



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

We have officially been in school for one month! Our Falcons have adjusted to their schedule and routine and we are all loving being back together! Next week is Spirit Week at SJF. Please see the below flyer outlining all of our fun dress down days and information on our all-school fundraiser as we celebrate our Falcon pride leading up to Homecoming next weekend! I think our students are especially looking forward to the return of our all-school pep rally next week! Let's go Falcons!

It is hard to believe that October is right around the corner. The faculty and staff are eager to meet you during Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 5th & 6th. Stay tuned for registration information. Our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest is October 21st in the Church Parking Lot. We look forward to both of these opportunities to see you on campus!

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

- **SJF Oktoberfest tickets are now on sale!** [VISIT THIS LINK](#) to purchase tickets for the event and the 50/50 Raffle.
- **Picture Day is Tuesday, October 4th.** Please [visit this link](#) if you would like to purchase your picture package online. Our school code is: 20060901.
- **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.
- **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 REMINDER:** ***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!
- **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.
- **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!
- **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.
- The **Hot Lunch** menu has been updated and is open for October. Reach out to Mrs. Maxwell with questions, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.
- **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

- Just a reminder the **chain of command for communication and questions** is: coach, coordinator, Athletic Board President, Steve Scarsella. Thank you!

Looking Ahead

WEEKEND MASS	4 p.m. on Saturday & 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday ~ We hope to see you there!
Monday, September 26th	PAJAMA DAY- Come to school in your coziest jammies.
Tuesday, September 27th	COUNTRY DAY- Come dressed like you are from the country or the country club.
Wednesday, September 28th	EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1 P.M. USA DAY- Sport your favorite patriotic clothes! Dress in red , white and blue .
Thursday, September 29th	FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM- Wear your favorite team's apparel or wear your favorite jersey.
Friday, September 30th	BLUE OUT!- Show your Fisher Pride! Wear your favorite Fisher blue swag.
Saturday, October 1st	Homecoming!- See below flyers for games and parade details.



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 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 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 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



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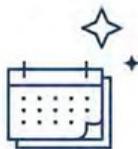
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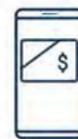
Budget friendly

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.**



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Nora Ashley, 5th 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 5th grader, Nora Ashley.**

Nora is a quiet student who always does the right thing without expecting any kind of reward. She is a wonderful friend and always looks out for other classmates. Since the start of school, Nora has been stepping up to help a classmate when needed and has a sort of empathetic intuition to always know when others are having a bad day. She constantly goes out of her way to help others and is always picking up after everyone to make sure the classroom is left how it should be. Nora's teachers added that she always asks great questions in class that really get her classmates thinking. She comes to class each day ready to learn and challenges herself to better her understanding of each subject and serves as a role model for her peers. Thank you, Nora, for being a role model to everyone in the building. Keep flying like a Falcon, Nora. You're making a difference!



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



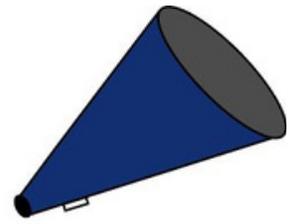






Spirit Week 2022

September 26-September 30



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Monday-Pajama Day



Come to school in your coziest jammies!

Tuesday-Country Day



Come dressed like you are from the country or the country club! You choose!!

Wednesday-USA Day



Sport your favorite patriotic clothes!

Dress in Red, White and Blue

Thursday-Favorite Sports Team

Wear your favorite team's apparel or wear your favorite jersey!



Friday-Blue Out!!

Show your Fisher Pride! Wear your favorite Fisher Blue Swag!!!





2022 Homecoming Week Service Project

As part of our Homecoming Week celebration, the students of St. John Fisher School will be collecting items for the Edward J. Hines VA Hospital. The hospital provides a place for homeless veterans to shower, wash their clothes, and obtain food and clothing when needed.

Please consider donating an item or two to our service project if you are able. We are asking that students bring the following items to school any time during homecoming week. We can not accept any donations after Friday, September 30th.



Pre-K and Kindergarten: Single Rolls of Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

1st & 2nd Grade: Hand Soap or Dish Soap

3rd & 4th Grade: Clorox Wipes

5th & 6th Grade: Body Wash or Single Bars of Soap

7th & 8th Grade: Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion

*Sponsored by the St. John Fisher National Junior Honor Society
Please direct questions to Mrs. Condon
kcondon@sjschool.us*



Homecoming 2022

October 1st

Meet @ SJF Parking Lot at 10:15am

Line-up at 10:45am

Parade Kicks Off at 11am!



SJF



HOMECOMING

Saturday, October 1st

8:00am Mass at SJF Church

9:00-10:00am Breakfast

10:15am Meet in the Fisher parking lot

10:45am Line Up

11:00am Parade to Beverly Park

● **4th Grade Noon** ●

JV B 1:00pm ●

JV 2:00pm ●

Varsity 3:30 pm ●

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

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](#)