



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

March 25, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

The building is buzzing with excitement for this weekend's Open House and Family Mass. We are elated to have this school family experience back in full swing and cannot wait for you to tour your child(ren)'s classroom(s) and halls and catch up in person with friends, faculty and staff!

Last night the School Advisory Board and SJF Leadership Team presented our annual State of the School Presentation highlighting the progress of our Strategic Plan with a focus on Mission Effectiveness, Academic Excellence and the school's Operations and Budget. A recording of this 25-minute presentation [can be viewed here](#). You can find the slide deck *attached in the body of the email*. Please review this information when you are able as I think you will share our pride for all we have accomplished together and the top-notch academic product our children are receiving. We are eager to receive your feedback! Please provide your insights via our survey [linked here](#) or visit with us on Sunday at the Open House. Board Members will be present in the school foyer outside of the church doors.

Thank you for continuing to choose Catholic education for your family. Specifically, thank you for your support of the children, faculty and staff at St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,
Mrs. Maura Nash

A Note from the Gala Committee

The Saint John Fisher Gala Committee has received a great deal of feedback regarding the Gala scheduled to take place on Saturday May 7th at Ridge Country Club. The Committee wants its inaugural event to be a meaningful and beneficial fundraising event. Due to feedback largely on the date, we've decided to postpone the event. A committee member will be in contact with you by April 8th regarding refund details for those that already purchased a ticket. We are committed to hosting a signature event for the benefit of [The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation](#). More details to come on alternative plans for a larger and more inclusive event that helps the school to achieve its goals. Please direct any questions to John O'Connor at jpo11380@hotmail.com.

Important Announcements

- The **Father-Daughter Dance** was a huge success thanks to your attendance and support! Thank you, **Erica Stazzone, Amy Pilafas and your committee** for organizing a beautiful and memorable evening!

- With your generosity our SJF Community raised over \$1200 to support the refugees of Ukraine! Our student activists will be sending our funds to the USA for The UN Refugee Agency. [Here is the link to the website](#) if you would like more information.
- **GOT SNEAKERS?** Please see the attached flyer discussing SJF's partnership with Christmas Without Cancer. We will take your gently worn, used or new sneakers at SJF!
- **SJF's Scholastic Book Fair** returns March 27th – April 1st! A portion of the Book Fair earnings goes right back to the SJF Library. Thank you for your support!
- **April 1st** SJF is hosting a **Red, White and Blue Dress Down Day** to support the **Cpl. Conner T. Lowry Foundation**. [Click here](#) to learn more about Conner's Story and see the attached flyer regarding the Cpl. Conner T. Lowry Day @ SJF!
- Are you an **SJF Alum**? Show your Falcon pride with our new alumni swag [linked here](#)! Partial proceeds go back to SJF's FSA. **Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon!**
- Are you receiving our **parish newsletter**? [Sign-up here](#) to receive monthly news about our parish so you don't miss a beat!
- **Extended Day**: Make sure to [register your child\(ren\) here](#). Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjschool.us.
- [Click here](#) for the most recent **COVID guidance**.

Looking Ahead

Weekend Mass Schedule <i>*Students who attend mass receive an out-of-uniform pass for the following school day</i>	4 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sunday <i>*Stations of the Cross</i> 7p.m. on Fridays
Sunday, March 27th	School Family Open House : 9:30-10:45 a.m. Family Mass : 11 a.m.
Monday, March 28th	ETC – Spring Clay Class 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Corley ETC – March Madness 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy ETC – Deep Science 3-4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman
Tuesday, March 29th	ETC – Easter Egg-Stravaganza 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman Homework Club 3 – 3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy
Wednesday, March 30th <i>*special lunch orders due!</i>	Homework Club 3 – 3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy
Thursday, March 31st	ETC – Easter Bunny Training Camp 3 – 4:30 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman
Friday, April 1st	Red, White & Blue \$1 Dress Down Day <i>*All proceeds go to the Cpl. Conner T. Lowry Memorial Foundation</i>
Saturday, April 2nd	2 nd Annual Cpl. Conner T. Lowry Day in the Conner T. Lowry Gym, Dedication begins @ 3:45 p.m. Boys Volleyball Pack the House

Pro Labore Dei

Thanks to all who made Saturday's lunch making such a success. You never stop being amazing! The next lunch making will be on **April 2nd at 9:15 a.m.** As always we welcome all donations for the makings and volunteers to help compile the lunches. *Specific details will be in the bulletin.*

Next, the need for groceries for meals is still great. We continue to collect on the parking lot each Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Thanks for all you do!

