



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

October 15, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

This week we pause to show our gratitude and appreciation for the members of the incredible Oktoberfest Committee, who have spent countless hours volunteering to make our first Oktoberfest a huge success! The Oktoberfest Committee members are: Erin and Jay Schober, George Liebenritt, Dave Cahill, Ann Piejko, Dawn and Joe Albrecht, Denise and Ronnie Kovacs, Jen Serpe, Kristen Mylniec, Maryanne Stathis, Michelle Coleman, Traci McCarthy, Siobhan and Tim Cotter, Becky Dowling, Michelle White, Kristin and Marty Urbon, Amy and Kevin O'Connor, Dave Clisham, Bob Kellam, and Carrie Nowicki. Thanks to our FSA, Holy Name Society and Women's Club volunteers for setting up last night with a special thanks to the electrical team! The impressive list of sponsors who have donated financial resources to this event is below. Oktoberfest is not only bringing us back together, but it is also raising funds for our school! The commitment, dedication and energy that our community brings to events like this is inspiring and unmatched! SJF really is a community like no other! We intend to use the funding to continue to modernize our classrooms. We will be certain to share with you the improvements that we were able to make as a result of Oktoberfest. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

If you find yourself needing to continue the celebratory spirit this weekend, feel free to come out and cheer on our Girls Basketball Teams for Pack the Place this Saturday in our very own Conner T. Lowry Gym. Our Falcon Football Teams will also be playing this Saturday at Beverly Park. Let's Go Falcons!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,
Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- **ALL MEDICAL FORMS WERE DUE October 15th!** The State Law *requires students to stay home until all records are up to date*. If your child is missing his/her medical form(s), please reach out to Mrs. Murray in order to make a plan and avoid having to keep your child home from school, lmurray@sjschool.us.
- **COMPLIANCE AUDIT** – St. John Fisher is currently undergoing a compliance audit for all volunteers who work with our students both on and off campus. Please see the below information that must be completed in order for you to be in compliance and eligible to participate as a volunteer and/or chaperone at St. John Fisher School. Thank you for your help and attention!
- **STUDENTS CAN NO LONGER WEAR SHORTS to school.** The Fall weather is upon us! Please make sure your children wear their uniform pants to school beginning Monday, October 18th. Girls are allowed to wear leggings under their uniform skirts/jumpers as long as they are a solid color: **white, navy, hunter green, or black.**
- On **Friday, October 22nd**, our **S.O.A.R. students** will be hosting a dress down day to **raise awareness for Autism**. All profits will be donated to **Autism Speaks**. Students are encouraged to **wear blue** and **bring in a \$1**.
- **My Hot Lunchbox Issue:** If your child did not get his/her correct order from the Buona Beef Special Lunch Day, please fill out the form [linked here](#).
- **Holiday Raffle Ticket** sellers are needed! Please [visit this sign-up link](#) if you are able to participate. Thank you!
- **Weekend Mass Initiative:** St. John Fisher School and FSA are sponsoring a **weekend mass attendance incentive for our school children for the month of October**.
 - Any school child who attends any of the masses on Saturday or Sunday will receive a yellow ticket to come out of uniform the following Monday, October 18th.
 - Help us show the Archdiocese what a vital community St. John Fisher is!
 - FSA is looking for volunteers to help pass out Dress Down Vouchers, please sign up on the following link: [Ticket Distributor](#).
- **The Hot Lunch Menu** for November is available and open for ordering.
- Stay tuned for more information regarding our annual **Pumpkin Decorating Contest** hosted by S.O.A.R. This year's theme is superheroes and villains!
- **Forgotten Items:** SJF **will accept:** forgotten lunches, medication, glasses; but we **cannot accept:** Chromebooks, projects, materials for projects, or homework.
- **Extended Day** : Make sure to [register your child here](#). Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjschool.us.

Did you know...

