



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts

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

February 5, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

We had a fabulous week celebrating our awesome school! Our Falcons work so hard to be good students and good people. Their future is limitless! As parents and guardians, you sacrifice so much to send your children to our school and work so hard with them at home to ensure they feel loved, are successful and provided for. The SJF staff works tirelessly to keep our ship sailing smoothly each day by supporting our teachers, parents and students. And finally, our teachers, the heartbeat of our community, are dedicated and committed to our students and love them as if they were their own. When we are all "tied" together, we are stronger and make up a phenomenal community that can overcome any challenge! Please see the below pictures showcasing our remarkable school as well as all of the exciting events from this week.

I would like to share Dr. Chermak's culminating Catholic Schools Week prayer from today's announcements: *Loving God, we thank you for the blessings of this Catholic School Week as we celebrated our faith, excellence, and service, which is a part of our lives in our school each day. We are so very grateful for students, classmates, teachers, all who lead our school, Father Ken, administrative assistants and aides, maintenance personnel, parents and everyone in our parish who help make our school the awesome place that we love. We are proud to be Fisher Falcons and ALL of our students and teachers in each grade contribute to making our school great.*

Thank you for your constant support of and for being ambassadors of St. John Fisher. We are excited to announce that so far, we have enrolled 20 new families for next school year! Though it often seems that much of our energy is spent in the present, keeping our kids and staff safe, we have not lost sight of the necessity of planning for our bright future. We continue to work toward the ambitious goals that together as a community we identified and set in our 5-year strategic plan. Incredible things are happening at St. John Fisher School! Now is a great time to be a Falcon and to join our Falcon Family! Thank you for choosing Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- **Catholic schools in the news!** [Please enjoy this report](#) from NBC discussing the great success of in-person learning in Catholic schools during a pandemic!
- **Calling all families to be Fisher Family Ambassadors!** What does this mean? The Fisher Community encourages you to share all of the great happenings about SJF with friends, family, neighbors and others - in conversation or on social media! If you are active on social media: please share our posts on Facebook, and tag us in any of your SJF posts on Facebook and Instagram (+ Twitter)! #FalconsNOW
- **REGISTRATION** for the 2021-2022 school year is **NOW OPEN** to all of our current Falcons and prospective - don't forget to reserve your spot with us!
- **SJF's Virtual Open House:** In case you missed it, [please see our Virtual Open House](#) created by Mrs. Corley and Ms. Schiavone demonstrating all of the impressive features our school has to offer!
- **FSA Update:** Calling all Falcon families! FSA is looking for volunteers to help plan upcoming events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen Schiesl kristenschiesl@gmail.com or Karen McDonagh klak13@yahoo.com
 - **FSA Save the Dates:**
 - February 11th** - FSA honors St. Valentine's Day
 - February 16th** - Barraco's Eat and Earn
 - May 3rd - May 7th** - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - May 22nd** - Fisher Community Yard Sale
- **School Advisory Board Update:** Our next **SAB Meeting** will be held virtually on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021**. If you would like to attend or add anything to the agenda, please email us SJFSAB@gmail.com. Our agenda this Month will include committee updates with a focus on strategic planning. We are planning for a State of the School presentation to share-out progress and next steps related to [SJF's Strategic Plan](#). As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to give input or to get involved in the [committee work](#) aimed to support the school's goals.
- Don't forget to **register** to save your spot for **Extended Day**, [here](#)! If you have any questions, contact Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.net.
- **The SJF Book Fair** returns this year **VIRTUALLY** from February 1st – February 14th. If you have questions, reach out to Mrs. Keller, kkeller@sjfschool.net.
- Are you receiving our **Parish Newsletter**? If not, sign up [here](#) so you don't miss a beat.

