



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

JANUARY 20, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We had another action-packed week at SJF! This week students in grades kindergarten - 8th completed their Reading iReady Diagnostic. Next week our k-8 Falcons will complete their Math iReady Diagnostic. Please continue to reiterate these tips from our 6th grade scholars with your child(ren) before he/she takes the assessment next week.

- Get a good night's rest! 7-9 hours is ideal before a test as sleep helps your brain function.
- Eat a good breakfast! Food is fuel and gives you energy to focus.
- Make sure you have your headphones/earbuds! Listening and reading the text helps comprehension.
- Take your time! Rushing leads to mistakes.
- Just do your best! You've got this!

Thank you to everyone who had the opportunity to complete the parent/guardian "school spirit family banner"! They look fantastic! If you did not turn yours in, we will accept any additional submissions through Wednesday of next week. We can't wait to welcome and visit with you at next week's Open House. 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

- **Thank you Volleyball and Basketball Coordinators and Coaches and all of the parents** who planned and organized our pack-the-house events! Both days were special, memorable and fun! The kids made memories with their classmates to last a lifetime!
- **REMINDER: Wednesday, 1.25 is our next 1p.m. dismissal!**
- **Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House** is Sunday, January 29th.
 - **Open House:** 9:15-9:45 a.m. for new pre-school families and 9:45-10:45 a.m. for school families. **Family Mass:** 11 a.m.
 - **Parents & Guardians, where did you go to grade school?** Please see our family banner and school spirit flyer below for more information. A hard copy was sent home last week. Banners are due back to school by Wednesday, January 25th. Thank you for your participation!
- **Now more than ever is the best time to join our Falcon Family!** Open enrollment begins Sunday, January 29th and **we are calling all families to be 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.
- **Pink eye** is making its way around the school. Please keep your child home if he/she has any symptoms of pink eye which include: pink or red in the white of the eye, swelling, itching, burning, and irritation.
- Please save the date for **SJF's Family Night on Thursday, March 9th.**
- Athletic **pictures for the school yearbook are needed.** Please send any pictures you have to Mrs. Maxwell, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us. Thank you!
- **Click here for the meeting minutes** from last week's School Advisory Board Meeting. Thank you to the parents who attended to collaborate and share input!
- **Extended Day:** Visit **this link** to register your child. Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- Have you signed up for our **parish newsletter** yet? It is so easy! **Sign up here so you don't miss a beat about our parish news!**

FSA Corner

- We will have a **meeting on 1.26 at 7:30 p.m. at Barney Callaghan's**, all are welcome to attend!
- We are still in need of someone to **organize a St. John Fisher group and/or float for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.**
- 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.** Thank you for your participation!

Athletics

- **Boys Volleyball Registration** is open! Please see the attached flyer for more information. Let's Go Falcons!
- 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!

Holy Name Society

Please join us Sunday, January 29th for our Annual AFC/NFC Party in Kane Hall.

- Doors will open at 1:30 - \$20 entrance fee which will include food for both games.
- You are encouraged to bring any appetizers, chips and dips, etc. for your table.
- The party will end after the last game.
- We will be raffling off the balcony for Fight Night that evening. See details below!

Email Dave Cahill with any questions, sjhns@gmail.com

Looking Ahead

Weekend Mass	<i>4 p.m. on Saturday, 8 & 11 a.m. on Sunday All are welcome!</i>
Monday, January 23rd	<i>Academic Study Hall w/ Ms. Dunlavy, 3-4 p.m.</i>
Tuesday, January 24th	<i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy First Reconciliation, <u>Mrs. Kellam's Class</u> @ 6 p.m. in the church</i>
Wednesday, January 25th 1 p.m. dismissal	<i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy First Reconciliation, <u>Mrs. Ball's Class</u> @ 6 p.m. in the church **Parent/Guardian School Pride Banners Due!</i>
Thursday, January 26th	<i>Academic Study Hall w/ Ms. Dunlavy, 3-4 p.m.</i>

**Catholic Schools Week Open House
January 29th**

9:15-9:45 New Family Open House

9:45 - 10:45 School Family Open House

11 Family Mass

ST. JOHN FISHER



BOYS VOLLEYBALL

REGISTRATION

Register using the Google Form
January 20th - 27th!






