



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts

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

December 11, 2020

Dear SJF Families,

We hope you are finding time to enjoy this holiday season with your loved ones in spite of this unique time. We continue to make every effort to establish a sense of normalcy for your children in the building. With the help of our amazing SOAR students and dedicated and creative teacher moderators, we have many COVID-SAFE activities planned including classroom door decorating contests, ugly sweater day and Polar Express Pajama Day. This past Tuesday we also celebrated our first virtual mass as a school on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Thank you to Dr. Chermak and Fr. Ken along with our fabulous fourth grade class and their teachers and Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Corley for making this possible. We would also like to give a huge shout out to our incredible FSA who has spent countless hours planning this weekend's SANTA visits as well as the 12 days of Christmas Teacher and Staff Celebration. Your efforts are making this difficult time so special and we are just so grateful for you!

We are just 7 short school days away from Christmas Break. As always, thank you so much for your continued support and caution as it relates to our health and safety protocols. Because of you, the overall health of our school is stronger than ever as we enter into our 14th week of in-person learning! We are appreciative of your partnership and honesty which allows to continue the privilege of learning in our awesome school.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- **Ho-Ho-Ho! FSA Santa Visits are this weekend!** An e-mail was shared with participating families last night. In case you missed it, [here is the information](#). Please **WEAR YOUR MASK** when greeting Santa and his elves! Masks are optional for the picture. Have fun!
- The **SJF Holiday Grand Raffle Drawing** was a huge success! We sold over 1000 tickets for this critical parish fundraiser – a huge thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to its success!
- The SJF Women's Club is still holding registration for this year. The registration fee is waived this year. If you weren't able to return your registration card to your block captain, please add your name to [this list](#). Reach out to the Women's Club if you have any questions, SJFWomensClub@gmail.com.
- **MANNA UPDATE:** You should have received your family's report in your oldest child's folder outlining your school earnings and tuition credit so far this year. Please review the letter in detail and email sjfmanna@gmail.com if you have any questions. **Some families have reached the \$300 school earnings requirement already! Thank you!** The Manna program is the school's single largest regular fundraising effort without any cost to you. We appreciate increased engagement in recent months resulting in almost 60% of school families registered; however, we are significantly behind the revenue goal we set to help balance the school's operating budget. Any shortage to the minimum \$300 required Manna contribution will be billed to the school family and due by May 15th. If a family achieves the \$300 in earnings for the school, it will simultaneously accrue a \$450 tuition credit. WinWin! See [Manna Website](#) for additional info on how to get started.
- The **Archdiocese Parent Survey results** were shared with schools this past week. Based on the data, just over 70% of SJF families are supportive of learning in-person until Christmas Break; similarly, 92% of SJF families have a high satisfaction and comfort level with in-person learning as well as with our COVID health and safety procedures. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.
- **Christmas Break** is right around the corner. To clarify, we are scheduled to be learning in-person on December 21st and 22nd with an 11:30 dismissal on the 22nd. Remote learning begins on Wednesday, January 6th. More detail regarding our remote learning schedule will be shared with you in the coming weeks.
- Our **BEAU STRONG Apparel** will be ready for distribution prior to Christmas break. Thank you for your generosity and support for the amazing Dowling Family!

COVID Reminders

- Here are answers to some of our most frequently asked questions:
 - ***If a student becomes ill at school and has 1 or more COVID symptoms, the student and his/her siblings will be sent home.*** The School Office will send an e-mail to parents communicating that in order for their family to return back to school, parents must share documentation of a negative COVID test result or a doctor's note indicating that the diagnosis is not COVID related.
 - When a student is absent due to an illness, the School Office will e-mail the parents:
 - ***If the symptom(s) persists for more than 24 hours,*** the School Office will send an e-mail to parents communicating that in order for their family to return back to school, parents must share documentation of a

negative COVID test result or a doctor's note indicating that the diagnosis is not COVID related.

- Homework cannot be sent home with neighbors or friends, but CAN BE SENT HOME WITH SIBLINGS. Please connect with your students' teacher(s) to coordinate missing work.
 - When picking up your child early from school for whatever reason, parents are expected to wait outside the main office doors.
- If your child's classroom has to quarantine, you only need to quarantine his/her siblings if he/she is showing symptoms of COVID-19. In an effort to keep everyone safe and protect our school community at large, ***please communicate with us any documentation you receive from your doctor regarding your child's symptoms/illness.*** In order to keep everyone safe, we must always make cautious decisions with the well-being of those around us at heart. Thank you for working with us!
 - ***Please partner with us and keep your children safe while outside of school. If we all follow this guidance, we will have a greater chance of keeping our doors open.*** While your child is not in school, *please remind him/her to wear a mask, keep his/her distance, wash and sanitize his/her hands, and stay home if he/she is sick.*
 - This year you need to **reserve your spot for Extended Day Care**. Due to the new Covid Safety Guidance, we can only serve 50 students at a time. [Here is the form](#) to reserve your spot.

St. John Fisher Parish News

Pro Labore Dei continues to work for those in need in the Robbins, Blue Island and Posen.