COVID Reminders

- **Update:** Please read [this important update from the archdiocese](#) regarding our **change in quarantine procedures**.
- Our **most frequently asked question** is when should I keep my child home from school?
 - **If your child or ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD HAS 1 or more COVID symptoms, your child (and siblings) should remain at home.**
 - **If your child or ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD has a pending COVID lab test (even if the rapid is negative).**
- Each week I express my gratitude for your partnership. Last week a health inspector from the Archdiocese COVID Task Force audited our building and practices overall. *OUR* efforts *TOGETHER* are making a difference! The inspector praised us and recommended we serve as a resource for other schools. As I tell the students each day: We are Fisher Falcons and we can do hard things! Thank you for your partnership and caution. Our school has successfully remained open for in-person learning because of you!

Parish News

- Don't forget to *join us 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.

MANNA News

Manna Update: Now the Manna order made through the shop with Scrip website or Raise Right App can be sent home from school with students for school families that choose this method. This will be on a trial basis to ensure it works well for the school and families. A few requirements:

1. PLEASE SUBMIT: [Manna Waiver Form](#) - Agreement for Gift Cards to be sent home thru school. Submitting this form will signal to the Manna team that you'd like ALL orders to be sent home from school.
2. Use www.shopwithscrip.com or [Raise Right App](#).
3. 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.*
4. **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. *You are still welcome to stop in at the Convent to order gift cards in stock during [open hours](#).*
5. **Tip:** Use Reminders on shopwithscrip site under "Dashboard – Account Settings – Reminders." You can set up a Shopping Cart with regular orders to easily submit with a few clicks.

NEW USERS:

If you have not yet participated in Manna and this is the convenience you were looking for, please start by filling out the registration form below as Step 1. Then you can start participating without leaving your home by signing up on www.shopwithscrip.com or by downloading the Raise Right App by shopwithscrip.

1. [Manna Registration Form](#) or Hand in [Paper copy of Registration Form](#) (Step 1):
2. Email sjfmanna@gmail.com for SJF Enrollment Number (Step 2)
3. Register on [Shopwithscrip](#) to use the website version AND/OR download the [RaiseRight App](#) (Step 3)



St. John Fisher Wishes Everyone a Happy Catholic Schools Week

(January 31-February 6)

St. John Fisher praises its
students, teachers & families
for their remarkable resilience
and successes during 2020-21!



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SJF's Drive to 75

We set our sights high. Our planning principles:

We plan with a focus on our future.

We embrace lives of faith and service as cornerstones of our culture.

We challenge ourselves to engage our community, use data, and maximize our talents in our continuous pursuit of excellence.

We strive to lead fearlessly and responsibly.



Highlights of Our Shared **Strategic Objectives**

1 Safe, Welcoming Environment

- Re-energized community outreach
- Integrated social-emotional resources and curriculum
- Enhanced campus buildings, grounds, and security

2 Academic Excellence

- Broadened specials and STEAM lessons
- Differentiated instruction and personalized learning
- Targeted updating of technology and classroom space

3 Faith in Action

- Tightened connection between school and parish
- Active, coordinated service opportunities
- Improved involvement of school children and families in mass

4 Foundational Investment

- Agreed-upon organizational missions and accountability
- Published 5-year financial plan

5 Responsible Stewardship

- Transparent annual budgeting and financial reporting process
- Improved compensation for our talented faculty and staff

