



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

MAY 17, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

The warm weather and sunshine are adding to the excitement the end of the school year brings! As a faculty and staff, we are still on such a high from last week's teacher and staff appreciation festivities; thank you all again!

As our athletic seasons come to a close for the 2023-2024 school year, we would like to thank all of our parents and volunteer coaches and coordinators who donate their time and energy to our kids all year long. Without you, our sports programs wouldn't be possible. We would also like to congratulate all of our athletes this year on a job well done! Way to go Falcons!

Today was the Class of 2024's Ribbon Mass. Ribbons are symbolic of so many stages of our lives, including special occasions and celebrations. Congratulations to our 8th grade class. This class is unique and remarkable. Our 8th grade Falcons are kind, empathetic, hard working, flexible and even keeled. After every off campus experience this year, I have received a call from someone outside of our school community, complimenting this class on their behavior and manners. Thank you to their parents for raising such wonderful human beings. We are so proud of this class and so sad to see them go. One thing we know for sure is that their future is oh so bright!

There are so many incredible things going on at SJF. Thank you for entrusting your children to us each day and for choosing Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. You belong here. 

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*



*Our Falcons are brave. smart.  
important. kind and loved.*





## School Board Update

- At Tuesday's school board meeting, **SJF Leadership presented our state of the school and finance update**. A special shout-out to our guests who attended Tuesday's meeting. Thank you for your interest and attendance! We love hearing different perspectives and engaging in rich discussion regarding the top priorities of our parents and community. Your feedback is a critical part in setting our school board's agenda. ***Be on the lookout for our financial report and tuition update in the form of a letter and one page summary next week.***
- Please consider **joining SJF's school advisory board**. The top 2 areas of focus for next year are fundraising and enrollment. Please fill out the application, [linked here](#), if you are interested by June 1st. Email [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Manna Update

- The **Manna Fundraising Requirement** (\$300/family) will be added in the FACTS system in the coming weeks. All families will see a \$300 charge and then it will be adjusted based on the amount earned for the school up until April 30th, 2024. For example, families that met the \$300 fundraising requirement, will see two notifications (\$300 fee – \$300 adjustment = no charge). The individual earnings achieved will be reflected on your FACTS statement on book day in August. For the family in the above example that achieved the \$300 goal, they will get a deduction off tuition for the following year. You can start accruing for next year's Manna Fundraising requirement as of May 1st. If you decided not to participate this year, but would like to reduce the \$300 fundraising fee through everyday shopping, please review the flyer below for additional information.

## Important Announcements

- Our **3rd- 8th grade Falcons are completing their 3rd and Final iReady Diagnostic next week.** Falcons, don't forget to get a good night's sleep, eat a well-balanced breakfast, take your time, and be confident in all you've learned. You've got this!
- **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Girls entering 3rd - 8th grade next year, [visit this link to register for basketball](#). Evaluations for girls entering 6th-8th grade are Monday and Tuesday of next week.
- *REMINDER: We do not offer a hot lunch option for the month of June. Please be mindful of your child's field trip when ordering lunch.*
- **Let's Grow our Falcon Family!** Do you have a new neighbor or a new baby on your block? Let us know! We'd love to welcome them to our SJF Community! Email Mrs. Houston with the details: [khouston@sjfschool.us](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us). Thank you!
- Do you want to ***order an SJF yearbook***? See the flyer below for more information.
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, [dogrady@sjfschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjfschool.us).
- **Trying to prevent that summer (academic) slide?** Visit this link to see the different options and recommendations to keep our Falcons sharp all summer long! Questions? Reach out to Ms. Schiavone, [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us) or Mrs. Brogan, [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us).

## Pro Labore Dei Update

- The food collection in the church parking lot continues every Saturday morning from 9:30 -10 a.m. The ITEM OF THE MONTH FOR MAY is CANNED VEGETABLES of any kind. Other foods and diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6 are also much appreciated to stock our pantry. Thank you for all you do, Falcons!
- Call Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881) with any questions.

