



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

St. John Fisher School

January 31, 2020

Dear SJF Families,

I do not even know where to begin to express my gratitude to all of you. From the support shown at the Conner T. Lowry Night last Saturday, to Sunday's Family Mass and Open House, to our Book Fair, Dime War Competition and all of the things and events in between, thank you! Thank you for being here, for partnering with us, for trusting us with your children and for continuing to sacrifice for and choose Catholic education.

In case you missed our Family Mass this past Sunday, below is a one-page summary of the Strategic Plan highlighting SJF's Drive to 75! As we continue to tweak our full draft, we will communicate our plan to kick-off this important campaign centered around making improvements to our school, staying current with our world and educational practices with a focus on social and emotional learning, ensuring we are producing happy, safe and successful children and realizing the best version of our community. Thank you, to our incredibly talented School Advisory Board and Strategic Planning Committee who led the charge, researching and collecting data, to devise this impressive plan for our future!

Thank you so much for your continued support and commitment to Catholic education, but specifically, St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

## Important Announcements

- **Registration for new families** is now open. **Please promote SJF** to your friends, family and neighbors. *It is a great time to be a falcon!*
- **The SJF Book Fair:** We cannot begin to **THANK YOU** for your generosity in supporting our Book Fair. **THANK YOU** to all of the parents who volunteered to help plan, organize and decorate the halls and library in preparation for our Book Fair. **THANK YOU** to the many parents who volunteered several hours working the Book Fair and **THANK YOU** to all of you who purchased books in support of our school. \*ALL PROCEEDS from the Book Fair will go toward creating a leveled book room and help support the Reading Intervention Program. We are so grateful for all of you!
- **SJF's Spring Play:** If you have any interest in *directing and or assisting* with our Spring Play/Musical, please contact Mrs. Nash, [mnash@sifschool.net](mailto:mnash@sifschool.net). **Thank you!**
- **Thank you** to the **4<sup>th</sup> grade families** for hosting our Staff & Teacher Breakfast this week. As always, we were so moved by your generosity and thoroughly enjoyed the delicious food!
- **Pictures are Needed for 2019-2020 Yearbook:** 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!

- *Comedy Night with Pat McGann is **CANCELLED** due to an unexpected change in Pat's schedule.*
- **GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST** is February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ SJF!
- **The Mother/Son BULLS Game** is February 23<sup>rd</sup>! Please see the flyer below for more information.
- SJF Alumna, Tara White, is a senior at St. Louis University, studying nursing and a member of the Executive Board for Relay for Life. We are partnering with Tara to sponsor a dress down day this **Tuesday, February 4th**. February is National Cancer Prevention Month and Tuesday is World Cancer Day. Thank you so much for your generous support toward this meaningful organization and cause!
- **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. Students shouldn't be dropped off to wait outside of their entrance door until 7:40 (at the earliest).* Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!
- **ART CLUB** with Mrs. Corley is every other Tuesday until 3:30. This month's dates are 2.4 and 2.18. See the attached flyer for additional information.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** St. John Fisher's **Celtic Mass & Supper & St. Baldrick's Event** is **March 7<sup>th</sup>**!
- **Breakthrough ACT Prep:** Spring 2020 classes have begun at SJF. Registration is still available at [breakthroughactprep.weebly.com](http://breakthroughactprep.weebly.com).
- The class of 2020 will be making their *Confirmation* on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we continue to pray for these students as they prepare for this special and important sacrament.
- *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](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.net), Mrs. Carey, [ncarey@sjfschool.net](mailto:ncarey@sjfschool.net) or Mrs. Nash, [mnash@sjfschool.net](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.net). *We are happy and grateful to partner with you in order to best serve your children.*
- **Congratulations** to our **7th Grade A Girls Volleyball Team** who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Mother McAuley Gold Division Volleyball Tournament last weekend!



Peek at the Week

<p>Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Father-Daughter Dance @ Beverly Country Club</b></li> <li>• <i>Be My Valentine</i> ETC 9-12</li> </ul>
<p>Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Please join us for Mass: 4pm on Saturday, 8, 10, 12 &amp; 5:30 on Sunday. All are welcome!</i></li> </ul>
<p>Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ETC ~ Valentine Science Club 2:25-4</li> </ul>
<p>Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DRESS DOWN CHARITY DAY</b> to support the American Cancer Society ~ <b>Today is World Cancer Day</b></li> <li>• <b>HOMEWORK CLUB</b> 2:30-3</li> <li>• Academic Eligibility Study Hall <b>IS IN SESSION:</b> 2:30-3:15 in Room 105</li> <li>• ETC ~ Lego Lab 2:25-3:30</li> </ul>
<p>Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SPECIAL LUNCH!</b></li> <li>• <b>HOMEWORK CLUB</b> 2:30-3</li> <li>• Academic Eligibility Study Hall <b>IS IN SESSION:</b> 2:30-3:15 in Room 105</li> <li>• ETC ~ Dodgeball &amp; Valentine Fun Club 2:25-3:30</li> <li>• <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Girl Scouts Meeting</b></li> </ul>
<p>Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FUTURE FALCON FRIENDS:</b> 10:30-11:15</li> <li>• <b>Children's CHOIR PRACTICE</b> 3:45</li> </ul>