- 2021-2022 is the inaugural year for **SJF's National Junior Honor Society!**
- Since the integration of our new **Foundations Phonics Program** along with our **HMH Reading Curriculum**, students in our Reading Intervention Program are testing out or advancing in their Fountas and Pinnell reading level at a faster rate than in the past two years.
- Our Falcons receive **small group instruction** on the average of 3-5 times a week!
- Our Falcons receive **SEL as a special every week**. Why is SEL so critical? [Check out this article](#) to learn more about how SEL is a vital component to the success of our children's future.



Manna Update

Signing up for the App is as easy as Venmo! Get started today to help the school fundraise on your everyday purchases without a cost to you! Would you rather sell wrapping paper or popcorn?

- 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 for your support!

Looking Ahead

Friday, October 15th	OKTOBERFEST in the Church Parking Lot from 6-11 *tickets are available to purchase at the door
Saturday, October 16th	<p>ETC 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Monster Mash w/ Mrs. Altman <p>Pack the Place ~ Girls Basketball!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 5th grade White vs St. Damian • 9:50 5th grade Blue vs CK • 10:40 6th grade A vs St. Alexander • 11:30 6th grade B vs Mt. Greenwood • 12:30 7th grade A vs St. Cajetan • 1:20 7th grade Blue vs Mt. Greenwood • 2:10 7th grade White vs CK • 3:00 4th grade (White, Gold, Blue teams) scrimmages • 5:30 Introductions of both 8th grade teams & parents • 6:00 8th grade B vs St. Cajetan • 7:00 8th grade A vs MHR <p><i>We will have an all-day split the pot & fan shooting contests as well as player introductions & 8th grade ceremonies!</i></p> <p>Boys Football 12 – 3 p.m. @ Beverly Park</p>
Weekend Mass October 16 th & 17 th	Join us for Mass: (4 p.m. on Saturday), 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday
Monday, October 18th	<p>ETC's 3– 4 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween Science w/ Mrs. Altman and Mrs. Lindgren • Halloween Art w/ Ms. Surin
Tuesday, October 19th	<p>ETC 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Witches in Training w/ Mrs. Altman and Mrs. Lindgren
Wednesday, October 20th	<p>ETC's 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween Art w/ Ms. Surin • Spooky and Sweet Halloween Treats w/ Mrs. Altman and Mrs. Lindgren
Thursday, October 21st	HSPT Class from 3:00 – 4: 30 p.m.
Friday, October 22nd	Autism Awareness Dress Down Day: Students should bring in a \$1 and DRESS IN BLUE for this important cause – <i>Thank you!</i>

COVID GUIDANCE

We are in this together...thank you for your cooperation!

- Please review the most recent communication from the archdiocese [linked here](#). These guidelines will be reviewed every two weeks and are subject to change.
- A few details to highlight:
 - All symptomatic individuals must remain home, regardless of vaccination status.
 - If symptoms last longer than 24 hours, individuals must receive a negative COVID-19 test or alternative medical diagnosis prior to returning to school.
 - Masks are required for all students and staff indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Compliance Update

2021-2022 SCHOOL VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The following guidelines are mandated by the Archdiocese of Chicago and apply to all volunteers, chaperones, coaches, scout leaders, and catechists that will help out in our parish and school programs. The Archdiocese of Chicago conducts an annual audit to ensure that all are in compliance with these mandates. That audit is happening now. If you wish to participate with our students as a volunteer, chaperone, and/or coach, please make sure you have completed all the necessary tasks.

