



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

January 10, 2020

Dear SJF Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you had an amazing and restful Christmas and New Year with your loved ones. Thankfully, campus has come alive again with the joyful energy your children bring. 2020 begins with many exciting events and activities including Catholic Schools Week which is at the end of this month. I love this time of year because CSW allows us to celebrate and pay tribute to all of the incredible things that make Catholic education, but specifically SJF, so unique. I am so fortunate to begin my new year with all of you! It is great to be back!

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- **SAVE THE DATE** for *Catholic Schools Week* as we celebrate all of the amazing things that make SJF unique: **January 25th - January 31st**
 - **January 25th**: Help us kick off Catholic Schools Week with **Conner T. Lowry Night @ SJF – Live Life Kind!**
 - **January 26th**: **New Family Open House 9-10, Family Mass 10-11, All-School Open House 11-12** *We can't wait to celebrate with you!*
- **REGISTRATION FORMS** for the 2020-2021 school year will be sent home next week. *Registration for new families* opens up during Catholic Schools Week. **Please promote SJF** to your friends, family and neighbors and encourage them to attend our Open House! *It is a great time to be a falcon!*
- The **SJF Book Fair returns** this year during Catholic Schools Week. Contact Kate Keller with questions, kkeller@sjschool.net.
- **Pack the Place is this Saturday!** Please come out to support our Boys Basketball Teams!
- **We need your help collecting milk jugs for a special project for our Preschool.** Preschool is looking for your EMPTY, RINSED-OUT milk jugs (with caps on) to make a large igloo. Please save and send in to school your empty gallon sized milk or water jugs (WE NEED A LOT!). Milk jugs can be dropped off at the school office or to Miss Fadden (room 109). If you have questions, please feel free to e-mail kfadden@sjschool.net. Thank you so much for your help!
- **Pictures Needed for Yearbook 2019-2020:** SJF's Yearbook Team is looking for pictures to include in our 2019-2020 yearbook. Group pictures preferably! We are looking for sporting events, field trips, classroom photos, etc. We cannot guarantee that all pictures will make it into the yearbook, but we hope to have lots to choose from. Uploading instructions are below. Thank you!
- The **Father-Daughter Dance is February 1st.** Please see the below advertisement for more details. Hard copies of the invitation will be sent home next week.
- **Comedy Night with Pat McGann is Sunday February 16th!** Stay tuned for additional information.

- **GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST** is February 23rd @ SJF!
- **EMPOWER ILLINOIS 2020-2021 Tax Scholarship Reservation Night** is January 15th @ 6:30pm. Visit www.empowerillinois.org for more information.
- **Early Morning Drop-off:** *Please be mindful that students aren't allowed in the building before the bell unless they have made prior arrangements with a teacher, are taking an AR or are utilizing extended day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!*
- **We are so excited to welcome back our art teacher, Mrs. Corley, from her maternity leave!**
- *We invite and welcome your feedback.* If you have a question regarding your child's education, please reach out directly to your son or daughter's teacher. If you need further support, contact Mrs. Larmon, clarmon@sjfschool.net, Mrs. Carey, ncarey@sjfschool.net or Mrs. Nash, mnash@sjfschool.net. *We are happy and grateful to partner with you in order to best serve your children.*

Peek at the Week

Saturday, January 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Basketball Pack the Place!
Sunday, January 12 th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Please join us for Mass: 4pm on Saturday ~ 8, 10, Noon & 5:30</i> <i>All are welcome!</i>
Monday, January 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Tuesday, January 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING • Homework Club 2:30-3
Wednesday, January 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework Club 2:30-3
Thursday, January 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Choir Practice @ 3:45 in Church
Friday, January 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Trimester Progress Report Check





FALCON OF THE WEEK

Mikey McDonald, 2nd grade



SJF's "Falcon of the Week" is 2nd grader, Mikey McDonald.

