



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

MARCH 3, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

The end of the second trimester is Tuesday, March 7th. Please take a minute to check-in with your child(ren) over the weekend to be sure they have turned in all of their assignments. This month's trait of the month is perseverance. We pray that our Falcons are strong, determined and focused as they close out the trimester. Let's go Falcons!

Tomorrow is our Irish Mass which is hosted by our 3rd Graders under the direction of Dr. Chermak at 4 p.m. Following Mass, please join us for our St. Baldrick's fundraiser at 5 p.m. in the Conner T. Lowry Gym. Thank you to Karen McDonagh, the FSA and many other parent volunteers for making this event possible. We love opportunities to be together on campus and are appreciative of everyone who is able to attend, participate and/or volunteer. We hope to see you tomorrow!

Registration is upon us. ***Three year old and four year old pre-k families, please submit your registration form for pre-k and kindergarten as soon as you can!***

Kindergarten through 8th grade families, please submit your intent to return forms. Now more than ever is a great time to be a Falcon! Enrollment for next year is a crucial piece of our budgeting process for next year which is currently underway. Thank you!

Finally, a procession for fallen hero and Chicago Police Officer Adres Vasquez-Lasso went past St. John Fisher today. Thanks to the notice we received, students and teachers in grades 3rd - 8th were able to line the street in front of SJF to show our school's support and respect for Officer Vasquez-Lasso and his family. Please join us in praying for Officer Vasquez-Lasso and his family, for the safety of all police officers and for peace in our city. On behalf of St. John Fisher School, thank you to all of the police officers who risk their lives every day in order to keep us safe.

Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. **PEACE+LOVE+SJF.**

*Mrs. Maura Nash*  
In unity and hope,

## Important Announcements

- **The Book Fair is coming!** The Book Fair opens at 12 on Sunday. Feel free to come in and shop with your family! Visit this link for more information. The Book Fair will be open during the week for students to shop with their class and at SJF's Family Night on March 9th. ***If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Mrs. Keller, [kkeller@sjfschool.us](mailto:kkeller@sjfschool.us).***
- **SJF is starting a running club!** Thank you to Mrs. Kerry McNicholas and Mrs. Cathaleen Novak for organizing this club! Here is the link to register your Falcon and sign up to volunteer. See the flyer below for more details.
- **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).

## FSA Corner

- **St. Baldrick's Info:**
  - **There are NO WALK-IN SHAVEES THIS YEAR!**
  - ***The St. Baldrick's Committee NEEDS YOU!*** To volunteer please use this link. THANK YOU!
- **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.
- ***How do you feel about ordering your school supplies through SchoolKitz?*** Please share your opinion by filling out a survey linked here. Thank you!

## Athletic Update

- **GOLF:** Any 8th grade girl or boy interested in competing in the **Southside Catholic Golf League**, please **register by March 10th**. The 8th grade Golf League runs on Sundays from April 16th through May 21st from approximately 12:00-4:00 p.m. at The Meadows of Blue Island. Click here to register, SCC 8th Grade Golf Registration.

Our Falcons are Lucky and Loved



## Looking Ahead

<p><b>Saturday, March 4th</b></p>	<p>4 p.m. <i>Irish Mass</i> hosted by our 3rd Graders  5 p.m. <i>St. Baldrick's Fundraiser</i> in the Conner T. Lowry Gym</p> 
<p><b>Sunday, March 5th</b>  <i>Weekend Mass: 4 p.m. on Saturday, 8 &amp; 11 a.m. on Sunday</i>  <i>All are welcome!</i></p>	<p><i>The Book Fair is here! Shop with your family after 11 a.m. Mass. Doors open near the Library at 12</i></p>
<p><b>Monday, March 6th</b></p>	<p><i>ETC 3-4 March Madness w/ Mrs. Altman &amp; Mrs. Sefcik</i>  <i>ETC Science Club 3-4 w/ Mrs. Ade &amp; Ms. Dunlavy</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 7th</b>  <i>*End of Trimester 2</i>  <i>*Culver's Special Lunch</i></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 &amp; Ms. Dunlavy</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, March 8th</b></p>	<p><i>ETC 3-4 Leprechaun Lab w/ Mrs. Altman</i>  <i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller &amp; Ms. Dunlavy</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday, March 9th</b></p>	<p><i>ETC 3-4 Shamrock &amp; Roll w/ Mrs. Altman</i>  <i>ETC 3-4 Spring Training w/ Mrs. Ade &amp; Ms. Dunlavy</i>  <i>SJF's Family Night from 6-8 p.m. hosted by SJF Faculty, enter through the Kane Hall Doors <u>*all children must be accompanied by an adult</u></i></p>



