



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

November 5, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

Can you believe we are just 11 days away from the end of the first trimester?! Our Falcons have grown so much this fall and we are proud of their progress. This last week of the trimester is critical for many of our students. Unit and chapter assessments and end of the trimester projects and assignments can make all of the difference this week. Please join us in encouraging your student(s) to do his/her absolute best in this last final push of this marking period. Let's Go Falcons!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,
Mrs. Maura Nash

Thanksgiving Project

It will be Thanksgiving before we know it! We are partnering with our parish ministry, Pro Labore Dei, to help provide Thanksgiving Meals to our sister parish in Robbins, IL. If your family is able to participate, we are asking that each student brings in one of the designated items that his/her grade is responsible for listed below. ***If you have any disposable grocery bags that you can donate, that would be greatly appreciated.*** Please bring in your donation by **Wednesday, November 10th**. Thank you for your generosity!

Preschool: a box of cake mix

Kindergarten: vanilla or cream cheese frosting

1st Grade: a box of stuffing

2nd Grade: a large box of instant mashed potatoes

3rd Grade: a jar of turkey (or other) gravy

4th Grade: a can of cranberry sauce

5th Grade: a can of sweet potatoes

6th Grade: a can of corn

7th Grade: a can of green beans

8th Grade: a can of peas



Important Announcements

- **Holiday Raffle Ticket** sellers are needed! Please [visit this sign-up link](#) if you are able to participate. Thank you!
 - Congratulations to our **Early Bird Winner**, Peg Gbur!
 - Tickets are available [online](#), after 11:00 mass, during MANNA hours or at the Rectory. You can also buy a ticket from any of our 5 ticket sellers. Get out and get yours today!
- A **HUGE THANK YOU** to **Corey O'Malley and Lynn O'Brien** for organizing and facilitating SJF's first **Trunk or Treat!** The creative car décor blew us away and a Spooktacular time was had by all! Thank you to everyone who participated!
- **FSA Save the Dates:** *Santa's Coming to Town*, **12.10 & 12. 11**, *Mother Son Bulls Game*, **1.30**, and the *Father Daughter Dance*, **2.5**.
- **S&T orders** will be sent home with your child next week.
- **Extended Day** : Make sure to [register your child here](#). Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjschool.us.

Manna Update

Signing up for the App is as easy as Venmo! Get started today to help the school fundraise on your everyday purchases without a cost to you! Would you rather sell wrapping paper or popcorn?

- Manna App: [Raise Right](#).
- Need more help, check out the [Manna Overview](#).
- Quick videos to make it easy: [Video demo for the app or Video to help understand the rebates](#).

Girls Basketball

Our Girls Basketball Teams are doing great!

6 of our teams are in the South Suburban Basketball League Final 4!
Below is the weekend schedule. Come out and cheer on our Falcons!

- **8B** plays St. Catherine @ Marist Friday Nov 5th @ 7:10
If they win, the championship is Sunday @ Marist @ 3:10
- **7A** plays St. Michael's @ Marist Friday Nov 5th @ 8:00
If they win, the championship is Sunday @ Marist @ 3:10
- **7 Blue** plays St. Cajetan @ Marist Saturday Nov 6th @ 5:50
If they win, the championship is Sunday @ Marist @ 2:20
- **7 White** plays St. Christina @ Marist Saturday Nov 6th @ 5:00
If they win, the championship is Sunday @ Marist @ 2:20
- **6A** plays St. Cajetan @ Marist Saturday Nov 6th @ 5:50
If they win, the championship is Sunday @ Marist @ 2:10
- **6B** plays St. Cajetan @ Marist Saturday Nov 6th @ 7:30
If they win, the championship is Sunday @ Marist @ 1:10

