



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

St. John Fisher School

September 16, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

It has been a great week of learning at St. John Fisher! As part of the first graders' unit on apples, they learned about measurement, ingredients and teamwork as they prepared homemade applesauce. Our 4th grade ELA students discussed the Author's Purpose while reading their weekly story from the HMH Reading series. In 8th grade science, the students learned about the periodic table in preparation for their Chemistry Unit. Great things are happening everyday and in every classroom at St. John Fisher!

Now more than ever is a great time to be a St. John Fisher Falcon. 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

- **Christmas Without Cancer 5K Walk/Run** is this Saturday, September 17th at 9 a.m. honoring two very special boys, Beau Dowling and Marty Brogan. Hope you can make it!
- **SJF Oktoberfest tickets are now on sale!** [VISIT THE LINK](https://e.givesmart.com/events/skD/) to purchase tickets for the event and the 50/50 Raffle. <https://e.givesmart.com/events/skD/>
- **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.
- **Early Dismissal:** We will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28th for our first all Faculty Meeting.
- **2022 Homecoming:** SJF Homecoming is Saturday, October 1st. Stay tuned for more details!
- **Trimester 1 Progress Check** is right around the corner on October 5th. Reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for Wednesday, October 5th and Thursday, October 6th. Be on the lookout for registration information.
- **Forgotten Items:** In an effort to emphasize this month's trait of the month, **Responsibility**, which is also one of our 3 B's from boot camp, St. John Fisher can **no longer accept forgotten assignments, supplies or Chromebooks before school.** SJF will accept medication and lunches.
- 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.

- Please **read, sign and return our Electronic User Agreement** that went home in your packet on packet pick-up night.
- **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!
- **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).
- The Hot Lunch menu has been updated and is open for October. Reach out to Mrs. Maxwell with questions, [dmaxwell@sjfschool.us](mailto:dmaxwell@sjfschool.us).
- **School Uniforms:** Please see pages 15-16 of our Student Handbook **linked here**. Uniforms can be purchased at Schools' Are Us, 3146 West 111th Street, Chicago 60655.
- **Falcon Spirit-wear Fridays!** Students are able to wear **any** Falcon spirit-wear tops on Fridays with their uniform bottoms. NO HOODIES or spirit-wear are allowed Monday – Thursday. Thank you!

### Athletics Update!

- **Athletic Fundraiser Merchandise Pick-up:** Friday, September 23rd from 4-6 p.m. in Kane Hall.



## 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:** Summer hours will continue through **Sept. Monday 8 – 9 AM, Wednesday 6-7 PM, Saturday 8:30-9:30**. We are trying to manage the costs of running the program, so it continues to be a good fundraiser for the school and to reduce tuition costs. We will continue to listen to feedback and review sales. With the improvements in the app and option to send home cards with students at school, we are hoping the reduced hours is not a big inconvenience for school families. Reminder on send home process: Manna : **Manna Manna orders made through the shop with scrip website or raise right app can be sent home from school with students for school families that choose this method.** A few requirements:

1. 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.
2. Use [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or [Raise Right App](#).
3. 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.
4. 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. You are still welcome to stop in at the Convent to order gift cards in stock during hours. For more info on the program see [Manna website](#). Email [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com) with any questions.
5. Tip: Use Reminders on shopwithscrip site under "Dashboard – Account Settings – Reminders." You can set up a Shopping Cart with regular orders to easily submit with a few clicks.

## 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.



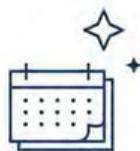
### Your organization earns

Impacting what matters most to you.



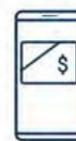
### Budget friendly

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 Day: **10.4**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.5, 10.6**
- No School: **10.7**
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – No School: **10.10**
- 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: **September 28th, October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**



# FALCON OF THE WEEK

Vinny Stubitsch, 8th 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 8th grader Vinny Stubitsch.**

Vinny is mature, responsible and always a wonderful example for our younger Falcons. He shows up to patrol every morning ready to assist our 5th and 6th graders and is not afraid to speak up when they are not being safe. He is extremely respectful to adults and other students and always enters the classroom with a kind greeting. He is always happy, a delight to be around and a wonderful student. Vinny's teachers observe great patience when helping others in need and a positive attitude no matter what the day throws his way! Vinny is always one of the first to jump up and help a friend or teacher whether it be cleaning up a mess or helping with school work. He does not give in to peer pressure and embodies a confidence that is easily emulated by others. All of these characteristics of Vinny truly are examples of a Responsible, Respectful, and Safe Falcon. You sure are making a difference and making our school a better place by having such a great attitude!



# 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...

- 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

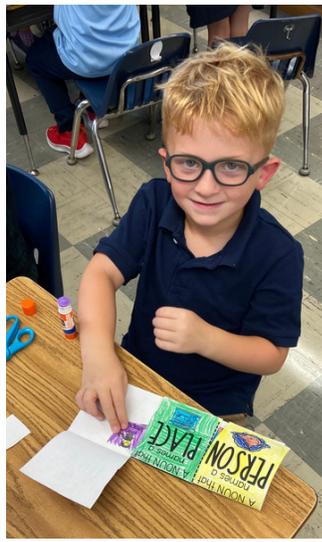
Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcorley@sjfschool.us)

- 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: [fsa@sjfschool.us](mailto:fsa@sjfschool.us)  
Women's Club: [SJFWomensClub@gmail.com](mailto:SJFWomensClub@gmail.com)  
HNS: [SJFHNS@gmail.com](mailto:SJFHNS@gmail.com)





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

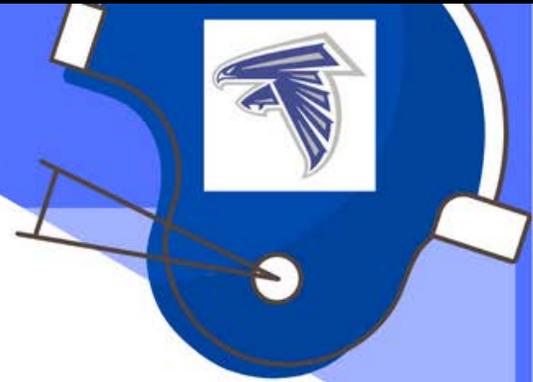


**SHIRTS ARE \$10 EACH**

**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)



# **1ST HOME GAME**

# **THIS SUNDAY!**

**BEVERLY PARK VS ST. DAN**

**4TH GRADE AT NOON**

**JV AT 1:30PM**

**VARSITY AT 3:00PM**

***FISHER MERCH WILL BE FOR  
SALE IN THE ENDZONE!***



**FALCON KOOZIES**



**CTL  
LONGSLEEVES**



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\$35 AT THE DOOR

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Country  
Club*



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OCT  
5-11PM**

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