



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 11, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

Happy Veteran's Day! Thanks to our incredible S.O.A.R. kids and their fabulous moderators, Ms. Colleen Dunlavy, Mrs. Kristy Condon and Mrs. Carole Scannell, we were able to host a beautiful and moving ceremony to pay tribute to the veterans in our school community. Over 40 veterans related to our students attended our prayer service and breakfast this morning. We are so proud of our Falcons who organized this event and actively participated by sharing their many talents. Today's event also demonstrated to all of our Falcons the importance of pausing to honor those who sacrifice their lives for our freedom. Though every day is a great day to be a Falcon, today was a real high moment for us all. We are so proud of our students and grateful for all of the veterans in our community and world at large!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **PEACE+LOVE+SJF.**

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash





Important Announcements

- The **December Hot Lunch Menu** is posted and open for ordering.
- **Women's Club Bunko Night** in Kane Hall is back on November 22nd! See the flyer below for more details. We'd love for you to join us!
- November 23rd is an 11:30 dismissal.
- **Did you know we use an online portfolio to organize & share your child(ren)'s artwork?** Check your email for a link to your child(ren)'s Artsonia account if you are not already connected. Contact Mrs. Corley for any questions mcorley@sjfschool.us.
- **Extended Day:** As a reminder, this year Extended Day **ENDS AT 5 P.M.** Visit this link to register your child. Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- Are you receiving our **monthly parish newsletter**? Sign up here so you don't miss a beat!

FSA Corner

- The FSA's **Advent Wreath Making** sponsored by the FSA will take place on Sunday, November 27th. Please fill out the form attached below and turn it in by November 13th to reserve your spot. See below for more details.
- FSA sponsors the **out of uniform passes for weekend Mass attendance.** If your child attends Mass at SJF, he/she will receive an out of uniform pass to use on the next day of school. Please sign-up here if you can help distribute passes at Mass. Thank you!
- **Calling all new families:** Join the SJF FSA Facebook page and never miss any of our important parent and community information! Our page is FSA at SJF on Facebook.
- If you would like to **volunteer** with the FSA, email sjffsa103@gmail.com.

Athletics

We'd love to give special shout-out to **Bob and Becky Rusch** for planning the football program's banquet this week. It was a wonderful night honoring our athletes and their devoted volunteer coaches. **Thank you to all of the coaches for sharing your time and talent with our Falcons all season long.** We appreciate each of you as well as **all of the parents** who helped out in so many different ways this season. Go Falcons!

- *Please see the below flyer for details about our Winter Sports Parent Meeting.*

Looking Ahead

<p>WEEKEND MASS Girls Basketball Gold Ball & Championship Sunday!</p>	<p>4 p.m. on Saturday & 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday Sunday: 3 of our Girls Basketball Teams will be competing for the conference championship! <i>See flyer below for more information!</i></p>
<p>Monday, November 14th</p>	<p>ETC 3-4 p.m. <i>Canva For Kids w/ Ms. Schiavone</i> <i>Stem Studio w/ Mrs. Altman</i> <i>Game Night w/ Ms. Dunlavy</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, November 15th <u>Thanksgiving Food Drive</u> <u>Items Due TODAY!</u></p> <p><i>*last day of Trimester 1*</i></p>	<p>ETC 3-4 p.m. <i>Turkey Bowl w/ Mrs. Sefcik</i> <i>Yoga w/ Mrs. Garza</i> <i>Jewelry Making w/ Mrs. Corley</i></p> <p>Homework Club Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller, Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45p.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, November 16th Culver's Eat 'N Earn 4-6 p.m. <i>*See flyer below</i></p>	<p>ETC 3-4:30 p.m. <i>Stranger Things w/ Mrs. Regnier & Mrs. Altman</i></p> <p>Homework Club Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller, Ms. Dunlavy 3:45p.m.</p>
<p>Thursday, November 17th <u>School Picture</u> <u>Make-up Day</u></p>	<p>ETC 3-4:30 p.m. <i>Friendsgiving w/ Mrs. Altman</i></p> <p>HSPT Prep Class w/ Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Condon 3:00 - 4:15p.m.</p>
<p>Friday, November 18th</p>	<p>Report Cards go home today - Way to go Falcons!</p> 



**GIRLS BASKETBALL
SOUTHSIDE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
CHAMPIONSHIP
SUNDAY!**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
@ MOTHER MCAULEY**

**-12:15 6A VS ST. CHRISTINA
-2:45 8 BLUE VS ST. CAJETAN
-4:00 8A VS ST. MICHAEL**



Pro Labore Dei Thanksgiving Project & Partnership

The SJF National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring our Thanksgiving Project in partnership with Pro Labore Dei. NJHS is asking that each grade bring in the following designated items to support our parish mission project. Thank you for your generosity.

- 2 cans of corn: **7th & 8th Grade**
- 2 cans of green beans: **6th Grade**
- 2 cans of sweet potatoes: **5th Grade**
- 2 cans of cranberry sauce: **4th Grade**
- 2 cans / packets of gravy: **3rd Grade**
- 2 boxed / bags of stuffing: **2nd Grade**
- a box of mashed potatoes: **1st Grade**
- a nonperishable dessert: **Pre-K and Kindergarten**



All donations are due by Tuesday, November 15th.