Last and most exciting, we are asking for help in providing Easter baskets for those in need. We will collect baskets for men, women, boys and girls. **Please bring your contributions to the Rectory by April 7th. The baskets will be distributed on April 9th in Robbins and Posen.** Again, our most sincere thanks.

Any questions, feel free to contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428)

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KNOW WE ARE
CHRISTIANS
BY OUR LOVE

Manna Update

Support SJF with Manna and reduce your tuition bill at the same time! Signing up for the App is as easy as Venmo! Get started today to help the school fundraise on your everyday purchases.

- 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](#).

THANK YOU!

2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



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

- 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: **April 6th, May 4th.**





FALCONS OF THE WEEK

Patrick Dattulo, Luke Erwinski & Annie Maloney



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 5th graders Patrick Dattulo, Luke Erwinski and Annie Maloney.**

Pat, Luke and Annie epitomize kindness, empathy and service to others. Luke and Annie spearheaded our fundraiser for the refugees of Ukraine and led their peers in a moment of silence and a prayer for peace at the end of the day. They motivated their classmates to truly care and brought awareness to our school with their fundraising initiative and posters displayed around the school. Pat was right in step with Luke and Annie this week helping and championing this cause. Pat has truly grown into a leader this school year. He is thoughtful and conscientious about his classmates and teachers. Knowing we are preparing for Open House this weekend, Pat came up to me and asked if I needed any extra help around the school to prepare. Pat, Luke and Annie are not only willing to always help and give of their time, but they are enthusiastic about it and want to do it. They inspire me and those around them. Pat, Luke and Annie, we are so lucky you are Falcons. Thank you for teaching us what kindness and community means each day. Keep flying like Falcons. You are making a difference at our school and beyond!

WE LOVE OUR SJF TEACHERS!



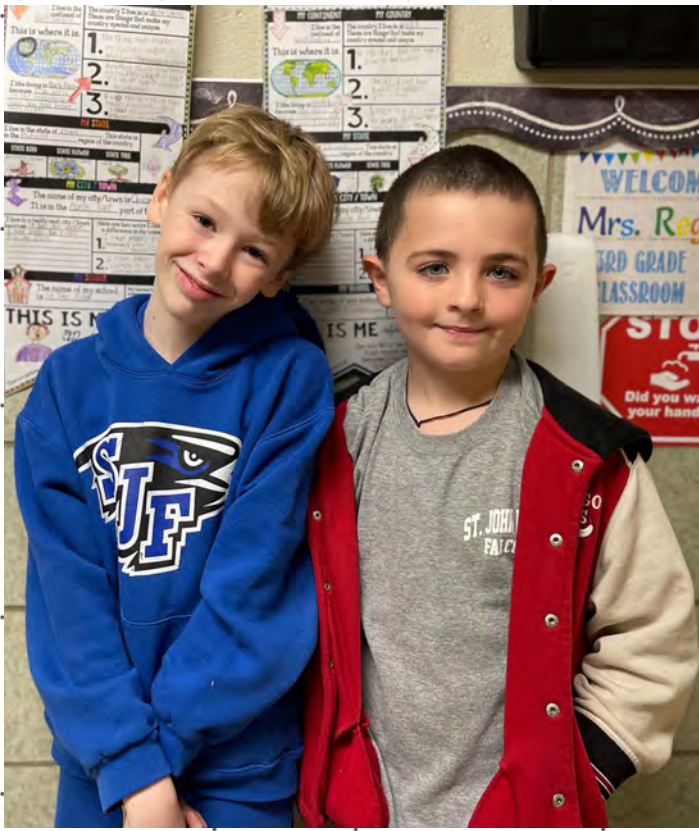
THIS WEEK'S FACULTY SPOTLIGHT IS ON **MRS. CUMMINGS** FROM **5TH & 6TH GRADE**.

Schools in our country are suffering from a significant teacher shortage. SJF is fortunate to be 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. Molly Cummings**.



