



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

Homecoming has arrived! We had the best week demonstrating our pride and love for SJF! Thank you to Ms. Dunlavy, Mrs. Condon, Mrs. Scannell, Dr. Chermak, our student SOAR leaders and NJHS who organized and planned such a fun week for our Falcons! The celebration continues tomorrow with our Homecoming Mass, parade, cheer squad, soccer and football games at Beverly Park. Let's Go Falcons! See the flyers below for the details. Thank you to our Athletic Board, Coaches and all of the parents who helped plan all of the Homecoming events. Grab a friend and come on out to celebrate all things SJF. All are welcome!

The faculty and staff are eager to meet with you during Parent-Teacher Conferences next week. Don't forget that our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest is October 21st in the Church Parking Lot. We look forward to both of these opportunities to see you on campus!

Now more than ever is a great time to be a St. John Fisher Falcon. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **PEACE+LOVE+SJF.**

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

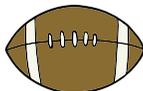
- **S&T Vouchers went home** with your child yesterday. Please check your child's bookbag if you ordered an S&T Voucher through the FSA. Thank you for your participation!
- **Yearbook** orders for the '21-'22 school year were sent home yesterday as well.
- **SJF Oktoberfest tickets are now on sale!** [VISIT THIS LINK](#) to purchase tickets for the event and the 50/50 Raffle.
- **Picture Day is Tuesday, October 4th.** Please [visit this link](#) if you would like to purchase your picture package online. Our school code is: 20060901.
- **Trimester 1 Progress Check** is October 5th. Reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** are Wednesday, October 5th and Thursday, October 6th. [Click here](#) to register for conferences!
- **High School Shadow Days:** If your child is taking a shadow day, please call the office to report his/her absence in addition to notifying your child's teachers.
- **Forgotten Items:** In an effort to emphasize this month's trait of the month, **Responsibility**, which is also one of our 3 B's from boot camp, St. John Fisher can **no longer accept forgotten assignments, supplies or Chromebooks before school.** SJF will accept medication and lunches.

- SJF will **no longer provide a loaner Chromebook** if a student forgot his/her Chromebook or forgot to charge his/her Chromebook. If a student's Chromebook is damaged and getting repaired, we will provide that student with a loaner Chromebook until his/her Chromebook is repaired.
- **Early Dismissal & Absent Protocols:** If your child is going to be absent or needs to be dismissed early, please email attendance@sjfschool.us. You can also copy his/her classroom teacher. The teachers' email addresses can be found here. You can always call the office and speak to Mrs. Kris Houston at 773.445.4737 if you have questions. Thank you!
- **Medical forms** (sports physicals, dental, vision) and your **family emergency card** need to be turned into the Main Office as soon as possible.
- **Extended Day:** As a reminder, this year Extended Day **ENDS AT 5 P.M.** Visit [this link](#) to register your child. Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.

Athletics Reminder

- Just a reminder the **chain of command for communication and questions** is: coach, coordinator, Athletic Board President, Steve Scarsella. Thank you!

Looking Ahead

Saturday, October 1st	SJF HOMECOMING - See flyer below for details. 
WEEKEND MASS	4 p.m. on Saturday & 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday ~ <i>We hope to see you there!</i>
Monday, October 3rd	First Monday of October - Our new trait of the month is RESPECT!
Tuesday, October 4th	Picture Day
Wednesday, October 5th	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-7 p.m., Kane Hall Visit the link above to schedule a conference.
Thursday, October 6th	EARLY DISMISSAL @ 12P.M. *Students should bring a snack. Lunch will NOT be served today. Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1-3 p.m., Kane Hall
Friday, October 7th	NO SCHOOL 
Monday, October 10th	NO SCHOOL 



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.



Manna Update

Manna Update: *Manna Hours expanded effective Monday, October 3rd.*

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



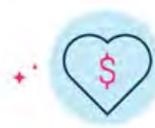
You buy a gift card

You get the full value.



The brand gives back

No extra money comes out of your pocket.



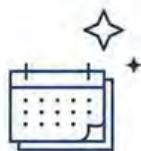
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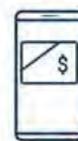
Budget friendly

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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*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!

