



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 6, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

Homecoming was a wonderful event for our school community! Thank you to the Athletic Board, especially Bob Rusch, and all of the coaches, coordinators and parents who put so much time and effort into making Saturday memorable and special for our kids.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us during Parent-Teacher Conferences. We are grateful for this opportunity to connect and collaborate with you in the best interest of your child(ren). We have the next half of the trimester ahead of us to keep building on our skills and making improvements before the end of the first marking period. We've got this!

We hope to see everyone at Oktoberfest which is just 2 short weeks away! Visit the link below to purchase your tickets ahead of time. Thank you for your support! Have the most beautiful fall weekend with your family and loved ones. **PEACE+LOVE+SJF.**

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- Thank you for your generous donations to the Edward J. Hines VA Hospital!
- Please join us for the **School Board Meeting on Tuesday 10/11 in Kane Hall at 7 PM**. The agenda is the parish & school calendar and budget/fundraising goals from each parent organization. All are welcome. [Please see SAB's goals here.](#)
- **SJF Oktoberfest tickets are now on sale!** [VISIT THIS LINK](#) to purchase tickets for the event and the 50/50 Raffle.
- **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@sjschool.us.
- **Beverly Park:** SJF is very fortunate to reap the benefits of utilizing Beverly Park for many of our school and parish events such as Homecoming, the Parish picnic, etc. Several emails were shared with me from the surrounding neighbors of the park regarding garbage and belongings that were left at the park after our Homecoming festivities. Please help us and be sure to clean up property and belongings when you leave. Thank you for your help and attention.

- **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. 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.

Athletics Update

- Be on the lookout for online **Winter Sports Sign-ups** next week!
- Winter sports are offered to:
 - Girls volleyball 4-8th grade
 - Boys basketball 3-8th grade

**Thank you,
SJF Athletic Board**



Looking Ahead

 WEEKEND MASS	<p>4 p.m. on Saturday & 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday ~ <i>We hope to see you there!</i></p> <p>Girls Basketball Pack the Gym October 8th! <i>See the flyer below for details.</i></p> 
Monday, October 10th	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 11th *SAB Meeting 7p.m. Kane Hall	<p>ETC 3:00pm-4:00pm Witches in Training Academy w/ Mrs. Altman Fit Club w/ Mrs. Sefcik</p> <p>Academic Study Hall w/ Ms. Dunlavy 3:00 - 4:00pm</p>
Wednesday, October 12th	<p>ETC 3:00pm-4:30pm Spooky and Sweet Halloween treats w/ Mrs. Altman</p> <p>Academic Study Hall w/ Ms. Dunlavy 3:00 - 4:00pm</p>
Thursday, October 13th	<p>ETC 3:00pm-4:00pm Monster Mash w/ Mrs. Altman</p>
Friday, October 14th	<p>All School Mass hosted by our 7th Grade @ 12:00</p> 





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 to be removed from the "Send Home" list.

Simple steps for creating opportunities



You buy a gift card

You get the full value.



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No extra money comes out of your pocket.



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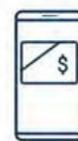
Budget friendly

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.**



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

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sjfschool.us

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

Mrs. Kris Houston: khouston@sjfschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions Medical
- Forms

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

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees
- Technology

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sjfschool.us

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

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

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: jschultz@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

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



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If you have a question or concern about...

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, mschiavone@sjfschool.us

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, mcummings@sjfschool.us

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

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

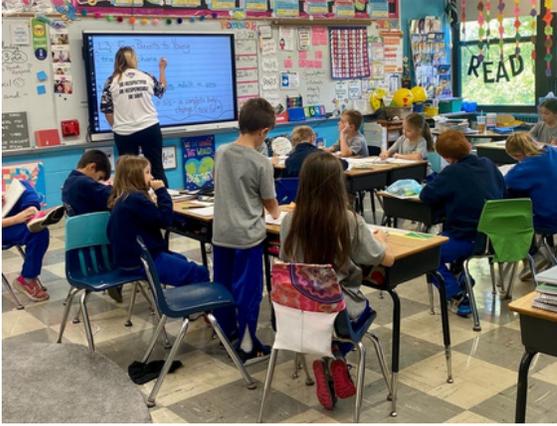
Contact SJF Principal,
Mrs. Maura Nash: mnash@sjfschool.us

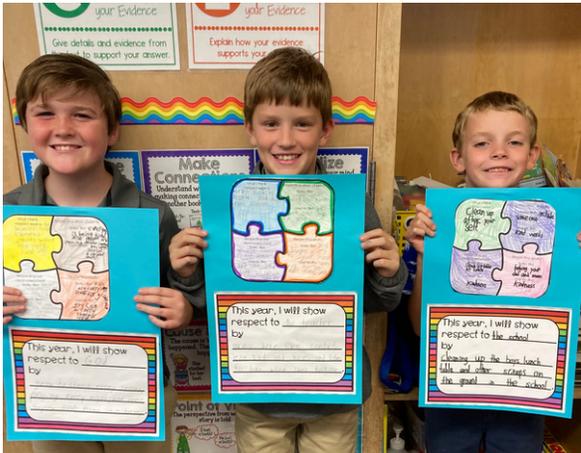
- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

Mr. Bill Gula: mr.gula@aol.com
School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: fsa@sjfschool.us
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com









LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

GIRLS BASKETBALL PACK-THE-HOUSE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

*Come out and cheer on Fisher's best girls
basketball teams play!*

9:00 am 5th Grade Blue

9:50 am 5th Grade White

10:40 am 5th Grade Gold

11:30 am 6th Grade A

12:20 pm 6th Grade B

1:10 pm 7th Grade A

2:00 pm 7th Grade B

6:00 pm 8th Grade White

7:00 pm 8th Grade Blue

8th Grade Rose Ceremony

8:00 pm 8th Grade A



HSPT ENTRANCE EXAM PREP COURSE REGISTRATION

An HSPT Entrance Exam Prep course will be offered to interested 8th grade students. Our instructors will review all 5 sections of the exam---Verbal Skills, Mathematics, Reading, Language, and Quantitative Skills. The students will learn time management skills which are crucial for the HSPT and all standardized tests. Instructors will teach important problem-solving strategies and work to review and strengthen students' content knowledge during the prep course.

