



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts

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

May 7, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

I hope you were able to view SJF's beautiful May Crowning Ceremony lead and organized by our wonderful 8th graders, Fr. Ken, Dr. Chermak, Ms. Browne, Mrs. Condon and Mrs. G. We are so grateful for all of our opportunities to celebrate and share in our faith experiences together. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our truly incredible and talented Director of Religious Education, Dr. Elena Chermak. Last week's First Holy Communion was spectacular. Dr. Chermak had many obstacles to work around during this COVID year. We are thankful for her creativity, grace, dedication and commitment to making every celebration and mass feel special and unique every single time. We are blessed and fortunate to have Dr. Chermak at our school and parish!

As this week is Teacher Appreciation Week, I would also like to give a "shout-out" to our amazing faculty. It is because of this talented and dedicated group that our school is so successful and our children are prepared for their futures. We thank our teachers for loving their students as if they were their own and for going above and beyond each year, but especially during this unprecedented time. Quite simply, they are the best! We also pause to recognize and appreciate the FSA and all of our loving parent supporters for making this week so amazing.

Working together and supporting one another is what our school is all about. "I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things." ~ *Mother Teresa* Thank you for making St. John Fisher GREAT! We appreciate each and every one of you!

Finally, Happy Mother's Day to the amazing mothers in our community! Your sacrifice, love for and influence on your child(ren) is beyond measure! I hope you have an amazing weekend; no one is more deserving!

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@sjfschool.net and [click here](#) to apply. **Please spread the word!**
- **Thank you** for your generous donations in support of our **Special Olympics Fundraiser!** We raised over **\$650** for this amazing cause!
- **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. See the below flyer discussing ways you can participate and support this important cause!
- **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](#).

- **Family School Association (FSA) Update:** If you would like to volunteer for a year-end family event, [please sign-up here](#). THANK YOU to the leaders of the FSA and all of our parent supporters and volunteers for making this year's Teacher Appreciation Week like no other! Our faculty felt so loved and appreciated. Thank you – thank you – thank you!
 - **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!
- **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

- Beginning 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.

School Advisory Board Update

- **Reminder: Today is the last day** to apply for the SAB. The **SAB is seeking applicants with Education, Development and Fundraising backgrounds**. The application is [linked here](#). Please email sjfsab@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your interest!
- **Tuesday May 11th @ 7 PM** will be our **final School Board meeting** for this school year. Please email sjfsab@gmail.com if you have an agenda item or if you would like to attend to learn more. The agenda will be focused on committee updates and planning for next year including topics like facilities, SJF website, finance, and strategic planning. Also, for anyone that applied to be a part of the board, we will be reaching out shortly on next steps. Thank you for your interest.

MANNA News

- 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. If you decided not to participate this year but would like to reduce the \$300 fundraising fee through everyday shopping. Check out resources [here](#) to get started. We will share some stats on the impact of the program in an upcoming newsletter. Also, Whole Foods Market (eCertificates) is now available on the Raise Right App. Thank you!

COVID Reminders

Unfortunately, SJF has experienced a recent increase of COVID-19 cases. We continue to pray for the health, well-being and resiliency of our students and families! I would like to take this opportunity to remind our families of the guidelines and protocols put in place to help keep our students safe and our doors open. We have all experienced a great deal of frustration and inconvenience as it relates to this pandemic. But as a community, we need to remain cautious so that *together* we can end the year strong! I know this isn't easy, but we remain grateful for your understanding and partnership during this challenging and unprecedented time.

- 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!

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**
- Fall Break: **10.8 – 10.11** *classes resume **10.12**
- 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 Begins: **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: **October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th.**



SJF BREAST CANCER WALK

FRIDAY, MAY 28

THE STORE IS NOW OPEN TO ORDER YOUR T-SHIRT AND LAWN SIGN FOR OUR FIRST SJF BREAST CANCER WALK.

