



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts

St. John Fisher School – Together, we've got this!

April 30, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

We have so much to be grateful for as a school community. I cannot believe that tomorrow is May 1st! We are in the home stretch of this unprecedented school year. I am so proud of all of us and thankful to be a part of this caring, supportive and resilient community. Stay tuned for a letter next week discussing our budget, tuition and fee structure for the 2021-2022 school year and a glimpse into the improvements we are making for our bright future.

Please join me in praying for our spirited second graders, their families and their teachers as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion tomorrow. Each cohort will have their own mass at 10, 12 and 2. Thank you for sharing in this excitement! Each year, under the guidance of Dr. Chermak, our second graders learn and recite this prayer that I would like to share with you: "May the Lord always bless you and keep you. May his face always shine upon you. May you know his compassion and mercy. May the Lord walk beside you forever."

Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. We are so grateful for each and every one of you! I continue to pray for the resiliency and well-being of all of our students and families.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- **School Advisory Board (SAB) UPDATE:**
 - **SAB Application is now available!** Please consider sharing your skills and talents with us by serving on the SAB for the 2021-2022 school year. The role of the board is to provide counsel and advice to the pastor and principal regarding: Mission Effectiveness, Member Development, Financial and Physical Resources, Institutional Advancement including: Communication, Marketing, Recruitment/Enrollment/Retention, Development and Creation of the school's long-range strategic plan. The minimum time commitment is about 2-3 hours per month including a monthly meeting and follow-up committee work. There is additional information on our purpose, structure and objectives under the "Organizations" tab of the school website. The selection process includes 1-2 interviews with current and past board members in late spring/early summer. We aim to select new board members by August to enable a strong start for the new school year. **SAB is seeking applicants with Education, Development and Fundraising backgrounds.** Applications are **due by Friday, May 7, 2021.** Please email sjfsab@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you. Please [click this link](#) to apply. Thank you for your interest!
 - Congratulations to SJF third-grader, Maggie Berry, for winning BAPA's Earth Day Art Contest!
 - **May 1st** is SJF's **First Holy Communion**. Mass times are 10, 12 and 2. We are still in need for volunteers to help clean the church in between liturgies. If you are able to help, [please sign-up here](#).
 - **Attention 8th Graders:** Please wear a **t-shirt** representing the **high school** you will be attending next year on Tuesday, **May 4th**. We will be taking a special picture to celebrate each of you on that day!
 - **May 5th** is a **dress down in RED** day in support of **Special Olympics**. Please see the flyer below.
 - **May 7th** is May Crowning and an **11:30 dismissal for the whole school!** May Crowning is at 10:45 and will be livestreamed. The link will be shared via e-mail and our social media platforms.

- **SJF Breast Cancer Walk-a-thon:** Save the date for SJF's Breast Cancer Walk-a-thon on **May 28th** in honor and support of 2 very special faculty members. See the below flyer discussing ways you can participate and support this important cause!
- Thank you SJF families for your generous contributions to our Earth Day dress down day! As a school community, we raised over \$500 and had an all-school planting day to beautify our campus.
- **Spanish Teacher Opening:** SJF is seeking a highly qualified candidate to teach Spanish full-time to grades 3-8 for the 2021-2022 school year. Interested candidates should contact Maura Nash, mnash@sjfschool.net. **Please spread the word!**
- Are you looking to get a **head start on summer enrichment** for your student?! Visit SJF's enrichment support and activity page, [linked here](#), compiled by our resourceful **resource department!**
- Don't forget to save your spot for **Extended Day**. The Extended Day sign-up sheet is [linked here](#).
- **Have you seen our new landscaping?** Thank you so much to our volunteer parishioners, The Falcon Flower Growers, led by Chas Hayes, for making our campus come alive. SJF is also excited to partner with an SJF family owned landscaping company, Gemini! We are grateful for all of your efforts and improvements!
- **Family School Association (FSA) Update:** The upcoming FSA Events are: Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3rd – 7th) and an end of the year family event. If you would like to volunteer, [please sign-up here](#). THANK YOU to the FSA for purchasing new recess equipment for each grade. What an amazing and useful gift!
- **Yearbook:** Please see the flyer below to begin uploading pictures to Treering in order to contribute pictures from Confirmation, First Holy Communion, etc. Thank you!
- SAVE THE DATE! The first day of school next year is August 25th!
- **Join us this weekend for mass!** Visit the parish website, [linked here](#), to see our schedule and mass times.

