



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

JANUARY 13, 2023

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Dear SJF Families,

We are back in the swing of things and focused on our academic goals in this new year! Next week students in kindergarten through 8th grade will begin to take their 2nd iReady Diagnostic. Our Falcons have been working so hard this school year. We can't wait to see their growth! Students and teachers have been talking about the many ways to intentionally prepare for next week's assessment. On this morning's Zoom announcements, we received some wise advice listed below from our 6th grade scholars. Please take a minute to reiterate these tips 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!

In looking at our calendar of events, we are going to be a very busy school community over the next 5 months. We are so grateful for our vibrant and energetic community and appreciate all of the parent volunteers and organizations who are making all of these community experiences possible. Below you will find detail on the events that are just around the corner. We look forward to the many opportunities we have to be on campus together! Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. **PEACE+LOVE+SJF.**

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- **SJF's Holy Name Society's Inaugural Fight Night** is February 4th. [Visit this link to purchase apparel in support of this event](#). The online store closes on Sunday, January 15th at 11:59 p.m.
- **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 today as well. Banners are due back to school by Friday, January 20th. 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.
- 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 this 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.

FSA Corner

- **Thank you to Nora Bansley and company for planning another successful Special Lunch.** We are so grateful to all of the parents who are able to help pass out lunches during special lunch. We appreciate your time and love having you in the building!
- 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

- 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!



**BOYS BASKETBALL
PACK - THE - HOUSE
SATURDAY 1/14**

9:00AM	SJF 4TH BLUE
9:50AM	SJF 4TH GREY
10:40AM	SJF 4TH WHITE
11:30AM	SJF 5TH GREY
12:20PM	SJF 5TH WHITE
1:10PM	SJF 5TH BLUE
2:00PM	SJF 6TH A
2:50PM	SJF 6TH BLUE
3:40PM	SJF 6TH WHITE
4:40PM	SJF 7TH A
5:30PM	SJF 7TH B
6:20PM	SJF 8TH BLUE
	8TH FLOWER CEREMONY
7:10PM	SJF 8TH WHITE
8:00PM	SJF 8TH A

Looking Ahead

Saturday, January 14th	<i>Boys Basketball Pack the House 9 a.m. - 8:45 p.m. in the Conner T. Lowry Gym</i> 
Weekend Mass	<i>4 p.m. on Saturday, 8 & 11 a.m. on Sunday All are welcome!</i>
Monday, January 16th	<i>No School in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day</i> 
Tuesday, January 17th <i>iReady Testing Begins Today</i>	<i>2nd Trimester Progress Check Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy</i>
Wednesday, January 18th	<i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy</i>

Save the Date!

- **January 24th & 25th** First Reconciliation
- **January 25th**, 1 p.m. dismissal for Faculty & Staff P.D.
- **January 29th**, Catholic Schools Week Open House & Mass

The time is always right to do what is right.

~Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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 Friday, January 20th. 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

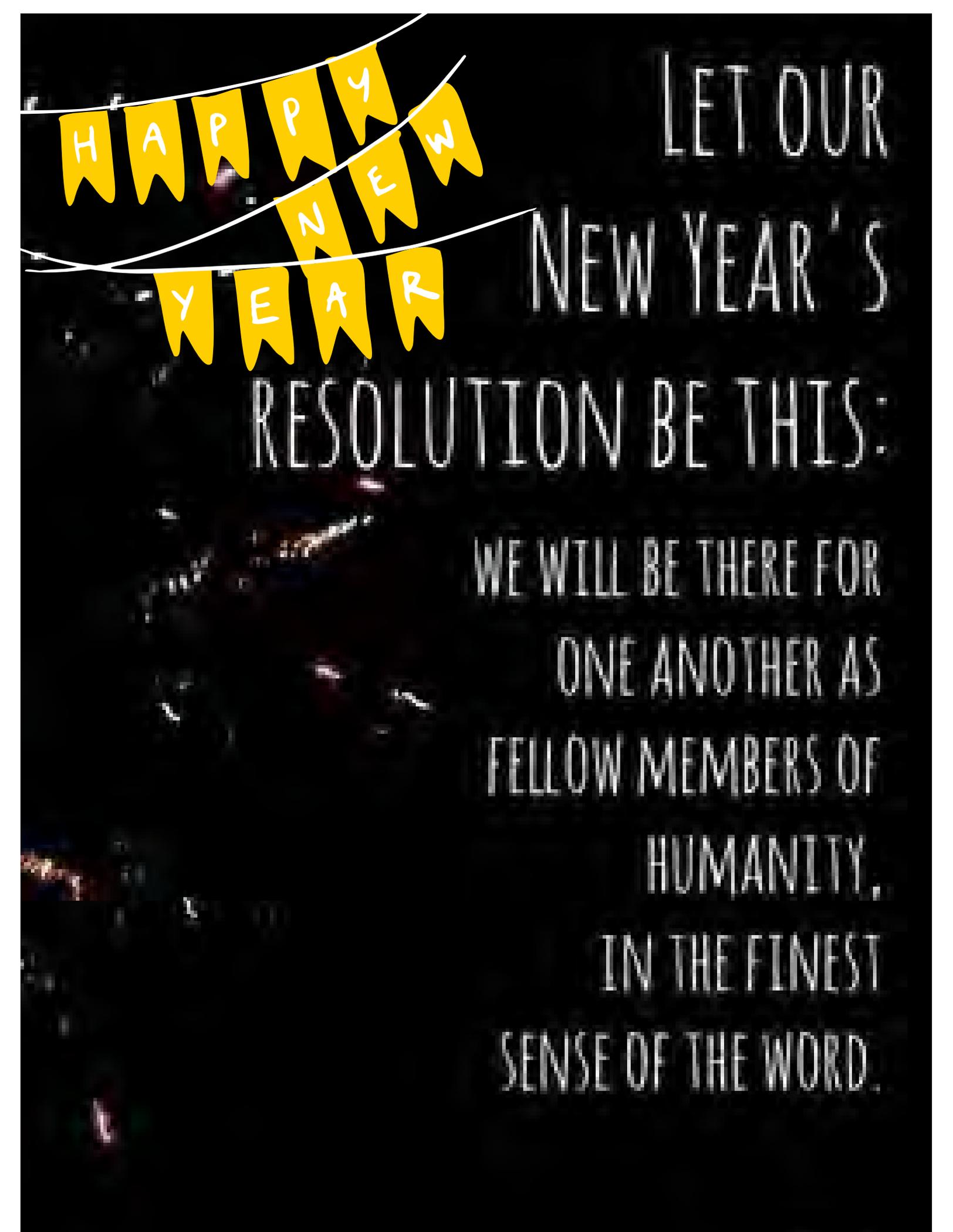
Grade School

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



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LET OUR
NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION BE THIS:

WE WILL BE THERE FOR
ONE ANOTHER AS
FELLOW MEMBERS OF
HUMANITY,
IN THE FINEST
SENSE OF THE WORD.



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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!

- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.16**
- 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



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If you have a question or concern...

- 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.



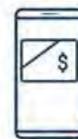
Budget friendly

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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FEBRUARY 4, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

FIGHTS START AT 7 PM



Adults \$20 In Advance / \$25 At The Door
Under 21 Years \$10



<https://donorbox.org/events/401735>





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



ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
IS COMING!



REGISTRATION
JANUARY 20TH- JANUARY 27TH
SEASON: MARCH 18-MAY 7

Link for registration will be out next week!



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