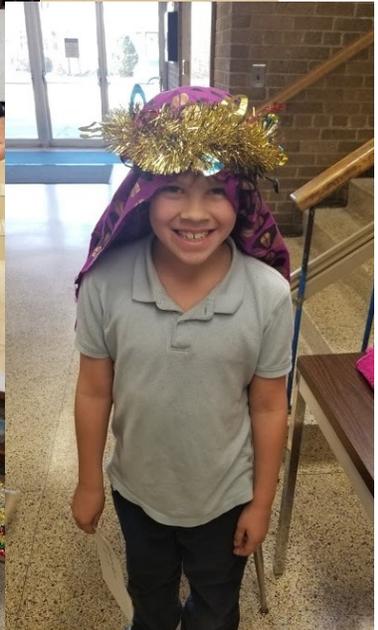
This year, our school theme is "Fly Like a Falcon." At school, we are intentionally discussing what it means to be a falcon. Falcons soar above, capturing an aerial view of what is going on below. We are encouraging our school community to "soar above" things that might bring us down, not allowing us 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 demonstrate each and every day. Our "Falcon of the Week" is Mikey McDonald. Mikey walks

the halls with a smile on his face and positive words of encouragement ready for anyone he meets! Mikey is always willing to assist his teacher, asking him or her if she needs help throughout the day. He can be counted on to always be the first to push in the lunch chairs and clean the lunch table for his class. Eager to return back from Christmas break, Mikey set a positive tone in his classroom right away. What a great way to start the new year! We can learn so much from Mikey's everyday behavior and demeanor. Thank you, Mikey, for inspiring us to always remain positive and for reminding us that life is fun! You set an awesome example for all of us each and every day. Keep "Flying like a Falcon", you're making a difference!

Our Advent activity was a Kindness Nativity. We invited the students to write - on a piece of "straw" - a kind deed they had done at school or at home to place in the manger. By the last day before Christmas break, our manger was overflowing with good deeds. Thanks to all who made this Advent kinder! Thanks to Ms. Lindsey Surin for painting our nativity scene, and Mr. Pawel Herdzik for his help.



As we conclude the Christmas season in church this Sunday, enjoy these pictures from our School celebrations:
The Christmas Gospel



ST. JOHN FISHER SALUTES CONNER T. LOWRY

LIVE LIFE KIND

JANUARY 25TH @ 5:00 PM



When: January 25th, 2020 5pm (Ceremony Before Last Game of the Day)

Where: Conner T. Lowry Gym @ St. John Fisher School

- **ST JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO HELP US PROPERLY THANK THE FAMILY OF CONNER T. LOWRY FOR THEIR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HELP US MAKE ALL THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS THAT WERE GREATLY NEEDED TO RENOVATE THE GYMNASIUM.**
- **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN AMERICAN FLAG TO HOLD DURING THE CEREMONY AND WE WILL HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (KIDS AND ADULTS SIZES).**
- **WE ASK THAT ALL WHO ATTEND WEAR RED, WHITE OR BLUE.**



**ST. JOHN FISHER
SCHOOL**



*Join us for an Enchanted Evening at
the
SJF Father Daughter Dance!*

Saturday, February 1st

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Appetizer Buffet, Dancing, Pictures, Baskets

\$25 per person/\$75 per family

Beverly Country Club

8700 S. Western Ave.

RSVP and Payment due by Friday, January 24th

Student's Name(s): _____

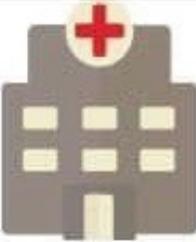
Total Number of Guests: _____

Total Cost: _____

- Guests may be father or special person*

Accepting Checks written out to the FSA or Cash

I NEED TO STAY AT HOME IF....

						
FEVER	VOMITING	DIARRHEA	RASH	HEAD LICE	EYE INFECTION	HOSPITAL STAY AND/OR ER VISIT
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, Itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