- School Picture Day: **10.4**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.5, 10.6**
- No School: **10.7**
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – No School: **10.10**
- School Picture Make-up Day: **11.17**
- **11.23** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.27** *classes resume **11.28**
- **12.2** ~ 1:30 dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.4** *classes resume **1.5**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.16**
- 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**
- 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 8 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: **September 28th, October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Brian Bowen, 6th 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 6th grader, Brian Bowen.**

Kindness and generosity are two words that come to mind when the 6th grade teachers think about Brian Bowen. Brian is an exceptional student who always stays on top of his assignments, participates in class and helps his classmates. What makes Brian soar high like a Falcon is the way he treats everyone with respect and kindness. When the 5th grade teachers were looking for 6th graders who could help with establishing routines during WYN time, Brian was one of the first to volunteer his time. During WYN time, Brian generously donates his time and his talents to the 5th graders. Brian is a student ambassador for the 5th graders, providing help with writing their assignments in their planners, gathering their supplies and even understanding their assignments. Brian checks in with the teachers to see who needs help and then he tackles the task with energy, enthusiasm and a smile. Last Friday, Brian helped a student put the finishing touches on a Google Slides presentation. It took a little longer than expected. As the students around Brian and the student packed up to go, Brian encouraged his student to keep working and to get it done. The two of them worked right up to the bell. When they were done, he high fived the student and told him that it was going to be a great weekend because they were able to make his project THE BEST! Brian Bowen is one of THE BEST. Thank you Brian for sharing your remarkable talents and your positive attitude with everyone at SJF.



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
- Hot Lunch

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

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

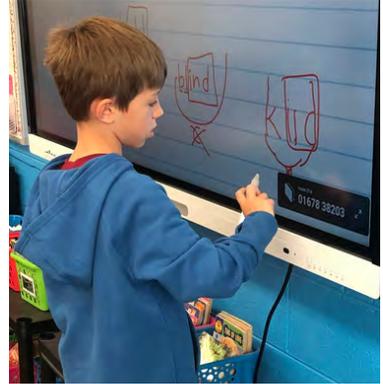
Contact SJF Principal,
Mrs. Maura Nash: mnash@sjfschool.us

- 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: fsa@sjfschool.us
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com













HSPT ENTRANCE EXAM PREP COURSE REGISTRATION

An HSPT Entrance Exam Prep course will be offered to interested 8th grade students. Our instructors will review all 5 sections of the exam---Verbal Skills, Mathematics, Reading, Language, and Quantitative Skills. The students will learn time management skills which are crucial for the HSPT and all standardized tests. Instructors will teach important problem-solving strategies and work to review and strengthen students' content knowledge during the prep course.

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is Saturday, December 3, 2022.

Course dates: 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/29 & 12/1
(All Thursdays except for Tuesday, 11/29)

Catholic High School Entrance Exam is Saturday, December 3, 2022

Course time: 3:00-4:15 p.m.

Cost: \$200 (cash or check made payable to SJF SCHOOL)

Instructors: Mrs. Condon & Ms. Dunlavy

Course Highlights: **Instructors have a combined 35 years of experience working with test prep companies including Huntington Learning Center, Academic Tutoring Center, Excel Edge and Sylvan.

**Small class sizes & individualized instruction & attention.

Please register by sending the completed form with payment to the main office.

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Check one:

Cash: _____ Check: (payable to St. John Fisher School) _____

Registration is due by Wednesday, OCTOBER 5th

OCTOBER ETC

The St. John Fisher Enrichment and Tutorial Center (ETC) is an after-school program designed to offer students a wide variety of classes not normally covered in the regular curriculum. Classes are a fun way for friends to explore areas of interest.

The October session runs from October 10th – October 28th. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School. Payment should be in an envelope marked E.T.C and returned to the Main Office by Thursday October 6th!

Monday Class: October 17th & 24th 3:00-4:30

No school on Monday October 10th

HAUNTED SCIENCE LAB: Have a spooktacular time in this fun class. We will make dancing ghosts and a pumpkin volcano. Come show off your inner mad scientist in this experimentally spooky class. **Class dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman, Room 107, Grades Pre-K-2nd

CANVA FOR KIDS: Pictures, Posters, School Projects, OH MY! Are you looking for a fun, creative outlet that can be used for work, fun, and beyond?! Sign up to learn more about Canva! We will go through the ins and outs of the website and create small projects for ourselves and the school. By the end of this ETC, we will have our very own talented SJF graphic designers! Please make sure to have your Chrome book each session. **Class will be dismissed from the office doors.**