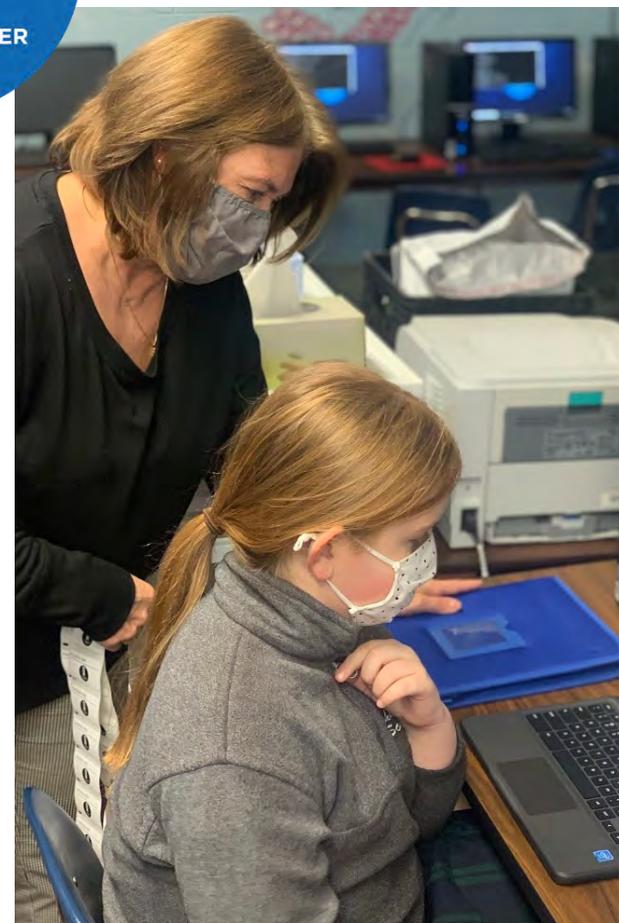
6 Tangible Legacy

- 75th anniversary capital campaign
- Refurbished convent building for school and community use



SPECIAL AREA SUBJECTS :

- SPANISH
- PE
- ART
- LIBRARY
- COMPUTERS
- MUSIC
- SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



FULL-TIME STUDENT SUPPORTS:

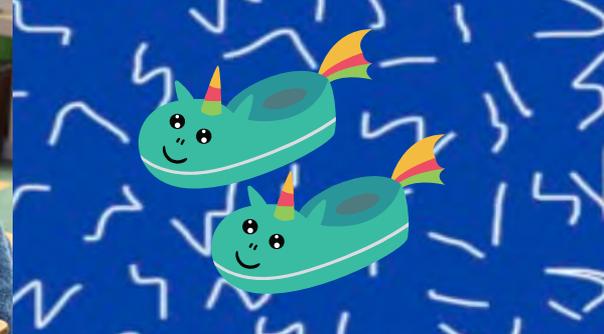
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- RESOURCE CENTER
- CERTIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS



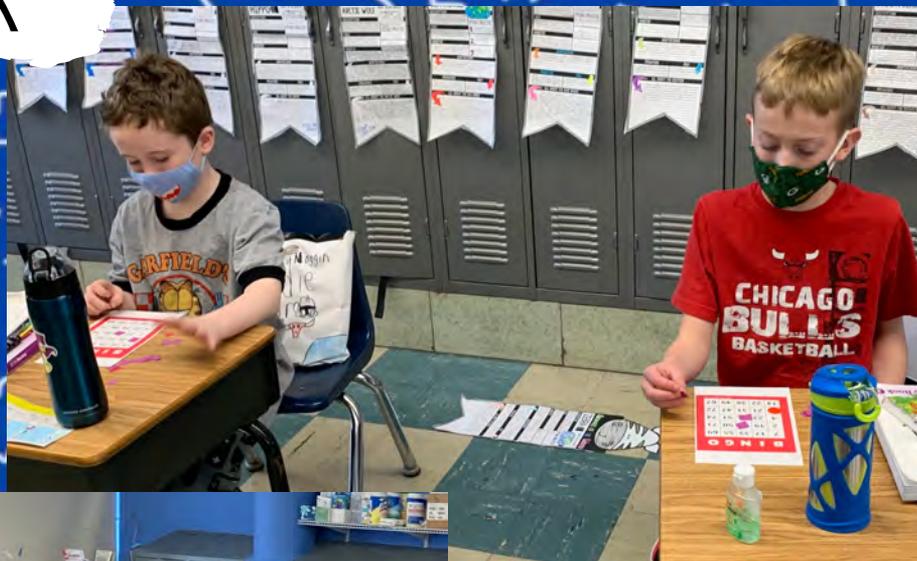
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PAJAMA DAY



