



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 14, 2022

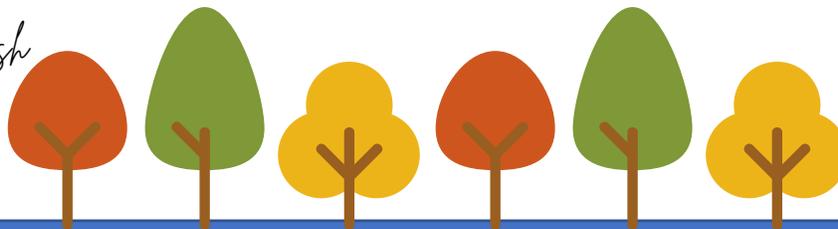
Dear SJF Families,

Well, this was a short week, but there was no shortage of learning and growing! We are in awe on a daily basis of our smart, curious, kind and funny Falcons! Thank you to our talented 7th Graders, Dr. Chermak, Ms. Russell, Mrs. Scannell and Mrs. Higgins for leading us all in prayer today during our 2nd All-School Mass. The theme for today's Mass was Respect which is also our trait of the month for October. During today's Mass and every morning our Falcons learn and talk about how they can show respect for themselves, others and God's beautiful Earth. We hope these conversations overflow into your homes too!

Thank you to the Girls Basketball Coordinator, Coaches and Parents for making last week's Pack the Gym such a huge success and special celebration for our athletes. We hope to see everyone at Oktoberfest next Friday! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **PEACE+LOVE+SJF.**

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*



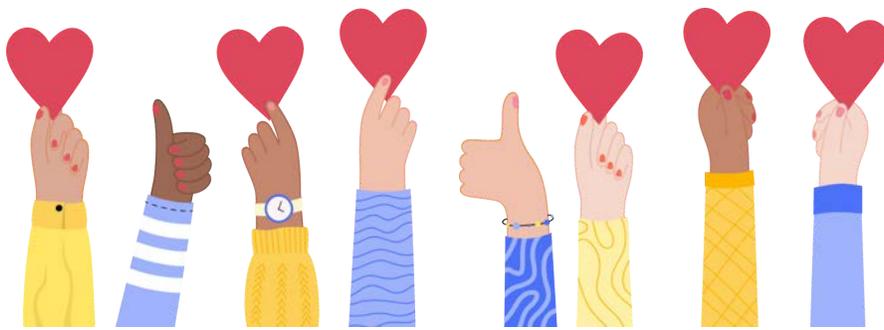
## Important Announcements

- **SJF's 2nd Annual Oktoberfest is ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY! Tickets are now on sale!** VISIT THIS LINK to purchase tickets for the event and the 50/50 Raffle.
  - **Set-up for Oktoberfest begins Thursday, 10.20.** Please do not utilize the parking lot for pick-up and drop-off on Thursday and Friday of next week. Thank you!
- **Did you know we use an online portfolio to organize & share your child(ren)'s artwork?** Check your email for a link to your child(ren)'s Artsonia account if you are not already connected. Contact Mrs. Corley for any questions mcorley@sjfschool.us.
- **SJF will no longer provide a loaner Chromebook** if a student forgot his/her Chromebook or forgot to charge his/her Chromebook. If a student's Chromebook is damaged and getting repaired, we will provide that student with a loaner Chromebook until his/her Chromebook is repaired.
- **Forgotten Items:** In an effort to emphasize one of our 3 B's, Be Responsible, SJF can no longer accept forgotten assignments, supplies or Chromebooks before school. SJF will accept medication and lunches.

- **Early Dismissal & Absent Protocols:** If your child is going to be absent or needs to be dismissed early, please email [attendance@sjfschool.us](mailto:attendance@sjfschool.us). You can also copy his/her classroom teacher. The teachers' email addresses can be found [here](#). You can always call the office and speak to Mrs. Kris Houston at 773.445.4737 if you have questions. Thank you!
- **High School Shadow Days:** If your child is taking a shadow day, please call the office to report his/her absence in addition to notifying your child's teachers.
- **Medical forms** (sports physicals, dental, vision) and your **family emergency card** need to be turned into the Main Office as soon as possible.
- **Extended Day:** As a reminder, this year Extended Day **ENDS AT 5 P.M.** Visit [this link to register your child](#). Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, [dogrady@sjfschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjfschool.us).
- Are you receiving our **monthly parish newsletter**? [Sign up here](#) so you don't miss a beat!