Miss Schiavione, Room 215, Grades 4th-8th

Tuesday Class: October 11th, 18th & 25th 3:00-4:00

WITCHES IN TRAINING ACADEMY: This witch-themed class has all you need to keep things brewing with excitement. We will become wonderful witches. We will have a Broomstick Relay and play Musical Broomsticks. We will make Witches' Brew, play pin the tail on the black cat and much more! **Class dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman, Room 107, Grades Pre-K-2nd

JEWELRY MAKING IN THE ART ROOM: Join us in the art room for jewelry making using air- dry clay and/or beads. In our three weeks of class, we will mold clay into designs that will be painted and attached to jewelry pieces to create earrings, necklaces, or bracelets. Come create fun holiday pieces or everyday stylish jewelry!
Class will be dismissed from the office doors.

Mrs. Corley, Art Room, Grades 3rd -8th

FIT CLUB: Join Mrs. Sefcik to learn new ways to keep fit and have fun! We will conquer workouts such as AMRAPs, Tabata Stations and HIIT. Meet outside the gym doors and get ready to get in shape! **Class will be dismissed from the office doors.**
Mrs. Sefcik, Outside the Gym, Grades 3rd-6th

Wednesday Class: October 12th & 19th 3:00-4:30

No Class on October 26th due to early dismissal

SPOOKY & SWEET HALLOWEEN TREATS: All little goblins will love assembling -- and eating-- these spooky Halloween treats and sweets. We will create such treats as Chocolate Bat Bites, ghost Ghoo, Pumpkin Patch Dirt Cups and more. Join us for some fall fun! **Class dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman, Room 107, Grades Pre-K-2nd

Thursday Class: October 13th, 20th & 27th 3:00-4:00



MONSTER MASH: It's spooky season and that means one thing: time to binge our favorite Halloween activities. We will read some silly stories and make some scary good snacks & crafts. We will have a Monster Mash Freeze Dance, a Monster Costume Relay, Monster Bowling and much more! **Class dismissed from preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman, Room 107, Grades Pre-K-2nd



Please return the completed registration form in an envelope marked ETC to the Main Office by **Thursday, October 6th.**



Students Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____
Allergies (please list all and if child carries an EPI Pen and or/inhaler

*If your child has a food allergy please send him/her with his/her own snack.

Parent Signature: _____ Emergency Contact #: _____

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Homecoming 2022

October 1st

Meet @ Bilecki Field at 10:15am

Line-up at 10:45am

Parade kicks off at 11am



SJF



HOMECOMING

Saturday, October 1st

8:00am Mass at SJF Church

9:00-10:00am Breakfast

10:15am Meet at Bilecki Field

10:45am Line Up

11:00am Parade to Beverly Park

● **4th Grade Noon** ●

JV B 1:00pm ●

JV 2:00pm ●

Varsity 3:30 pm ●

BARRACO'S

Join us for a Eat and Earn to benefit

Saint John Fisher School



Wednesday October 12th, 2022

From 3pm-10pm

Evergreen Park Location

(3701 W 95th Street)



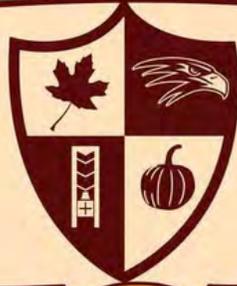
15% of your food purchase will be donated to SFJ FSA

Must Present Flyer

Valid on Dine In or Carryout orders only.



ST JOHN FISHER PRESENTS



OKTOBER FEST

\$30 PRESALE

\$35 AT THE DOOR

The Ron Burgundy
Vacht Rock and other 'softcore' Rock

**SECONDHAND
NEWS**

CHICAGO'S FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

*Beverly
Country
Club*



MUSIC

FOOD

BEER

**21
OCT
5-11PM**

Whittingham Burgers & Brats, Bavarian Pretzels,
Horse Thief & Open Outcry Oktoberfest Beers,
Domestic Beers and 90+ Cellars Seasonal Wines
all available for purchase. Split the Pot & Raffle Baskets.

LOCATED IN ST. JOHN FISHER PARKING LOT



[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

DID YOU MISS THE BACK TO SCHOOL SHIRT SALE?

**THERE ARE MORE SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE
IN THE OFFICE.**



SHIRTS ARE \$10 EACH

SEND MONEY TO THE OFFICE WITH THE SIZES YOU NEED

LIMITED SIZES AVAILABLE

Contact Mrs. Corley for any questions mcorley@sjfschool.us