



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 3, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We were so thrilled to see everyone at Open House and our Family Mass this past Sunday! The kids were so excited to show off their work and classrooms! I said it on Sunday and I am going to say it again, I hope that when you walked the halls on Sunday and visited classrooms, you were able to see a snapshot of what it is like to be at SJF everyday. By all of us working together (teachers, staff, parents and our parent organizations), we have cultivated a Catholic family atmosphere where everyone is valued and essential to our community. One of our most important characteristics is that we strive to be a reflective community and recognize that there is always more work to be done. We are accountable to one another and together we make up our incredible Falcon community that I am beyond proud to call my home away from home. I feel privileged that my kids get to learn in this magical environment where I personally can attest to their exceptional well-rounded education that is setting them up for success in all aspects of life at SJF and beyond. It is my hope and goal that you feel the same.

This weekend is Confirmation. We could not have asked for a better way to conclude our Catholic Schools Week. Please join me in praying for our wonderful and wise 8th grade students and all of the people in their lives who guided them in faith along the way, helping them for this beautiful sacrament.

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*



**Catholic Schools**

**Believe. Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**

## Important Announcements

- **iReady Update:** Parents and Guardians, please be on the lookout for an envelope that will be sent home early next 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!](#)
- 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 to RSVP!
- We have **2 upcoming fundraiser dress down days**. We try to avoid having these back to back, but both of these causes are important. These are not mandatory by any means. Thank you for any support you can provide!
  - **February 8th:** bring in \$1 and dress down to support the Conner T. Lowry Memorial Foundation. Learn more about Conner [here](#).
  - **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](mailto: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](mailto: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!
- 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

- Please join us for our 3rd annual **Conner T. Lowry Gym Dedication** @ 3:40 p.m. on Saturday, February 11th. See the below flyers for additional information.
- 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!



## Looking Ahead

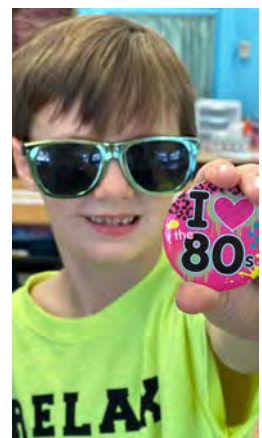
<p><b>Saturday, February 4th</b></p>	<p><b>Confirmation @ 11 a.m.</b> <b>Fight Night @ 7 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Weekend Mass</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, February 6th</b></p>	<p><b>Academic Study Hall 3-4 w/ Ms. Dunlavy</b> <b>ETC Valentine Stem Lab 3-4 w/ Mrs. Altman</b> <b>Open Gym 3-4 w/ Mrs. Ade</b> <b>Who Would Win? 3-4 w/ Mrs. Garza</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, February 7th</b> <b>Special Lunch</b></p>	<p><b>Happy 100th Day of School!</b> <b>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy</b> <b>ETC Valentine w/ Mrs. Altman</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, February 8th</b> <b>Conner Lowry</b> <b>Dress Down Day</b> <b>for \$1</b></p> 	<p><b>8th Grade Graduation Photos</b> <b>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade &amp; Mrs. Schiller</b> <b>Academic Study Hall 3-4 w/ Ms. Dunlavy</b> <b>ETC Finger Knitting 3-4 w/ Mrs. Biernacki</b> <b>ETC Adopt a Pet 3-4w/ Mrs. Altman</b></p> 
<p><b>Thursday, February 9th</b></p>	<p><b>Rescheduled Art Club w/ Mrs. Corley 3-4 in Kane Hall</b> <b>ETC Tailgate Games 3-4 w/ Ms. Dunlavy &amp; Mrs. Ade</b> <b>ETC Bluey! 3-4 w/ Mrs. Garza</b> <b>Game Time 3-4 w/ Mrs. Altman</b></p>



