## Looking Ahead

<p><b>Saturday, May 18th</b></p>	<p><b>4 p.m. Mass - All are welcome!</b>  <b>Manna @ The Convent</b>  8:30 - 9:30 a.m.</p> 
<p><b>Sunday, May 19th</b></p>	<p><b>8 a.m &amp; 11 a.m. Mass</b>  <b>All are welcome!</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, May 20th</b>  <b>SJF Band Concert @ Marist, 7 p.m.</b></p> 	<p><b>iReady Begins this week for 3rd -8th graders. We can't wait to see how far you've grown!</b></p> 
<p><b>Tuesday, May 21st</b></p>	<p><b>8th Grade Science Fair</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, May 22nd</b>  <b>8th Grade Great America Trip</b></p>	<p><b>Manna @ the Convent</b>  6-7 p.m.</p> 
<p><b>Thursday, May 23rd</b>  <b>3rd Grade Chicago Field Trip!</b></p>	
<p><b>Friday, May 24th</b></p> 	<p><b>Kids Helping Kids Dress Down Day!</b>  <b>Dress in Red &amp; bring in a \$1 for Special Olympics!</b>  <b>8th Graders v.s. Special Olympic Athlete Basketball Game!</b></p>

*If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.*

**-MOTHER TERESA**

# WE'RE HIRING!



## FIRST GRADE & FOURTH GRADE TEACHERS

- Phenomenal, supportive parent and family community
- Motivated, intelligent, curious and kind students
- Team-oriented, collaborative, nurturing, warm, fun and friendly work environment

*You belong here* 



**Send Your Resume**  
[mnash@sjfschool.us](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us)



**For more information about SJF**  
[www.sjfschool.net](http://www.sjfschool.net)



**Congratulations to our 5th & 6th Grade Mathletes!**  
**These students competed in 4 regional and national math competitions this year. 5th grade had 5 national winners and the 6th grade had 11 national winners.**  
**Holly Mueller and Jimmy Sullivan placed first. We are so proud of you!**  
**Way to go FALCONS!**







# Calling all divas!



THEME  
*diva*

## SCAVENGER HUNT

### FRIDAY, MAY 31ST

GET YOUR TEAMS & COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE DIVA!  
TEAMS OF 4-8

HUNT WILL BEGIN IN KANE HALL @ 5:30 PM

NO TEAM? NO PROBLEM! SIGN UP & WE'LL PLACE YOU ON A TEAM

\$30 INCLUDES PIZZA & 2 DRINKS AT FINAL DESTINATION

SIGN UP EARLY TO GET DIBS ON YOUR DIVA TEAM NAME!

MORE INFO & SIGN UP [HERE](#) OR [HERE](#)





# In This Family *Falcons Fight Together*

Dear St. John Fisher Friends & Families,

The Dowling Family is in need of our support! Jimmy was recently diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer. Jimmy is a proud St. John Fisher Alum, Class of '88, and father to 7 children, all of whom have attended and still attend St. John Fisher.

The Dowlings have already battled cancer twice with their 9 year old son Beau, and just recently, their daughter Ella.

To make life a little easier for the Dowling family during Jimmy's treatment, we have set up an Instacart account to make shopping for groceries and other necessities easier for them.

If you are able, please donate to their Instacart account to relieve some of the burden while Jimmy battles this horrible disease.

Thank you!

## Dowling Family Instacart Account



Recipient name:

**Meg Dowling**

Recipient Email:

**megdowling12@yahoo.com**





# Manna Update

**Regular Hours:**

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 6-7 p.m.

Any changes to hours will be posted on FSA  
Facebook Page.

Stop in or use the [RAISE RIGHT APP](#) on-the go!

The best way to order physical cards (local too) in stock is to order using the App by Sunday at 10 p.m. and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6 p.m. Skip the line to pick-up when you order ahead! Let us know if you'd like your order sent home with your child.

Since May 1st, the program has raised more than **\$31,000 for the school and \$47,000 directly to families to lower tuition costs.** Thank you!

**The deadline to earn the \$300 requirement for this school year is April 30<sup>th</sup>.** To track your earnings, go to [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) under Account/Order History. We will not be distributing a letter. If you have questions, stop into the convent during open hours or email the Manna team.

Email the Manna team at [Sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:Sjfmanna@gmail.com) with any questions. More info [here](#).

Thank you for supporting  
St. John Fisher!





# CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S ST. JOHN FISHER YEARBOOK!

## Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

## To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to: [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:  
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Regular price: **\$27.39**

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### St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Memorial Day – No School: **5.27**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.31**, 12:00 p.m.  
“Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.2** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.6** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

*You belong here.*



\***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration:  
**May 29th.**



## 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
<b>May</b>	<b>Optimism</b>



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



# 2023-2024 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 & Academic Support *after* contacting the teacher
- 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
- MedicalForms

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)

- Student Services

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: [clarmon@sjfschool.us](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

Ms. Mary Schiavone (K-4): [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)  
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us)



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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
- Academic/Classroom support following communication with Mrs. Larmon

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)