https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0U9pz6I1L9tuAEBsCb8BnfMZ3onDKfhODRIEEb45SsDUNcQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Any questions please contact:
Maureen O'Hara mkroche2@cps.edu



Catholic Schools Week



<p>MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH CELEBRATE COMMUNITY</p>	<p><u>PAJAMA DAY</u>- COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR COZIEST JAMMIES! *COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PARENTS AT MORNING DROP-OFF!</p> 
<p>TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST CELEBRATE STUDENTS</p>	<p><u>BEACH/LUAU DAY</u>- COME DRESSED LIKE YOU ARE HEADED TO A LUAU!</p> 
<p>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST CELEBRATE FAMILY</p>	<p><u>DECADE DAY</u>- COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST 70'S, 80'S, 90'S OR 2000'S GEAR!</p> 
<p>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND CELEBRATE VOCATIONS</p>	<p><u>SPORTS/JERSEY DAY</u>- WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S APPAREL OR WEAR YOUR FAVORITE JERSEY!</p> 
<p>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD CELEBRATE STAFF</p>	<p><u>FALCON PRIDE!</u>- WEAR YOUR FAVORITE FISHER SWAG!</p> 





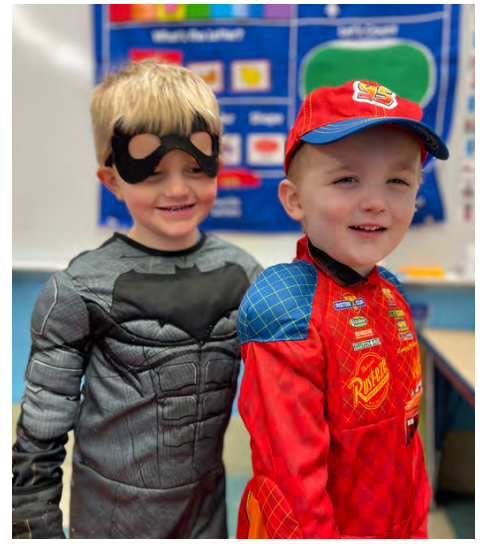
Social & Emotional Learning

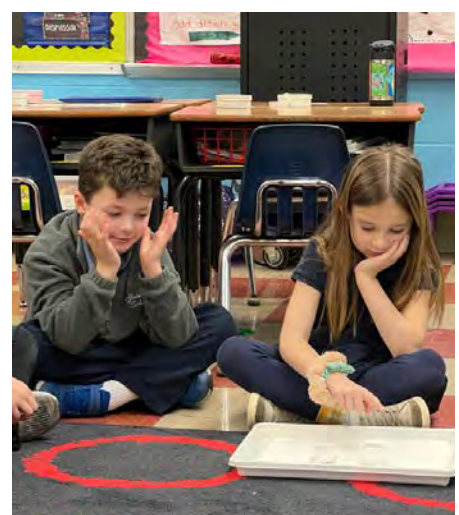
At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. Each month of the school year will have an all-school focus on the trait of the month, helping students strengthen particular social skills with different lessons and activities at the classroom level and as an entire school. We encourage you to talk to 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.**

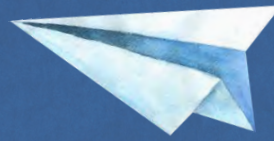
September	Responsibility
October	Respect
November	Gratitude
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



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







Falcon Parents and Guardians: Where did you go to grade school?

Catholic Schools Week is approaching and this is our time to showcase and celebrate St. John Fisher and our school spirit! We are a proud Falcon community made up of families from all over!

We would love to show our appreciation to all of the elementary schools that have helped shape each of us. Attached is a form that we hope you will take the time to fill out and decorate as a family. These forms will be used to create our bridge display for Catholic Schools Week and honor your stories and the grade schools that each of you attended. Whether you are a Falcon alum or hail from somewhere else, together, we are all Falcons and we are proud of all of our roots!