If your family would like to participate in a service project together, PLD's next lunch making session is this Saturday, November 5th, at 9:15 a.m. in the rectory basement. Looking ahead, the December lunch making will be on Saturday, Dec 10th at 9:15 a.m. in the rectory basement.

Any questions or concerns, please call Jerry or Pat Hayes (773-239-8428).





Social & Emotional Learning

At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. Each month of the school year will have an all-school focus on the trait of the month, helping students strengthen particular social skills with different lessons and activities at the classroom level and as an entire school. We encourage you to talk to your children about these traits at home for a consistent message and focus. The trait of the month program is building upon this year's behavior system and school mantra: **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.**

September	Responsibility
October	Respect
November	Gratitude
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



**Be Respectful, Responsible &
Safe. Be a Falcon.**



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Chewy West, 5th Grade



One of our school themes is “Fly Like 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 and staff demonstrate each and every day. **This week, we recognize 5th grader, Chewy West.**

Chewy West exhibits kindness on a daily basis. Chewy is polite, creative, funny and thoughtful. Chewy has an enormous heart and goes out of his way to be nice to everyone. He has a keen sense of awareness of other's feelings and can sense when someone needs a pick-me-up. Chewy is the epitome of a bucket-filler and always puts everyone else's needs and feelings first. Chewy's calm and kind demeanor makes our school a better place every day. We are grateful for Chewy's positive attitude, uniqueness and genuine kindness toward and concern for his friends and the world around him.

Thank you for being such a great example, Chewy. We are so lucky you are a Falcon! Keep flying like a Falcon, Chewy; you are making a difference and we are so proud of you!

Manna Update

Mondays: 8:00 – 9:00 AM
Wednesdays: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Thursdays: 8:00 – 9:00 AM
Fridays: 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Saturdays: 8:30 – 9:30 AM
Sundays: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

We will continue to look for ways to manage the costs of running the program, so it continues to be a good fundraiser for the school while reducing family tuition costs. With the holidays coming, we hope the expanded hours allow increased participation. We may need to adjust in off peak times based on participation.

Please note: Manna can be sent home with SJF students. A few requirements:

- PLEASE SUBMIT: Manna Waiver Form - Agreement for Gift Cards to be sent home through School. Submitting this form will signal to the Manna team that you'd like ALL orders to be sent home from school.
- Use <https://www.raiseright.com/> or Download the App (*As Easy as Venmo*)
- Place order by 10 AM on Sundays and gift cards will be sent home on THURSDAYS. If you miss that deadline, your order will be sent home the following Thursday.
- Note: If this is the method you choose, all orders submitted and paid for will be delivered this way. If you decide to revert back to picking up your orders at the convent, please email sjfmanna@gmail.com to be removed from the "Send Home" list.

Simple steps for creating opportunities



You buy a gift card

You get the full value.



The brand gives back

No extra money comes out of your pocket.



Your organization earns

Impacting what matters most to you.



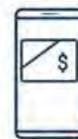
Budget friendly

There's no need to buy things you don't want. There's no need to spend extra money.



Time saving

It fits right into your schedule, without having to sell door-to-door or plan events.



Contactless

Use your smartphone or tablet to earn from anywhere—even from the comfort of your own home.



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*Below is a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a very “normal” school year ahead!

- School Picture Make-up Day: **11.17**
- **11.23** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.27** *classes resume **11.28**
- **12.2** ~ 1:30 dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.4** *classes resume **1.5**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.16**
- Confirmation: **2.4** ~ 11:00 a.m.
- Graduation Picture Day: **2.8**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.16**
- All -Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **2.17**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.20**
- No School: **3.13**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **3.24**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **4.5**
- Spring Break: **4.6 – 4.16** *classes resume **4.17**
- First Holy Communion: **4.29**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.29**
- Last Day of School for 8 Grade: **6.2**
- Graduation: **6.4** ~ 1 p.m. in church
- Last Day of School: **6.8** ~ 10:30 dismissal

Come as you are. You are loved.



***1 p. m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**



2022-2023 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern...

- Assignments
- Homework Class
- Activities

Contact [Classroom Teacher](#) by email or note.

- Discipline
- Classroom
- Behavior/Specific Incidents

Start by contacting the [Classroom Teacher](#) for an appointment.
If further assistance is needed, contact SJF Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: clarmon@sjfschool.us

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sjfschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Kris Houston: khouston@sjfschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions Medical
- Forms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: lmurray@sjfschool.us

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees
- Technology

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sjfschool.us

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: mredmond@sjfschool.net
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: echermak@sjfschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sjfschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: jschultz@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): wbiernacki@sjfschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sjfschool.us



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If you have a question or concern...

