



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

May 31, 2020

Dear SJF Families,

Please join me in congratulating our resilient and talented Class of 2020 as they officially leave our nest! Today we honored and celebrated the student leaders of our school one last time in a one-of-a-kind graduation ceremony. This is not the ending any of us could have or would have ever imagined for this class and their loving families who have supported them along the way. These incredible students have worked so hard during their time as falcons in order to build a strong foundation for a successful future. Together, our 8th graders have earned \$180,000 in scholarships and awards to their future high schools. Our graduates are armed with many talents and skills including faith, perseverance, tenacity, intelligence, humor, creativity, loyalty and kindness. Our 8th graders will continue on their journey as Mighty Macs, Crusaders, Caravan, Redhawks, Vikings, Mustangs, Eagles and Caxys, but their forever home away from home, where they were molded and shaped into the impressive young people they are today, will always be St. John Fisher. I am so proud of how this class has stayed the course during this difficult time in their lives, all the way until the end. They have truly flown as a flock. The Class of 2020 will always be a historical class because they ended their career at SJF during a pandemic, but they have also left an indelible mark on our hearts and in the halls and classrooms of SJF and for that we are forever grateful. I cannot wait to learn and hear about their successful and oh so bright future. Congratulations Class of 2020 – you will be missed!

As the rest of us finish up this last week of school, I continue to be in awe of our community. My heart is full of gratitude for each of you as this last week of school comes to an end. We have worked hard and stayed the course all the way until the end. We all need a break, no doubt, but I am so proud of all we have accomplished. We stuck together. We never stopped learning. We never stopped praying. We are falcons!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. Stay well and take the best of care.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- **May Crowning:** [Please enjoy our beautiful virtual May Crowning Ceremony](#) lovingly created by our Class of 2020, 8th grade teachers, Mrs. Maxwell and Dr. Chermak.
- **8th Grade Video:** *In case you missed it,* [Please enjoy this video](#) created by our 8th graders and their families demonstrating how proud they are to be falcons and the Class of 2020! #falconsflyasaflock.
- **Morning Announcements:** Thank you to all of the students and families who participated in the morning announcements and prayer each week. It was so fun to begin our day with each of you!

- **Parish Reopening Plan:** Please visit our [Parish Website](#) and to sign up to be on our Parish [e-mail list](#) to keep up to date on our [Parish Reopening Plan](#) efforts. If you are willing to help, please volunteer by calling the rectory at 773-445-6565, e-mailing Fr. Ken, kbudzikowski@archchicago.org or visit our parish website, www.stjohnfisherparish.net
- **MANNA:** Please see the updated, attached MANNA flyer for more information on how you can help our school and your budget ~ it's a win win!
- **Yearbook:** Please see the attached flyer for more information on ordering a 2019-2020 yearbook. Reach out to Mrs. Maxwell with any additional questions, dmaxwell@sjfschool.net.
- **NEW STUDENTS:** *We are still accepting new students for next year and are planning a virtual open house!* Please direct any family, friends and neighbors our way. **Thank you for being our biggest supporters and ambassadors!**
- **Financial Hardship:** We recognize that this is an incredibly challenging and stressful time for all families. If you are experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic, please reach out to me. ***We are here for you*** and want to partner with you to get through this challenge ***together.*** mnash@sjfschool.net
- **Stay connected with us:** follow us on **Instagram: stjohnfisher** and like us on **Facebook: facebook.com/sjfschoolchicago.**
- I know that times are tough, if you can continue to give virtually to our parish's weekly collections, ***we would be very appreciative.*** Every little bit counts! **Thank you for your generosity:**
<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/stjohnfisherparish>

Peek at the Week

Monday, June 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chalk the Walk Monday! <i>(see flyer below)</i>
Tuesday, June 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falcons Fly as a Flock on Our Block Tuesday! <i>(see flyer below)</i> • Grades will be finalized for students in kindergarten - 7th Grade
Wednesday, June 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap It Up Wednesday! <i>(see flyer below)</i>
Thursday, June 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Is It Thursday! Report card & personal belonging pick-up, technology, textbook and library book drop-off for Grades pre-k – 7th <i>(specific guidance to follow)</i>
Friday, June 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Summer Send Off Teacher & Staff Parade
Saturday, June 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Official Day of Summer!



ST. JOHN FISHER CLASS OF 2020



St. John Fisher Presents...

Summer Send Off

June 1st - June 5th

Chalk Walk Monday

Create a chalk mural that celebrates SJF and summer break!

