



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

DECEMBER 1, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a relaxing break! Now, on to Christmas! We have a busy month of activities on the calendar as we dive head first into the holiday season! We look forward to celebrating all of the magic with our Falcons and sharing in this beautiful season with all of you!

Please join us in praying for our exceptional 8th graders who will be taking their high school entrance exam on Saturday. We are excited for our Falcons to take this next step toward the very bright future! A huge shout out to all of the parents, grandparents and teachers who helped them succeed along the way.

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

- The **Women's Club Vendor Night is tomorrow, December 2nd.** ***Out of uniform passes for students will be distributed to any mom, grandma, etc. who attends.*** Thank you for your support!
- There is **NO SCHOOL** tomorrow, **December 2nd.** Thank you faculty and staff; *enjoy the gift of time!*
- SJF's NJHS is hosting a babysitting fundraiser at SJF next Friday! Please see the below flyer for more information!
- **Did you know we use an online portfolio to organize & share your child(ren)'s artwork?** Artwork can make the best Christmas gift! Check your email for a link to your child(ren)'s Artsonia account if you are not already connected. Contact Mrs. Corley for any questions mcorley@sjfschool.us.
- **Extended Day:** Visit this link to register your child. Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- Are you receiving our **monthly parish newsletter?** Sign up here so you don't miss a beat!

FSA Corner

- Thank you to the FSA for bringing back the Advent Wreath Making event! We are grateful to have this beautiful and fun Christmas tradition!
- **Santa Visits are back!** See the flyer below to sign-up today!
- Join the **House Decorating Contest!** See the flyer below for more detail!
- Thank you to all who distributed out of uniform passes for weekend Mass attendance. We will take a break from this initiative for now, but please don't take a break from attending Mass. We loved seeing all of you there!
- **Calling all new families:** Join the SJF FSA Facebook page and never miss any of our important parent and community information! Our page is FSA at SJF on Facebook.
- If you would like to **volunteer** with the FSA, email sjffsa103@gmail.com.

Athletics

- Winter Sports Season has arrived! There is a mandatory parent meeting on Monday, December 5 in Kane Hall @ 7 p.m. ***Please see the below flyer for details.***

Pro Labore Dei



Pro Labore Dei Christmas Project

- Our next project is the Christmas gift collection. There is a Christmas tree with tags listing suggested gift receivers set up in the back of church. As in the past, the gift should be a minimum of \$10, wrapped and clearly marked as to the recipient. The gifts will be due to the rectory no later than Thursday, December 15th.
- The next lunch making will be on Saturday, Dec 10th at 9:15 in the rectory basement. Our needs for Dec. 10th: 50 chips and 60 treats (granola bars, rice crispy treats...)

Thank you for your consideration!

*Any questions or concerns, please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or
Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428)*

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**



Looking Ahead

 <p>Weekend Mass</p>	<p>4 p.m. on Saturday & 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday <i>Good Luck 8th Graders on your HS Entrance Exam!</i></p>
<p>Monday, December 5th Parent Sports Meeting Kane Hall @ 7 p.m.</p>	<p>ETC 3-4 p.m. <i>Grinch Stem Club w/ Mrs. Altman</i> <i>Christmas Hoops w/ Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Ade</i>  <u>*Register for House Decorating Contest by Today!</u></p>
<p>Tuesday, December 6th</p>	<p>ETC 3-4 p.m. <i>Jingle Mingle w/ Mrs. Altman</i> <i>Yoga w/ Mrs. Garza</i></p> <p>Homework Club 3-3:45</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 7th</p>	<p>ETC 3-4 p.m. <i>Reindeer Games w/ Mrs. Altman</i></p> <p>Homework Club 3-3:45</p>
<p>Thursday, December 8th</p>	<p>ETC 3-4:30 p.m. <i>Game Night w/ Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Ade</i> <i>Dinosaurs w/ Mrs. Garza</i> <i>Santa's Workshop w/ Mrs. Altman</i> All School Immaculate Conception Mass @ 1 p.m.</p>
<p>Friday, December 9th NJHS Babysitting Night!</p>	

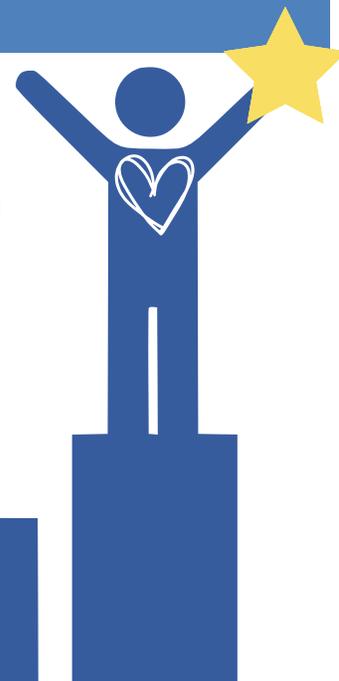


Here are just a few of our successes so far this year:

