

Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

June 5, 2020

Dear SJF Families,

Well, we did it! We survived E-Learning and we had a strong finish to the school year. I am so proud of our community. As I have said many times throughout this experience, I am in awe as to how parents, students and teachers alike were able to pivot during this unpredictable and shocking time. We were all pushed outside of our comfort zones. Rather than throwing in the towel, we learned new skills and discovered talents we didn't know we had. These new characteristics will benefit us in our future, both in and out of the classroom. Thank you for staying the course and sticking with us during this surreal moment in time. We are so grateful for your partnership and commitment to SJF!

Another significant life experience and event that is taking place in our world currently are demonstrations and riots across the country in response to the death of George Floyd. Our world can be incredibly scary and tumultuous sometimes. We can do our part in making the world a better place, by listening to one another and treating everyone with the respect and dignity that they deserve. We must be understanding, empathetic and kind to others and spread love and positivity into the world. We teach our children these morals in our homes at a very young age and they are fostered and strengthened at SJF. Being a member of the SJF community means something. We serve others and put others first before ourselves. We CAN and WE MUST make our world a better place.

My heart is full of gratitude for each of you as this school year comes to a close. 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 remained true to our falcon roots!

Thank you for your continued support of St. John Fisher School. Stay well. Stay safe. Take the best of care. Happy Summer!

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- Congratulations to Mrs. Beth Foran on her retirement! Mrs. Foran has been making a difference in the lives of students and families for over 42 years as she has dedicated her life to Catholic Education. Mrs. Foran you will be sorely missed. You have impacted our community greatly. We love you. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!
- Summer Enrichment: Here is a link to our summer enrichment padlet created by our resource department. Below please see the list of SJF summer tutors. Keep calm and get a tutor!

- Stay connected with us: follow us on Instagram: stjohnfisher and like us on Facebook: facebook.com/sjfschoolchicago.
- 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!
- Parish Reopening Plan: Please visit our <u>Parish Website</u> and to sign up to be on our Parish <u>e-mail list</u> to keep up to date on our <u>Parish Reopening Plan</u> efforts. If you are willing to help, please volunteer by calling the rectory at 773-445-6565, e-mailing Fr. Ken, <u>kbudzikowski@archchicago.org</u> or visit our parish website, www.stjohnfisherparish.net
- 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





St. John Fisher's "Drive to 75" Strategic Plan How you can do your part!

Thank you for the positive response to the SJF "Drive to 75" Strategic Plan shared a couple weeks ago. To have the positive support of the community behind us is very motivating for all including SJF leadership, faculty, staff and our School Advisory Board. I understand it's a very busy time for many so if you have not had a chance to read it, see the link here and I welcome your feedback. What impresses me most is how many reactions I receive across the community saying "How can I help?" It's an exciting time to be a part of SJF and that energy from the community is what will enable us to reach our short and long term goals. There are so many ways people help SJF already. Together with our School Advisory Board, we are aiming to increase transparency and organizational structure so we can be most effective, all working together in support of SJF. With that goal, I am highlighting a few important requests for your review:

- Virtual Volunteer Fair: Given the School Advisory Board was unable to hold end of year event, they have compiled the below to serve as Virtual Volunteer Fair to enable the School and Church to meet its goals. <u>Please read and respond to the survey here.</u> Please direct questions you have to the planning committee at sjfspc@gmail.com.
- **Manna Program**: See below flyer with added examples for clarity on the \$300 Earnings Requirement. Start earning for next year now!
- **Reminder**: Amazon Smile is a very easy way to Support SJF if you aren't already. Link SJF to your Amazon Smile account in minutes. See info below.
- **School Advisory Board**: See the attached application to apply to be a member of St. John Fisher's School Advisory Board.



SJF VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR

May 2020



We welcome **ALL** parents, parishioners, and alumni to check out the many ways you can make a difference in the life of our school and church community. Read on and let us know if you want to learn more or get involved. We need your help to ensure our success and to secure our shared future. Thank you!!!