Work together with neighbors, too, while remaining socially distant. Parents please submit pictures of your children's masterpieces to ncarey@sjfschool.net and tag #FalconSummer2020

Wrap it Up Wednesday

Clear out your school supplies, organize your materials and prepare for the summer months. Set goals and brainstorm activities that will keep you busy for the coming months!

Falcons Fly as a Flock on Our Block Tuesday

Take a walk and see how many chalk murals you can spot on your block and in your neighborhood.

Parents please submit pictures to ncarey@sjfschool.net.

This is it Thursday

Come to school to pick-up your belongings and report card before you begin to decorate your car for tomorrow's Summer Send Off Teacher Parade!

Friday Summer Send Off Teacher Parade

Teachers will gather in the SJF parking lot from 9am-10:30am to say goodbye to their students. Decorate your car with your last name so your teachers can spot you when you drive through!

Suggested times according to last name:

A - D - 9:00am E - J - 9:15am K - N - 9:30am O - S - 9:45am

T - V - 10:00am W - Z - 10:15am

SJF Manna Program

"It's a Win-Win"

We Need Your Support

The Manna Program is the #1 School Fundraiser. Tuition alone does not cover the school's expenses. SJF proceeds from Manna help to make up the difference between school operating costs and tuition. Participation is necessary and appreciated to balance school budget and maintain competitive tuition rates. We need to increase participation especially for school families to enable SJF to be accessible & affordable to all families, for generations to come.

Every Effort Counts

If Every Family purchased Manna all year for 4 places they frequently spend (One Restaurant, Groceries, Retail, Liquor), we'd meet our goal.

Example:

If you spend \$200/wk @ County Fair, \$100/wk @ Rosangela's, \$25/month @ Town and \$300 /year at Dick's Sporting Goods = \$475 tuition credit and \$315 school funds raised (annually)



How does it work?

1. You buy Manna gift certificates and shop with them.
2. The store gives a percentage of the card value to SJF (2-12%)
3. You get 60% of the store rebate credited to your tuition at SJF, high school or college.
4. SJF gets 40% of the store rebate towards meeting operational costs



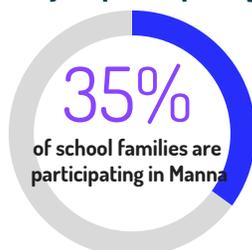
The Manna team is open to suggestions to make it easier to participate. Email @ sjfmanna@gmail.com. Check out <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> or buy with cash/check at the convent. Also, check out special order form for events or other needs.

We are behind goal in 2020

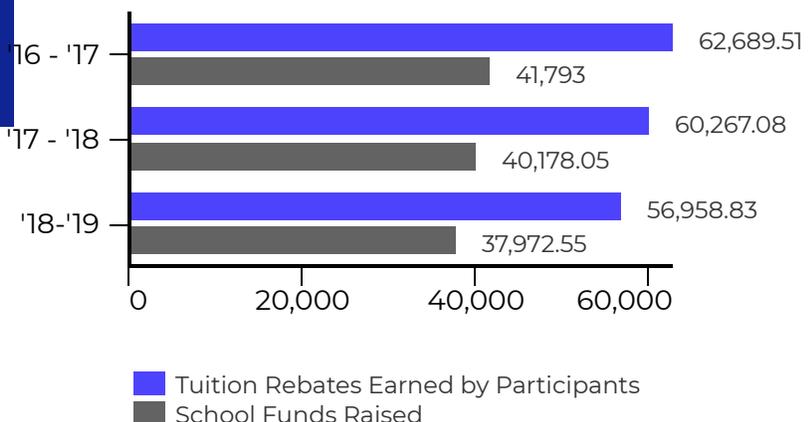
Did you know?

- Our top 5 spots for sales are Jewel, County Fair, Shell, Kohl's Amazon, Binny's. Join in!
- Tata's offers a 12% rebate?
- There are 25 restaurants that offer a 6% rebate? It adds up quick!

Are you participating?



Manna Sales and Funds Raised (annual \$ estimates)



Manna Sales are declining as parishioners "graduate" from the program. We need to enroll school families for continued success. Free Money for you and our school.

Manna Hours: Location @ Due to School Closing, Same day Manna Sales in the Convent are shut down. We are accepting manna forms in Rectory by 9 AM tuesdays for Curbside Pick Up on Tuesdays between 12-2 PM.

Capture Your Memories in This Year's St. John Fisher Yearbook



Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
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Regular Price: **\$24.00**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: Jul 24

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