



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

APRIL 12, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

We hope you had the most amazing Easter and Spring Break with your loved ones. We are so happy to be back in school with our Falcons and are eager to finish this school year strong! In this month of April, we continue to focus on Empathy. Each day we invite our Falcons to think of and to be on the lookout for ways they can feel empathy and show compassion and kindness to those around them.

Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. **You belong here.** 

In unity and hope,
-Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- **Please consider joining SJF's School Advisory Board.** The top 2 areas of focus for next year are to help maintain robust student enrollment and active parish support for the long-term vitality of SJF. Secondly, to develop intentional and effective fundraising efforts to supplement the school's operating budget. Please fill out the application below if you are interested. *If you'd like to learn more, please join our last school board meeting on Tuesday, May 14th in Kane Hall.* Email sjfsab@gmail.com with any questions. **SAB Application**
- **Father-Daughter Dance!** Don't forget to turn in your forms by **Monday, April 15th!**
- The **May Hot Lunch Schedule** is open and available for ordering. REMINDER: We do not offer a hot lunch option for the month of June.
- **SJF's Running Club is BACK!** Please see the flyer below for more details. A huge THANK YOU to Kerry McNicholas and the FSA for organizing this group again!
- **HEADS UP!** Baseball and softball season is upon us, which means kids sharing helmets which could turn into a **lice** outbreak...please be mindful and ensure you are not sending your child(ren) to school with lice.
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- **Trying to prevent that summer (academic) slide?** Visit this link to see the different options and recommendations to keep our Falcons sharp all summer long! Questions? Reach out to Ms. Schiavone, mschiavone or Mrs. Brogan, kbrogan@sjfschool.us.



**WE ARE INTERVIEWING PRIMARY TEACHERS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!
PLEASE SEND ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS AND QUESTIONS TO MAURA
NASH, MNASH@SJFSCHOOL.US. JOIN OUR DYNAMIC, FRIENDLY,
COLLABORATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL TEAM. NOW MORE THAN EVER IS A
GREAT TIME TO BE A PART OF OUR FACULTY FAMILY! WE HAVE THE BEST
KIDS AND THE MOST SUPPORTIVE PARENTS AROUND!
SEND IN YOUR RESUME TODAY! MNASH@SJFSCHOOL.US**

Looking Ahead

<p>Saturday, April 13th</p> 	<p>CPL CONNER T. LOWRY GYM DEDICATION @ SJF @ 6 P.M. PLEASE JOIN US! SEE THE BELOW FLYER FOR MORE DETAILS.</p> <p>BOYS VOLLEYBALL PACK THE HOUSE! COME ON OUT AND CHEER ON OUR FALCONS!</p> <p>4 p.m. Mass All are welcome! Manna @ The Convent 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.</p>
<p>Sunday, April 14th</p>	<p>8 a.m & 11 a.m. Mass All are welcome! </p>
<p>DON'T FORGET</p> <p>Monday, April 15th Musical Practice 3-5 p.m.</p>	<p>Father Daughter Dance Forms are Due TODAY! </p>
<p>Tuesday, April 16th Musical Practice 3-5 p.m.</p>	<p>*Homework Club w/ Mrs. Ade, Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Schiller, 3-3:45 p.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 17th Musical Practice 3-5 p.m.</p>	<p>*Homework Club w/ Mrs. Ade, Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Schiller, 3-3:45 p.m. ETC: Directed Drawing w/ Mrs. Garza 3-4 p.m. Manna @ the Convent 6-7 p.m.</p>
<p>Thursday, April 18th Musical Practice 3-5 p.m.</p>	<p>Every day is a great day to be a Falcon!</p>
<p>Friday, April 19th Musical Practice 3-5 p.m.</p>	<p>Happy Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your favorite spirit-wear on top with your uniform bottoms! First Day of Fisher Falcons Running Club! See the below flyer for more details!</p>



CPL. CONNER T. LOWRY DAY

**Join us for the 4th Annual
Conner T. Lowry Gym Dedication**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

6:15PM CEREMONY

BOYS VOLLEYBALL PACK THE HOUSE

ST. JOHN FISHER GYM



**National Anthem performance
by SJF students!**

LIVE LIFE LARGE



★ CPL. CONNER T. LOWRY DAY ★
APRIL 13TH

9:00 AM	4TH	SJF White vs St. Catherine's
9:45 AM	4TH	SJF Blue vs St. Catherine's
10:30 AM	5TH	SJF White vs Christina
11:15 AM	5TH	SJF Red vs MTG
12:00 PM	5TH	SJF Blue vs Cajetan
12:45 PM	6TH	SJF 6B White vs Incarnation
1:30 PM	6TH	SJF 6B Red vs St Barnabas
2:15 PM	6TH	SJF 6A Blue vs EP Central
5:30 PM	7TH	SJF 7A Blue vs St. Linus

 6:15 PM	CPL. CONNER T. LOWRY GYM DEDICATION		
6:30 PM	7TH	SJF 7B White vs St. Dan's	
7:15 PM	7TH	SJF 7B Red vs St. Dan's	
8:00 PM	8TH	SJF 8B vs Barnabas	





ST. JOHN FISHER
SCHOOL

Presents...

Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



APRIL 25TH & 26TH @ 7PM

TICKETS: ADULTS - \$8

STUDENTS - \$5

5 Y.O. AND UNDER - FREE!

**Questions? Email Ms. Hladik -
ahladik@sjfschool.us**

We're all in this together!

This production is presented through special arrangement with Music
Theatre International (MTI).



FISHER FALCONS RUNNING CLUB



Begins the Week of April 15th



**Calling all Runners
Join our Ridge Run Team**

Ridge Run

Monday, May 27, 2024

Youth Mile Run @ 8:10am

5K RUN @ 9:30am

**To register your child please
scan here and complete the SJF
Google Form** ↓



**Parent Runner Volunteers
Scan and sign up to help
with practices** ↓



DETAILS

- Running Club will meet **TWICE** a week on Fridays (4:15-5:15) and Sundays (12:00-1:00).
- Our first day will be **Friday, April 19**.
- We will meet at Kane Halls door and run the perimeter of the school campus.
- Runners will be placed in groups according to grade levels kdg, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8.
- The **GOAL** is to run the Ridge Run 5k at the end of 6 weeks or participate in the youth mile (ages 6-10).
- Register your child under team name **SAINT JOHN FISHER FALCONS 2024**



Questions? Please contact:

**Kerry McNicholas
(708) 525-0705**



SJF HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S 14TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

*We need your help to make this a success and
build on this tradition!*



Saturday April 20th

- Teams of adult and young volunteers (your children/SJF students/scouts/etc.) will go door to door throughout the neighborhood dropping off a bag and letter describing the Food Drive process and requesting parishioners to leave a bag with food on the porch the following Saturday, April 27th.
- The estimated time commitment that day is 9-10 A.M. Please come to Kane Hall @ 9A.M. to pick up your bags and street assignments. This is a great way that families can volunteer together.



Saturday April 27

- Volunteer teams will go throughout the neighborhood and collect the bags from the porches and bring them back to SJF. Separate teams would assemble and fill boxes back at SJF and load the boxes into a truck to deliver to food pantries.
- The estimated time commitment is 9-11 A.M. Please come to Kane Hall @ 9A.M. for street assignments

This drive requires lots of volunteerism. We will always need help packing boxes and we are in need of boxes. **Please contact Dave Cahill at sjfhns@gmail.com or 708.259.2981** with any questions or if you can help.



Thanks for your support.





“I Inspire” program launch aimed to help attract, motivate and retain Catholic School Teachers:

A memorial fund was set up in honor of Teri Keaty Joyce aimed to spread the message of love, kindness and support for education as that was a theme in her life. The Teri Keaty Joyce “I Inspire” Teacher Recognition Program has launched in Spring 2024 aimed to recognize the important role teachers play in the lives of children. Teachers everywhere are critical. The teachers choosing to teach in Catholic schools are extra special. A committee of educators formed by the family will invite **colleagues, parents, and current 8th Grade students at SJF to nominate ONE teacher that exhibits the criteria below.**

- Outstanding care, respect and collaboration with students, parents and colleagues.
- Flexibility in implementing differentiated learning strategies.
- Nurturing of faith, kindness, and patience
- Inspiration of students to be lifelong learners and good-hearted humans

Timeline and Next steps:

- Nomination forms are open with a **deadline of May 10** inviting **colleagues, parents and current 8th Grade students** to use the above criteria to describe the nominee in 250-500 words. An external committee will make selection decisions.
- Cash awards will be announced by the end of the school year at relevant school events in partnership with The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation.
- The program is currently funded for the next three years based on the generosity of Teri’s family and friends who wanted to give back to this unique close-knit community where many family members call home. Its impact will reach Queen of Martyrs, where Teri taught, and SJF and MHR, where her 8 grandchildren attend.

YOU CAN NOMINATE A TEACHER BY USING THE ATTACHED FORM:

[Click here to nominate a teacher](#)





In This Family *Falcons Fight Together*

Dear St. John Fisher Friends & Families,

The Dowling Family is in need of our support! Jimmy was recently diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer. Jimmy is a proud St. John Fisher Alum, Class of '88, and father to 7 children, all of whom have attended and still attend St. John Fisher.

The Dowlings have already battled cancer twice with their 9 year old son Beau, and just recently, their daughter Ella.

To make life a little easier for the Dowling family during Jimmy's treatment, we have set up an Instacart account to make shopping for groceries and other necessities easier for them.

If you are able, please donate to their Instacart account to relieve some of the burden while Jimmy battles this horrible disease.

Thank you!

Dowling Family Instacart Account



Recipient name:

Meg Dowling

Recipient Email:

megdowling12@yahoo.com





Manna Update

Regular Hours:

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 6-7 p.m.

Any changes to hours will be posted on FSA
Facebook Page.

Stop in or use the [RAISE RIGHT APP](#) on-the go!

The best way to order physical cards (local too) in stock is to order using the App by Sunday at 10 p.m. and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6 p.m. Skip the line to pick-up when you order ahead! Let us know if you'd like your order sent home with your child.

