



Notes from Mrs. Nash

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St. John Fisher School

March 4, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

We had a great week at SJF as our Falcons worked hard toward finishing the 2nd Trimester out strong. There are many wonderful community and sporting events taking place this weekend. I want to give a special shout-out to the Polar Plunge Volunteer Committee, St. Baldrick's Volunteer Committee and all of the volunteer coaches who have devoted their time and energy toward making our school and parish a better place. Amazing things are happening at SJF thanks to our community's collaboration and we have lots to celebrate!

Thank you for your support of our students and school and thank you for choosing Catholic education, specifically St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,
Mrs. Maura Nash

Renew My Church Update

IMPORTANT Renew My Church ("RMC") process update. As the Archdiocese continues to assess alternatives for our future structure as a parish, a new scenario has been proposed for its consideration. It involves potentially widening our grouping to include all of SJF, Christ the King, St. Barnabas, St. Cajetan, and St. Christina in an area-wide "collaborative ministry plan" that would leave each parish and school independent but working more closely together on a number of ministries and initiatives to strengthen the faith life of our shared communities.

Please be on the lookout for an invitation to a parish-wide town hall meeting to discuss this development in more detail over the coming days. In the meantime, you can read the preliminary proposal attached [here](#) and provide our SJF RMC Discernment Team feedback via the google survey linked here: [Renew My Church Alternate Scenario\(s\) Survey](#). Sharing your opinion with the Archdiocese is an important step toward determining whether this plan moves forward or not.

Related, because of the need for relatively quick feedback on the RMC scenario and due to another scheduling conflict that has arisen, **we are postponing our planned State of the School presentation to Thursday, March 24th**. It will hopefully be a great lead in to the family mass and open house planned for that following Sunday.

Spring Gala Update

- Tickets for the **SPRING GALA** are **ON SALE NOW!** Please [visit this link](#) to purchase your tickets and see the attached flyer for additional information. All proceeds from the SPRING GALA will go to the **Fisher Falcon Education Foundation** which directly and solely supports St. John Fisher School. [Visit this link for more information regarding the Foundation](#). Thank you for your support!

Important Announcements

- **ST. BALDRICK'S UPDATE:** Thank you to all who are braving the shave! Please see the [shavee schedule linked here](#). If barbers are moving ahead of time, we will move you up to the next group, so please be mindful of your time. Thank you for all of your support!
- **Graduation picture retakes** are scheduled for **Monday, March 7th**.
- **March 8th is the end of the Trimester 2.** Please encourage your child to work hard and finish strong! Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, March 10th. **Let's Go Falcons!**
- **Save the Date: March 27th** – SJF School Family Open House from 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. followed by the 11 a.m. Family Mass. We can't wait to see you!
- **Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open now for NEW school families!** If you have a child entering pre-school or kindergarten, [please complete this form](#) to reserve your spot and share this information with anyone interested in attending SJF. Thank you!
- **8th Grade SCC Co-ed Golf Registration is open now!** This league is open to all 8th grade boys and girls. League play begins mid-March and ends the first weekend in May. [Visit this link](#) to register.
- **Extended Day:** Make sure to [register your child\(ren\) here](#). Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.



School Advisory & SJF Leadership Update

Please NOTE: We rescheduled the date of our *Annual State of the School* presentation, **Thursday, March 24th @ 7 p.m.** The presentation will be led by SJF Leadership and our School Advisory Board. We will send a ZOOM link next week so you can tune in from the comfort of your home. There will be an in-person follow-up at our Open House a few days after on Sunday, March 27th.

Looking Ahead

Please join us for our weekend Mass: 4 p.m. on Saturday
and 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday. All are welcome!

