



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

MARCH 17, 2023



Dear SJF Families,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! This week was a great week of learning at SJF. Our teachers and students have discussed and reviewed the importance of following school rules, working hard on assignments, and finishing the school year strong. We know our Falcons will continue to persevere and *march* forward to make this trimester the best yet! The harder we work the luckier we get!

We hope you enjoyed the South Side Irish Parade Day with your family and friends. We are so blessed to live in such a vibrant and family-focused community. A huge thank you to Olivia Ansier and Brian Cotter for organizing the SJF float and contingent of marchers. SJF was well represented with faculty and staff, Fr. Ken and Fr. Marty, students, parents, alumni and friends. What a lucky day it was to be a Falcon! Thank you to all of you who weathered the cold and snow to march with SJF!

We are so proud of the accomplishments of our Falcon boys basketball teams. This past weekend all three 5th grade teams competed in the SSBL Boys Basketball Championship. SJF 5th Grade Blue defeated SJF 5th Grade Gray in a hard-fought battle for the North Championship. The 5th Grade Gray team won the Southside Catholic Championship last week! The 5th Grade White team defeated St. Christina for the SSBL South Division Championship. The future looks bright for this group of student-athletes! The 4th Grade Blue team defeated St. Catherine for the SSBL Consolation Championship. Our 3rd Grade team, coached by Dave Cahill, competed in the St. Patrick's Tournament Championship at St. Christopher School. What a fantastic ending for all these talented teams. Thank you players and coaches for representing SJF so well! Way to go Falcons!

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

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEAMS!

YOU DID IT!



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade

Important Announcements

- The 2023 Archdiocese of Chicago **5 Essentials Parent Survey** is open and ends **TODAY!** Please complete the survey linked here. We are grateful for your feedback!
- The April hot lunch menu is open for ordering.
- **Extended Day:** Visit **this link** to register your child. Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.

FSA Corner

- The **Father Daughter Dance** is Saturday, April 1st from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Ridge Country Club. See the form below for more details.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The FSA will be organizing a Mother-Son White Sox Game Sunday, May 21st. We will share more details in the coming months.

Pro Labore Dei Update

- **The next lunch session will be on April 1st at 9:15 a.m. in Kane Hall.** Our known needs for now are:
 - 6 - 7 loaves of bread
 - paper plates
- We have begun our annual drive for Easter baskets for the people of Robbins, Posen and Blue Island. Each year the recipients are so appreciative. Simple baskets with candy, small toys, hygiene items, coloring books and crayons are always welcome. **The deadline for Easter basket turn in is March 30th.**
- Please note that we still collect meal fixings for these communities on the parking lot from 9:30 to 10 a.m. each Saturday morning. Donations are down throughout the entire city and surrounding areas. Items like cereal, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, desserts are all needed to keep our pantry operational.
- Again, thanks for making the mission so successful and fun! Any questions or concerns contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428).



Looking Ahead

<p>Weekend Mass Sunday: St. Joseph's Day</p> 	<p><i>4 p.m. on Saturday, 8 & 11 a.m. on Sunday</i> <i>All are welcome!</i></p>
<p>Monday, March 20th</p>	<p><i>ETC 3-4 March Madness Minis w/ Mrs. Altman & Mrs. Sefcik</i> <i>ETC 3-4 Science Club w/ Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Ade</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, March 21st</p>	<p><i>ETC 3-4 Leprechaun Training Camp w/ Mrs. Altman</i> <i>ETC 3-4 Yoga w/ Mrs. Garza</i> <i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, March 22nd</p>	<p><i>ETC 3-4 Leprechaun Lab w/ Mrs. Altman</i> <i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy</i></p>
<p>Thursday, March 23rd</p>	<p><i>ETC 3-4 Shamrock & Roll w/ Mrs. Altman</i> <i>ETC 3-4 Spring Training w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy</i></p>
<p>Friday, March 24th</p>	<div data-bbox="680 1759 1075 1892" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><i>Staff Professional Development</i></p>