School spirit forms are due by Wednesday, January 25th. Please take a minute to visit the bridge display at our Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 9:30-10:45.

Thank you so much for taking the time to speak to your children about your experiences and participate in this fun activity!



Family Name

Favorite Grade School Memory

Grade School

Grade School
Photo

Grade School

Grade School
Photo

Why did you choose to send your child(ren) to SJF?



LIVE AMATEUR BOXING AT ST. JOHN FISHER

FEBRUARY 4, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

FIGHTS START AT 7 PM

Balcony Seating Raffle - \$50 per entry.

Winner receives full access of the balcony in the Fisher gym for Fight Night with 19 of their guests. Winner and their guests will also have food and drinks included and served in the balcony. Also, all raffle entries will receive one ticket for admittance to Falcon Fight Night. Raffle winner will be drawn in between games during the Holy Name Society AFC/NFC party.

Please Venmo entry fee @Michael-Perry-220 or use the QR code on the right.





Save the Date

St. John Fisher Family Night

Lucky to be a Falcon



Games, the Book Fair, and Loads of Shenanigans

Where: St. John Fisher School

When: Thursday, March 9, 2023

6:00- 8:00 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!

- First Reconciliation, Mrs. Kellam's Room - **1.24** ~ 6:00 p.m.
- First Reconciliation, Mrs. Ball's Room - **1.25** ~ 6:00 p.m.
- 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

- 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

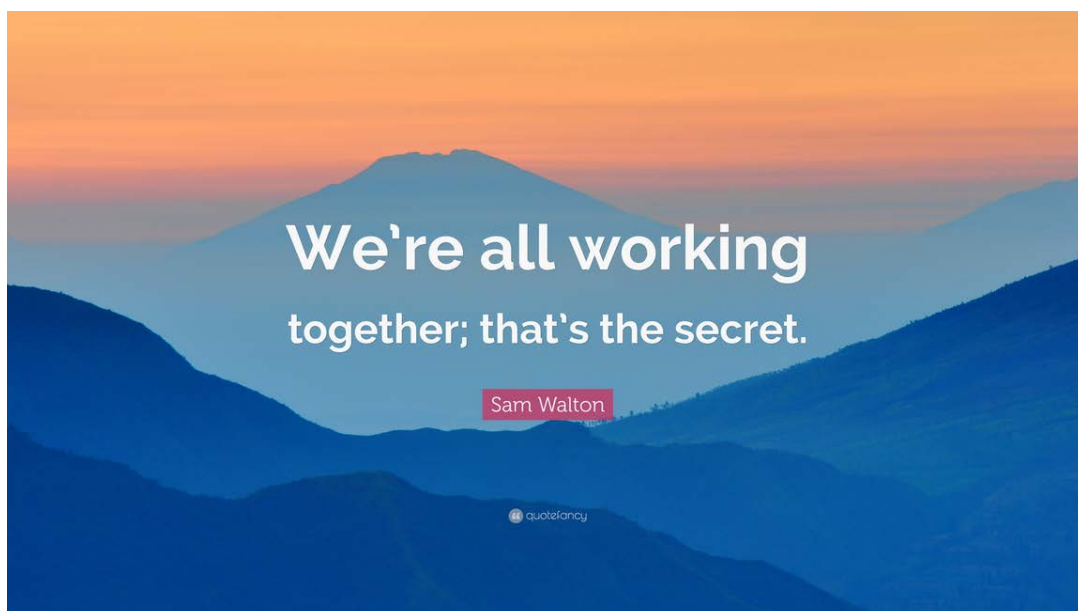
Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- 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



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 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.



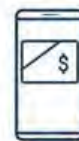
Budget friendly

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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We are thrilled to welcome
Roy back to CK for his 3rd
visit! Yes, he is THAT GOOD!

LEARN HOW TO HELP OUR
KIDS NAVIGATE A
POST-PANDEMIC WORLD

Monday, Jan.

30th

7:00 pm

Christ the King
Church

All parents,
grandparents and
caregivers are
welcome!



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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The Beverly
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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

Cloud 9

St. John Fisher

2023 Father Daughter Dance

Saturday, April 1, 2023

