



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts

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

May 14, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

We are entering into the final stage of the school year. As much as it feels like at times this year was moving at a snail's pace, I now find myself saying, "I can't believe it's May"! The remaining weeks of school are action packed. I still am in awe of the incredible things our students and faculty have accomplished during a pandemic school year. Nonetheless, there is still work to be done and these next few weeks are critical to moving up a letter grade, mastering a skill, etc. Please join us in encouraging your student(s) to put forth their maximum effort and finish strong! Together, we've got this!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. Have a wonderful weekend!

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- **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@sjschool.net and [click here](#) to apply. **Please spread the word!**
- **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. Thank you to all who purchased t-shirts and lawn signs in support of this event!
- **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 your partnership and all of your efforts and improvements.

- Don't forget to save your spot for **Extended Day**. The Extended Day sign-up sheet is [linked here](#). FYI: there is **NO EXTENDED DAY after the 11:30 dismissal on the last day of school**. Thank you!
- **Family School Association (FSA) Update:** If you would like to volunteer for a year-end family event, [please sign-up here](#).
 - **RAINBOW CONE DAY!** The FSA is hosting a rainbow cone day for our students on June 3rd. Please see the flyer and order form below!
 - **Year-end Falcon Family Event! Windy City Thunderbolts vs. Southern Illinois Miners:** Thursday, June 10th, 7:05 p.m. @ Ozinga Field, 14011 S. Kenton, Crestwood, IL. Tickets are \$10 each and are first come first serve! Due to COVID restrictions, the number of tickets are limited. Please see the below flyer for more information.
- **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!
- 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!**
- **Join us this weekend for mass!** Visit the parish website, [linked here](#), to see our schedule and mass times.

iReady Update

- This week and next week students will complete the **third and final iReady diagnostic assessment**. As you likely remember, iReady diagnostics allow us to monitor the progress and growth of each individual student. The data the assessment yields has been and will be utilized by teachers to inform large group instruction, define small group instruction and assist in differentiation. Additionally, iReady data indicates the grade level at which a student is performing, as it compares to national norms and standards. Testing will be complete, schoolwide, May 21st; you can expect to receive your child(ren)'s score reports in the weeks following. If you have any questions or concerns regarding iReady testing, score reporting or student testing performance please contact Mrs. Nichole Carey at ncarey@sjfschool.us.

MANNA News

- Thank you for your participation in this important school fundraiser. You have made a difference!
- The Manna Fundraising Requirement (\$300/family) was added in the FACTS system. All families will see a \$300 charge and then it will be adjusted based on the amount earned for the school up until April 30th, 2021.
 - For example, families that met the \$300 fundraising requirement, will see two notifications (\$300 fee – 300 adjustment = no charge). The individual earnings achieved will be reflected on your FACTS statement on book day in August. For the family in the above example that achieved the \$300 goal, they will get a \$450 deduction off tuition for the following year.
- You can start accruing for next year's Manna Fundraising requirement as of May 1st.

COVID Reminders

As a reminder...

- 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!

School Advisory Board Update

- This past Tuesday marked the last formal meeting of the school year for the SAB. Three instrumental school board members are rolling off this year. I would like to take the time to thank Kathleen Girzadas, Sara McGann and Joan Rogers for all of the time, effort, commitment and love they generously donated to St. John Fisher for so many years. They have always had SJF's best interest at heart and prioritized our community to help us make improvements to enhance our school and secure our future. I personally have learned so much from each one of these impressive women and I thank them for sharing their perspective and for supporting and motivating me along the way. You will be missed!

2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar

*Below is a list of important dates for the 2021-2022 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a more "normal" school year ahead!

- First Day of School: **8.25** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Labor Day – No School: **9.6**
- All-Staff Professional Development (no classes): **9.24**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.6, 10.7**
- No School: **10.8**
- Columbus Day – No School: **10.11**
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.28** *classes resume **11.29**
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.5** *classes resume **1.6**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.17**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.17**
- President's Day Break: **2.18 – 2.21** *classes resume **2.22**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.11**
- No School: **3.14**
- Spring Break: **4.13 – 4.24** *classes resume **4.25**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.30**
- Last Day of 8th Grade Classes: **6.1**
- Last Day of School: **6.8** ~ 11:30 dismissal

***Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled earlier next year** with the intent to make a formal connection with parents weeks before the first marking period in an effort to partner and support students' needs sooner and PRIOR to the end of the first trimester.

***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.**



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Ava Kintz, 5th 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 fifth grader, Ava Kintz.**

As many of you are aware, Ms. Dunlavy, our 5th grade ELA teacher was recently diagnosed with Breast Cancer. This shocking news was obviously so difficult to digest not only for Ms. Dunlavy, but for all of those who love her. Learning of this news really impacted her students. As a group, the fifth graders wanted to show their sign of love and support. One idea that the group of students had was to dye a section of their hair pink as an outward symbol of solidarity and support. This of course goes against the dress code policy in our student handbook. However, Ava stepped up as the leader of the group and took the time to write me a very impressive persuasive letter, requesting this temporary change in our handbook policy for this important cause. After reading Ava's letter, I was compelled to honor their request. Ava, you are equally as compassionate and empathetic as you are a talented writer. You are a student leader. You embody all of the qualities that we hope our Fisher Falcons possess. Thank you for standing up for what you believe in and for being a loving example to us all. Keep flying like a Falcon, Ava. You are making a difference!



**MAY CROWNING
2021**



RAINBOW CONE

is coming to the
Falcons!



When: Thursday, June 3rd

Students will visit the truck during the school day.

Where: SJF's parking lot

Cost: \$5 per cone

all orders must be pre-paid by May 31st

**Flavor choices: Rainbow Cone, Vanilla,
Strawberry, Chocolate, Pistachio, Palmar
House, and Orange Sherbert***

***allergy friendly**

Student Name: _____

Room #: _____

\$5 each

Please circle: Cash

Check

Zelle (michellebw27@hotmail.com)

STRIKE 3!!!! YOU'RE OUT!!!!

Come Celebrate the End of the School Year
at FSA's Family Event



Windy City Thunderbolts vs. Southern Illinois Miners

Thursday, June 10th

7:05 p.m.

Ozinga Field

14011 S. Kenton, Crestwood, IL

\$10 per ticket

**Tickets are first come, first serve. Due to COVID restrictions
number of tickets are limited.**

All proceeds benefit St. John Fisher FSA

Thunderbolts Game

Student Name: _____

No. Of Tickets: _____ x \$10 each Total Cost: _____

Please circle: Cash Check Zelle (michellebw27@hotmail.com)

TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENT UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED

We Need Your Photos for the St. John Fisher Yearbook

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

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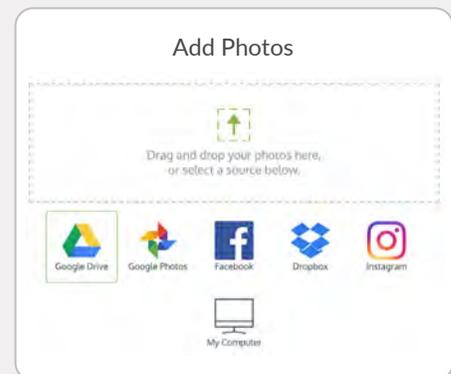
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