- Successful implementation of SJF's inaugural Boot camp and new all-school behavior plan: **Be Respectful, Be Responsible & Be Safe**
- Implemented all-school **trait of the month program and SEL focus**
- Refocused **W.Y.N.** period to address executive functioning skills and additional small group learning with extra math & reading practice
- **Physical education curriculum and instruction** reset
- **Weekly Spanish** instruction in grades K-8
- SJF has **2 Wilson Certified Practitioners**
- Daily morning **ZOOM announcements** featuring our Falcon broadcasters across all grade levels
- An **added Reading Specialist** this year for the upper grades. Our Reading Intervention Program now spans across all grade levels
- SJF **iReady scores exceed** national report card for both public and charter school's average

- **Year 2** of Foundations Phonics Curriculum, teachers have fully adopted the Foundations test tracker which provides essential teacher feedback needed to **implement classroom interventions**
- Earlier **Parent Teacher Conferences** allowing collaboration with parents and guardians half way through the first trimester to ensure our Falcons are successful learners
- **Enrichment and intervention** opportunities for all grade levels: ETC's, Homework Club, Academic Study Hall
- High School **Entrance Exam Test Prep** Sessions available to all 8th Graders
- Falcons checked out **4,841 books** from the Library in the first trimester
- 3 successful NJHS & SOAR sponsored **service projects**, 5 all-school Masses/Prayer Services
- **100% participation** of our junior high students in athletics, band, SOAR, patrol and/or NJHS
- Together with the parish community, raised **35k at Oktoberfest** to invest in our goal of academic excellence.

HIP HIP HOORAY





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 OF THE WEEK

Mady Colander, 8th Grade

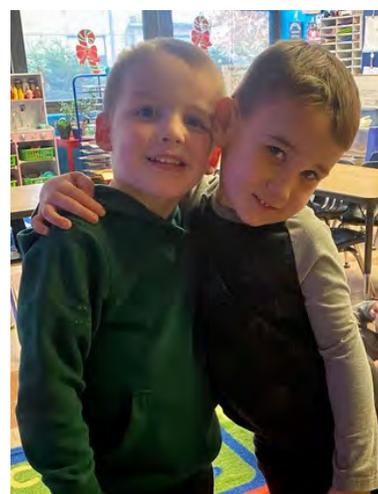
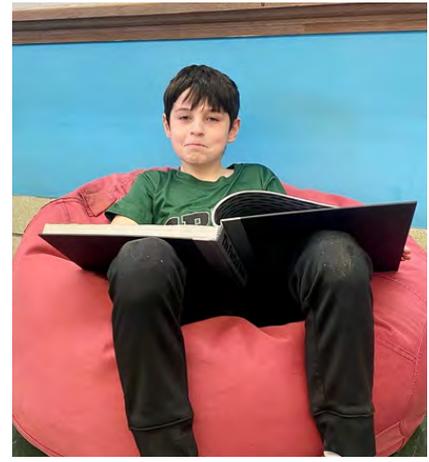


One of our school themes is “Fly Like a Falcon”.

Falcons SOAR above, capturing an aerial view of what is going on below. We are encouraging our school community to “SOAR above” things that might bring us down, not allowing us to be our best selves. We are on a school-wide crusade to “Fly Like a Falcon”, lifting one another up, celebrating the positive interactions, and kind behavior that our students and staff demonstrate each and every day. **This week, we recognize, 8th grader, Mady Colander.**

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. At SJF, Mady organized this week's dress down day fundraiser to bring awareness of Type 1 Diabetes to our school in support of two Falcons who are living with this disease, one of them being Mady's sister who was recently diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Mady took it upon herself to initiate this fundraiser, make flyers and advertise on our morning announcements. Mady has been a fantastic leader and role model for us all. All proceeds raised are going to the Chicago Diabetes Project.

Thank you for Mady for being a phenomenal Falcon and sister! Keep flying like a Falcon. You are making a difference in the lives of many and we are so proud of you!