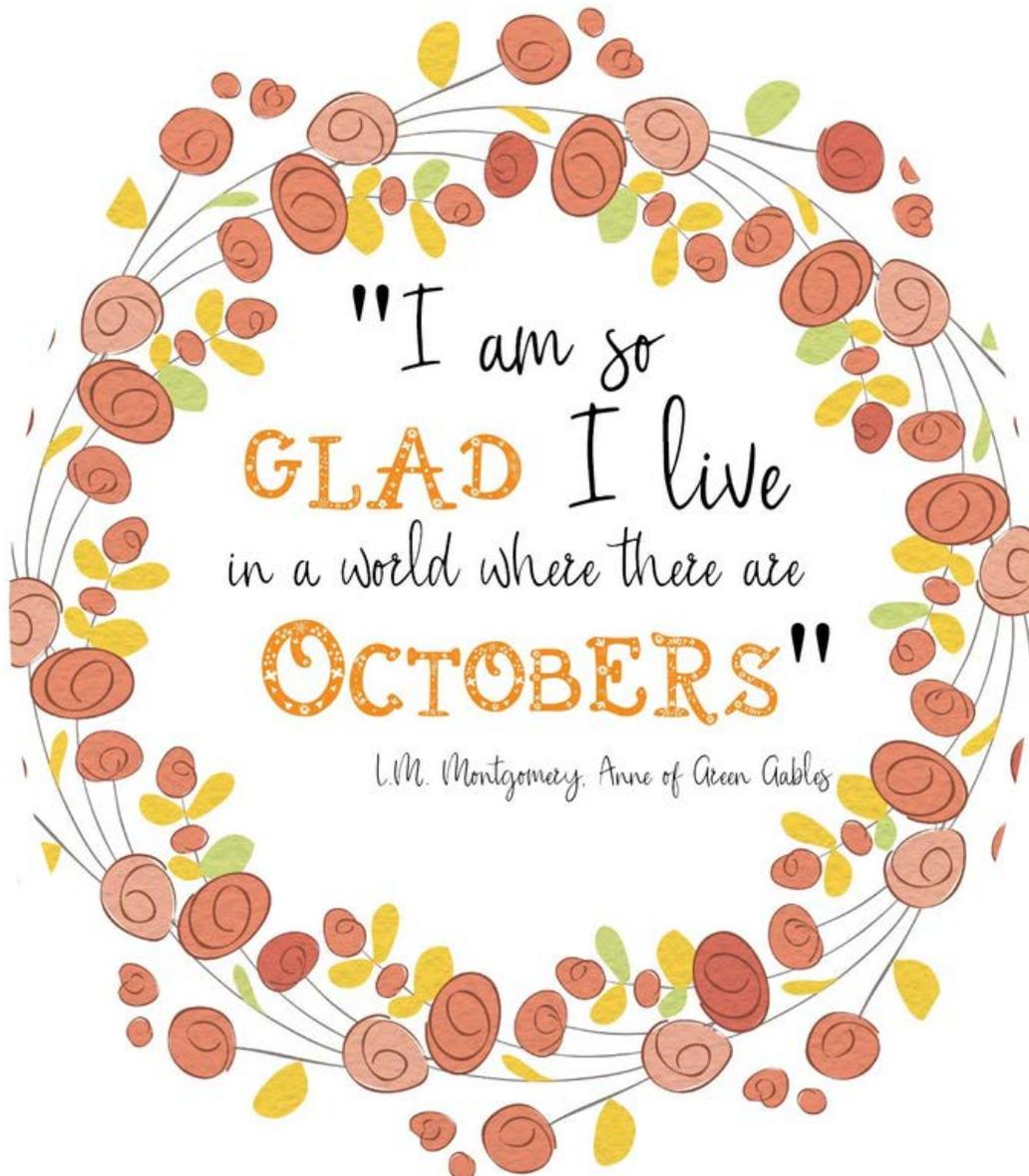
## Pro Labore Dei Update

- Our **coat drive** continues through October 29th. We will be taking donations of slightly used outerwear. Clothing can be dropped off at food drop off on Saturday morning in the Church Parking Lot.
- Our **next lunch making** will be on Saturday, Nov. 6th at 9:15am in the Rectory Basement.
- We need the following:
  - 16 loaves of bread
  - napkins
  - 150 small bags of chips
- A super **BIG THANK YOU to all who continue to donate food items to the PLD pantry and food distribution programs.** The pantry shelves are very often pretty bare. The rising cost of food has driven many families to food pantries. It's a constant concern to be able to fill bags for these families. We continue to collect every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10am at the Church Parking Lot. Thank you for your continuous help.
- Any questions, feel free to contact Pam O'Mara (773) 612-0281 or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773) 239-8428.