Looking Ahead

Weekend Mass	Join us for Mass: 4 p.m. on Saturday, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday
Saturday & Sunday, November 6th & 7th	Girls Playoff Basketball <i>*please see the above schedule</i>
Saturday, November 6th	ETC 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey Bowl w/ Mrs. Altman
Monday, November 8th	Chess Wizards 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Schiller Academic Eligibility Club 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy ETC's 3– 4 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fidget Fun w/ Mrs. Altman Baking Buddies w/ Ms. Mc Andrews
Tuesday, November 9th *Holy Name Society Apparel Sale Ends @ Midnight	Homework Club 3 – 3:45 p.m. ETC 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey Bowl w/ Mrs. Altman
Wednesday, November 10th	Homework Club 3-3:45 p.m. Academic Eligibility Club 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy Thanksgiving Project Donation Due Today! *Please see the request list above
Thursday, November 11th Veterans Day *Students can wear A TOUCH of red, white and/or blue with their uniform bottoms	Veterans Day Prayer Service 9 a.m. ETC 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friendsgiving Club w/ Mrs. Altman HSPT Class 3:00 – 4: 30 p.m.

**Squadlocker Spirit-wear goes on sale this week –
start your Christmas Shopping early with our latest designs!*

COVID GUIDANCE

We are in this together...thank you for your cooperation!

- Please review the most recent communication from the archdiocese [linked here](#). These guidelines will be reviewed every two weeks and are subject to change.
- A few details to highlight:
 - All symptomatic individuals must remain home, regardless of vaccination status.
 - If symptoms last longer than 24 hours, individuals must receive a negative COVID-19 test or alternative medical diagnosis prior to returning to school.
 - Masks are required for all students and staff indoors regardless of vaccination status.

2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



**Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change.*

- End of First Trimester: **11.16**
- Make-up School Picture Day: **11.18**
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.28** *classes resume **11.29**
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.5** *classes resume **1.6**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.17**
- First Reconciliation: **1.25 & 1.25**
- Catholic Schools Week: **1.30 – 2.5**
- Confirmation: **2.6**
- 8th Grade Graduation Pictures: **2.9**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.17**
- President's Day Break: **2.18 – 2.21** *classes resume **2.22**
- End of Second Trimester: **3.8**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.14**
- Spring Break: **4.13 – 4.24** *classes resume **4.25**
- First Communion: **4.30**
- May Crowning: **5.6**
- 8th Grade Ribbon Mass: **5.20**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.30**
- Last Day of 8th Grade Classes: **6.1**
- Graduation Dance: **6.3**
- Graduation Mass: **6.5**
- End of Third Trimester, Last Day of School: **6.8** ~ 10:30 dismissal

***1 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings and PLC work: **November 3rd, December 1st, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th.**



FALCONS OF THE WEEK

S.O.A.R. Students from 7th & 8th 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 7th & 8th graders: Brian Guinane, Andrew Stodolny, Quinn Collins, Rachel Roche, Brigid Ryan, Bridie O'Connor, Maddie Colander, and Caitlin Kinnane.**

These amazing students volunteered their time last Saturday at a Special Olympics Bowling Event. We are so proud of these impressive Falcons! Our students embraced this experience with positivity and enthusiasm. They were incredibly thoughtful, attentive, and helpful throughout the entire event. Our Falcons engaged in conversations and activities with the athletes and their families and displayed true leadership and kindness. They took the initiative, cleaned up, took pictures, and helped individuals with various tasks throughout the day. The students shared that they were grateful for the opportunity to help others and would love to do more! Thank you for representing our school and your families so well. You have made and impact on us all! Keep flying like Falcons; you are making a difference!

WE LOVE OUR SJF TEACHERS!



THIS WEEK'S FACULTY SPOTLIGHT IS ON **KATIE ALTMAN** FROM PRE-SCHOOL.