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, mschiavone@sjfschool.us

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, mcummings@sjfschool.us

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- Parent Newsletter
- Financial Aid Applications
- School Procedures
- Administrative Matters
- Policy
- Further assistance on any matter listed above

Contact SJF Principal,
Mrs. Maura Nash: mnash@sjfschool.us

- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

Mr. Bill Gula: mr.gula@aol.com
School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: sjffsa103@gmail.com
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com

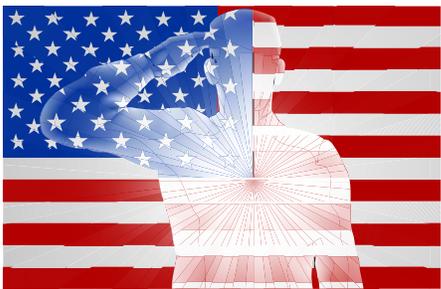


















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Thank you to The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation and Oktoberfest Committee and our Sponsors for raising \$35,000 for SJF School. Our Fisher Falcons are excited and grateful for the support. Our top goal is Academic Excellence. With these funds we plan to purchase modern classroom furniture for the junior high wing, additional flexible seating, STEAM and coding technology and formalize art and science labs. We appreciate your support!

St. John Fisher Oktoberfest thanks our Top Sponsors



Friends of the Falcons



Other Important Sponsors:





LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

WINTER SPORTS MEETING

WE REQUEST THAT AT LEAST 1
PARENT ATTEND THIS MEETING!

**MONDAY, DEC. 5TH
7:00 PM
KANE HALL**

Information Covered:

- CONCESSION RAFFLE: \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!!
- 4,000 Tickets sold
- Each winter sport athlete will be asked to sell TEN \$10 tickets
- More information about PACK THE HOUSE DATES & CONNER T. LOWRY DAY
- Gym admission/concessions sign-ups available for parents
- Bring a \$250 check made out to the SJF Athletic Board for missed admissions/concessions duty





SOUTHSIDE CATHOLIC

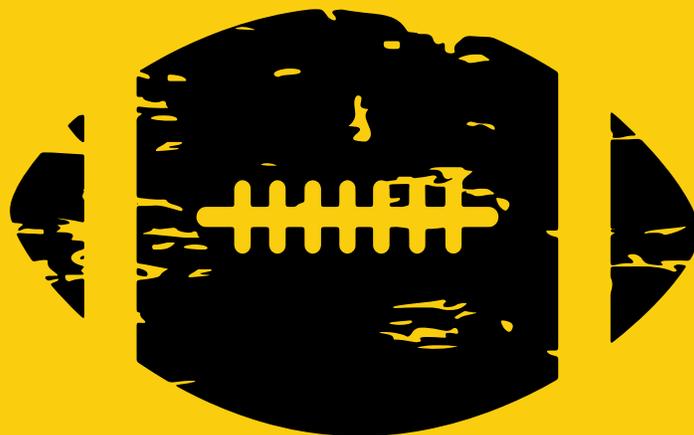
ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH | 12:00 PM | MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

COME OUT AND CHEER ON YOUR 8TH GRADE ALL-STARS. SPONSORED BY THE TOM HOPKINS FOUNDATION



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WE'RE HIRING



JR. HIGH SCIENCE TEACHER

SJF is seeking a long-term sub for Junior High Science from November through March. Full-time or part-time applicants are welcome!

Position Summary:

- Dedicated, organized, enthusiastic and high energy professional.
- Successful candidates will have creativity and willingness to teach a variety of topics, including Life Science and Physical Science.



Send Your Resume

mnash@sjfschool.us



St. John Fisher FSA
Advent Wreath Making Event

Please join us
Sunday, November 27th after the 11:00 AM Mass
in Kane Hall

to make an Advent Wreath for your family to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

A limited number of wreaths are available, so please reserve yours by
Sunday, November 13th!

The cost for each wreath is \$45
Please send in cash or check made out to St. John Fisher FSA with information below
or Venmo @Rebecca-Dowling-2

If you have any questions, please contact Molly Wiora 773-368-1414.

St. John Fisher FSA Advent Wreath Making Event

Family Name _____ Email _____

Phone Number _____

of Wreaths _____



Culver's®

Welcome to delicious.®

**Join us for an Eat and Earn event at Culver's
in Evergreen Park to benefit**

St. John Fisher School

Date: November 16th

Time: 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Culver's located at 9515 S. Kedzie



A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to SJF FSA.



LET'S EAT, DRINK

& be thankful



friendsgiving

Tuesday,
NOVEMBER

22ND

6:00 PM

Cost: Free if you have
paid Women Club

Dues or \$20
at the door.



KANE HALL
NOT ONLY WILL WE HAVE A
THANKSGIVING FEAST BUT WE WILL
ALSO BE PLAYING BUNCO
RSVP BY NOV 1ST



*Please bring either a dessert or an
app. We will provide the dinner.*



[Click here to RSVP](#)



Save the date

Cloud 9

St. John Fisher

2023 Father Daughter Dance

Saturday, April 1, 2023



DID YOU MISS THE BACK TO SCHOOL SHIRT SALE?

**THERE ARE MORE SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE
IN THE OFFICE.**



SHIRTS ARE \$10 EACH

SEND MONEY TO THE OFFICE WITH THE SIZES YOU NEED

LIMITED SIZES AVAILABLE

Contact Mrs. Corley for any questions mcorley@sjfschool.us