- This month PLD is sponsoring a toy drive for these communities.
- We are asking each "buyer" to purchase a toy for their grade range, wrap the gift and clearly mark the outside with the specific age range and gender (if applicable).
- ***Please drop your donation off at the Rectory by December 11th.*** The gifts will be sorted and distributed on December 12th. Thank you so much for your generosity!

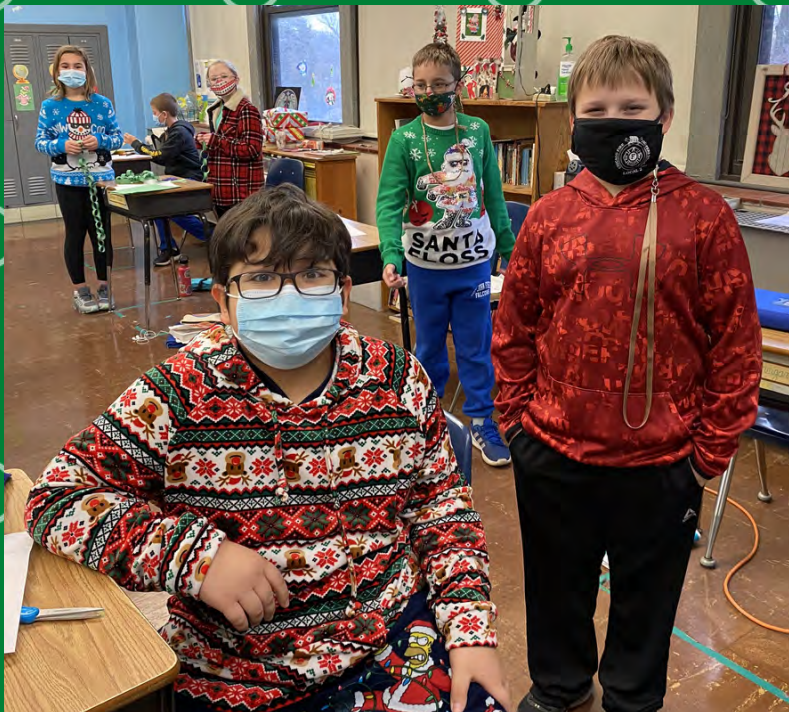
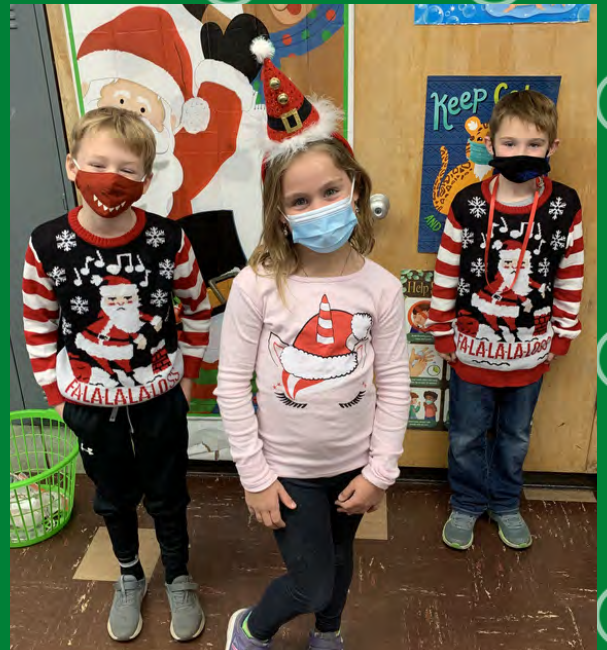
Any questions, please contact Pam O'Mara, 773-612-0281.



Don't forget to join us for mass! St. John Fisher is open for **Mass** at **4 PM on Saturdays, 8 AM and 11 AM on Sundays, and 8:15 AM every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday.** **Confession** is also available every **Saturday 3 PM - 3:45 PM**. If you would like to sign up in advance for weekend Masses, you may call the rectory, 773-445-6565 or sign up online [here](#). While you are not required to sign up in advance, it helps us ensure enough space for all.

Fa La La La Festive Friday!







2020-2021 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

- 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@sjschool.net

- Attendance
- Calendars
- Schedules
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Public Relations

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Kate Spadoni: kspadoni@sjschool.net

- Registration
- Admissions
- Medical Forms

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

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sjschool.net

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

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

- Counseling
- Student Support

Contact SJF Counselor and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Nichole Carey: ncarey@sjschool.net

- Parent Newsletter
- Financial Aid Applications
- School Procedures
- Administrative Matters
- Policy
- Further assistance on any matters listed above

Contact SJF Principal, Mrs. Maura Nash: mnash@sjschool.net

- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

School Advisory Board: sjsab@gmail.com
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: fsa@sjschool.net
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com



MANNA
has your
Christmas List
Covered!



Visit MANNA 'Cash and Carry' Hours at the Convent (on Fairfield side)

Monday 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Friday 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (school days only)
Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Saturdays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Thursdays 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Sundays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Or buy online at www.ShopWithScrip.com

All online orders (including local stores) must be placed by noon on Sunday for pick up starting Wednesday evening.