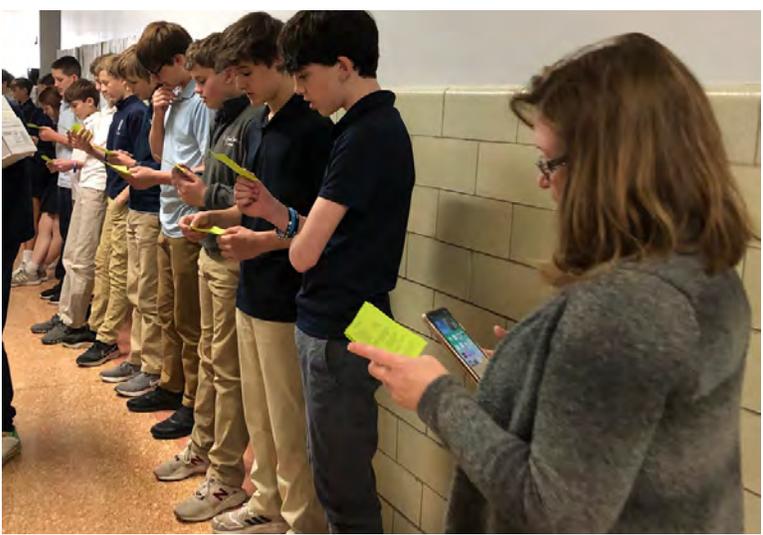
THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO THE CHICAGO DIABETES PROJECT!





GOOD LUCK

To our 8th graders as they take their Entrance Exam on Saturday!





IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE
SHOPPING

ST. JOHN FISHER'S WOMENS CLUB
HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 2nd • 6 - 9 PM
KANE HALL

\$10 ENTRANCE INCLUDES DRINK AND RAFFLE TICKET





Santa Claus is coming to see some Falcons!



The Big Guy will be coming to Saint John Fisher to see those on the nice list!

Friday, December 9th 5:00 - 9:00 pm

At St. John Fisher (please park & enter from Fairfield and meet Santa under the bridge)

\$25 per family includes an outdoor visit from Santa, digital download of your visit, Sweet treats and some hot chocolate for the kids.

To receive a visit from Santa, sign up on the link below and send payment to school in an envelope marked Santa Visit with your family name. Please only sign up one family per time slot.

Santa Sign Up

Space is limited, therefore, first come, first serve. Sweet Treats compliments of Wolf's Bakery and photo provided by Blink of an Eye photography. Sponsored by St. John Fisher FSA

Attention SJF Parents!!!

If you had two kid-free hours, what would you do?



Wrap gifts?
Grab dinner with friends?
Peaceful grocery shopping?



**St. John Fisher
National Junior Honor Society
Presents
Falcon Fun Friday Night!!!!**



**Friday, December 9
6pm-8pm in Kane Hall**

**Fee: \$5/child
\$10/family**

Parents of Falcons in Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to drop their child(ren) off for a small fee, and our National Junior Honor Society students will entertain them for two hours! Our Junior High students will play games and do crafts with your child(ren) while you enjoy some time for yourself!! Space is limited so reserve your spot today by clicking on the link below!!

[Falcon Fun Friday Night Registration](#)

All questions can be directed to Mrs. Condon kcondon@sjschool.us

Adult Faculty members will be present to supervise all activities



WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INAUGURAL SJF
SPLIT THE POT HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST!

ST. CAJETAN DID A GREAT JOB OF MAKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD
SHINE BRIGHT LAST YEAR! LET'S JOIN IN THE FUN!

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST, PLEASE SIGN UP USING THIS LINK, AND
TURN IN YOUR \$20 ENTRY FEE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022.

HOUSES MUST BE DECORATED
BY FRIDAY, 12.16.22
VOTING TAKES PLACE ON
12.19.22 THROUGH 12.21.22

WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CASH
PRIZE, WHILE THE REMAINING
MONEY WILL GO TOWARD
OFFSETTING THE PRICE OF GYM
EQUIPMENT AND ART SUPPLIES.





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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**
- 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
- Hot Lunch

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

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





LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

WINTER SPORTS MEETING



WE REQUEST THAT AT LEAST 1
PARENT ATTEND THIS MEETING!

MONDAY, DEC. 5TH
7:00 PM
KANE HALL

Information Covered:

- CONCESSION RAFFLE: \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!!
 - 4,000 Tickets sold
 - Each winter sport athlete will be asked to sell TEN \$10 tickets
 - More information about PACK THE HOUSE DATES & CONNER T. LOWRY DAY
 - Gym admission/concessions sign-ups available for parents
 - Bring a \$250 check made out to the SJF Athletic Board for missed admissions/concessions duty
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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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

Manna Update

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.



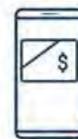
Budget friendly

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.



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