MANNA News

- Please see the flyer below highlighting new brands, bonuses and easy tracking!
- **Today, April 30th is the cutoff for this year's Manna Requirement. Around May 15th, you will see a fundraising fee in FACTS if you have not reached the \$300 school earnings requirement (\$300 minus what you've earned for the school thru the program).**
Remember, the \$175 fundraising fee that was normally charged at the start of the year was eliminated to give families an opportunity to reduce the fee as much as they can. Thank you all for your participation! It's making a difference.

COVID Reminders

Dear SJF Families,

Unfortunately, SJF has experienced a recent increase of COVID-19 cases. We continue to pray for the health, well-being and resiliency of our students and families! I would like to take this opportunity to remind our families of the guidelines and protocols put in place to help keep our students safe and our doors open. We have all experienced a great deal of frustration and inconvenience as it relates to this pandemic. But as a community, we need to remain cautious so that *together* we can end the year strong! I know this isn't easy, but we remain grateful for your understanding and partnership during this challenging and unprecedented time.

- If anyone in your household is experiencing a COVID symptom ([listed here](#)), please keep your child(ren) home until you can rule out that it is not COVID.
- If anyone in your household is planning to get tested or gets tested, please keep your child(ren) home until you receive the results of your test. If the household member took both a rapid and a PCR test, **please keep your child(ren) home until you receive the results from the PCR test.**

Hang in there everyone. We are all in this together!



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Holly Mueller, 3rd Grade



This year, our school theme 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 third grader, Holly Mueller.**

The FSA has been organizing COVID-safe fundraisers, like the S & T vouchers, throughout the year to benefit our school in different ways. With the money raised from the most recent voucher incentive, the FSA generously and thoughtfully donated new recess equipment for every grade! So, thank you for your support of this program! Obviously, going outside is a real treat and the highlight of the day as the kids can take a mask break and run around after having to remain in the same seats all day. During recess last week, one of the dodge balls that Holly was playing with popped. Holly felt so sad about the new equipment breaking on her watch that she used her own allowance money to replace it. Holly also called a member of the FSA to report the accident and assure her that she would take care of it. Holly, you are as equally responsible and honest as you are kind, funny and smart. Thank you, Holly, for going ABOVE AND BEYOND! You are steadfast in your desire to always be honest and do the right thing. You are a remarkable example to all of us and we are proud that you are a Falcon! You are brave. You are honest. You are unique. You are making a difference!

PLANTING AROUND THE BUILDING



DO YOUR PART IN SAVING
THE PLANET.

EARTH DAY ART CONTEST WINNER
2021



MAGGIE BERRY
ST. JOHN FISHER
3RD GRADE

**RETHINK, REFUSE,
REDUCE, REUSE,
RECYCLE.**

RECOMMIT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

"KIDS HELPING KIDS WEAR RED DAY"

AS A SCHOOL WE ARE SUPPORTING THE
LOCAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS
ORGANIZATION.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT
AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THESE YOUNG
ATHLETES BY JOINING TOGETHER AND
DONATING A \$1 OR MORE FOR AN OUT
OF UNIFORM, WEAR RED DAY ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH.



**Special
Olympics**
Chicago



SJF BREAST CANCER WALK

FRIDAY, MAY 28

THE STORE IS NOW OPEN TO ORDER YOUR T-SHIRT AND LAWN SIGN FOR OUR FIRST SJF BREAST CANCER WALK.