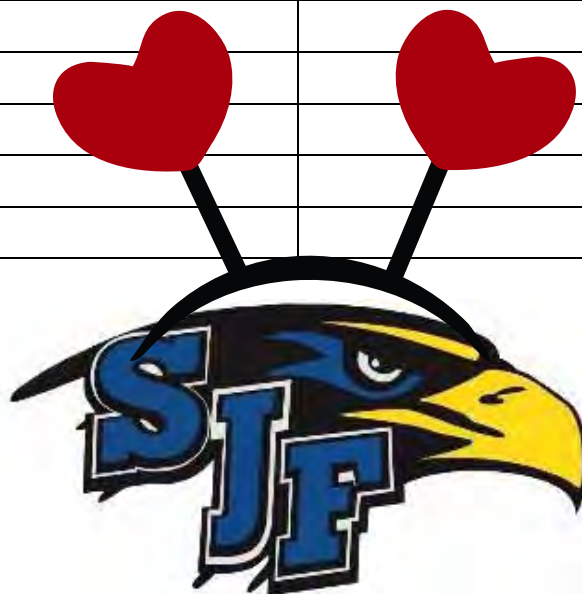




## Social & Emotional Learning

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
<b>February</b>	<b>Friendship</b>
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



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

**YAY!**



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com) or School Board at [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto: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**

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL  
**Rescheduled**  
**ART CLUB**

PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO [THIS LIST](#) IF YOU WILL BE  
ATTENDING OUR NEXT MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

WE WILL MEET IN KANE HALL.  
PICK UP WITH BE AT THE OFFICE DOORS  
@ 4:00PM.

**7th & 8th Graders!**

PLEASE [SIGN UP HERE](#) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH ART CLUB.  
YOU CAN EARN A SERVICE HOUR EACH MONTH  
(TOTAL OF 5 HOURS)



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.







# 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

[docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)





# **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**





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

## Conor 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. Baldrick's  
FOUNDATION  
Conquer Childhood Cancers





**ST. JOHN FISHER**

# **SPRING SOCCER IS COMING SOON!**

SJF WILL BE REJOINING THE SOUTHWEST  
CATHOLIC SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
([WWW.SWCSA.ORG](http://WWW.SWCSA.ORG)) FOR THE  
2023 SPRING SEASON.

REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN SOON FOR  
BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS FOR

- VARSITY (7TH & 8TH)
- JUNIOR VARSITY (5TH & 6TH) AND
- JUNIORS (3RD & 4TH).

THE SEASON RUNS FROM MARCH 16 - MAY  
WE WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST FELLOW  
SOUTHWEST CATHOLIC PARISHES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE  
EMAIL: [SJFFALCONSOCCER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SJFFALCONSOCCER@GMAIL.COM)





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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](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)



## 2022-2023 St. John Fisher School Contacts

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

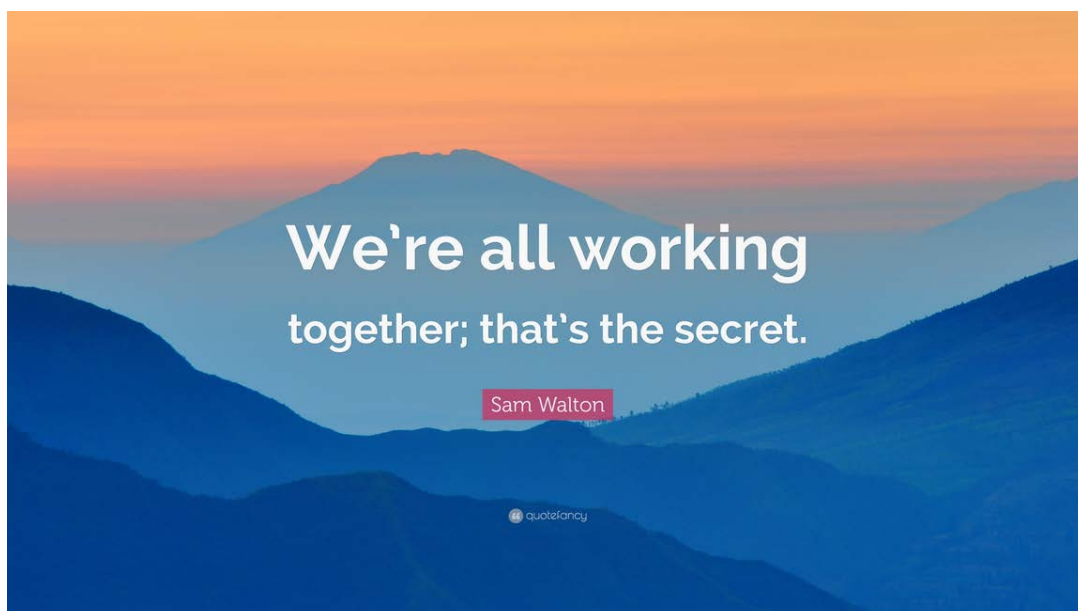
Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcorley@sjfschool.us)

- 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)





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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto: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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**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*