Since May 1st, the program has raised more than **\$31,000 for the school and \$47,000 directly to families to lower tuition costs.** Thank you!

The deadline to earn the \$300 requirement for this school year is April 30th. To track your earnings, go to www.raiseright.com under Account/Order History. We will not be distributing a letter. If you have questions, stop into the convent during open hours or email the Manna team.

Email the Manna team at Sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions. More info [here](#).

Thank you for supporting
St. John Fisher!

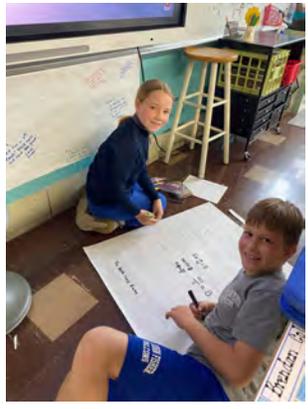




Father Daughter Dance

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 20TH
RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB







APRIL ETC

The St. John Fisher Enrichment and Tutorial Center (ETC) is an after-school program designed to offer students a wide variety of classes not normally covered in the regular curriculum. Classes are a fun way for friends to explore areas of interest. The April session runs from April 15th - May 2nd. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School. Payment should be in an envelope marked ETC and returned to the Main Office by **Friday, April 12th**.

Wednesday Class: April 17th & May 1st 3:00-4:30

DIRECTED DRAWING: Students will learn to draw two spring inspired pictures. Students will do an Earth Day directed drawing week 1 and will learn to draw a frog week 2. **Class will be dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Garza

Room 108

Grades PreK-2nd

Saturday Class: April 20th 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

SPRING FLING: Come join us in some fun filled spring crafts, science experiments, and even a spring-themed scavenger hunt! **Class will be dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Garza

Room 108

Grades PreK-2nd

Please return the completed registration form in an envelope marked ETC to the Main Office by Friday April 12th.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____

Allergies (please list all and if child carries an EPI Pen and or/inhaler) _____

***If your child has a food allergy please send him/her with his/her own snack**

Parent Signature: _____ Emergency Contact #: _____

Wednesday Class: April 17th & May 1st 3:00-4:30

___ DIRECTED DRAWING

Saturday Class: April 20th 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

___ SPRING FLING





Please join us for the SJF FSA Sponsored Mother Son Outing

Limited Tickets
Available! To reserve
your seats please purchase
tickets by clicking the link
below. Most seats
available together in
Sections 102 & 103



June 9, 2024 at 1:10 P.M.
White Sox vs. Boston Red Sox
Click the link to purchase tickets:
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Saintjohn8>
Please email Carrie Erwinski at
Carrie726@gmail.com with any questions.
Stay tuned for information on bus transportation.

White Sox

ST. JOHN FISHER



PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

WITH MRS. GARZA, MS. FADDEN, AND MS. SURIN



THIS SUMMER, SJF IS HOSTING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM FOR TOILET-TRAINED CHILDREN AGES 3-5. EACH WEEK WILL BE BASED ON A THEME. THE CHILDREN WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL SKILLS AND COOPERATIVE LEARNING.



9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

\$70 per Week

Please send a small snack and drink daily

STORIES * CRAFTS * SONGS * INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY!

Week 1
June 11, 12, 13
Dinosaurs

Week 2
June 18, 19, 20
Superheroes

Week 3
June 25, 26, 27
Fireworks and Fun

Week 4
July 9, 10, 11
Outer Space

Week 5
July 16, 17, 18
STEM Week

Week 6
July 23, 24, 25
Water Fun

Week 7
July 30, 31, August 1
Under the Sea

Week 8
August 6, 7, 8
Camping

A DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$500 IF YOU SIGN UP FOR ALL 8 WEEKS!

More Information: mgarza@sjfschool.us or text 773-315-0399

Registration and payment is due May 3rd



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WITH

MRS. GARZA, MS. FADDEN, AND MS. SURIN

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM IN AN
ENVELOPE MARKED
PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY FRIDAY,
MAY 3RD.

STUDENT NAME: _____ AGE: _____
ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS (PLEASE LIST ALL AND IF CHILD
CARRIES AN EPI PEN AND OR/INHALER): _____

PLEASE SELECT SESSION:

Week 1 _____

Week 5 _____

Week 2 _____

Week 6 _____

Week 3 _____

Week 7 _____

Week 4 _____

Week 8 _____

All 8 Weeks _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

MOM'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

DAD'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PHONE NUMBER: _____



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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

*Below is a list of important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

- First Holy Communion: **5.4** ~ 1 p.m.
- May Crowning: **5.10** ~ 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. All-School Early Dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.27**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.31**, 12:00 p.m. “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.2** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.6** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

You belong here.



***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **April 24th, May 29th.**



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.**



2023-2024 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 & Academic Support *after* contacting the teacher
- 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
- MedicalForms

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

- Student Services

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: clarmon@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

Ms. Mary Schiavone (K-4): mschiavone@sjfschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sjfschool.us



2023-2024 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
- Academic/Classroom support following communication with Mrs. Larmon

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
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