



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

November 8, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

This crisp weather is a clear indication that winter is upon us. As we transition into this new season, we are also transitioning into a new “season” at school both academically and athletically. The week ahead of us is an important one for our students and athletes as they put the finishing touches on their first trimester grades and compete in championship games to culminate their season. Here’s wishing our falcons the best of luck as they enter into the final week of the first trimester. Thank you for all of the support you provide your children, ensuring they are loved, happy, successful and the very best version of themselves.

As always, thank you so much for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically, St. John Fisher.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Work Hard, Dream Big & Never Give Up... Let's Go Falcons!



Important Announcements

- Congratulations to our LADY Falcon 6A & 8A grade basketball teams! Tonight our 8A team is playing Christ the King @ McAuley High School @ 7. The winner of this game will go on to play in the **Gold Ball** Championship Game on Sunday @ McAuley @ 4. Our 6A team will play St. Barnabas, Sunday, @ McAuley @ 1:15. *LET'S GO FALCONS!*
- Thank you to our **3rd grade brownie troop** for collecting over 65 pounds of candy this week to donate to the **Treats for Troops** project in Oak Lawn. The girls also wrote notes, made cards and decorated treat bags with messages of gratitude to our military. Thank you for your service!
- **Counseling Update:** Mrs. Carey facilitated a workshop for our junior high girls last week addressing the dangers of social media and the impact it can have on our self-esteem. In addition, this week Mrs. Cary and Mrs. Biernacki (resource teacher), facilitated a workshop for our faculty discussing classroom accommodations and tools we can be using to better serve our students with anxiety and ADHD. Please visit Mrs. Carey's blog to see the presentations and learn more about these growing trends in students today, www.sjfschool.net/blogs/mrs-nichole-carey-counselor.
- **FSA PARENT VOLUNTEER MEETING was a great success! Thank you to all of you who attended & signed up to volunteer your time. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd.**
- **VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION:** Our Veterans Day Celebration will be on November 15th @ 1pm **NOT** November 11th. St. John Fisher will be collecting money for a red, white and blue dress down day in support of the Honor Flight Organization. Our school-wide goal is \$1200, which would enable our school to sponsor one Veteran from Chicago on an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. *Thank you in advance for your support generosity and support!*
- **FYI – The first trimester ends November 15th. Parent-Teacher Conferences are November 25th from 12-3 and 5-8 & 26th from 12-2.**
- School Picture **RETAKE DAY** is November 15th.
- **GOT MILK?** Our milk only option is now available for you to order for the entire year.
- **REMINDER:** *lunches must be pre-ordered.* We can no longer accept day of lunch purchases. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- **Please help keep our building safe!** *All visitors, parents and guardians must enter the main doors off of 102nd and Washtenaw and sign in at the office.* Thank you!
- **Don't forget to check your student's teacher blog @ www.sjfschool.net** for the latest and greatest information from your child's class. Feel free to reach out to your child's 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!
- ***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 so happy and grateful to partner with you in order to best serve your children!*

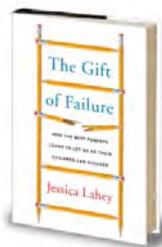
Peek at the Week

Friday, November 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8A Girls Basketball Semi-final championship game vs. CK @ McAuley @ 7pm
Saturday, November 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey Bowl ETC 9-12
Sunday, November 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please join us for Mass: 4pm on Saturday, 8, 10, 12 & 5:30 on Sunday 6A Girls Basketball Blue Division Championship game vs. St. Barnabas @ McAuley @ 1:15
Monday, November 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Lab ETC
Tuesday, November 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Club with Ms. Surin Turkey Bowl ETC Academic Eligibility Study Hall 2:30-3:15 St. Rita Tutors on campus HSPT Test Prep 3-4pm Homework Club 2:30-3pm School Advisory Board Meeting in the library @ 7pm
Wednesday, November 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friendsgiving Club & Basketball ETC Academic Eligibility Study Hall 2:30-3:15 HSPT Test Prep 3-4pm Homework Club 2:30-3pm
Thursday, November 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Choir Practice @ 3:45
Friday, November 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VETERAN'S DAY MASS @ 1pm, Please join us! Honor Flight Dress Down Day ~ Thank you for your generosity!



Praise for *The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn To Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed*, by Jessica Lahey:
"It is hard to overstate the importance of this book. *The Gift of Failure* is beautifully written; it's deeply researched; but most of all it's the one book we all need to read if we want to instill the next generation of confidence and joy."

--Susan Cain, author of *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*.





FALCON OF THE WEEK

Isabel McNulty, 5th Grade



SJF's "Falcon of the Week" is 5th grader, Isabel McNulty.

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 Isabel McNulty was nominated to be our "Falcon of the Week". It was reported to

me that during lunch, Isabel noticed a first grader at a nearby table having a tough day. This little falcon was crying and wouldn't eat her lunch. Isabel asked the lunch monitor if she could try to cheer her up and comfort the little girl by eating lunch with her. The first grader was beaming with happiness at Isabel's display of kindness. Isabel was able to get her to stop crying with a warm smile and a gentle hug. Isabel also convinced her to eat her lunch. This little girl's day took a turn for the better thanks to Isabel's kindness. Thank you, Isabel, for being an outstanding role model not only for the little kids, but your peers as well. We are so proud of you. Keep "Flying Like a Falcon," Isabel; you're making a difference!

ST. JOHN FISHER COMMUNITY

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



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We are collecting Thanksgiving meal bags for the families in Robbins again.

Shopping bags will be provided at the back of church with a list of Thanksgiving food items attached, or feel free to use your own. If you are unable to shop, but would like to help, please send in donation (suggested \$20, attention "Pro Labore Dei/ Rectory") and we'll do the shopping. Please drop off all items no later than November 22nd at the rectory.

Please provide:

- 2 cans Corn
- 2 cans of Sweet Potatoes or Yams
- 2 cans of Green Beans or Peas
- 2 cans of Cranberry Sauce
- 2 cans of Gravy
- 2 boxes of Stuffing Mix
- Large Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Non-perishable dessert items (cookies, boxes of puddings, etc.)
- Any other items that you would like that may help our families to enjoy a happy and festive Thanksgiving.

PLD's territory has increased so we have many more families to feed. If you have any questions please contact Pam Pisarczyk O'Mara (773) 612-0281 or Bridget (773) 852-4698, bridget.stalla@gmail.com.



SJF Confirmation Retreat
@ Saint Rita High School
Tuesday, October 29th
8:00 - 2:15 p.m.





Confirmation Enrollment Mass

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

Getting ready...



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