Friday, March 4th	SJF's 8 th graders take the Polar Plunge! Church Parking Lot 4 – 6 p.m. St. Baldrick's swag pick-up 4 – 6 p.m., Church Parking Lot Girls Volleyball 6th, 7th & 8th grade Championship Games *schedule is attached
Saturday, March 5th	Irish Mass @ 4 p.m. St. Baldrick's 5 – 10 p.m. in the Conner T. Lowry Gym Boys Championship Basketball Blue-Out Part 2! *schedule is attached
Monday, March 7th Last Day of Trimester 2	Graduation picture re-takes! Academic Eligibility Club 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy ETC – Baking Buddies 3 – 4:30 p.m. w/ Ms. McAndrews ETC – March Madness/Game Night 3.0 3 – 4:30 p.m. w/ Ms Dunlavy & Mrs. Sefcik ETC – Fidget Fun 3 – 4:30 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman Boys Volleyball Evaluations *schedule attached
Tuesday, March 8th 7 p.m. Renew My Church Town Hall Meeting @ SJF	ETC – Spring Science Lab 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman ETC – YOGA for Kids 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Sefcik Homework Club 3 – 3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy
Wednesday, March 9th	ETC – Leprechaun Training Camp 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman ETC – Fun with Fractions 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Sefcik
Thursday, March 10th	ETC – Shamrocks & Shenanigans 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman ETC – Spring Arts & Crafts 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy
Friday, March 11th	No School ~ OCS Flex Day
Monday, March 14th	No School ~ Staff Religious Formation Day

COVID GUIDANCE & REMINDERS

- If your child or a household member has been diagnosed with COVID-19, **please call the school office, 773-445-4737, during the school office hours, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and/or email attendance@sjfschool.us.**
 - If you contact the school office outside of regular scheduled office hours, **we will get back to you the next business day.** Thank you for your patience!
- **SJF Faculty and Staff cannot be responsible for whether or not your child wears a mask. If you are choosing to have your child wear a mask while in school, please have a conversation with your child regarding your family's expectations. SJF cannot require students to wear a mask now that the policy is mask optional.**
- **Details to highlight:**
 - Please see Mr. Richmond's most recent note regarding mask optional [linked here](#).
 - 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.
 - Students who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19 can now return to school after completing a 5-day quarantine, but must wear a mask for days 6-10.
 - Positive students must quarantine from athletics through days 6-10.
 - Exposed students may participate in athletics but must provide proof of a negative test in order to attend events on days 6-10 following the 5-day quarantine.
 - A presumed **90-day immunity window** follows proof of a positive test result for individuals who complete(d) the minimum 5-day isolation and remain symptom free.



2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



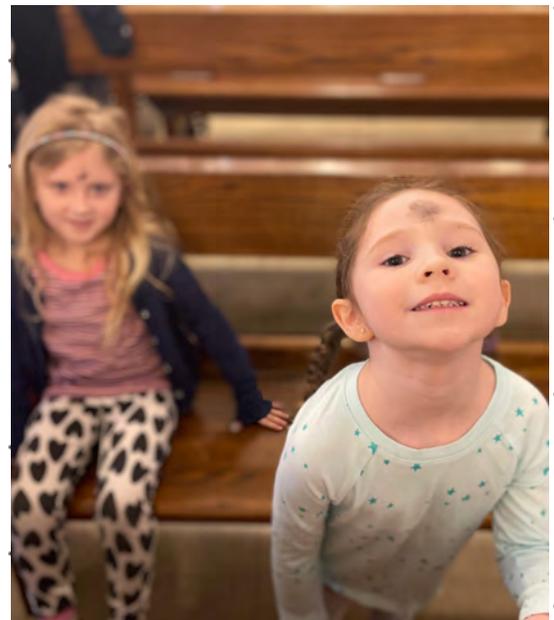
**Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change.*