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is Saturday, December 3, 2022.

Course dates: 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/29 & 12/1
(All Thursdays except for Tuesday, 11/29)

Catholic High School Entrance Exam is Saturday, December 3, 2022

Course time: 3:00-4:15 p.m.

Cost: \$200 (cash or check made payable to SJF SCHOOL)

Instructors: Mrs. Condon & Ms. Dunlavy

Course Highlights: **Instructors have a combined 35 years of experience working with test prep companies including Huntington Learning Center, Academic Tutoring Center, Excel Edge and Sylvan.

**Small class sizes & individualized instruction & attention.

Please register by sending the completed form with payment to the main office.

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Check one:

Cash: _____ Check: (payable to St. John Fisher School) _____

Registration is due by Wednesday, OCTOBER 5th

OCTOBER ETC

The St. John Fisher Enrichment and Tutorial Center (ETC) is an after-school program designed to offer students a wide variety of classes not normally covered in the regular curriculum. Classes are a fun way for friends to explore areas of interest.

The October session runs from October 10th – October 28th. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School. Payment should be in an envelope marked E.T.C and returned to the Main Office by Thursday October 6th!

Monday Class: October 17th & 24th 3:00-4:30

No school on Monday October 10th

HAUNTED SCIENCE LAB: Have a spooktacular time in this fun class. We will make dancing ghosts and a pumpkin volcano. Come show off your inner mad scientist in this experimentally spooky class. **Class dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman, Room 107, Grades Pre-K-2nd

CANVA FOR KIDS: Pictures, Posters, School Projects, OH MY! Are you looking for a fun, creative outlet that can be used for work, fun, and beyond?! Sign up to learn more about Canva! We will go through the ins and outs of the website and create small projects for ourselves and the school. By the end of this ETC, we will have our very own talented SJF graphic designers! Please make sure to have your Chrome book each session. **Class will be dismissed from the office doors.**

Miss Schiavione, Room 215, Grades 4th-8th

Tuesday Class: October 11th, 18th & 25th 3:00-4:00

WITCHES IN TRAINING ACADEMY: This witch-themed class has all you need to keep things brewing with excitement. We will become wonderful witches. We will have a Broomstick Relay and play Musical Broomsticks. We will make Witches' Brew, play pin the tail on the black cat and much more! **Class dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman, Room 107, Grades Pre-K-2nd

JEWELRY MAKING IN THE ART ROOM: Join us in the art room for jewelry making using air- dry clay and/or beads. In our three weeks of class, we will mold clay into designs that will be painted and attached to jewelry pieces to create earrings, necklaces, or bracelets. Come create fun holiday pieces or everyday stylish jewelry!
Class will be dismissed from the office doors.

Mrs. Corley, Art Room, Grades 3rd -8th

FIT CLUB: Join Mrs. Sefcik to learn new ways to keep fit and have fun! We will conquer workouts such as AMRAPs, Tabata Stations and HIIT. Meet outside the gym doors and get ready to get in shape! **Class will be dismissed from the office doors.**
Mrs. Sefcik, Outside the Gym, Grades 3rd-6th

Wednesday Class: October 12th & 19th 3:00-4:30

No Class on October 26th due to early dismissal

SPOOKY & SWEET HALLOWEEN TREATS: All little goblins will love assembling -- and eating-- these spooky Halloween treats and sweets. We will create such treats as Chocolate Bat Bites, ghost Ghoo, Pumpkin Patch Dirt Cups and more. Join us for some fall fun! **Class dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman, Room 107, Grades Pre-K-2nd

Thursday Class: October 13th, 20th & 27th 3:00-4:00

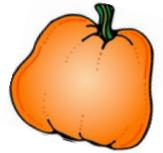


MONSTER MASH: It's spooky season and that means one thing: time to binge our favorite Halloween activities. We will read some silly stories and make some scary good snacks & crafts. We will have a Monster Mash Freeze Dance, a Monster Costume Relay, Monster Bowling and much more! **Class dismissed from preschool doors.**

Mrs. Altman, Room 107, Grades Pre-K-2nd



Please return the completed registration form in an envelope marked ETC to the Main Office by **Thursday, October 6th.**



Students Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____
Allergies (please list all and if child carries an EPI Pen and or/inhaler

*If your child has a food allergy please send him/her with his/her own snack.

Parent Signature: _____ Emergency Contact #: _____

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BARRACO'S

Join us for a Eat and Earn to benefit



Saint John Fisher School



Wednesday October 12th, 2022

From 3pm-10pm

Evergreen Park Location

(3701 W 95th Street)



15% of your food purchase will be donated to SFJ FSA

Must Present Flyer

Valid on Dine In or Carryout orders only.



ST JOHN FISHER PRESENTS



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\$30 PRESALE

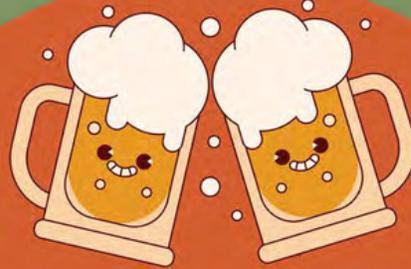
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The Ron Burgundy
Vacht Rock and other 'softcore' Rock

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](#)

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