# FALCON OF THE WEEK

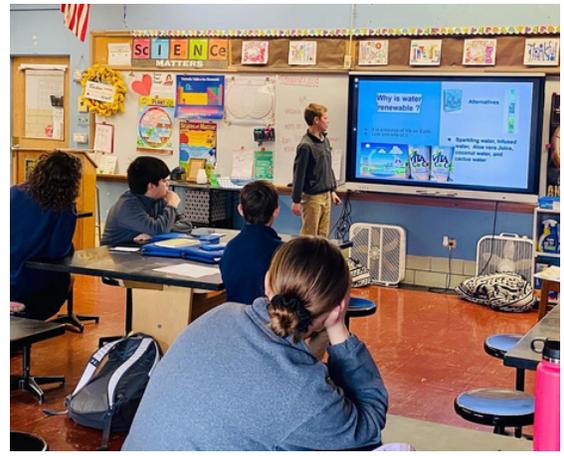
Patrick Cahill, 3rd Grade



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 Patrick Cahill from third grade.**

Patrick Cahill is a leader in the classroom. He consistently looks out for ALL of the students in the classroom and makes sure they are included during recess. Patrick will look for jobs that need to be done in the classroom and do them without being asked by the teacher. He even cleaned up a big mustard mess in Kane Hall even though he didn't make the mess. He strives to do his best at all times and he is a Falcon you should know! He truly makes us proud! Thank you, Patrick for always going above and beyond. You are a role model and an example to us all. Keep flying like a Falcon, Patrick. You're making a difference!











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

## Conner 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. 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)





Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to SJF! Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place *Monday, March 6 to Friday, March 10 in the School Library*

This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/sjf>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Mrs. Maura Nash  
Principal  
Saint John Fisher School



# 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.

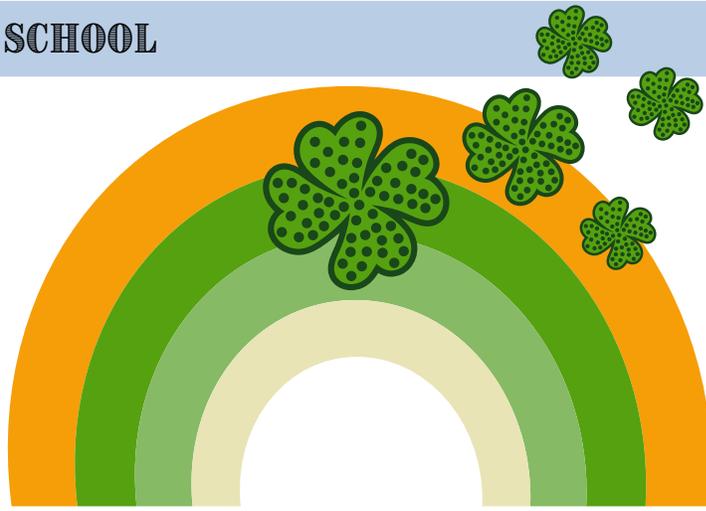
## DETAILS:

- 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](mailto:cathaleen.novak@gmail.com)

Kerry McNicholas @ 708-525-0705



## 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.**

**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**



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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!

- 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

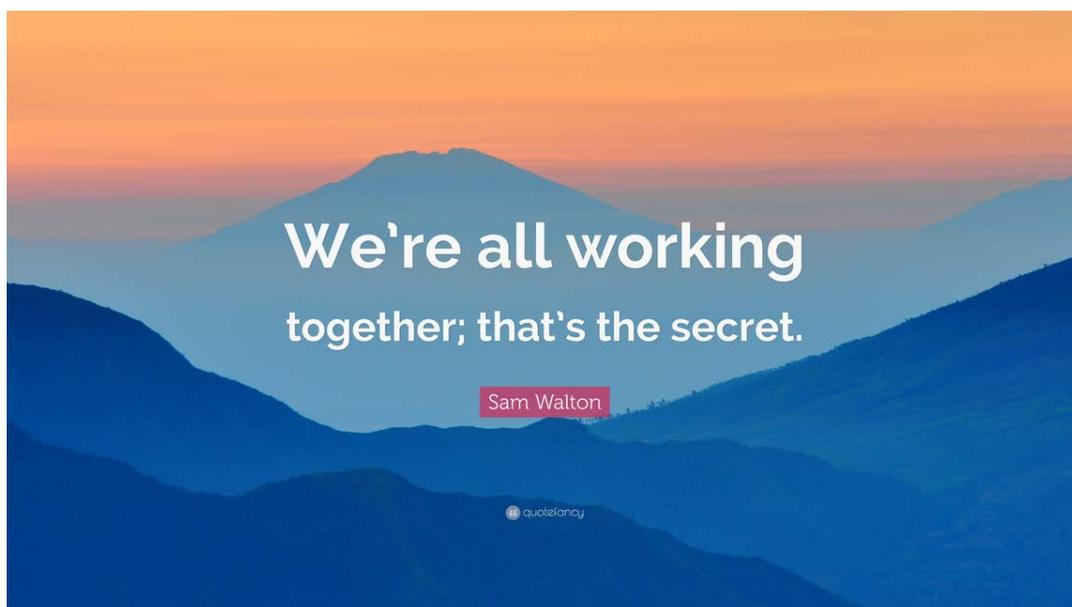
Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcorley@sjfschool.us)

- 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)  
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**Save the date**

*Cloud 9*

St. John Fisher

2023 Father Daughter Dance

*Saturday, April 1, 2023*





**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)**