## FSA Corner

- FSA sponsors the **out of uniform passes for weekend Mass attendance**. If your child attends Mass at SJF, he/she will receive an out of uniform pass to use on the next day of school. **Please sign-up here** if you can help distribute passes at Mass. Thank you!
- **Calling all new families:** Join the SJF FSA Facebook page and never miss any of our important parent and community information! Our page is FSA at SJF on Facebook.
- Save the date for our **2nd Annual Trunk or Treat on October 28th** from 5-7 p.m. in the Church Parking Lot!
- Thank you to all who attended our meeting last night!
- If you would like to **volunteer** with the FSA, email [sjffsa103@gmail.com](mailto:sjffsa103@gmail.com).



## Looking Ahead



## WEEKEND MASS

4 p.m. on Saturday & 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday ~  
**Don't forget to get your out of uniform pass, Falcons!**  
*We hope to see you there!* 

**Monday, October 17th**

**ETC** 3:00pm-4:30pm  
**Haunted Science Lab** w/ Mrs. Altman  
**Canva for Kids** w/ Ms. Schiavone

**Academic Study Hall** w/ Ms. Dunlavy 3:00 - 4:00pm

**Tuesday, October 18th**

**ETC** 3:00pm-4:00pm  
**Witches in Training Academy** w/ Mrs. Altman  
**Fit Club** w/ Mrs. Sefcik

**Homework Club** w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45

**Wednesday, October 19th**

**ETC** 3:00pm-4:30pm  
**Spooky and Sweet Halloween treats** w/ Mrs. Altman

**Homework Club** w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45

**Thursday, October 20th**

**ETC** 3:00pm-4:00pm  
**Monster Mash** w/ Mrs. Altman

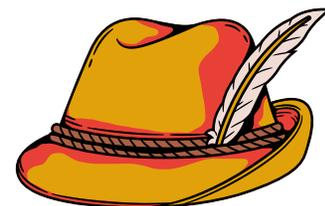
**HSPT Prep Class** w/ Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Condon 3:00 - 4:15pm

**Friday, October 21st**

*Day of the Dead pictures due today*

**Oktoberfest Has Arrived!**

**5-11 p.m. in the Church Parking Lot - ADULTS ONLY!**





## Social & Emotional Learning

At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. Each month of the school year will have an all-school focus on the trait of the month, helping students strengthen particular social skills with different lessons and activities at the classroom level and as an entire school. We encourage you to talk to your children about these traits at home for a consistent message and focus. The trait of the month program is building upon this year's behavior system and school mantra: **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.**

September	Responsibility
October	Respect
November	Gratitude
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



**Be Respectful, Responsible & Safe. Be a Falcon.**



# Manna Update

Manna Update: *Manna Hours expanded effective Monday, October 3rd.*

Mondays: 8:00 – 9:00 AM  
Wednesdays: 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Thursdays: 8:00 – 9:00 AM  
Fridays: 2:00 – 3:00 PM  
Saturdays: 8:30 – 9:30 AM  
Sundays: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

We will continue to look for ways to manage the costs of running the program, so it continues to be a good fundraiser for the school while reducing family tuition costs. With the holidays coming, we hope the expanded hours allow increased participation. We may need to adjust in off peak times based on participation.

**Please note: Manna can be sent home with SJF students. A few requirements:**

- PLEASE SUBMIT: Manna Waiver Form – Agreement for Gift Cards to be sent home through School. Submitting this form will signal to the Manna team that you'd like ALL orders to be sent home from school.
- Use <https://www.raiseright.com/> or Download the App (*As Easy as Venmo*)
- Place order by 10 AM on Sundays and gift cards will be sent home on THURSDAYS. If you miss that deadline, your order will be sent home the following Thursday.
- Note: If this is the method you choose, all orders submitted and paid for will be delivered this way. If you decide to revert back to picking up your orders at the convent, please email [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com) to be removed from the "Send Home" list.

## Simple steps for creating opportunities



### You buy a gift card

You get the full value.



### The brand gives back

No extra money comes out of your pocket.



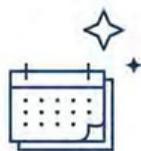
### Your organization earns

Impacting what matters most to you.



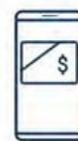
### Budget friendly

There's no need to buy things you don't want. There's no need to spend extra money.



### Time saving

It fits right into your schedule, without having to sell door-to-door or plan events.



### Contactless

Use your smartphone or tablet to earn from anywhere—even from the comfort of your own home.



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\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a very “normal” school year ahead!