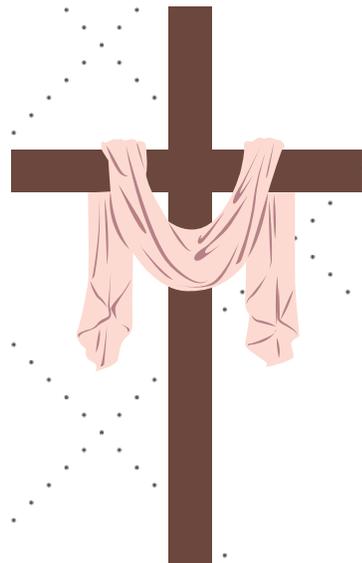
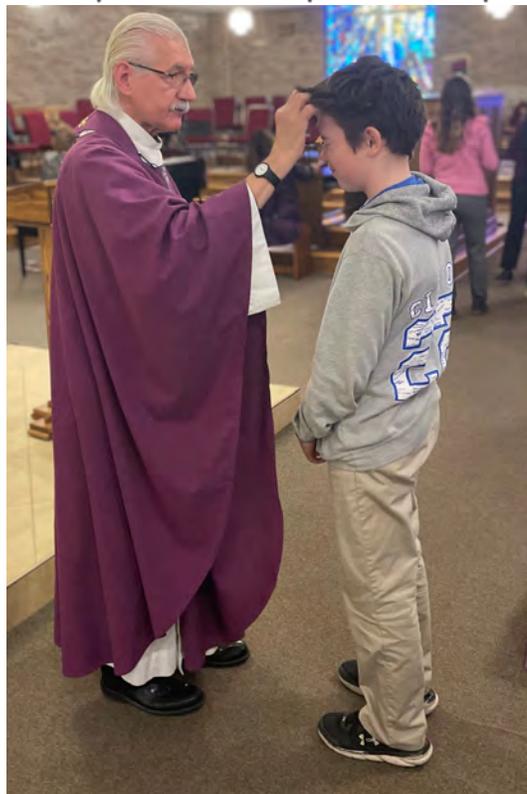
- End of Second Trimester: **3.8**
- **No School – OCS Flex Day: 3.11**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.14**
- School Family Open House & Mass: **3.27**
- Spring Break: **4.13 – 4.24** *classes resume **4.25**
- First Communion: **4.30**
- May Crowning: **5.6**
- 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: **April 6th, May 4th.**



ASH WEDNESDAY CELEBRATION











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TICKETS ON SALE FEBRUARY 14TH @ 9:00 AM

Southern Formal Attire Suggested



ST. JOHN FISHER
ST. BALDRICK'S SHAVING EVENT

March 5th following 4:00 mass

If you would like to participate
as a shavee, please use this QR code.



Conner T. Lowry Gymnasium
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, IL

More details to follow
closer to event date.

SJF Families-



We feel better
with you

Family Pancake Sundays in Lent-

All kids can take home a raffle ticket from mass.

Out of Uniform Mondays for all raffle ticket holders.

1 family a week will win a breakfast to enjoy the next Sunday!

BOY'S BASKETBALL PLAYOFF

BLUE OUT PART 2

FALCON FANS, THIS WEEKEND FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 4-6 SJF BOYS BASKETBALL WILL BE COMPETEING IN SEVERAL FINAL FOUR AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR TEAMS. PLEASE WEAR FISHER BLUE AND BRING OUR OUTSTANDING STUDENT SECTION ON THE ROAD.

FRIDAY:

4TH GRADE BLUE VS ST JOE'S..... 620PM AT ST CHRISTINA

SATURDAY SSC "GOLD BALL" CHAMPIONSHIPS:

5TH GRADE WHITE..... 12PM AT BR. RICE

8TH GRADE B VS MHR..... 345PM AT BR RICE

**8TH GRADE A VS ST MIKE'S..... 4PM AT BR RICE
(MAIN GYM)**

SUNDAY SSBL/MT GREENWOOD SEMIFINAL GAMES:

4TH GRADE WHITE..... 945AM AT MARIST

4TH GRADE BLUE..... 1035AM AT MARIST (IF WIN ON FRIDAY)

5TH GRADE BLUE..... 1045 AT MT. GREENWOOD

8TH GRADE B..... 1220PM AT MARIST

THANK YOU, SJF ATHLETIC BOARD

Girls Volleyball Championship

Tomorrow, Friday March 4th, SJF Girl's Volleyball will be competing in the Final Four!

Location: Palos Courts (12221 S. Ridgeland Ave, Palos Heights)

Come support our FALCONS!

Times:

6th Grade A: 6:30pm

7th Grade A: 6:30pm

8th Grade A: 6.30pm

Then on Saturday, March 5th, come root on our 6th Grade B team at 11:30 am at Queen of Martyrs!

Finally, on Sunday, March 6th, our 6th Grade A team will but duking it out for the Southside Catholic Championship at Mother McAuley at 5pm.

GO FALCONS!!!!

ST. JOHN FISHER



BOYS VOLLEYBALL EVALUATIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH
EVERGREEN PARK RACQUET
2700 W 91ST ST, EP

4TH & 5TH GRADE: 4PM-5PM
6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE: 5PM-6PM

***BRING KNEE PADS & A WATER BOTTLE**

QUESTIONS: MKROCHE2@CPS.EDU

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Deadline: **Jun 15**

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