<https://sjfbreastcancerwalk2021.itemorder.com/sale>

ORDERING WILL BE AVAILABLE
UNTIL SUNDAY, MAY 9

T-SHIRT - \$15.00

FRONT



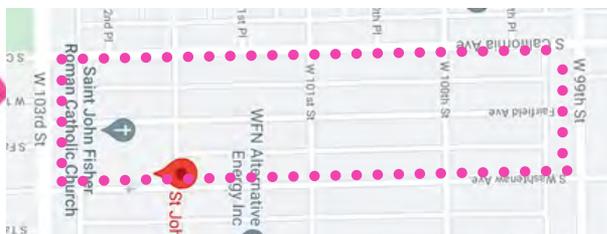
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LAWN SIGN - \$10.00



ANYONE WHO LIVES ALONG THE WALK ROUTE IS ENCOURAGED TO DECORATE YOUR FRONT LAWN FOR THIS EVENT.



*1ST-8TH GRADE WILL WALK THE DOTTED ROUTE.

*PREK & K WILL WALK AROUND THE PERIMETER OF OUR CAMPUS.



CONGRATULATIONS ST. JOHN FISHER BAND STUDENTS!

SJF Band Students participated in the
Archdiocesan Solo Contest
via ZOOM on Saturday, April 17th.

Receiving an "Excellent" Rating:

- Madelynn Feliz, 5th grade

Receiving a "Superior" Rating:

- Daniel Deacy, 7th grade
- Jacob Diaz, 7th grade
- Quentin Lyons, 5th grade

WAY TO GO FALCONS!



1. **Brand update: Use your Amazon.com Gift Cards to pay for Prime. New Brands: Earn 4% on Instacart (eCertificate and physical cards). Earn 2.5% on eBay purchases (eCertificate only)**
2. **EASY TRACKING OF REBATES EARNED THRU RAISE RIGHT APP: *Open the Raise Right APP and Click on Account in bottom right corner* 😊**



See how much you've earned—now in the mobile app (This would not include purchases made at the convent). Best Practice: Order local cards thru the app to be sent home from school to be able to track all orders regularly on app.

APRIL 10, 2021

Use the RaiseRight™ mobile app to see how much money you've raised in the last 3 months, 6 months, and 1 year. It's a great way to stay on track with your earning goals. Open the app and go to the Account tab to see your personalized dashboard.

Please note: Timing and earning totals are based on your purchases and may not represent your organization's rebate sharing or when those funds are paid out to you.

1. **BONUS DAYS: APRIL 29th and 30th: ThankScriping Day: Retailers announced next week. Not too late to get started to earn towards the annual fundraising requirement. All purchases made by April 30th at 2PM will count towards this year's \$300 requirement. Check out how to get started [here](#). Highly recommend new or regular users to get the Raise Right App so you can take advantage of Bonus Days. Largest Bonus Day of the year is coming up on April 29th and 30th ThankScriping Day. Specifics will be announced on the App on April 28th. More info on how to use the app for Everyday Purchases.**

We Need Your Photos for the St. John Fisher Yearbook

1

On the homepage, click on **Share Photos**.

1 Purchase Yearbook

Purchase your yearbook

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Create 2 **FREE** custom pages

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 Get Your Yearbook Signed

Sign a Friend's Yearbook

[Request a Signature](#)

 Share Photos

[Share Your Photos](#)

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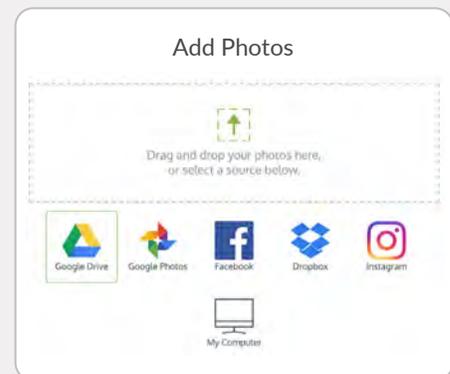
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Click the **Add Photos** button.

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Add Photos from Google Drive,
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Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

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