- School Picture Make-up Day: **11.17**
- **11.23** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.27** \*classes resume **11.28**
- **12.2** ~ 1:30 dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.4** \*classes resume **1.5**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.16**
- Confirmation: **2.4** ~ 11:00 a.m.
- Graduation Picture Day: **2.8**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.16**
- All -Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **2.17**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.20**
- No School: **3.13**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **3.24**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **4.5**
- Spring Break: **4.6 – 4.16** \*classes resume **4.17**
- First Holy Communion: **4.29**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.29**
- Last Day of School for 8 Grade: **6.2**
- Graduation: **6.4** ~ 1 p.m. in church
- Last Day of School: **6.8** ~ 10:30 dismissal

**Come as you are. You are loved.**



\***1 p. m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**



# 2022-2023 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@sjfschool.us](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail [attendance@sjfschool.us](mailto:attendance@sjfschool.us)

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

Mrs. Kris Houston: [khouston@sjfschool.us](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us)

- Registration
- Admissions Medical
- Forms

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

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees
- Technology

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: [dmaxwell@sjfschool.us](mailto:dmaxwell@sjfschool.us)

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

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

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: [jschultz@sjfschool.us](mailto:jschultz@sjfschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): [wbiernacki@sjfschool.us](mailto:wbiernacki@sjfschool.us)  
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us)



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If you have a question or concern about...

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, [mcummings@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcummings@sjfschool.us)

- Public Relations

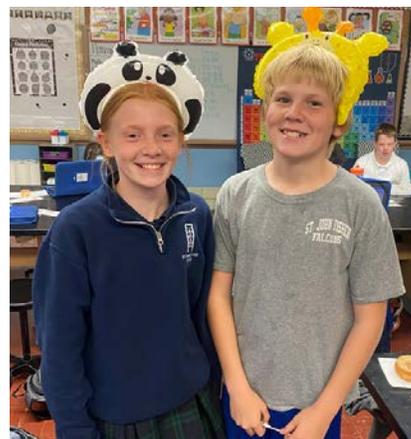
Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcorley@sjfschool.us)

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

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

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

Mr. Bill Gula: [mr.gula@aol.com](mailto:mr.gula@aol.com)  
School Advisory Board: [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com)  
Athletic Association: [stjohnfishersports@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfishersports@gmail.com)  
FSA: [sjffsa103@gmail.com](mailto:sjffsa103@gmail.com)  
Women's Club: [SJFWomensClub@gmail.com](mailto:SJFWomensClub@gmail.com)  
HNS: [SJFHNS@gmail.com](mailto:SJFHNS@gmail.com)





**ST. JOHN FISHER**

# **WINTER SPORTS SIGN-UPS**

## **BOYS BASKETBALL & GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

**OCTOBER 11TH-18TH**

**BOYS BASKETBALL &  
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL  
EVALUATIONS WILL BE  
TOWARDS THE END OF OCTOBER**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 18TH**

[Click for BOYS  
registration](#)

[Click for GIRLS  
registration](#)



ST JOHN FISHER PRESENTS



# OKTOBER FEST

\$30 PRESALE

\$35 AT THE DOOR

**The Ron Burgundy**  
Vacht Rock and other 'softcore' Rock

**SECONDHAND NEWS**

CHICAGO'S FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

*Beverly  
Country  
Club*



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**21  
OCT  
5-11PM**

Whittingham Burgers & Brats, Bavarian Pretzels,  
Horse Thief & Open Outcry Oktoberfest Beers,  
Domestic Beers and 90+ Cellars Seasonal Wines  
all available for purchase. Split the Pot & Raffle Baskets.

LOCATED IN ST. JOHN FISHER PARKING LOT



[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)



## Day of the Dead Altar

Dear Families,

October 31st to November 2nd is the Mexican celebration known as “Dia de los Muertos” or “Day of the Dead”. This is a festive day, where beloved family members, friends or pets who have passed away are celebrated and remembered. The Day of the Dead celebration is a festive tradition that unites families and establishes a sense of identity. It is a time for happy memories of loved ones, not scary stories!

We will be putting together a traditional ofrenda (altar) in the school library that will be visible from the windows along 102nd street.

If you would like to participate, please send in a photograph, prayer card or something that symbolizes a loved one who has died so it can be added to the altar.

Please remind the kids to label pictures and bring to school (no frames please) by Friday, 10/21.





# HALLOWEEN AT ST. JOHN FISHER!

THIS HALLOWEEN...

- EVERYONE CAN WEAR THEIR COSTUMES!
- THERE WILL BE A HALLOWEEN PARADE!
- THE PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, OCT. 28TH
- THE PUMPKIN CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL! DO ONE WITH YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR FAMILY OR BY YOURSELF.
- ALL PUMPKINS MUST BE IN KANE HALL BY 7:15 A.M. 10/28



# DID YOU MISS THE BACK TO SCHOOL SHIRT SALE?

**THERE ARE MORE SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE  
IN THE OFFICE.**



**SHIRTS ARE \$10 EACH**

**SEND MONEY TO THE OFFICE WITH THE SIZES YOU NEED**

**LIMITED SIZES AVAILABLE**

Contact Mrs. Corley for any questions [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcorley@sjfschool.us)