If you are planning to volunteer, chaperone, and/or coach at St. John Fisher School this year, here are the Safe Environment Requirements:

- New volunteer/chaperone/coach: Create an account on the Virtus System at www.virtusonline.org.
- If this is a new account, you will be assigned the online **Protecting God's Children Training**.
- Register and attend the training within 15 days of beginning volunteering.
- If you have a VIRTUS account from another parish/school, please notify Mary Margaret Redmond to add St. John Fisher School to the existing account.
- If your Protecting God's Children is older than 2018, you will be assigned the online recertification training, **Keeping the Promise Alive** through the [VIRTUS website](#). This recertification is *done online*.
- **Name-based Criminal Background Check** by S2Verify submitted in [VIRTUS](#) which is a one-time requirement, but rechecked every three years.
- **Archdiocesan Standards of Behavior for Church Personnel working with Minors and Vulnerable Adults** (Formerly Archdiocesan Code of Conduct). This must be read, signed and re-acknowledged yearly through [VIRTUS](#).
- Completion of a **CANTS 689 Form** [linked here](#). This must be completed every year and turned into school; DO NOT MAIL.
- Complete the online **Mandated Reporter Training** through www.archchicago.org.
- **Any questions or concerns please contact our Compliance Officer, Mary Margaret Redmond, at mredmond@sjfschool.net**

There will be no exceptions to these requirements.

Please act today.

Pro Labore Dei

The next lunch making will take place on **Saturday, November 6th, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** As always, we are asking for **DONATIONS** and **VOLUNTEERS** to make sandwiches. We have been so blessed with donors, "sandwich makers" and packers. Suggested donations for November are as follows and can be dropped at the Rectory by the Friday morning before lunch making.

- 12 loaves of bread
- 4 cases of water
- 100 bags of chips
- 2 jars of mayonnaise
- disposable gloves
- 15 tomatoes
- 4 large heads of iceberg lettuce
- 100-150 napkins

We welcome whatever you can contribute. Please consider joining us or donating if you can. You are always so wonderful and generous and always welcome! As of right now, we will continue to collect groceries in the SJF parking lot every Saturday morning from 10:30-11:00am.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN COATS DURING THE ENTIRE MONTH OF OCTOBER. You can bring them to the Saturday morning time in the parking lot.

If you have any questions at all, please call Pam O'Mara (773) 612-0281 or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773) 239-8428.

Renew My Church Update

Thank you to everyone who came out to our "town hall" meeting this past Tuesday. Your presence and feedback are valued and appreciated. If you have any additional comments or questions regarding this process, please email renewmychurch@sjfschool.us. Thank you!



2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



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

- End of First Trimester: **11.16**
- Make-up School Picture Day: **11.18**
- 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**
- First Reconciliation: **1.25 & 1.25**
- Catholic Schools Week: **1.30 – 2.5**
- Confirmation: **2.6**
- 8th Grade Graduation Pictures: **2.9**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.17**
- President's Day Break: **2.18 – 2.21** *classes resume **2.22**
- End of Second Trimester: **3.8**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.14**
- 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: **November 3rd, December 1st, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th.**



FALCONS OF THE WEEK

Brody Fetzter & Cormac O'Sullivan, 1st Grade

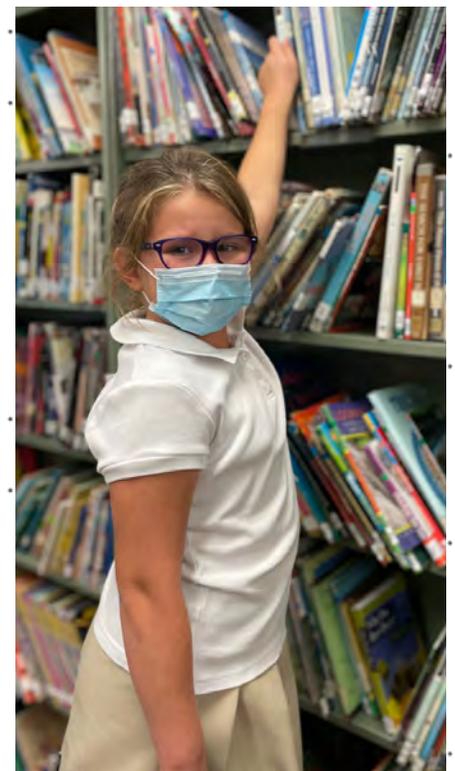
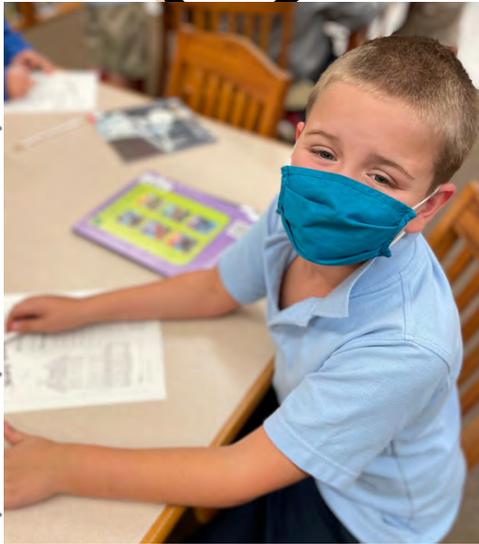


