



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts*

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

November 13, 2020

Dear SJF Families,

I hope you are all hanging in there! This week has been particularly challenging as the COVID positivity rate in our state, city, and community continues to climb. We have been taking the time to calmly discuss with our students the potential of having to pivot to remote learning. Unfortunately, the decisions and directives we receive often come without any warning; therefore, we continue to plan for the worst and hope for the best. During these uncertain times, out of caution, we have sent extra books and work home with your child in order to ensure he/she is prepared and has everything he/she needs in order to successfully pivot to remote learning at a moment's notice. We recognize and understand that this uncertainty is an inconvenience and a frustration for all involved. We applaud our students each day for their resiliency and flexibility, two necessary qualities to possess in order to be successful in our current world. What you can absolutely be certain of is that we care deeply for your child's safety, health, and well-being. We are here to support them and we will continue to provide a high-quality education whether we are in-person or remote.

The procedures we have in place have allowed us to equally prioritize our students' education as well as their health and safety. We have a 1% positivity rate amongst our students and staff. We are not transmitting COVID in the building and our school continues to be a safe place to learn. Nonetheless, the decision to pivot to remote learning is out of our hands as our guidance comes from the Archdiocese as well as our state and local government officials. Thank you for your on-going honesty, care, diligence, and support for our school community. Due to the caution you take each day with your child, our overall school remains healthy. Our success is a direct result of the close partnership with have established with you. Thank you for working with us. We truly are in this together!

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

## Important Announcements

- Stay tuned for an invitation to sign-up for our **Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences** on Monday. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be conducted via ZOOM on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- We are inching closer to the end of the trimester (November 30<sup>th</sup>). *The next 2 weeks are crucial.* ***Our kids are so bright and are working so hard!*** Please continue to check Power School and talk with your child to ensure he/she finishes this first trimester strong! *Older students should advocate for themselves* and speak with their teachers about their grades and ways to improve when possible. ***Let's go falcons!***
- We are excited to announce the kick-off of ***St. John Fisher's Holiday Grand Raffle!*** Please support this important fundraiser and get a chance to win great cash prizes. We are hoping to replace the funding we count on annually from Fisher Fest. See the attached information for more detail. Thank you!
- ***MANNA:*** *Please consider sharing the attached flyer with family, friends, and neighbors to help expand the MANNA program in the community.* You can also process orders for others to help you achieve the \$300 School Earnings requirement - easier than selling girl scout cookies! To catch up to achieve the \$100,000 school goal for the year, we are encouraging families to try to sell \$1,500. Thanks for any support you can provide!

- **S & T Pizza Set-ups!** See the attached flyer discussing how purchasing **S & T vouchers** can support our school. Please reach out to Karen McDonagh with any questions, [klak13@yahoo.com](mailto:klak13@yahoo.com). Thank you!
- Say cheese! Another **Picture Day Make-up** has been scheduled for **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. **Save the Date: December 11th & 12th SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN!**
- Please see the attached flyer advertising our **Respect Life Christmas Wreath and Holly Plant Sale**. Thank you for your support!
- **Parish Newsletter:** Are you receiving our parish newsletter? If not, [sign up here!](#)
- **SJF Spirit-wear** makes great Christmas gifts. Shop our [squadlocker store here!](#)
- **Stay Safe:** While you are out and about, don't forget where a mask, wash your hands, and keep social distance.

## COVID Reminders

- The Archdiocese announced that all *Catholic elementary schools will be remote learning from January 6<sup>th</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup> with a return to in-person learning on January 19<sup>th</sup>*. Please see the details of this important announcement [linked here](#).
- **Masks:** **Please make sure your child's mask fits appropriately.** Masks must fit snug and cover his/her nose and mouth. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!
- Thank you for being so communicative to the office and faculty regarding your child's absence. Please be mindful that if/when you e-mail a teacher or the office during the day regarding your child's make-up work, we may not be able to respond to you until the end of the school day. We will happily respond as soon as we are able. Thank you for your patience!
- If a student or student's immediate family member is awaiting a test result from the lab **AFTER YOU RECEIVED THE RESULTS FROM A RAPID TEST, the student(s) must remain home until the lab results are returned and confirmed.**
- **Quarantined Cohorts:** Please be aware that **there is a process that we go through in order to quarantine a classroom.** This process includes communication and direction from the Archdiocese as well as the CDC and IDPH and can take several hours to complete. When we become aware of a positive COVID case in our community **we act as quickly and communicate as promptly as we are able.** We are so grateful for your patience and understanding.
- Here is a link to our **Health and Safety Plan [Decision Tree](#).**
- The Archdiocese has enacted a new policy that ***if a family knowingly sends their child to school when they are positive for COVID-19, the family will be subject to our remote learning option for the remainder of the school year.***
- As a reminder, here are answers to some of our most frequently asked questions:
  - ***If a student becomes ill at school and has 1 or more COVID symptoms, the student and his/her siblings will be sent home.*** The School Office will send an e-mail to parents communicating that in order for their family to return back to school, parents must share documentation of a negative COVID test result or a doctor's note indicating that the diagnosis is not COVID related.
  - When a student is absent due to an illness, the School Office will e-mail the parents:
    - ***If the symptom(s) persists for more than 24 hours, the School Office will send an e-mail to parents communicating that in order for their family to return back to school, parents must share documentation of a negative COVID test result or a doctor's note indicating that the diagnosis is not COVID related.***