# FALCON OF THE WEEK

Jack Nowicki, 1st grade



## **SJF's "Falcon of the Week" is 1st grader, Jack Nowicki.**

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 Jack Nowicki. Jack was caught in the act being incredibly kind to one of his classmates

who became upset today. Jack's friend was disappointed that he couldn't get another book at the Book Fair today which is always a tough lesson for our little guys to endure. Jack comforted his friend and told him it would be okay and that he could even have his book if he wanted it. Now that's a good friend! When Jack isn't helping out his friends, he can be seen paying close attention to his teacher, following directions and being a quiet leader. We can always count on Jack to be a good friend and do the right thing! Thank you, Jack, for always setting such a great example for your peers (and brothers too!) throughout the day. You inspire us all each day to make good choices, no matter what! Keep "Flying like a Falcon, Jack", you're making a difference!

Embracing Curious Minds. Nurturing Compassionate Hearts. *Now and in the Future.*

# SJF's Drive to 75

## We set our sights high – our planning principles:

We plan with a focus on the future.

We dare to fail in order to lead.

We embrace lives of faith and service  
as cornerstones of our culture.

We challenge ourselves to use data,  
engage the community,  
and maximize our talents in our  
continuous pursuit of excellence.



## Our Shared **Strategic Objectives**

### 1 Safe Welcoming Environment

- Re-energized community outreach
- Integrated social-emotional resources and curriculum
- Enhanced campus security

### 2 Academic Excellence

- Broadened specials and STEAM lessons
- Differentiated instruction and personalized learning
- Targeted updating of technology and classroom space

### 3 Faith in Action

- Tightened connection between school and parish constituencies
- Active, coordinated service opportunities
- Improved involvement of school children and families in mass

### 4 Foundational Investment

- Agreed-upon organizational missions and accountability
- Published 5-year financial plan

### 5 Responsible Stewardship

- Transparent annual budgeting and financial reporting process
- Improved compensation for our talented faculty and staff

### 6 Tangible Legacy

- 75th anniversary capital campaign
- Refurbished convent building for school and community use

# Catholic School Week Mass Sunday, January 26, 2020



# St. John Fisher Celebrates Catholic Schools Week!



## Dime Wars for Dairy!

## 100 Days of School & Fun!



# St. Rita's Band helps us kick-off Catholic Schools Week!



## St. Rita and St. John Fisher Bands



# 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 <b>&amp; for 24 hours!</b>	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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JOIN US FOR

# ART CLUB

*Every other Tuesday  
until 3:30*  
THE ART ROOM

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**FEBRUARY DATES:**

**02/04**

**02/18**

*Free to join.*

*Email Mrs. Corley if interested.  
[mcorley@sjfschool.net](mailto:mcorley@sjfschool.net)*



# Group Outings

## ST. JOHN FISHER MOTHER & SON GROUP OUTING WITH THE BULLS



Enjoy a legendary outing at a Chicago Bulls game with St. John Fisher mothers and sons.

Share the excitement of Bulls basketball and the NBA's leading entertainment experience as the team takes on the Wizards. Each ticket purchase also includes access to a private pregame shootaround with 100-level access from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Help St. John Fisher reach 200 tickets by Feb. 16 and everyone in the group will have the opportunity to shoot free throws on the United Center court following the game.

Don't miss out on exclusive savings! Purchase tickets before Feb. 7 to be guaranteed seats in the St. John Fisher sections.

Be a part of Bulls Nation today.

**The discounted price is:**

- 300 Level, Rows 8-17 (baseline and corner): \$22.40 - 23.52 (regularly \$44.80)



## BULLS VS. WIZARDS

Sunday, February 23, 2020 | 6:00 p.m.