Support **SJF School** and Local Businesses during the holidays with **NO COST TO YOU!**
Purchase Holiday Gift Cards through our Manna Program.
Community Members can Earn Rebates, too (2 - 14%). Better value than credit card rewards!!

Choose from the following common packages or *Pick and Choose* select retailers and amounts from attached [form](#) with **100+ Retailers Available**. *SJF Families is aiming to sell \$1500 in gift cards this holiday season.*

Package 1: Holiday Meals

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
County Fair	\$100	3%
Town Liquor	\$50	3%
Swanson's	\$50	5%
Totals	\$200	\$7.00

Package 2*: Online Shopping

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Amazon	\$100	2.25%
Kohl's	\$100	3%
Gap	\$100	14%
Totals	\$200	\$19.25

*(All available in ecertificates to quickly load in your cart or email as gifts)

Package 3: Stocking Stuffers

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Dunkin Donuts	\$20	3%
Starbucks	\$20	7%
Panera Bread	\$20	5%
Beverly Bakery	\$20	6%
Chipotle	\$20	6%
Golf Galaxy	\$25	2.25%
Amazon	\$25	8%
Oberweis	\$20	5%
Total	\$200	\$8.98

Package 4: Local Dining & Carry-Out

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Horse Thief Hallow	\$50	6%
Fox's	\$50	6%
Milano's	\$50	6%
Open Outcry	\$50	3%
Total	\$200	\$10.50

Package 5*: Teens, Kids and Grandkids

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
American Girl	\$100	9%
Target	\$50	2.50%
American Eagle	\$50	10%
Xbox	\$50	6%
TopGolf	\$50	8%
Build-A-Bear	\$25	8%
Disney	\$25	3%
Total	\$350	\$25.00

*(All available in ecertificates to quickly load in your cart or email as gifts)

Package 6: Home Décor & Improvement

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Home Depot	\$100	4%
Bed, Bath and Beyond	\$100	7%
Home Goods & Improvement	\$50	7%
Total	\$250	\$14.50

Package 7: Look Good Feel Good!

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Ulta	\$50	3%
Everything's Relative	\$50	3%
Core	\$50	3%
Total	\$150	\$3.00

Manna is our #1 School Fundraiser. We need to increase participation to balance school budget and maintain competitive tuition rates. Our Goal is to raise **\$100,000 for SJF School** through this program. Every effort counts! **Thank you for the support! You can purchase gift cards thru the program anytime of year.** See "Support us" tab on [website](#) for hours to stop in to buy or easy steps to purchase online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Email sjfmanna@gmail.com with questions!

Stop in! *Open everyday except Tuesdays:* Manna "Cash and Carry" Hours at the **Convent (on Fairfield side):** Monday 8-9:30 am, Wednesdays 6-7:30pm, Thursdays 8-9:30am, Friday 1-2:30 pm (school year), Saturdays 8:30-9:30 am, Sundays 11 - Noon

Amazon Shoppers,

Please join us at AmazonSmile when completing your shopping orders. AmazonSmile can be used on both regular orders and Amazon Fresh orders. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases to St. John Fisher. Using AmazonSmile is at no cost to you! Instead of using the regular Amazon app or webpage, you will open up AmazonSmile instead 😊 Thank you for your support!

There are 3 EASY ways to remember Amazon Smile when making your purchase on Amazon.

1. To Shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You can add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to remember.

2.

Make it easier to return to smile.amazon.com by adding a shortcut to your phone's home screen



1. Tap the share icon at the bottom of this window.



2. Tap **Add to Home Screen**, and then tap **Add**.



3. Tap the new icon on your home screen to return at any time to smile.amazon.com.

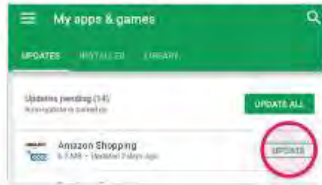
3.

AmazonSmile is now in the Amazon Shopping App

You can now support your favorite charity when you shop using the Amazon Shopping App on your Android device. See below for instructions to turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App.

Follow the steps attached below to add AmazonSmile in your Amazon Shopping App. This feature is coming very soon for iOS (Apple), stay tuned!

1 Make sure you have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App



1. Open the Google Play Store
2. Tap the menu (≡)
3. Tap on My apps & games
4. Tap the Updates tab
5. Update the Amazon Shopping App

2 Open the Amazon Shopping App



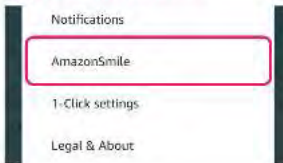
3 Tap in the main menu in the Amazon App



4 Tap Settings



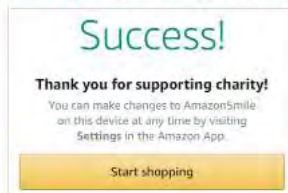
5 Tap AmazonSmile



6 Follow the instructions on the screen to turn on AmazonSmile



7 All set! Tap the Start shopping button and support charity



Coming soon on iOS. Stay tuned!