



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

JANUARY 6, 2023



Dear SJF Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you had the most wonderful and peaceful Christmas Break! We are feeling rejuvenated and so very happy to be back with our Falcons! These last two days were a great way to ease back into our routine and expectations. We have lots of events on the horizon and are excited to begin this new year with all of you! Thank you for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day.

PEACE+LOVE+SJF.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- **Extended Day:** Visit [this link](#) to register your child. Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- **Special Lunch** is Tuesday, January 10th.

School Board Update

- Please join us for the next school board meeting, **Tuesday, January 10th at 7 PM in Kane Hall**. All are welcome. Our agenda includes the following topics:
 - Preview of Family Night (3/9)
 - Field Trip Proposal
 - SJF 75th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser. Note: we are seeking 2 co-chairs to lead the committee for this event to be hosted at the school in Spring/Summer 2024. Please email sjfsab@gmail.com if interested.
 - Alumni Development/Parishioner Communication update

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!



ST. JOHN FISHER VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS



Come out and cheer on Fisher's best girls volleyball teams play!

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PACK-THE-HOUSE

9:00 AM	4TH	SJF BLUE
10:00 AM	4TH	SJF WHITE
11:00 AM	5TH	SJF BLUE
12:00 PM	5TH	SJF WHITE
1:00 PM	5TH	SJF RED
2:00 PM	6TH	SJF B
3:00 PM	6TH	SJF A
4:15 PM	7TH	SJF WHITE
5:00 PM	7TH	SJF RED
5:45 PM	7TH	SJF BLUE
6:30 PM	7TH	SJF A
7:15 PM	8TH	SJF WHITE
8:00 PM	8TH	SJF BLUE
		8TH GRADE FLOWER CEREMONY
8:45 PM	8TH	SJF A

A Kendra Scott Table will be set up from 5:00-7:00 PM. You can pay with cash or card. They will have extra **Signature Falcon** necklaces with them if you forgot to purchase, \$55 each. 20% of all sales will be given back to our volleyball program!



Looking Ahead

Saturday, January 7th	<i>Girls Volleyball 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>
Tuesday, January 10th School Board Meeting @ 7p.m. in Kane Hall	Barraco's Special Lunch <i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy</i>
Wednesday, January 11th	<i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy</i>



Save the Date!

- **January 16th**, No School, Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- **January 17th**, 2nd Trimester Progress Check
- **January 24th & 25th** First Reconciliation
- **January 25th**, 1 p.m. dismissal for Faculty & Staff P.D.
- **January 29th**, Catholic Schools Week Open House 9-10:45 a.m. and Mass 11 a.m.



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

Ryan O'Keefe, 5th Grade



In December's month of kindness, SJF paid close attention to kind acts performed by students. **In 5th grade, Ryan O'Keefe is a student who is always making kindness a priority, taking kindness to a new level.** As a class, the 5th graders performed random acts of kindness for the teachers and students throughout the school. Ryan and a couple of his friends wanted to show some kindness to 2 of their former pre-k teachers. They made them a giant poster telling them how special they are and brought it to their room to surprise them! Ryan was so inspired by performing that act of kindness, that he decided to bring in candy canes for everyone in his class. With his teacher's permission, Ryan skipped lunch one day to secretly place a candy cane on the desk of each of his classmates. He then wrote an inspiring note on the board thanking them for all the kindness that they had shown him and asked them to pay it forward. These acts of kindness are a part of Ryan's every day actions. They come very naturally to him. Ryan is an extremely kind and generous student, inspiring others to be giving and kind. One day after a weekly mass, Ryan noticed that there were still tags on the giving tree in church. He approached his teacher and asked if he could talk to his homeroom about taking a tag. Ryan gave a passionate speech to his classmates about how important it is to give to others. He asked his classmates to bring in money so that the class could buy Christmas presents for a young 8 year old boy. He collected more than \$50 from his classmates and they all decided to get the young boy new pajamas, a dump truck, a giant candy cane and a new winter jacket. Ryan is an inspiration to all of us with his acts of kindness and generosity. We are so proud of you, Ryan. Keep flying like a Falcon; you are making a difference!

Happy New Year!





HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

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

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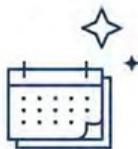
Your organization earns

Impacting what matters most to you.



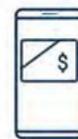
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FEBRUARY 4, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

FIGHTS START AT 7 PM



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



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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

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St. John Fisher

2023 Father Daughter Dance

Saturday, April 1, 2023