FALCON OF THE WEEK

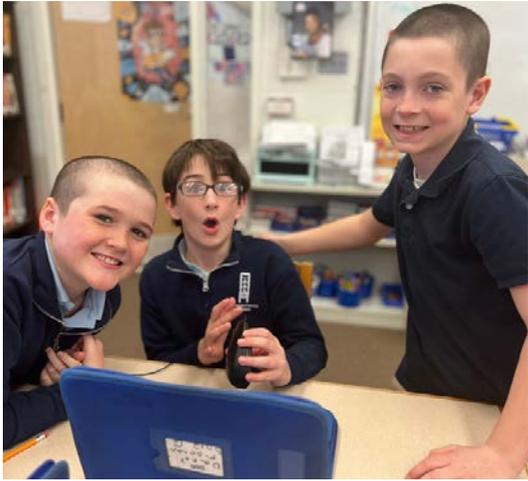
Olivia Glim, 4th Grade



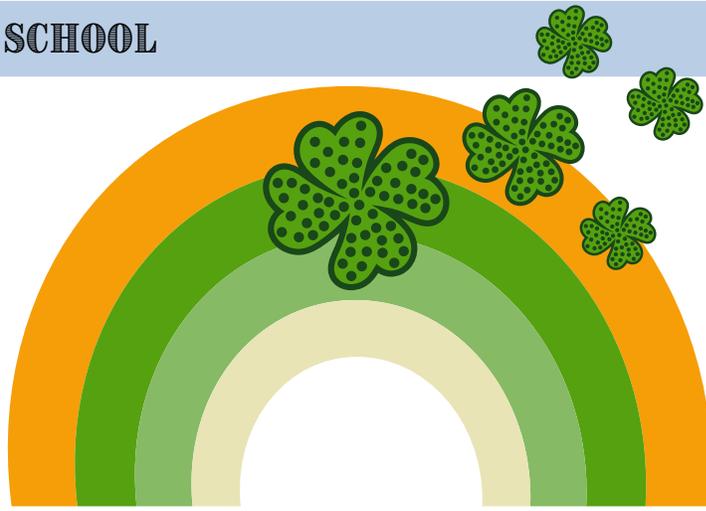
One of our school themes is “Fly Like a Falcon”. Falcons SOAR above, capturing an aerial view of what is going on below. We are encouraging our school community to “SOAR above” things that might bring us down, not allowing us to be our best selves. We are on a school-wide crusade to “Fly Like a Falcon”, 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 fourth grader, Olivia Glim.**

Olivia is such a kind, compassionate and sweet girl. She is always looking out to make sure her classmates are happy and safe. Olivia is genuine in her concern for her friends; she does the right thing without being asked by adults. Recently, Olivia waited for her friend to be picked up after school while everyone else had left. She didn’t want her friend to be alone so she kept her company until her ride arrived. This type of selfless and kind behavior is not out of the ordinary for Olivia. Olivia’s teachers say that this is just one of the countless acts of kindness she performs each day. Thank you Olivia for showing us what it means to be a good friend and classmate. We are so proud that you are a Fisher Falcon. Your kind actions inspire us all; keep being a great role model and example for your classmates. Kindness is contagious! Keep flying like a Falcon, Olivia. You are making a difference!









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.

St. John Fisher Father Daughter Dance

Cloud 9

6:00 - 9:00pm

Saturday, April 1, 2023

RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

10522 S. CALIFORNIA AVENUE

DJ & Dancing

Dinner & Desserts:

Mini burgers, flat bread pizzas, chicken nuggets,
tater tots, fruit, franks and more!

& More:

*Raffle Baskets & Split the Pot: Bring
your cash for tons of great prizes.

*Bracelet bar hosted by Radiant Relic

*Photo Ops: \$5 for professional photos and
selfie station available

Last Name: _____

Adult Ticket: \$25

Adult Name: _____

Number of Children's

Tickets x \$25 each: _____

Student(s) Names: _____

(Maximum cost per family \$100)

RSVP By March 24th

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Enclose this form, along with cash or check made
payable to FSA, to the office in an envelope labeled "Office: Dance"

FALCON FITNESS

Running Club



***Begins the week of April 17th ***

Calling ALL 3rd-8th Graders!

Join us for the "Couch to 5k" Challenge!



To register your child(ren) please scan here and complete the Google form. More information will follow!



Parent Runner Volunteers:
Scan Here to sign up to help
with practices.

DETAILS:

- Running club will meet **TWICE** a week: **Fridays and Sundays**
- We will meet at Kane Hall doors and run around the perimeter of the school campus.
- Runners will be placed in groups based on grade level: 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
- The **GOAL** is to be able to run a 5k at the end of the 6 weeks!
- The Falcon Fitness Running Club members will sign up to run the Ridge Run 5k on 5/29!



cathaleen.novak@gmail.com

Kerry McNicholas @ 708-525-0705

YAY!



YAY!

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.

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 or School Board at 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

Vietnam Era Veterans 50th Anniversary Honor Event



St. Cajetan Parish is hosting a Mass and Pinning Ceremony honoring all Vietnam Era veterans on March 29th, 2023, at 7:00pm. We are inviting all Vietnam era veterans to attend this event honoring them and their spouses! The U. S. Congress has designated, and President Biden has signed into law, marking March 29 th as the official 50th Anniversary date of the Vietnam War. In so doing, the Act requests that all veterans who served during this period should be honored and thanked for their service. As part of this honor, Congress has created a Veteran Pin and a Spouse/Family Pin to be presented to all veterans and their spouses and/or family.

In this spirit, Saint Cajetan Parish, in cooperation with the Mendel Alumni Association Veterans Committee, are presenting a Mass and Pinning Ceremony to honor all of our local Vietnam on March 29th at 7:00pm at St. Cajetan Parish Church!!

**Please rsvp by 3/27/23 to: jroccasalva@cajetan.org
Or call 773-474-7800**



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



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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!

- 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 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