<https://sjfbreastcancerwalk2021.itemorder.com/sale>

ORDERING WILL BE AVAILABLE
UNTIL SUNDAY, MAY 9

T-SHIRT - \$15.00

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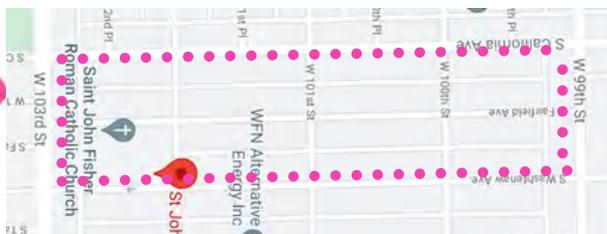
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LAWN SIGN - \$10.00



ANYONE WHO LIVES ALONG THE WALK ROUTE IS ENCOURAGED TO DECORATE YOUR FRONT LAWN FOR THIS EVENT.

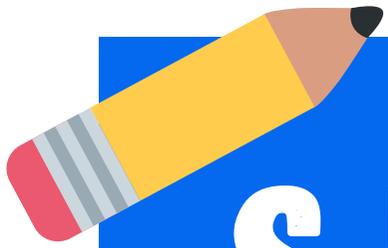


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*PREK & K WILL WALK AROUND THE PERIMETER OF OUR CAMPUS.

KIDS HELPING KIDS





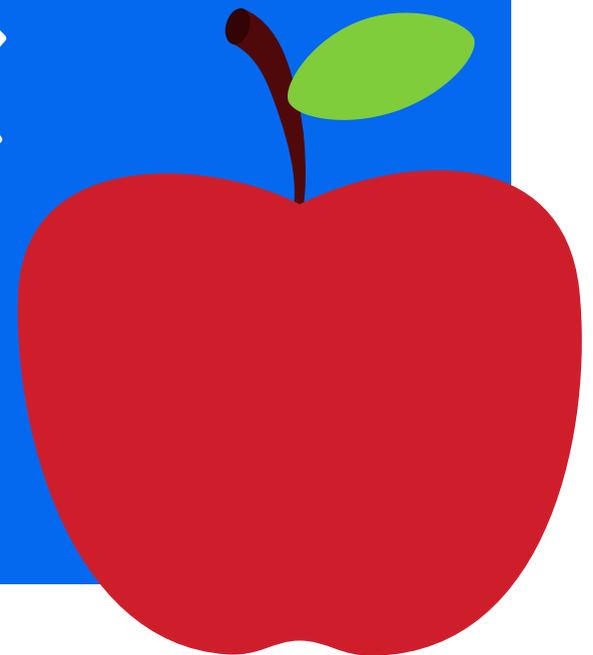
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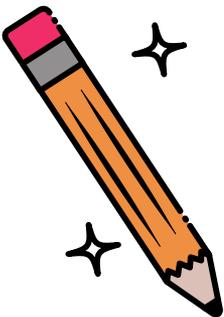
FSA FOR MAKING

THIS WEEK

SPECIAL!



SJF TEACHER APPRECIATION



NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE THE BEST TEACHERS, BUT WE HAVE THE BEST FSA! THANKS FOR A GREAT WEEK AND ALL THE TREATS!

*First Communion
Saint John Fisher
May 1, 2021*



*First Communion
God Bless our First Communicants*



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)

We Need Your Photos for the St. John Fisher Yearbook

1

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

1 **Purchase Yearbook**

Purchase your yearbook

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Create 2 **FREE** custom pages

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Sign a Friend's Yearbook

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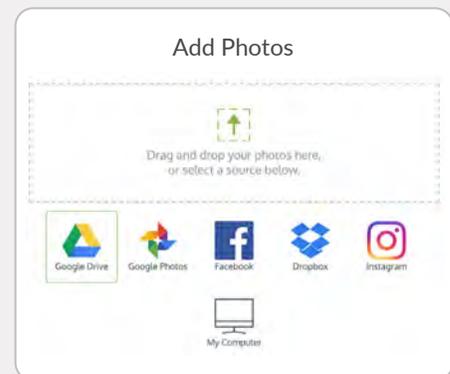
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Click the **Add Photos** button.

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Add Photos from Google Drive,
Facebook, Instagram, Dropbox & more.



Sign In or Create an Account to Upload Photos:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

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