



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

February 17, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

Thank you for sharing your feedback regarding the masking topic on the survey that was sent out yesterday. In case you missed it, [here is the link](#) to the survey. We are hoping that every parent shares their perspective. SJF's faculty and staff completed a similar survey. This information will help guide us (the local city arch school principals and myself) in our anticipated communications with the leaders of the Health Department and the City of Chicago. I will update you on the general results for both surveys and any other details and relevant communication regarding this topic. Due to the sheer number of emails I have been receiving about this daily, I have not been able to respond to everyone in a timely manner. Please know that I am reading your concerns and I am taking them seriously. You are being heard. Thank you for your patience.

We finished up our second round of Parent-Teacher Conferences today. It is always a privilege to meet with you to talk about your child and his/her progress and well being. Thank you for your partnership, collaboration and dedication to your child's education. I hope you all enjoy spending quality time with your kids during this extra-long weekend. We are grateful for you and all of your support. Thank you for choosing Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,

Mrs. Maura Nash

Spring Gala Update

- **Tickets** for the **SPRING GALA** are **ON SALE NOW!** Please [visit this link](#) to purchase your tickets and see the attached flyer for additional information. All proceeds from the SPRING GALA will go to the **Fisher Falcon Education Foundation** which directly and solely supports St. John Fisher School. [Visit this link for more information regarding the Foundation.](#) Thank you for your support!

Important Announcements

- **Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open now for **NEW school families!**** If you have a child entering pre-school or kindergarten, [please complete this form](#) to reserve your spot and share this information with anyone interested in attending SJF. Thank you!
- **8th Grade SCC Co-ed Golf Registration is open now!** This league is open to all 8th grade boys and girls. League play begins mid-March and ends the first weekend in May. [Visit this link](#) to register.

- We invite you to participate in our **TECHNOLOGY DETOX CHALLENGE!** Now is the time to stop scrolling and start living! *Less technology, more everything else.*
- **Save the Date** for **SJF's BLUE Mass on Sunday, February 27th @ 8 a.m.**, honoring police officers before the Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast which is from 9-11 a.m. in Kane Hall.
- The **March Hot Lunch Menu** is open for ordering.
- **Your family's MANNA earnings update** was sent home in the form of a letter with your child. Please check your child's folder and reach out to the school office if you need another copy.
- **Extended Day:** Make sure to **register your child(ren) here**. Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sifschool.us.

FSA Corner ~ Save the Dates!

- **8th Grade Polar Plunge:** March 4th, St. John Fisher parking lot
- **St. Baldrick's:** March 5th, 5 – 10 p.m., Conner T. Lowry Gym. [Click here](#) to register a shave. Please visit [this link](#) if you're able to volunteer and share your time. Thank you!
- **Father Daughter Dance:** March 19th, Ridge Country Club.

Looking Ahead

Weekend Mass	4 p.m. on Saturday & 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday ~ <i>We hope to see you there!</i>
Friday, February 18th	No School – Girls Volleyball Pack the House
Monday, February 21st	No School – President's Day
Tuesday, February 22nd	No School – OCS Flex Day
Wednesday, February 23rd	Classes Resume Homework Club 3 – 3:45 p.m. with Mrs. Ade & Mr. K Academic Eligibility Club 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy ETC – Edible Art 3 - 4:30 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman
Thursday, February 24th	DRESS DOWN DAY! Bring in a \$1 and DRESS IN BLUE to support the Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast!

COVID GUIDANCE & REMINDERS

- If your child or a household member has been diagnosed with COVID-19, **please call the school office, 773-445-4737, during the school office hours, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and/or email attendance@sifschool.us.**
 - If you contact the school office outside of regular scheduled office hours, **we will get back to you the next business day.** Thank you for your patience!
- **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.

- Students who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19 can now return to school after completing a 5-day quarantine.
 - Positive students must quarantine from athletics through days 6-10.
 - Exposed students may participate in athletics but must provide proof of a negative test in order to attend events on days 6-10 following the 5-day quarantine.
 - A presumed **90-day immunity window** follows proof of a positive test result for individuals who complete(d) the minimum 5-day isolation and remain symptom free.

*We continue to pray for those impacted by COVID and any other illness.
Hang in there – we are all in this together*

2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



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

- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.17** ~ 12:00 dismissal
- **President's Day Break: 2.18 – 2.22** *classes resume **2.23**
- End of Second Trimester: **3.8**
- **No School – OCS Flex Day: 3.11**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.14**
- School Family Open House & Mass: **3.27**
- 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.**



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Join us for an evening benefitting

THE FISHER FALCON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

GALA

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH 2022
6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

Ridge Country Club

OPEN BAR . HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES . LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

\$200 PER PERSON

VISIT [HTTPS://SJFGALA.GIVESMART.COM](https://SJFGALA.GIVESMART.COM)

OR

TEXT SJFGALA TO 76278

TICKETS ON SALE FEBRUARY 14TH @ 9:00 AM

Southern Formal Attire Suggested



The School Advisory Board is happy to announce: **THE FISHER FALCON EDUCATION FOUNDATION**



What?