- Homework cannot be sent home with neighbors or friends, but CAN BE SENT HOME WITH SIBLINGS. Please connect with your students' teacher(s) to coordinate missing work.
- When picking up your child early from school for whatever reason, parents are expected to wait outside the main office doors.
- If your child's classroom has to quarantine, you only need to quarantine his/her siblings if he/she is showing symptoms of COVID-19. In an effort to keep everyone safe and protect our school community at large, ***please communicate with us any documentation you receive from your doctor regarding your child's symptoms/illness.*** In order to keep everyone safe, we must always make cautious decisions with the well-being of those around us at heart. Thank you for working with us!
- ***Please partner with us and keep your children safe while outside of school. If we all follow this guidance, we will have a greater chance of keeping our doors open.*** While your child is not in school, *please remind him/her to wear a mask, keep his/her distance, wash and sanitize his/her hands, and stay home if he/she is sick.*
- This year you need to **reserve your spot for Extended Day Care.** Due to the new Covid Safety Guidance, we can only serve 50 students at a time. [Here is the form](#) to reserve your spot.

## St. John Fisher Parish News

**Pro Labore Dei** continues to work for those in need in the Robbins, Blue Island and Posen areas. This month we hope to provide those communities with a Thanksgiving Feast! The following items can be dropped off at the rectory or in the Church Parking Lot on Saturdays from 10:30-11. Thanksgiving offerings are due to the rectory on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30. Thank you for our generosity and bless you for all you do!

### Thanksgiving Bag Wishlist

- **2 cans of: corn, sweet potatoes, green beans or peas, cranberry sauce, and gravy**
- **1 large box of mashed potatoes, 2 boxes of stuffing**
- **1 non-perishable dessert**

*Don't have time to shop? We will do it for you! Drop \$20 in an envelope marked PLD Thanksgiving at the rectory. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bridget Stalla, [bridget.stalla@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.stalla@gmail.com).*

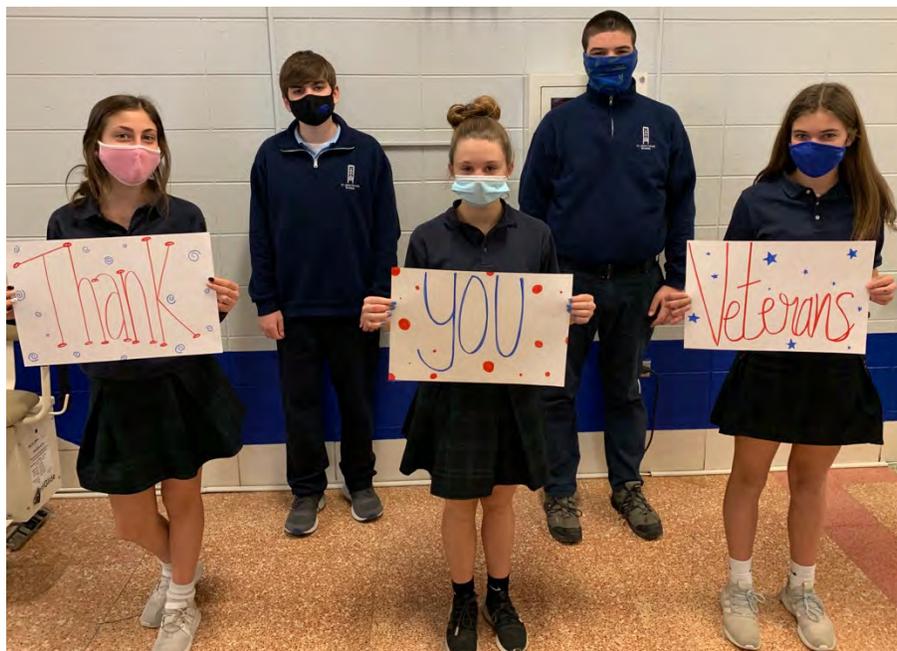


Don't forget to join us for mass! St. John Fisher is open for **Mass** at **4 PM on Saturdays, 8 AM and 11 AM on Sundays, and 8:15 AM every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday.** **Confession** is also available every **Saturday 3 PM - 3:45 PM.** If you would like to sign up in advance for weekend Masses, you 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.