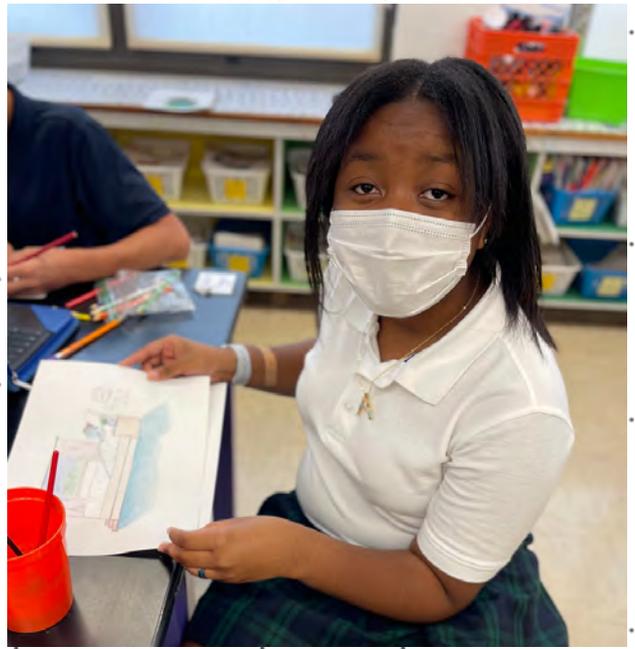
One of our school themes is "Fly Like a Falcon". Falcons SOAR above, capturing an aerial view of what is going on below. We are encouraging our school community to "SOAR above" things that might bring us down, not allowing us to be our best selves. We are on a school-wide crusade to "Fly Like a Falcon", 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 first graders, Brody Fetzter and Cormac O'Sullivan.**

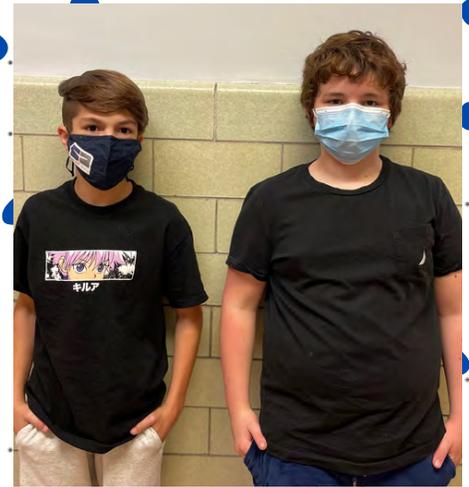
Brody and Cormac were nominated for Falcon of the Week by their teacher, Mrs. Ball, for their random act of kindness. During their free choice morning time, Brody and Cormac chose to make their friend a birthday card for his big day rather than use their time to play. We love the thoughtfulness of this gesture and know it made their classmate feel extra special on his birthday! Thank you Brody and Cormac for being extra kind and making your friend smile and for making your classroom and our school a better place. Keep flying like Falcons. You are making a difference!



