



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

Can you believe we are just 11 days away from the end of the first trimester?! Our Falcons have grown so much this fall and we are proud of and impressed by their progress. This last week of the trimester is critical for many of our students. Unit and chapter assessments and end of the trimester projects and assignments can make all of the difference this week. Please join us in encouraging your student(s) to do his/her absolute best in this last final push of the marking period. Let's Go Falcons!

For the month of November, our new SEL focus is gratitude. Together as a school we are talking about what gratitude means, what we are grateful for and how we can show our gratitude toward others. We incorporate this theme in our daily prayer and announcements and all of our classes. We encourage you to ask your child(ren) about this month's SEL trait and how they can bring this focus into your home too.

We are forever grateful for our SJF parents, students, teachers and community! 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

- Our **Veteran's Day Breakfast & Prayer Service is November 11th**. We'd love for you to participate! [Visit this link](#) to learn more and register to attend/participate.
- Our stupendous 6th grade class hosted a very reverent and loving Mass on **All Saint's Day**. Thank you to our 6th grade Falcons, Dr. Chermak, Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. DiBennardi!
- Thank you to Mrs. Keller and all of the families who participated in our **Day of the Dead Altar** in the library. What a beautiful tribute to our loved ones. Please see the picture below.
- SJF has participated in **2 Lockdown Practice Drills** this school year. With the help of the Chicago Police Department, we continue to audit and review our safety policies and procedures to ensure SJF is safe and secure.
- There has been a number of **Hand, Foot & Mouth cases reported to SJF spanning across several grade levels**. HFMD symptoms are: fever, mouth sores and skin rash. HFMD is highly contagious. Please be mindful of these symptoms and keep your child home if he/she is not feeling well. Thank you for your help!
- **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

- 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.

## Looking Ahead

**WEEKEND MASS**

4 p.m. on Saturday & 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday

**Don't forget to get your out of uniform pass, Falcons!**

*We hope to see you there!*

**Monday, November 7th****ETC 3-4 p.m.**

*Canva For Kids w/ Ms. Schiavone*

*Stem Studio w/ Mrs. Altman*

*Game Night w/ Ms. Dunlavy*

**Tuesday, November 8th****ETC 3-4 p.m.**

*Turkey Bowl w/ Mrs. Sefcik*

*Yoga w/ Mrs. Garza*

*Jewelry Making w/ Mrs. Corley*

**Homework Club** Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller, Ms. Dunlavy  
3-3:45p.m.

**Wednesday, November 9th****ETC 3-4:30 p.m.**

*Stranger Things w/ Mrs. Regnier & Mrs. Altman*

**Homework Club** Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller, Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45p.m.

**Thursday, November 10th****ETC 3-4:30 p.m.**

*Friendsgiving w/ Mrs. Altman*

**HSPT Prep Class w/ Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Condon** 3:00 - 4:15p.m.

**Friday, November 11th**

*Have a great weekend!*





## 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
<b>November</b>	<b>Gratitude</b>
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



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



## 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).



# 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](mailto: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.



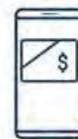
### Budget friendly

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.**



# FALCON OF THE WEEK

Vivian Hermanson, Kindergarten



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 kindergartener, Vivian Hermanson.**

Vivian is known to be a very sweet and conscientious kindergartener. On Halloween two students in her class did not get a toy. The toy was an award from a game that our young Falcons were playing with their classmates at their Halloween Party. Vivian's teacher asked if any of the students won an extra toy. Vivian said she had an extra one. Without even being told, Vivian walked over to her classmates and gave them both of the toys she won and was happy to do so. Vivian's generosity and kindness is an example to us all.

Thank you for being such a great friend Vivian. You are making your classroom and our school a better place. Keep flying like a Falcon; you are making a difference and we are so proud of you!



# 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](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail [attendance@sjfschool.us](mailto:attendance@sjfschool.us)

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

Mrs. Kris Houston: [khouston@sjfschool.us](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us)

- Registration
- Admissions Medical
- Forms

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

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees
- Technology

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: [dmaxwell@sjfschool.us](mailto:dmaxwell@sjfschool.us)

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

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

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: [jschultz@sjfschool.us](mailto:jschultz@sjfschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

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



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If you have a question or concern...