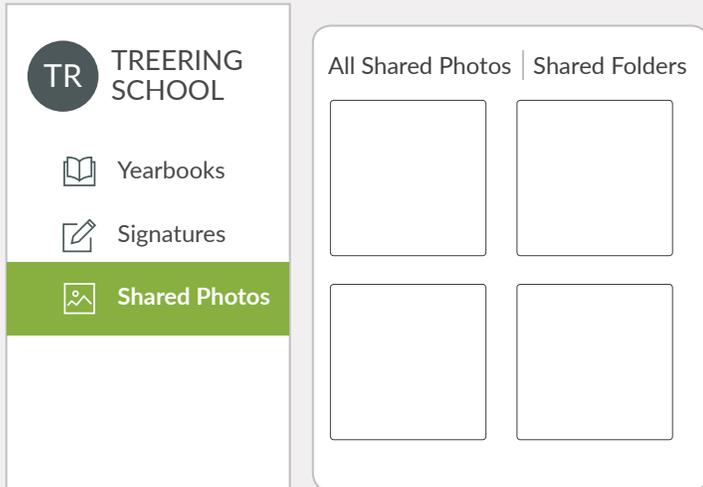
I AM READY TO GO BACK TO WORK OR SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals & for 24 hours!	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school.	Released by medical provider to return to work or school.
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We Need Your Photos for the St. John Fisher Yearbook

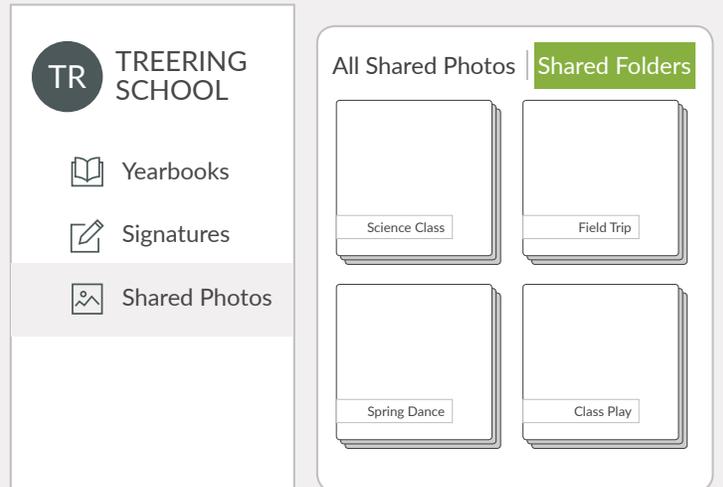
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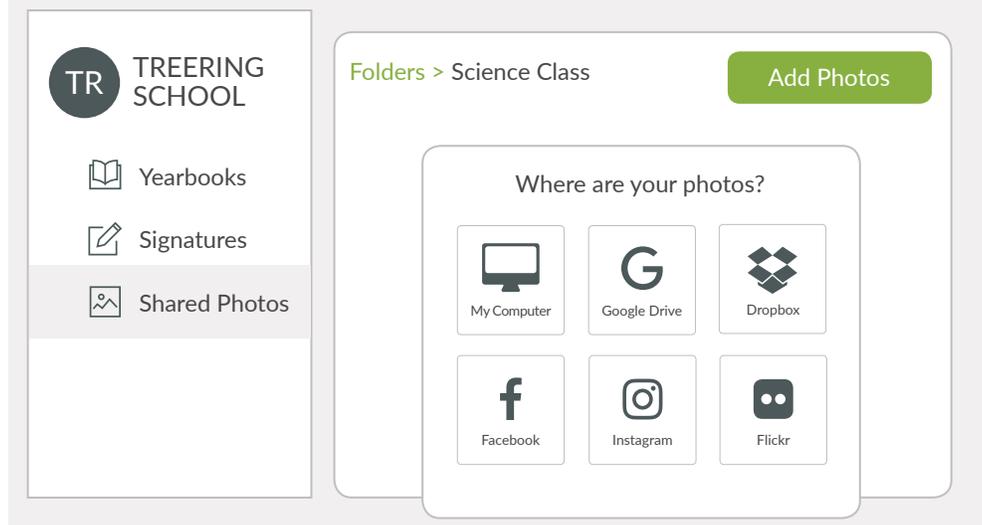
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Select **Shared Folders** and choose a folder.



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Add Photos from Google Drive, Facebook, Instagram, Dropbox & more.



Sign In or Create an Account to Upload Photos:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter our school's passcode: **1015271802074961**

SAVE THE DATE

ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S

GET BEHIND THE VEST

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

SPONSORED BY:



Saint John Fisher School – Kane Hall
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave.

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$5 per person / \$25 per family

