



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

St. John Fisher School

October 11, 2019

Dear SJF Families,


We are so grateful for the beautiful fall weather we have been experiencing. As we enter into this new season, at school we continue to grow, evolve and become more confident in our new roles this year: teachers, students and staff alike. I continue to be inspired and impressed by the hard work that our students and teachers continue to do each and every day. Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Larmon and I have begun reading one of Roy Petrifils' book recommendations, The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed, by Jessica Lahey. Lahey's book has opened my eyes and forced me to step back and re-evaluate not only the way I parent, but it has also broadened my perspective on my approach to education in general along with leading our school community. We are having much rich discussion around this book and hope to share and continue the conversation with all of you. Please consider reading The Gift of Failure to learn more!

I hope you have a wonderful long weekend. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher.

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

## Important Announcements

- The SXU student nurses **presented the harmful effects of vaping** to our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Please be vigilant and follow-up with your children on this important topic.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scouts' Bake Sale** will be held during our Girls Basketball Pack the Gym, October 12<sup>th</sup>, all proceeds go to **Christmas without Cancer**.
- **MEDICAL FORMS ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE!** Please submit your child's medical forms by October 15<sup>th</sup>!
- **Calling all 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families!** If you are interested in assisting with the First Communion Enrollment Mass Reception, following 10am Mass on October 20<sup>th</sup>, please e-mail Dr. Chermak, [echermak@sjschool.net](mailto:echermak@sjschool.net).
- **SJF's HOUSE HOP IS BACK!** This Women's Club event is on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-11:30 and tickets are \$40 each. **Please contact Brigid Riley for tickets, [sjfwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:sjfwomensclub@gmail.com).**
- **Don't forget to check your student's teacher blog @ [www.sjschool.net](http://www.sjschool.net)** for the latest and greatest information from your child's class. Feel free to reach out to the teacher with any questions or concerns!
- **Forgotten student items:** homework and lunches – please partner with us and resist the urge to drop off your students' forgotten items at school as we continue to encourage independence and accountability. Thank you so much for your cooperation!
-  **CAREFUL** on the corner of 104<sup>th</sup> and Talman when walking to and from school. It has been reported that cars are frequently not stopping at the stop signs.

## Peek at the Week

Friday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Girls Basketball Competes in the Conner T. Lowry Gym</b></li> </ul>
Saturday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday ETC <b>BOO BASH!</b></li> <li>• <b>NO SOCCER</b> today</li> <li>• <b>SJF Falcon Football</b> takes on <b>ST. MICHAEL'S @ MARIST</b></li> <li>• <b>Girls Basketball Pack the House @ the Conner T. Lowry Gym</b></li> </ul>
Sunday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Girls Basketball Competes in the Conner T. Lowry Gym</b></li> <li>• <i>Join us at Mass! 4pm on Saturday 8, 10, 12 &amp; 5:30 on Sunday</i></li> </ul>
Monday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day!</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HSPT Test Prep Begins, 3-4pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Homework Club 2:30-3pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Academic Eligibility Study Hall, 2:30 – 3:15, Room 105</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HSPT Test Prep Begins, 3-4pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Homework Club 2:30-3pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Academic Eligibility Study Hall, 2:30 – 3:15, Room 105</b></li> </ul>
Thursday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Faculty Meeting @ 2:30</b></li> <li>• <b>Children's Choir Practice @ 3:45</b></li> </ul>
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All School Mass @ 1pm</b> hosted by our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, <i>all are welcome!</i></li> </ul>
Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SJF's House Hop is back! 6:30-11:30</b></li> </ul>





# FALCON OF THE WEEK

Livi O'Shea, 7th Grade



## **SJF's "Falcon of the Week" is 7th grader, Livi O'Shea.**

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. This week our random act of kindness was spotted off campus. It was reported to me that Livi

O'Shea was seen walking home from school and before she arrived, she saw an elderly neighbor attempting to bring in her groceries. Immediately and unsolicited, Livi stopped and began to assist her neighbor carry in her groceries and other items from her car. This act certainly brought a smile and a sigh of relief to her neighbor. At the end of the day, we all want our children to become positive contributors and responsible citizens of the world. Thank you, Livi, for being such a great example to the kids in our school and the people in our community. This is such a great reminder that the smallest act of kindness can have a big impact on someone's day. Keep "flying like a falcon, Livi;" you're making a difference!



# St. John Fisher Girls Basketball Pack the House



**St. John Fisher School  
Conner T. Lowry Gym  
October 12th, 2019**

**\*Please also support the  
Girl Scout's Bake Sale to benefit  
Christmas without Cancer**

**Let's Go Lady Falcons!**  
(8th Grade Basketball Teams are pictured above)

**5th Grade 12 & 12:50  
6th Grade 1:40, 2:30, 3:30  
7th Grade 4:20, 5:10  
8th Grade 6, 6:50, 7:40**

# First Communion Enrollment Mass

**Sunday, October 20th  
10:00 a.m. Mass**

Join all children and families of First Communion 2020 for this mass.

The children will be introduced to the parish, who will bless and pray for them.