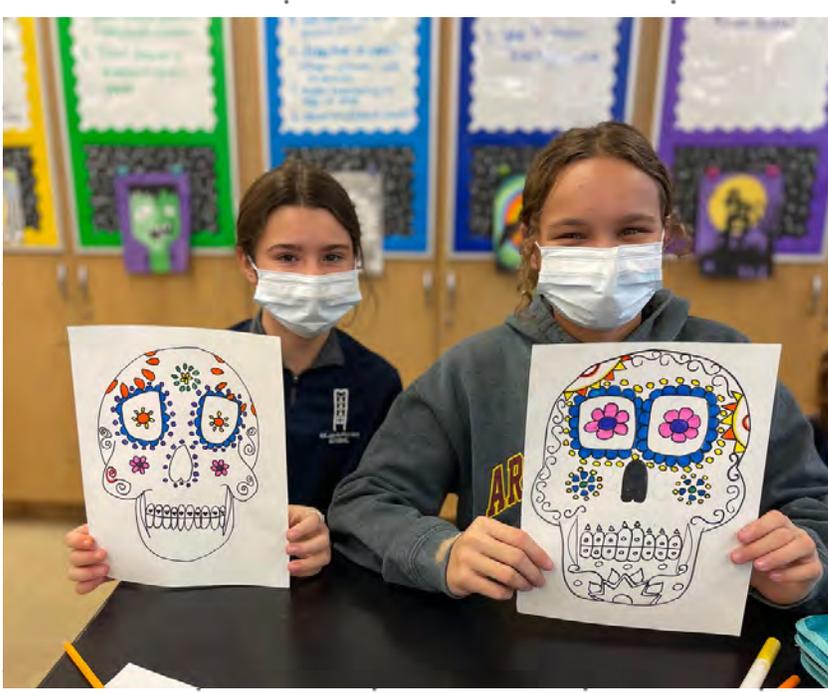
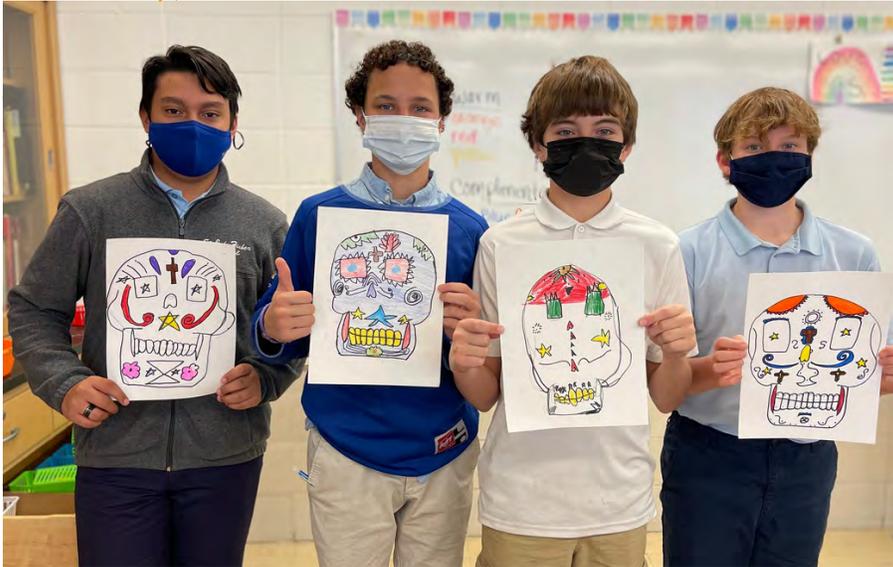
Schools in our country are suffering from a significant teacher shortage. SJF is fortunate to be fully staffed with some of the best teachers around. We are proud of our incredible faculty and want to pause to celebrate them! This week we celebrate, **Mrs. Katie Altman!**



1. How long have you been at SJF? **27 years!** This was my first job out of college. I have taught 1st grade, 3rd grade, 5th grade and found my home in preschool.
2. What do you love about SJF? I love **EVERYTHING** about SJF starting with the students. We are home to the most amazing kiddos around. I've always been proud to be a part of this creative and compassionate faculty and this community is unmatched. The families here are simply the best! SJF is my home away from home and a huge piece of my heart will always be at SJF!
3. How do you keep your little ones on task all day long? **Preschoolers meet tasks with excitement and enjoyment.** We try to make preschool a place that they love. We keep our little ones engaged by making it fun! We incorporate music, movement, art, literature, and play in everything we do!
4. Can you tell us something that we may not know about you? **I love to run into former Falcons and always remember my former students.** And after all these years, I can still recite my first class list in **ABC** order!