1. How long have you been at SJF? **This is my first school year at SJF and I am loving it!**
2. What do you love about SJF? **SJF is a wonderful place to work because of the students and staff. I remember the day I toured the building for the first time last summer. I felt so welcomed by everyone I passed as I walked the hallways. I remember thinking, I would love to work here! It's true, I love being able to teach such bright, kind students alongside the best teammates.**
3. What is your favorite thing about teaching 5th & 6th grade math? **My favorite part of teaching math to 5th & 6th graders being able to watch each student strengthen his or her math skills over the course of the year. I enjoy being able to teach students how to use math in our daily lives and hopefully instill a love (or at least a like) of math by the end of the school year!**
4. Can you tell us something that we may not know about you? **Something you may not know about me is that I have a one-year old son named Matthew. When I am not at school, I enjoy spending time with him.**





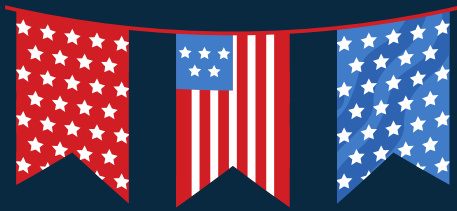
PRAYING FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE



**THANK YOU
FOR ALL YOUR
DONATIONS!**



**WE RAISED \$1,200 TO BE DONATED TO THE
UNHCR THE UN REFUGEE AGENCY!**



CPL. CONNER T. LOWRY DAY

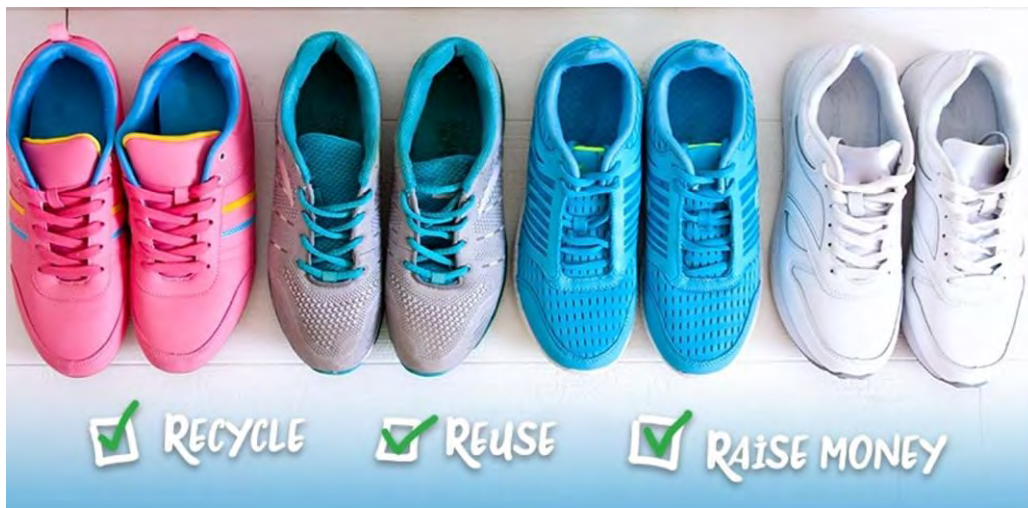
**Join us for the 2nd Annual
Conner T. Lowry Gym Dedication**

**APRIL 2ND
3:45PM CEREMONY
BOYS VOLLEYBALL PACK THE HOUSE
ST. JOHN FISHER GYM**



**National Anthem performance
by SJF students!**

LIVE LIFE LARGE



GOT SNEAKERS?

Christmas Without Cancer is a nonprofit that helps local families battling the devastation of cancer.

Did you know that your gently worn sneakers could help Christmas Without Cancer's mission?

Well, they can and here's how . . . Our team is participating in a fundraiser where there is nothing to buy or sell. All we need is your support and your gently worn, used, or new sneakers!

Here's how you can help:

Start in your and your family's closets and gather as many pair of sneakers that you no longer want; maybe you've out-grown them, they're out of style, or out of season. If you and your household have 10 pairs, great! If not, don't worry. You can ask family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone in your social networks to help out. **EVERY PAIR COUNTS!**

The sneakers that we all collect will help raise money to support Christmas Without Cancer's mission and will help our environment by keeping sneakers out of landfills.

Requirements:

Only Sneakers (Gym Shoes)
Child sizes 4 and up | Any Adult sizes
Any brand
Gently worn, used or new condition

Collection Deadline:
Sunday, April 24th

Want to participate OR have questions? Send an email to cwcsneakerdrive@gmail.com.

Want to learn more about Christmas Without Cancer? Visit www.christmaswithoutcancer.org.

Want to learn more about GotSneakers? Visit <https://gotsneakers.com/>.

THANK YOU for your consideration | The Christmas Without Cancer Team

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