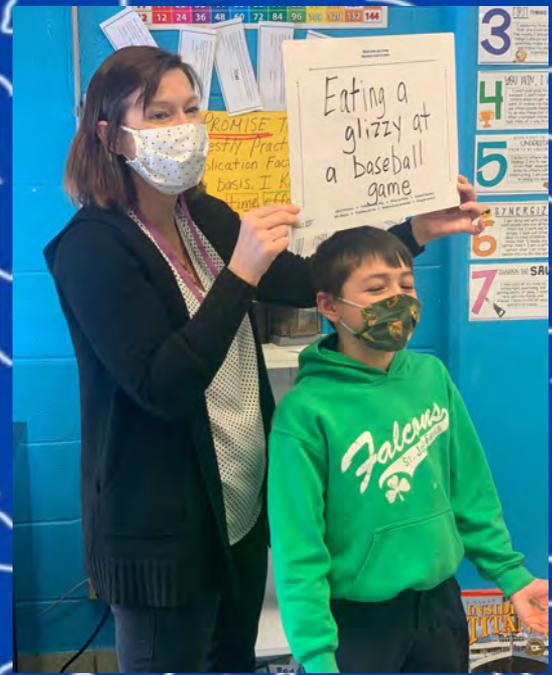
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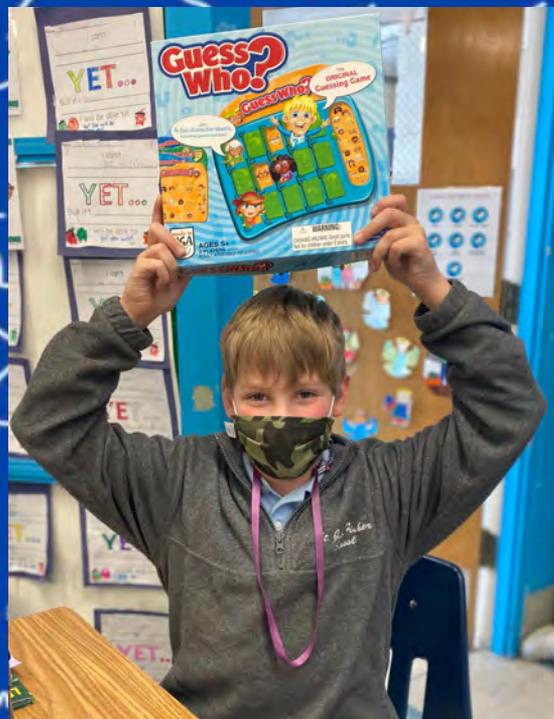
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GAME DAY