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS







7TH & 8TH GRADE HOLY FIRE RETREAT



C O N G R A T S

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
WINNERS OF THE BRHA
HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST!**



**MACKENZIE MILAKOVICH
5TH GRADE**



**TIM MCDONALD
KINDERGARTEN**





St. John Fisher Holiday Grand Raffle

Tickets are \$100 each

First prize: \$25,000 Second prize: \$5,000 Third prize: \$2,000

Early Bird Raffle \$500

October 31st at 11:00 a.m. Mass

1 entry per 5 tickets sold will be entered into a \$1,000 prize raffle

Tickets can be purchased **October 16th-December 4th** in person at the rectory,
after 11:00 a.m. mass, or online through the church and school websites

<https://www.sjfschool.net> or <https://www.stjohnfisherparish.net>

Winners will be drawn

**December 4th @
4:00 p.m. Mass**





St. John Fisher Holy Name Society Apparel Store 2021

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://sjfhnsapparelstore2021.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Tuesday November 9th, 2021 (11:59pm CST)

Holloway Homecoming Beanie



\$15.00

Keep cozy while cheering on your favorite team in the Homecoming Beanie. This striped knit beanie...

Richardson Trucker Visor



\$15.00

SHAPE: Visor 2 1/4" Front Panel FABRIC: Twill/Polyester Mesh VISOR: Precurved SWEATBAND:...

Pacific Headwear Trucker Snapback Mesh Cap



2 Colors

\$20.00

Structured Pro crown with Pro-Stitched finish and adjustable snap-back Pre-curved visor with self...

Pacific Headwear Trucker Flexfit® Cap



2 Colors

\$25.00

CURRENT LEAD TIME IS 60 DAYS The King of Truckers, the Trucker Flexfit from Pacific Headwear equips...

Russell Athletic Essential Tee



2 Colors

\$15.00

The Russell Athletic® Essential Tee delivers the comfort, style, and performance to fit your...

Russell Athletic Essential Hooded T-Shirt



\$20.00

Designed to be lightweight without the bulk, the Russell Athletic® Essential Hoodie is perfect for...

A4 Player Pocketed 10" Short



\$20.00

Added texture and a reverse texture side panel give these shorts a finished look. Moisture Wicking...

Blue Generation Adult Pullover Hoodie



\$25.00

70/30 combed ringspun cotton/poly blend 9 ounces Half moon label mount with sewn down label Front...

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Questions?
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Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Stretch 1/2-Zip Pullover



\$30.00

An extremely flexible layer with a soft-brushed backing and moisture control for year-round...

Holloway Prism Bold 1/4 Zip Pullover



\$35.00

The Prism Bold 1/4 Zip Pullover from Holloway is top choice for coaches, teams, & corporate...

Augusta Sportswear Ladies Fanatic Tee



\$20.00

4.0 ounce 50% polyester/50% combed cotton slub fabric Ladies' fit Tagless label Contrast color...

Bella+Canvas Unisex Jersey Long Sleeve Hooded T-Shirt



\$20.00

4.2 oz., 100% airlume combed and ringspun cotton, 32 singles Crossover "V" at neckline Retail...

Pennant Sportswear Womens Hooded Cinch-It Anorak



\$35.00

Soft and quiet dobby polyester. Wear loose or cinched-in with adjustable bottom. White shoulder...

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2021-2022 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@sifschool.us

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sifschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Kate Spadoni: kspadoni@sifschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions
- Medical Forms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: lmurray@sifschool.us

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees
- Technology

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sifschool.us

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: mredmond@sifschool.net
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: echermak@sifschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sifschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- Counseling, pre-k – 4th

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Lauren Lordo: llordo@sifschool.us

- Counseling, 5th – 8th
- iReady

SJF Counselor and Assistant Principal, Student Support
Mrs. Nichole Carey: ncarey@sifschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): wbiernacki@sifschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sifschool.us



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