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School Organizations

School Advisory Board

About: Advises the school and parish	Volunteer Needs	Notes
leadership teams on issues related to the school's mission effectiveness, strategic planning, marketing & communications, and financial management. Members agree to use their talents, gifts and	 Full-time Board Members (2)** 	 3-year term Expected to attend monthly Board meetings and participate in a Board committee Must agree to OCS Code of Ethics
insights for the common good of the community to promote the mission and goals of Catholic education, not to promote any personal agendas.	Committee Members (Mission Effectiveness, Strategic Planning, Marketing & Comms, Financial Management)	 Generally 1-year commitment Expected to attend bi-monthly committee meetings Main objective is to execute specific tasks and project work identified by Principal & Board

Family School Association

About: The FSA is a parent/guardian	Volunteer Needs	Notes
organization whose main goals are to	 Leadership positions 	 Co-president, possibly others
provide a supportive link between		 Ideally 2-year commitment
families and SJF School and to generally promote school spirit by sponsoring social, educational, and recreational events for school families and the	Event coordinators	 Generally 1-year commitment Organize one of various FSA social events (Mother/Son event, Father/Daughter dance, etc.)
faculty/staff.	 Event volunteers 	Sign up to help "day-of" events

Athletic Board

About: Organizes and manages the	Volunteer Needs	Notes
athletic program for SJF School. Its	 Board Positions 	Generally 1-year commitment
mission is to provide a competitive and instructional sports program as an	Sport CoordinatorsCoaches	Various responsibility levelsVirtus training required
extension of SJF's PE and academic	Coaches	viitus training required
programs.		

Girl Scouts

About: Girl Scouts is a service	Volunteer Needs	Notes
organization that provides girls with	 Parent Troop Leaders 	Typically 1-2 per grade level
opportunities to build courage,	-	 Organize girls' meetings/projects
confidence, and character.	Troop Support	Help "day-of" events/meetings

Adventure Guides

About: Adventure Guides encourages	Volunteer Needs	Notes
children to explore the world around	 Program Coordinator(s) 	Organize SJF activity calendar
them through guided parent-child-group		 Generally needs to be K-3 parent
activities and experiences.	Event Volunteers	Sign up to run/help "day-of" events



Strategic Plan-related Opp's

Welcome Committee

About: Works with School Board's
Mission Effectiveness Committee to
encourage and coordinate parish and
school registrations and promote SJF to
new neighbors and young families.

Volunteer Needs	Notes
Block captain coordination	 No specific experience necessary,
Welcome packet creation	just an interest in being an
 Realtor/new neighbor outreach 	ambassador for our church and school

Financial Sponsorship Priorities

About: Offset upfront costs of prioritized	Volunteer Needs	Notes
investments by identifying donor(s)	 New reading program 	 ~\$75k total cost in 2020
interested in covering all or some of		3-10 \$5-25k donors ideally sought
these "one-time" expenses.	 New math program 	 ~\$75k total cost likely in 2021
		3-10 \$5-25k donors ideally sought
	 Director of Development position salary 	Specific costs and potential timing of new hires still tbd
	 Athletic Director position salary 	Goal would be to offset costs in first 2 years of employment

Early Education Team

About: Teacher-parent group	Volunteer Needs	Notes
established to review enrollment trends and SJF pre-K offering with goal to enhance marketing and promotional materials and projects longer term.	Potential need for additional team members	PR/video production skills specifically sought

Facilities Committee

About: Reviews and reports on building	Volunteer Needs	Notes
and campus plant maintenance needs.	 Committee chairperson(s) 	 Newly established committee
	Committee member(s)	 Likely a 2-3 year time commitment
	, ,	 Engineering, const, or arch/design
		experience preferred, not required

Development / Capital Campaign Committee

About: Coordinates fundraising	Volunteer Needs	Notes
initiatives and event scheduling and	Committee chairperson(s)	 Newly established committee
planning among Strategic Planning	 Committee members 	 Likely a 3-5 year commitment
Committee and the various school and		 Fundraising and development
parish organizations.		experience welcome, not required

Manna Team

About: Manages and markets the	Volunteer Needs	Notes
Manna gift card and Shop with Scrip fundraising programs for the school.	 Additional team members, possibly 	Specific roles and requirements tbd May need help implementing and
rundraising programs for the school.	possibly	 May need help implementing and reporting on the new school family
		Manna earnings requirement