A reception will follow in the school foyer.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Families & children: Sit close  
to the front in the reserved  
section :)**

# **SJF Confirmation Retreat** **@ Saint Rita High School**

**Tuesday,**  
**October 29th**

**Time:**  
**8:00 - 2:15 p.m.**



All 7th & 8th grade students are invited to attend this exciting retreat led by Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

Students will bring a lunch with a drink.

Dessert will be provided.

Busses leave SJF at 8:15 a.m.

**C.F.F. Students**

**Meet at the School Office/ Gym entrance: at 8:00 a.m.**

**SW corner of 102nd & Washtenaw**

**contact: [echermak@sjfschool.net](mailto:echermak@sjfschool.net)**





Sunday,  
November 3rd  
10:00 a.m.

Time Change  
Sunday

# Confirmation Enrollment Mass

We welcome all members of the Confirmation class of 2020 and their families to officially begin Confirmation preparation. The Confirmation Candidates will be introduced to the parish. Please sit in the reserved section close to the front. We look forward to seeing you there.

# **GREAT AMERICA FRIGHTFEST**

## **YOUTH MINISTRY ALL DAY TRIP**

**WELCOME ALL FAMILIES, 6TH, 7TH, 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL - YOUNG ADULTS!  
(ANY PARTICIPANT YOUNGER THAN 6TH GRADE MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT 21 OR OLDER.**

# **SAT. OCT 26TH**

## **COST OF TICKET & TRANSPORTATION- \$54.00**

**MHR Parking Lot at: 8:45 A.M.**

**RETURN TO MHR - Time TBA**

**We will determine departure time that day depending on weather.**

**THERE ARE LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!!!**

**Return the permission slip form with payment as soon as possible!**

**When the spots are gone...they're gone!!!**

**All forms must be returned to the  
PARISH OFFICE**

**(Please do not turn your forms into the school)**

**by the end of the day on:**

**6:00PM - MONDAY - October 21nd**

**Please make a check payable to:**

**MOST HOLY REDEEMER**

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL MONEY IS NON-REFUNDABLE!**

**Food and spending cash is not included in this price.**

**Season Passes will be honored for this event .**

**COST WITH SEASON PASS: \$20.00**



**Archdiocese of Chicago — Child/Minor participation Release Form**

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) \*ONCE THIS FORM IS TURNED IN ALL MONEY IS NON-REFUNDABLE

***NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT FIRST PRESENTING THIS FORM***

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Child/Teen Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name—Relation to child/teen \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Hospitalization Plan \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency contact and number \_\_\_\_\_

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Teen’s Cell Phone Number: *Please provide this number so that I can update/contact your teen while in the park.* (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Any allergies or medications currently being taken: \_\_\_\_\_

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What grade/year are you? \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

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What school? \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The Catholic Bishop of Chicago (the CBC) and SJF/MHR are committed to conducting its programs and activities in the safest manner possible and holds the safety of participants in the highest possible regard. Participants and parents registering their child in programs must recognize however, that there is an inherent risk to injury when choosing to participate in activities. The CBC and SJF/MHR continually strive to reduce risks and insist that all participants follow safety rules and instructions which have been designed to protect the participant’s safety.

Please recognize that the CBC and SJF/MHR do not carry medical accident insurance for the injuries sustained in its programs. The cost of such would make program fees prohibitive. Each person registering themselves. It must be noted that the absence of health insurance coverage does not make the CBC or SJF/MHR automatically responsible for the payment of medical expenses.

Due to the difficulty and high cost of obtaining liability insurance, the agency providing liability coverage for the CBC and SJF/MHR requires the execution of the following waiver and release. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**WAVIER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS**

Please read this form carefully and be aware in registering your child/teen/minor for participation in this program you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries you or your child/teen/minor might sustain arising out of this

**PROGRAM: GREAT AMERICA TRIP - FRIGHTFEST**

**PROGRAM DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019**

-As the parent/guardian of the participant in the program, I recognize and acknowledge there are certain risks of physical injury and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries (including death), damages of loss which I or my child/teen/minor may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with such program.

-I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my child/teen/minor may have as a result of participating in the program, against the CBC and SJF/MHR and their agents, servants and employees.

-I do hereby fully release and discharge the CBC and SJF/MHR and their officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims from injuries, (including death), damage or loss which I or my child/teen/minor may have or which may accrue to me or my child/teen/minor on account of participation in the program.

-I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the CBC, SJF/MHR and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries (including death), damages and losses sustained by me or my child/teen/minor or arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the program

-I understand that the bringing of, or use of any drugs, including alcohol, will not be tolerated, and that if my child/teen/minor violates any of the rules which have been established, I will be called to pick up him/her.

- By signing this form you are allowing pictures that were taken for the bulletin and web site to be used for the youth ministry program.

In the event of any emergency, I authorize the CBC and MHR/SJF Parish officials to secure from a licensed hospital, physical and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for my child/teen/minor immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for payment of any/all medical services rendered.

By signing this form you are giving your consent to use your minors name and pictures/videos from this event in the parish bulletin and on the internet. You are also giving your consent for the Youth Minister and chaperones to communicate electronically (email, text message, facebook etc.) with your minor.

I have read and fully understand the above Program Details, Wavier and Release of all Claims and Permission to Secure treatment.

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(Parent(s)/Gaurdian(s) Signature) _____	DATE _____	(Participant’s Signature) _____	DATE _____
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