**St. John Fisher Supports our Veterans! Thank you for your generosity.  
Together we raised \$954 for the Fisher House Charity.**









# 2020-2021 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

- 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@sjschool.net](mailto:clarmon@sjschool.net)

- Attendance
- Calendars
- Schedules
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Public Relations

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Kate Spadoni: [kspadoni@sjschool.net](mailto:kspadoni@sjschool.net)

- Registration
- Admissions
- Medical Forms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: [lmurray@sjschool.net](mailto:lmurray@sjschool.net)

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: [dmaxwell@sjschool.net](mailto:dmaxwell@sjschool.net)

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: [mredmond@sjschool.net](mailto:mredmond@sjschool.net)  
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: [echermak@sjschool.net](mailto:echermak@sjschool.net)  
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: [dogrady@sjschool.net](mailto:dogrady@sjschool.net)  
Manna Team: [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com)

- Counseling
- Student Support

Contact SJF Counselor and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Nichole Carey: [ncarey@sjschool.net](mailto:ncarey@sjschool.net)

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

Contact SJF Principal, Mrs. Maura Nash: [mnash@sjschool.net](mailto:mnash@sjschool.net)

- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

School Advisory Board: [sjsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjsab@gmail.com)  
Athletic Association: [stjohnfishersports@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfishersports@gmail.com)  
FSA: [fsa@sjschool.net](mailto:fsa@sjschool.net)  
Women's Club: [SJFWomensClub@gmail.com](mailto:SJFWomensClub@gmail.com)  
HNS: [SJFHNS@gmail.com](mailto:SJFHNS@gmail.com)

# HELP SUPPORT OUR BUDDY BEAU

WE WILL BE SELLING  
SHIRTS AND  
SWEATSHIRTS  
NOVEMBER  
13TH-22ND.



ALL PROCEEDS WILL  
GO DIRECTLY TO THE  
DOWLING FAMILY.

STUDENTS CAN WEAR  
THESE AS SPIRIT GEAR.



IF YOU WISH TO ORDER, PLEASE VISIT  
[HTTPS://BEAUSTRONG.ITEMORDER.COM/SALE](https://beaustrong.itemorder.com/sale)  
OR THE FOLLOWING QR CODE.





# St. John Fisher Holiday Grand Raffle

Tickets are \$100 each

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First prize: \$25,000   Second prize: \$5,000   Third prize: \$2,000

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1 entry per 5 tickets sold will be entered into a \$1,000 prize raffle

Tickets can be purchased in person at the rectory, by calling the rectory at 773-445-6565, or visiting the church and school websites [www.sjfschool.net](http://www.sjfschool.net) or [www.stjohnfisherparish.net](http://www.stjohnfisherparish.net)



**Winners will be drawn  
December 6th after 11:00am mass**



# St. John Fisher Pizza Set Up Fundraiser



**Support SJF and Shop Local - Vouchers Never Expire - Save Money**

3 Crusts to Choose From:

(3) 12" crusts, (10) 7" crusts, or (3) gluten free crusts

Set Ups include 1 lb. of mozzarella and a pint of homemade sauce

Sausage/Pepperoni set ups include 20 oz of pizza sausage or  
1/2 lb of pepperoni

Use now or freeze for later!

Cash or Checks made out to St. John Fisher FSA

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Thin Crust - (3)12"	Price	Quantity	Total Price
Cheese	\$13		
Sausage	\$16		
Pepperoni	\$16		
<b>Thin Crust - (10)7"</b>			
Cheese	\$15		
Sausage	\$18		
Pepperoni	\$18		
<b>Gluten Free - (3)12"</b>			
Cheese	\$18		
Sausage	\$20		
Pepperoni	\$20		
<b>Totals:</b>			

**\*\*ORDERS DUE ~~NOVEMBER 13TH~~\*\***

**\*\*Extended to November 20th\*\***

**Redeem Vouchers at:**

S&T Provisions 3804 W. 111th Street Chicago, IL.

Open Mon - Sat 9am-6pm



Support **SJF School** and Local Businesses during the holidays with **NO COST TO YOU!**  
**Purchase Holiday Gift Cards through our Manna Program.**  
**Community Members can Earn Rebates, too (2 - 14%). Better value than credit card rewards!!**

Choose from the following common packages or *Pick and Choose* select retailers and amounts from attached [form](#) with **100+ Retailers Available**. *SJF Families is aiming to sell \$1500 in gift cards this holiday season.*

**Package 1: Holiday Meals**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
County Fair	\$100	3%
Town Liquor	\$50	3%
Swanson's	\$50	5%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>

**Package 2\*: Online Shopping**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Amazon	\$100	2.25%
Kohl's	\$100	3%
Gap	\$100	14%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$19.25</b>