To purchase tickets, visit:  
[response.bulls.com/SJF](https://response.bulls.com/SJF)

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## St. John Fisher St. Baldrick's Shaving Event

[www.stbaldricks.org/events/StJohn2020](http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/StJohn2020)

Saturday - March 7, 2020

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Conner T. Lowry Gymnasium  
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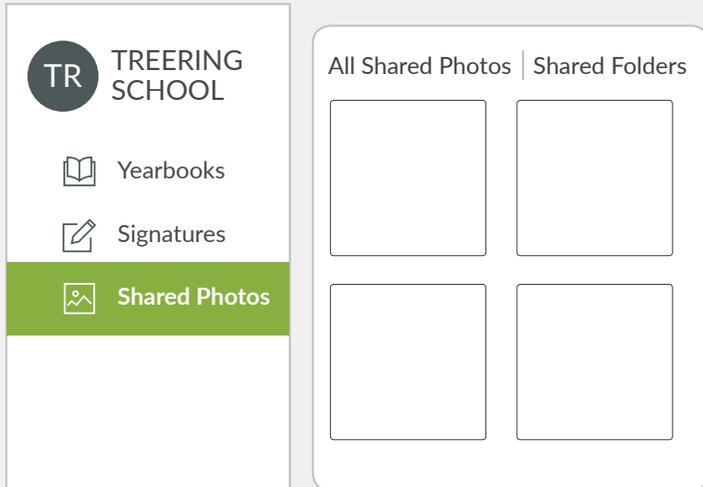
You can now support your favorite charity when you shop using the Amazon Shopping App on your Android device. See below for instructions to turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App.

Follow the steps attached below to add AmazonSmile in your Amazon Shopping App. This feature is coming very soon for iOS (Apple), stay tuned!

# We Need Your Photos for the St. John Fisher Yearbook

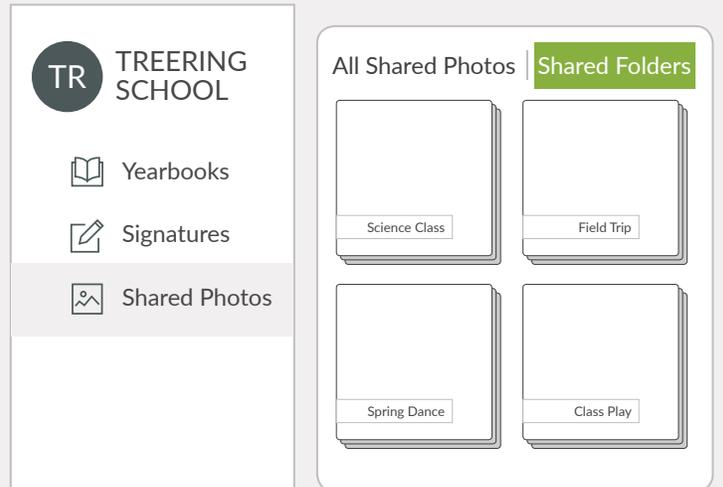
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Navigate to **Shared Photos** in the left navigation.



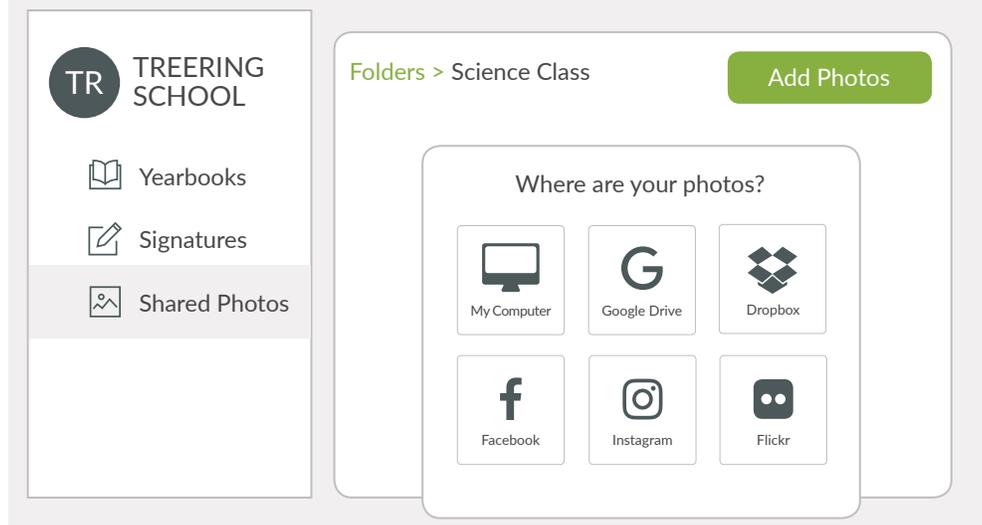
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Select **Shared Folders** and choose a folder.



3

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

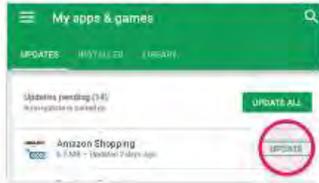


## Sign In or Create an Account to Upload Photos:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

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

1 Make sure you have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App



1. Open the Google Play Store
2. Tap the menu (≡)
3. Tap on My apps & games
4. Tap the Updates tab
5. Update the Amazon Shopping App

2 Open the Amazon Shopping App



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Coming soon on iOS. Stay tuned!