An **independent, not-for-profit** 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds in support of St. John Fisher School.

Why?

To preserve, protect, and promote SJF School's mission and resources, so it remains the **vibrant, affordable cornerstone** of our community it has been for nearly 75 years.

How?

By holding **events and campaigns** to direct giving toward one of four distinct endowment funds; then **investing and spending** those funds on behalf of the school and parish.

Who benefits?

There is a **100% return rate** to SJF School; all proceeds directly benefit its **students, teachers, families**, and, in turn, the community at large.

PLANNED FUNDS



Operating Endowment Fund

- Initially funded by Manna savings
- Subsidizes annual school operating budget
- Supports continued curriculum enrichment and faculty retention goals



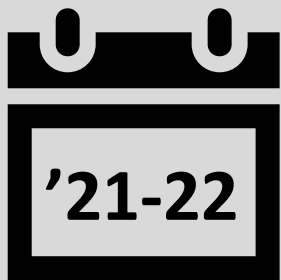
Tuition Assistance & Scholarship Funds

- Formalizes funds previously reserved by School & SAB
- Ensures SJF can serve families in financial need and/or emergency situations
- Expands reach of Msgr. McElligott awards for graduating 8th graders



Campus Improvement Fund

- Will finance priority plant and building investments (e.g., the recent A/C installation)
- To be funded by episodic fundraisers as building needs are identified



ESTABLISH FOUNDATION, RECRUIT BOARD, SET GOALS



RAISE **\$200k** FROM **MANNA, EVENTS LIKE SPRING GALA, DAY OF GIVING, ETC.**



DISTRIBUTE \$150k TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY

GOALS

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE TODAY:

To learn more, get involved, donate, or pledge, please visit www.FalconEducationFoundation.org, or e-mail info@FalconEducationFoundation.org.

ST. JOHN FISHER



VOLLEYBALL PACK THE HOUSE FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 18TH

DOORS OPEN @ 4:45PM

5pm - 5:15	Welcome & Rules
5:15 - 5:30	4th Grade (all 3 teams combined)
5:45 - 6:15	5th Grade Lotito vs Martin
6:30 - 6:45	6B Remegi vs 6B Serpe
7:00 - 7:15	7B Ewers vs 7B O'Connor
7:30 - 7:45	6A Cahill vs 7A Canavan
8:00 - 8:15	8th Grade Introduction
8:15 - 8:30	8B Dooley vs 8B Mr. K
8:30 - 8:45	8B O'Hara vs 8A Harris
9:00pm	8th Grade Rose Ceremony

Invite family and friends to come cheer on our girls!

PRIZES!

SERVING CONTESTS!

Volleyball Sweatshirts!

12 MINUTE GAMES!



ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST

GUESTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER KANE HALL, FILL A TO GO CONTAINER WITH PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE, AND RETURN HOME TO ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL IN SUPPORT OF THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

9:00AM-11:00AM

SJF KANE HALL

\$20 PER FAMILY

CARRY-OUT

**I PROTECT THOSE
WHO PROTECT ME.**



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE CHICAGO POLICE MEMORIAL
FOUNDATION'S GET BEHIND THE VEST CAMPAIGN.**

ONLINE STORE **NOW OPEN!**

[CLICK TO ORDER OR USE THE QR CODE](#)



**ORDER NOW UNTIL
MIDNIGHT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH.**

**AVAILABLE IN ADULT
AND YOUTH SIZES**





ST. JOHN FISHER
ST. BALDRICK'S SHAVING EVENT

March 5th following 4:00 mass

If you would like to participate
as a shavee, please use this QR code.



Conner T. Lowry Gymnasium
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, IL

More details to follow
closer to event date.

**ST. JOHN FISHER
FATHER DAUGHTER
DANCE**

SAVE THE DATE

'Over the Rainbow'

March 19, 2022

RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



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

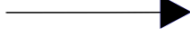
Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): wbiernacki@sifschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sifschool.us



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If you have a question or concern...

- Reading Intervention



Ms. Mary Schiavone, mschiavone@sjfschool.us

- Math Intervention



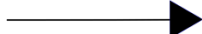
Ms. Molly Cummings, mcummings@sjfschool.us

- Public Relations



Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

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