Mass and Church Ministries

Church Re-opening Teams

About: Assist with various aspects of	Volunteer Needs	Notes
safely reopening the church and parish	Set-up Team	 Need to be younger than 65 y.o.
for celebration of public sacraments	Greeting Team	 No underlying medical conditions
post-pandemic.	Cleaning Team	that would otherwise place you in a
		"vulnerable population"
		 Completion of required training
		through Archdiocese

Children's Liturgy of the Word

About: Provides a relatable scripture	Volunteer Needs	Notes
reading/explanation and welcoming environment for children and families to participate in weekly Sunday mass.	Weekly parent "readers"	 Read scripture story and lead pre- arranged activity for young children during 10 a.m. mass Virtus training required

Church Environment Committee

About: Prepares the physical	Volunteer Needs	Notes
environment of the church for liturgy including seasonal decorations, taking care of plants and flowers, banners, etc.	Seasonal volunteers	 No experience necessary, just an interest in beautifying our church Meets seasonally

Eucharistic Ministers and Weekend Sacristans

About: Assist parish priests prepare	Volunteer Needs	Notes
bread and wine for consecration and distribute holy communion during mass or to the sick/homebound.	Eucharistic MinistersWeekend Sacristans	 Particularly looking for some new ministers under 65 y.o. Requires completion of 3-part training – 2 ~2 hr sessions through Arch and 1 ~30 min session at SJF

Lectors and Ushers

About: Readers and greeters at	Volunteer Needs	Notes
weekend masses. Also handle taking	 Lectors 	Particularly looking for some new
collections and distributing bulletins.	 Ushers 	ministers under 65 y.o.
		Request participation in 1 ~30 min
		training session at SJF

Music Ministry

About: Leads church community in	Volunteer Needs	Notes
music and song during mass.	 Cantors 	Rehearsals are on Thursdays from
	Choir members	7:30-9:00 p.m.
	 Instrumentalists 	



Parish and Service Organizations

Women's Club

About: Aims to bring women of the	Volunteer Needs	Notes
parish together to build a sense of community through social and service	Board members (2-3)	Non-current school parents neededIdeally 2-year commitment
events.	Event coordinators	 Generally 1-year commitment Organize one of various Women's Club events (Christmas brunch, scavenger hunt, etc.)
	Block captains	 Serve as informal community "spokespersons" for club/parish

Holy Name Society

About: Aims to be a service leadership	Volunteer Needs	Notes
organization and "handyman" for the parish; also strives to provide social outlet for men in the parish, so they feel welcome and more invested in SJF.	Event / Meeting Coordinators	 Generally 1-year commitment Organize one of various Men's Club events (Sports Night, etc.) or monthly meetings (chili comp, etc.)
	 Event / Miscellaneous volunteers 	Sign up to offer specific skills on as needed basis

FisherFest

About: Annual family fun fest that acts	Volunteer Needs	Notes
as parish's largest fundraiser.	Committee members	Generally 1 or 2-year commitment
	Raffle coordinators	 Usually take responsibility for one of several fest needs (permits,
		tents, entertainment, etc.)

Finance Board

About: Responsible for assisting pastor	Volunteer Needs	Notes
and parish council in financial management of the parish, including oversight of annual budgeting and financial reporting requirements.	Board members, possibly	 Specific roles and requirements tbd Accounting, investment, or other financial-related experience preferred, not required

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Program

About: Provides SJF jr. high students	Volunteer Needs	Notes
and teen alums/young adult community members continued connection to their faith through a variety of spiritual, social, and service activities.	Chaperones for various events and activities (retreats, mission trips, etc.)	 Virtus training required More specific info. available at www.sjfmhrym.com

Ministry for the Hospitalized and Homebound

About: Provides communion service	Volunteer Needs	Notes
and visitation for those parishioners that	 Ministers of Care 	Particularly looking for some new
are sick or otherwise unable to		ministers under 65 y.o.
independently leave their homes.		 Co-trained as Eucharistic ministers