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SAVE THE DATE!

**PACK
THE
HOUSE!**



JOIN US FOR SJF PACK
THE HOUSE - GIRLS
BASKETBALL!

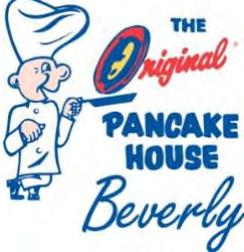
OCTOBER 16TH!

Thank you to the following local businesses for sponsoring our Oktoberfest, Friday, October 15th. With their support, we are on track to raise over \$10,000 for SJF School. When you stop into these businesses **JOIN US IN THANKING THEM FOR THE SUPPORT! Tickets sold [HERE!](#)**



FRIDAY
OCTOBER 15th
 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
 Beer - Music - Food
 21+ Welcome
 \$30/person or \$50/couple

For tickets and more info:
www.sjfschool.net/oktoberfest

<p>Presenting Sponsor</p> <p>(\$3,000)</p>		
<p>Koozie Sponsors</p> <p>(\$1000)</p>		
<p>Friends of the Falcons Sponsors</p> <p>(\$500)</p>		

Friends of the Falcons Sponsors

(\$500)



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Meghan Healy
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Brian Healy - Loan Officer
773-370-1467

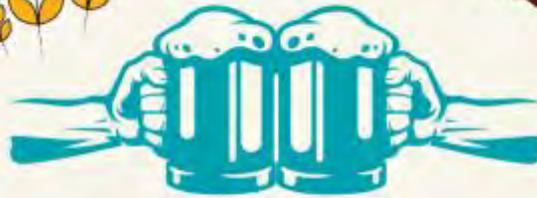
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BEER - MUSIC - FOOD

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BEER AND FOOD TICKETS FOR PURCHASE

WITH THE RON BURGANDY BAND
WHITTINGHAM MEATS
COSTUME CONTESTS
GAMES & MERRIMENT

OCTOBER 15 6PM-11PM

GET TICKETS AT
[HTTPS://WWW.SJFSCHOOL.NET/OKTOBERFEST/](https://www.sjfschool.net/oktoberfest/)
OR SCAN HERE!



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, Zelle, or Checks made out to St. John Fisher FSA

FSA Zelle account: michellebw27@hotmail.com

Family Name: _____

Room # _____

Telephone number: _____ Circle One: Cash Check Zelle

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

****ORDERS DUE October 22nd****

Parishoner orders can be drop at the rectory
or emailed to karenmcdonagh513@gmail.com

Redeem Vouchers at:

S&T Provisions 3804 W. 111th Street Chicago, IL.
Open Mon - Sat 9am-6pm



autism speaks[®]

The S.O.A.R team would like to announce that we are raising money for Autism Speaks. Bring in at least \$1 for a full dress down in blue on Friday, October 22nd. We will be donating all this money to the Autism Speaks Awareness Fundraiser. "Some people with autism may not be able to speak or answer to their name, but they can still hear your words and feel your kindness." - EVERYDAYPOWER



TREATS, GAMES & PRIZES!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

AT 3:00PM TILL 5:00PM

SJF PARKING LOT

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME AND CAR DECORATIONS

STAN'S DONUT TRUCK ARRIVES AT 3:30



2021-2022 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern...

- 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@sifschool.us

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sifschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Kate Spadoni: kspadoni@sifschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions
- Medical Forms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: lmurray@sifschool.us

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees
- Technology

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sifschool.us

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

Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: mredmond@sifschool.net
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: echermak@sifschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sifschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- Counseling, pre-k – 4th

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Lauren Lordo: llordo@sifschool.us

- Counseling, 5th – 8th
- iReady

SJF Counselor and Assistant Principal, Student Support
Mrs. Nichole Carey: ncarey@sifschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): wbiernacki@sifschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sifschool.us



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If you have a question or concern...