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, [mcummings@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcummings@sjfschool.us)

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto: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](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us)

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

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

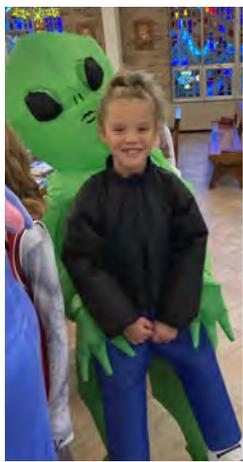




HAPPY HALLOWEEN!







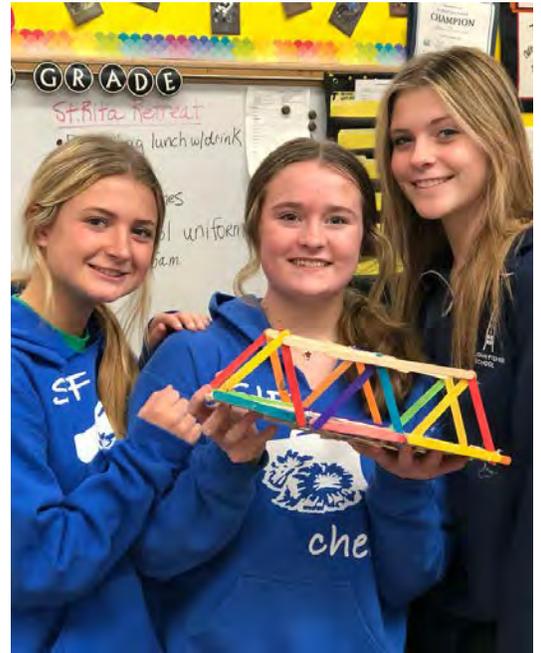


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WINNERS!

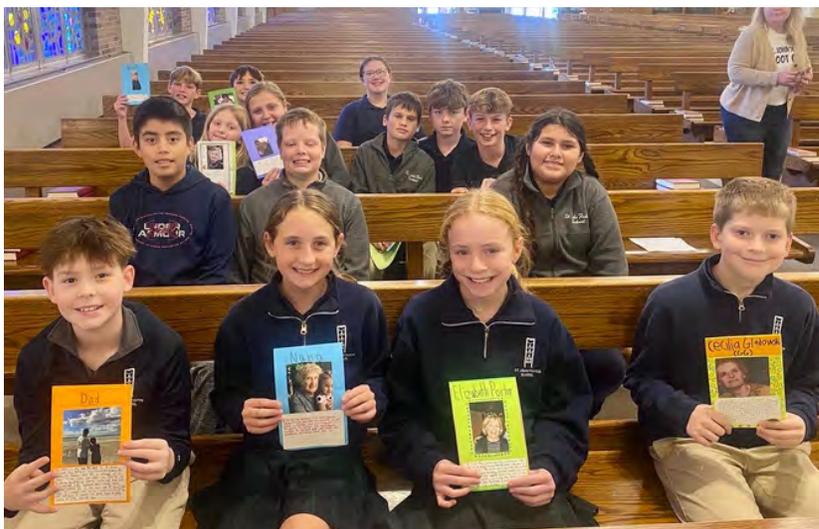


# DIA DE LOS MUERTOS





# ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION







Conner T. Lowry Memorial Fund  
**LIVE LIFE LARGE**  
[www.connertlowrymemorialfund.com](http://www.connertlowrymemorialfund.com)

**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!

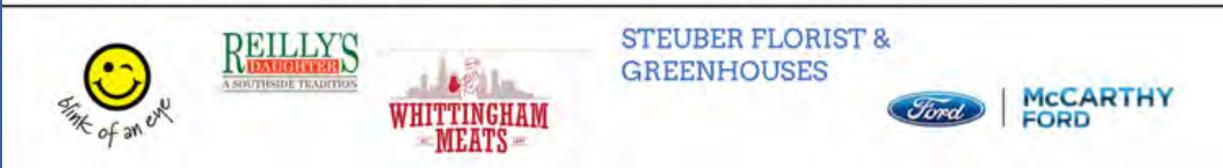
## St. John Fisher Oktoberfest thanks our Top Sponsors



## Friends of the Falcons



## Other Important Sponsors:



# Confirmation Enrollment Mass



**Sunday, November 6, 2022**

**11:00 a.m. (time change Sunday)**

**Parish Mass**

**for Confirmation Candidates & families.**

**Please sit close to the front.**

# 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](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us)

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](mailto:mcorley@sjfschool.us)