Gardening & Grounds Committee

About: Helps maintain the campus	Volunteer Needs	Notes		
grounds, seasonal plants, flowers, and	Committee Members	Oversee planning and budget		
decorations, etc.	 Gardeners 	Sign up to get your hands dirty		
	Donors	Garden center Manna gift cards		
		always welcome		

Pro Labore Dei

About: SJF service mission to help the	Volunteer Needs	Notes		
poor and less fortunate in Robbins, IL through the provision of meals, clothing, personal care items, health & wellness checks, etc. on a regular basis.	 Delivery volunteers 	Ongoing time commitment the		
	 Lunch makers 	morning of the 4 th Saturday of each month		
	• Donors	Provisions for lunches and personal care items like diapers, soaps, etc. are always welcome to be dropped off at the rectory		

Respect Life Committee

About: Offers resources, materials, and	Volunteer Needs	Notes
events that encourage and embrace a culture of life within the parish community.	Members	

Tip Toppers

About: Aims to provide social outlet and	Volunteer Needs	Notes
community connection for retired and/or senior parishioners through monthly gatherings for coffee, conversation, and card games.	Members	Meet the mornings of the 2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays of every month



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We are currently seeking new members of the School Advisory Board for the 2020-2021 school year. All applications must be received by Friday, June 15, 2020 to be considered.

The School Advisory Board will consist of 8-12 members, serving terms of up to three consecutive years. Members are expected to attend monthly meetings and participate in a Board committee. Committees include Strategic Planning, Finance, Communications and Marketing, Mission Effectiveness and Enhancement, and School Advancement.

Members agree that they will use their talents, gifts and insights for the common good of the community to promote the mission and goals of Catholic education. They will defer their personal agendas in order to discern with other members the issues, concerns and challenges they face in meeting the educational needs of the students. Not only will they take seriously their role as advisors to the pastor and principal, but also they will accept the conditions of membership on the school board, namely the Code of Ethics, which describes the parameters of their collaboration and responsibility.

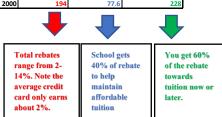
Guidelines for all archdiocesan schools are developed by the archdiocesan school board and administered by the superintendent of schools. At the parish level it is the responsibility of the pastor and principal to see that such guidelines are followed in the parish school. Decisions for our school, then, are made by the principal and pastor, the faculty, staff, parents and school advisory board, following guidelines set forth by the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please click here to apply.

As previously announced, the fundraising fee (\$175) has been eliminated and we are introducing a requirement to "earn" \$300 of MANNA credit for the school before the end of the academic year. You can begin earning as of June 1, 2020. Tuition alone does not cover the school's expenses. Proceeds from Manna help make up the difference between school operating costs and tuition. MANNA is our single largest school-specific fundraiser, and participation in it has severely dropped in recent years to the point where less than 35% of our current school families regularly use it. We're hoping that introducing a requirement to earn credit for the school through MANNA will be a positive boost for both our budget and yours. For every \$1 you earn for the school, you also earn \$1.50 credit toward your tuition bill. It's a Win-Win! Please email sifmanna@gmail.com with any questions about the Process. Also, please see SJF Website for details on when to order and pick-up "Cash and Carry" gift certificates to support local businesses and process to buy e-certificates from your phone from www.shopwithscrip.com. Both offerings are very important and beneficial to the school and we appreciate your support!

A few examples below to show how you could meet the \$300 Manna earnings requirement. There are 100+ retailers participating so we recommend taking a look at the list to decide what will work well your family within your normal routine. Dollars highlighted in blue must add up \$300 for the school to reach its goal and when we do, we will earn \$100,000 for the school with no added cost to you. Get Grandparents and Aunts and Uncles involved to exceed our goal!