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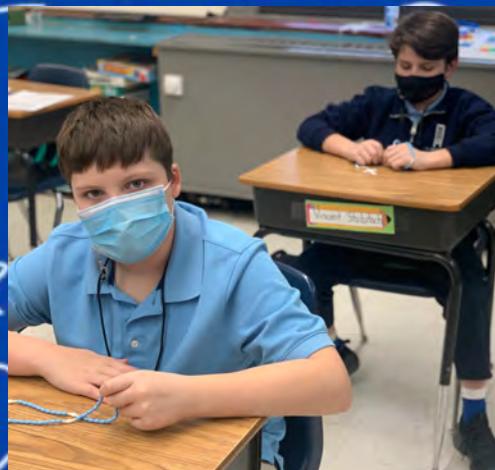
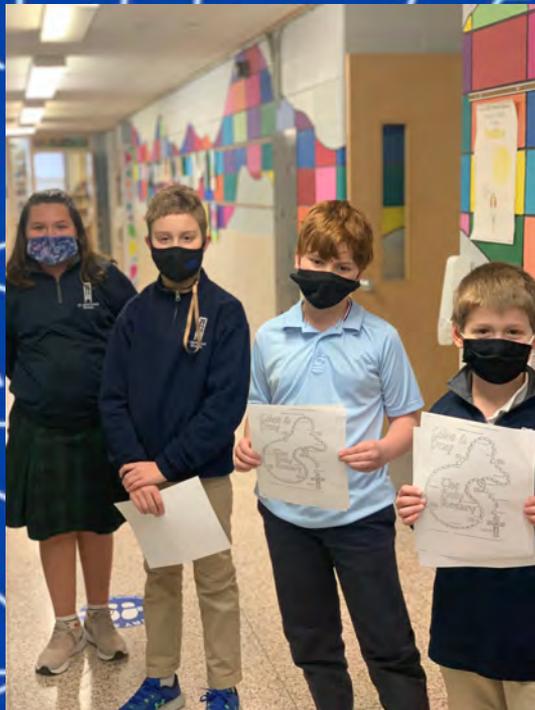
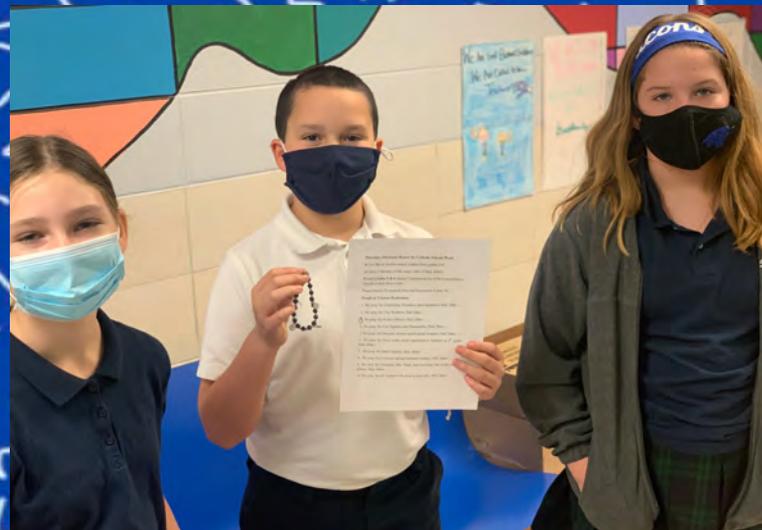
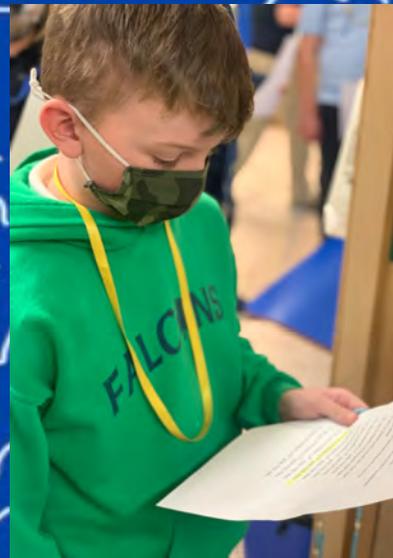


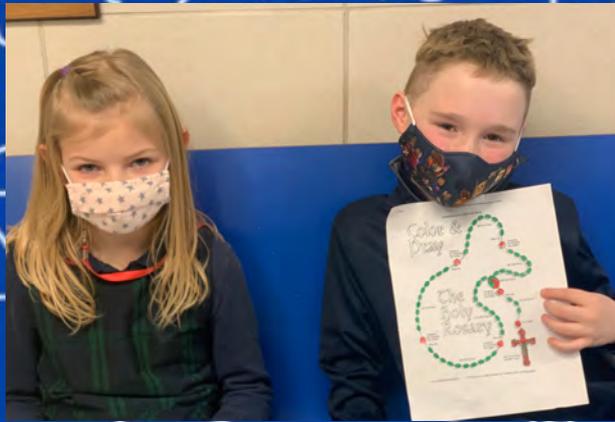


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CELEBRATING OUR FAITH





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FAMILY TIE-DYE FUN!

