App and Website** to be an easy way to use the program regularly. Gift cards can even be sent home in your child's folder for no hassle.

Tip: Set a reminder on your phone before 10AM Sunday to place a weekly order on the app for everyday purchases. To request gift cards be sent home with our child, **PLEASE SUBMIT:** the **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.

Want more information: Manna Overview. Quick videos to make it easy: Video demo for the app or Video to help understand the rebates. At SJF 40% of the rebate goes to the school and 60% goes to family. ***The Goal is for this program to help SJF maintain competitive tuition rates.*** Any questions or ideas: Email sjfmanna@gmail.com or School Board at sjfsab@gmail.com

Manna Hours:

Mondays: 8:00 – 9:00 AM

Wednesdays: 6:00 – 7:30 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 PM



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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!

- Confirmation: **2.4** - 11:00 a.m.
- Graduation Picture Day: **2.8**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.16** ~ 1:00 -4:00 p.m.
 - **12:00 p.m. Dismissal for Students**
- 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

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sjfschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

Mrs. Kris Houston: khouston@sjfschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions Medical
- Forms

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

- Powerschool
- Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sjfschool.us

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

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

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: jschultz@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

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



2022-2023 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, mschiavone@sjfschool.us

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, mcummings@sjfschool.us

- Public Relations

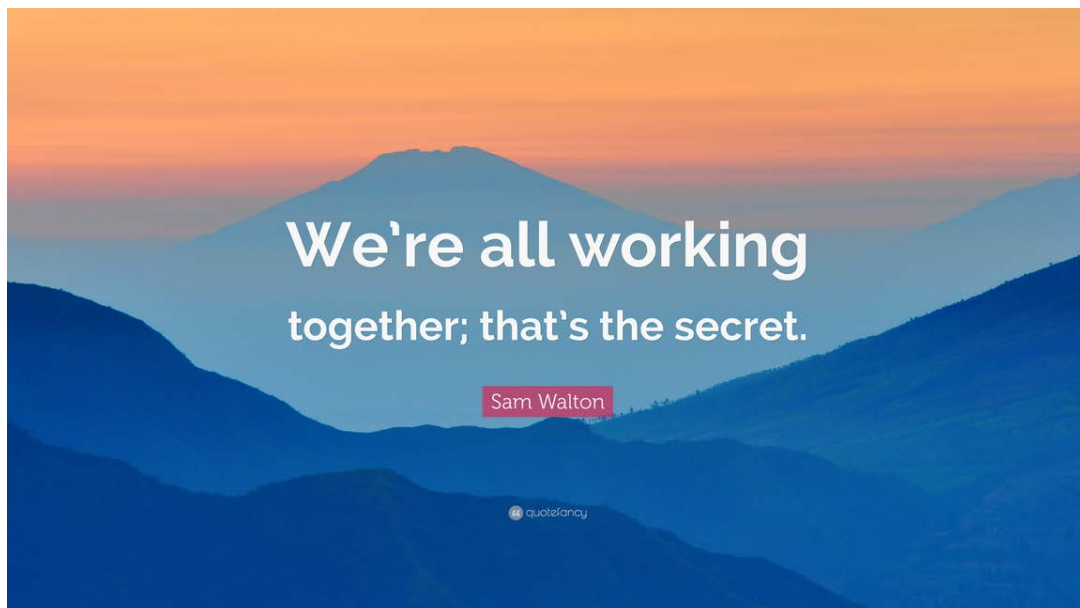
Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- 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

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

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





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



Save the date

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St. John Fisher

2023 Father Daughter Dance

Saturday, April 1, 2023