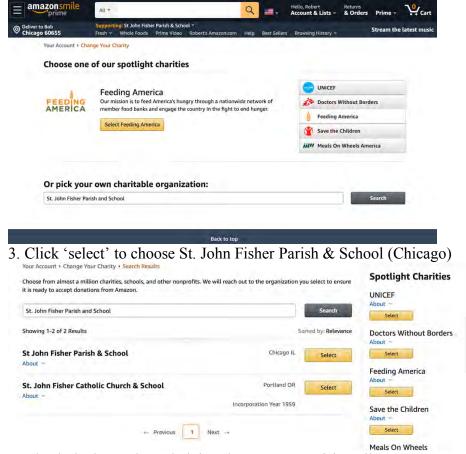
Groceries and Local Restaurants	Total Estimated Rebate %	Frequency per Year	Spend at Each Visit	Estimated Annual Spend	Total Rebate \$ (varies)	SJF Rebate Annually (40%)	Individual Rebate Annually (60%)
County Fair	5.0%	50	200	10000	500	200	300
Rosangela's, Las Fuentas, HTH, and others	10.0%	25	100	2500	250	100	150
	Total	S		12500	750	300	450
	Total Estimated	Frequency	Spend at each	Estimated Annual		SJF Rebate	Individual Rebate
Local Essentials	Rebate %	per Year	visit	Spend	Total Rebate \$	Annually (40%)	Annually (60%)
Take-out/Coffee	5.0%	20	15	300	15	6	9
Coffee	5.0%	20	5	100	5	2	
Hair Salon (ie: Everything's Relative)	5.0%	4	150	600	30	12	18
Local Retail (ie TJMAX)	7.0%	5	100	500	35	14	21
Local Pharmacy (ie: Walgreens 4%)	5.0%	5	100	500	25	10	15
Gas	3.0%	20	50	1000	30	12	18
	Total	s		3000	140	56	84
Online Retailers (All can be purchased on shopwithscrip.com)	Total Estimated Rebate %	Frequency per Year	Spend at each	Estimated Annual	Total Rebate \$	SJF Rebate Annually (40%)	Individual Rebate Annually (60%)
Retail: Pottery Barn	8.0%	1	2000				96
Retail: Amazon	2.5%	4					24
Gap/Athleta/Old Navy	14.0%	2					14.4
Retail: (ie: Kohl's or Target)	4.0%	5					2/
Retail: Hardware (Lowe's/Home Depot)	4.0%	10					24
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	Total Estimated	Frequency		Estimated Annual		SJF Rebate	Individual Rebate
Disney Vacation	Rebate %	per Year		Spend	Total Rebate \$	Annually	Annually
Airfare (ie: Southwest)	4%	1	1500	•			36
Lodging (ie: AirBNB)	5.0%	1					30
Disney Gift Cards	3.0%	1	2000				36
Disney diff cards	3.0%	1	2000	4500		68	102
Special Occassions/Holidays	Total Estimated Rebate %	Frequency per Year		Estimated Annual Spend	Total Rebate \$	SJF Rebate Annually	Individual Rebate Annually
Restaurant: Lettuce Entertain You (12%)	12.0%	5	200	 		· ·	72
Gift Cards for Christmas, Bdays, Teachers	6.0%	20					36
Shower Gift (ie Bed Bath and Beyond)	7.0%	2					120



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St. John Fisher School Tutor List – Spring/Summer 2020



Please contact the tutors directly for further information.

NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	AVAILABILITY	available for e-tutoring	PREFERRED GRADE LEVELS	PREFERRED SUBJECTS
Meghan Biernacki	megbiernacki@gmail.com	708-710-9261	summer	yes	5-9	Math - will also do 4 th grade review
Jeanne Boyle	Jeanneboyleaie@gmail.com	773-616-0792	summer	yes	K-6 7-8	Reading, Writing, Math, Exec Function, Study Skills
Erin Deering	edeering@sjfschool.net	708-220-1368	summer	yes	1-6	English, social studies, writing
Courtney Garrity	cgarrity@sjfschool.net	773-627-6880	summer	no	K-6	English, reading, writing, spelling
Margie Leiser	mmleiser@yahoo.com	773-474-8821	summer	?	4-8	math, science
Meghan Murray	megmurray89@gmail.com	773-710-8584	summer	no	K-4	Certified reading specialist math, reading
Colin O'Neill		773-504-5581	summer	yes	3 rd and up	Math, English, reading, writing
Camie O'Shea	coshea@sjfschool.net	773-454-0542	summer	yes	K-8	Math, science pref, but will do all
Mary Ellen Schiavone	mschiavone@sjfschool.net	773-415-5939	summer	no	K-4	All subjects

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