\*(All available in ecertificates to quickly load in your cart or email as gifts)

**Package 3: Stocking Stuffers**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Dunkin Donuts	\$20	3%
Starbucks	\$20	7%
Panera Bread	\$20	5%
Beverly Bakery	\$20	6%
Chipotle	\$20	6%
Golf Galaxy	\$25	2.25%
Amazon	\$25	8%
Oberweis	\$20	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$8.98</b>

**Package 4: Local Dining & Carry-Out**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Horse Thief Hallow	\$50	6%
Fox's	\$50	6%
Milano's	\$50	6%
Open Outcry	\$50	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$10.50</b>

**Package 5\*: Teens, Kids and Grandkids**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
American Girl	\$100	9%
Target	\$50	2.50%
American Eagle	\$50	10%
Xbox	\$50	6%
TopGolf	\$50	8%
Build-A-Bear	\$25	8%
Disney	\$25	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

\*(All available in ecertificates to quickly load in your cart or email as gifts)

**Package 6: Home Décor & Improvement**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Home Depot	\$100	4%
Bed, Bath and Beyond	\$100	7%
Home Goods & Improvement	\$50	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$14.50</b>

**Package 7: Look Good Feel Good!**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Ulta	\$50	3%
Everything's Relative	\$50	3%
Core	\$50	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>

Manna is our #1 School Fundraiser. We need to increase participation to balance school budget and maintain competitive tuition rates. Our Goal is to raise **\$100,000 for SJF School** through this program. Every effort counts! **Thank you for the support! You can purchase gift cards thru the program anytime of year.** See "Support us" tab on [website](#) for hours to stop in to buy or easy steps to purchase online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Email [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com) with questions!

Stop in! *Open everyday except Tuesdays:* Manna "Cash and Carry" Hours at the **Convent (on Fairfield side):** Monday 8-9:30 am, Wednesdays 6-7:30pm, Thursdays 8-9:30am, Friday 1-2:30 pm (school year), Saturdays 8:30-9:30 am, Sundays 11 - Noon



# Respect Life Wreath Sale

The Respect Life committee will be selling wreaths/gift items outside the south door of the SJF parking lot on **Sunday, November 29**. *Please come by anytime between 7:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.* These items will fill your home with the spirit and love of the Christmas season and make the perfect hostess gifts for friends and neighbors. All proceeds help support the work of the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Through your generosity, hundreds of teens and young woman facing a crisis pregnancy will receive the compassionate counseling, social service referrals and material goods assistance they need to help them through this most difficult period of their lives. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*Listed below are available items:*

Holly Plant	\$5.00	Bark Basket	\$30.00
Classic Swag	\$10.00	26" Noble Fir Wreath w/cones	\$35.00
24" Balsam Wreath w/cones	\$20.00	<b><i>Cash and checks accepted</i></b>	



Please contact Kerry McNicholas with any questions.  
[Kerrymcginnis@yahoo.com](mailto:Kerrymcginnis@yahoo.com)  
(708) 525-0705

*Each child is sent into the world by God with a unique message to deliver, a new song to sing, and a personal act of love to bestow.*

## **Amazon Shoppers,**

Please join us at AmazonSmile when completing your shopping orders. AmazonSmile can be used on both regular orders and Amazon Fresh orders. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases to St. John Fisher. Using AmazonSmile is at no cost to you! Instead of using the regular Amazon app or webpage, you will open up AmazonSmile instead 😊 Thank you for your support!

There are 3 EASY ways to remember Amazon Smile when making your purchase on Amazon.

1. To Shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You can add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to remember.

2.

**Make it easier to return to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) by adding a shortcut to your phone's home screen**



1. Tap the share icon at the bottom of this window.



2. Tap **Add to Home Screen**, and then tap **Add**.



3. Tap the new icon on your home screen to return at any time to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

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## **AmazonSmile is now in the Amazon Shopping App**

You can now support your favorite charity when you shop using the Amazon Shopping App on your Android device. See below for instructions to turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App.

Follow the steps attached below to add AmazonSmile in your Amazon Shopping App. This feature is coming very soon for iOS (Apple), stay tuned!

1 Make sure you have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App



1. Open the Google Play Store
2. Tap the menu (≡)
3. Tap on My apps & games
4. Tap the Updates tab
5. Update the Amazon Shopping App

2 Open the Amazon Shopping App



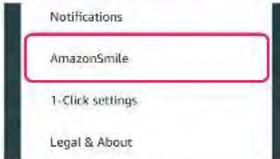
3 Tap in the main menu in the Amazon App



4 Tap Settings



5 Tap AmazonSmile



6 Follow the instructions on the screen to turn on AmazonSmile



7 All set! Tap the Start shopping button and support charity



Coming soon on iOS. Stay tuned!