



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 28, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

Thank you for your overwhelming support of this year's Oktoberfest where together with our sponsors we raised \$35K! All of the proceeds are going directly back to our school in support of our academic excellence goal. With this year's funds, we plan to formalize our art and science labs, purchase modern classroom furniture for the junior high wing, add additional flexible seating to classrooms and invest in STEAM and coding technology.

Our extraordinary Falcons and remarkable teachers are so grateful for this incredibly profitable fundraiser which could not have taken place without our dedicated Oktoberfest Committee. We would like to give a heartfelt thank you Erin and Jay Schober, Jen and Tony Serpe, Ann Peijko, Carrie Nowicki, Dave Cahill, Michelle Coleman, Kristen Urbon, Pat and Brigid Harrigan, Traci and Austin McCarthy, Kristin Mlyniec, Dawnn and Joe Albrecht, Mike and Christy Poppish, Lisa Barsch, Maryanne Stathis, Denise Kouacs, George Liebentritt, Kristen Schiesl, Ellen Callaghan, Kevin O'Connor, Joe and Colleen Hurley, Megan Scarsella, Brendan Moody, Jeff Schneller, Tim Cotter, Bob Houston and all of the parents that volunteered to make the event a success. The impressive list of sponsors who have donated financial resources to this event is below. The energy that our community brings to events like this is inspiring and unmatched! SJF really is a community like no other! We will be sure to keep you updated on our classroom and curriculum improvements.

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

Beyond Grateful!

Important Announcements

- Thank you to the FSA and 7th grade families for this month's **delicious teacher and staff breakfast!**
- Our Falcon Community **raised over \$700** on our **PINK-OUT Day**. All proceeds go to **Breast Cancer Research**. Thank you for your generosity!
- We had **over 50 fabulous pumpkins** entered into our annual pumpkin decorating contest. Thank you for taking the time to get into the Halloween Spirit with us!
 - Speaking of Halloween...please be sure to **look at our Halloween Costume Guidelines** below. Thank you!
- The **November lunch menu** is available and open for ordering.
 - **November 1st will be voided** due to Special Lunch. Contact Mrs. Maxwell with questions, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.
- 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!
- **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

- **Thank you Lynn O'Brien, Corey O'Malley and the FSA** for organizing our 2nd Spooktacular Trunk or Treat!
- 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, October 31st**

Trick or Treat in Beverly until 7p.m.

Have fun and be safe!

Tuesday, November 1st

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

Wednesday, November 2nd

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

Thursday, November 3rd

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

Friday, November 4th

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
November	Gratitude
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



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

A decorative banner at the top of the page features several triangular pennants. Some pennants have orange and white diagonal stripes, while others are white with a black spider silhouette.

HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES AT SJF

- No short skirts or shorts, mid-drifts, bare shoulders or low necklines.
- Students cannot wear anything that is disrespectful or depicting violence in anyway.
- Hats and hoods can be worn on this day only during the Halloween Festivities (parade, classroom party).
- All costume preparations must be done at home. Applying makeup or colored hairspray at school is not allowed.
- No weapons or masks are allowed.
- Students will need to call home for a change of clothes if a costume is inappropriate.
- Students/parents should reach out to their homeroom teacher if they have a question about the appropriateness of a costume.
- Students are allowed to bring a store bought treat to school to share with their classmates.



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.



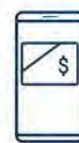
Budget friendly

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.**



FALCON OF THE WEEK

PJ Carey, 4th 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 4th grader, PJ Carey.**

PJ consistently goes out of his way to be kind and make the world around him a better place. This week, PJ was spotted riding his bike with a rake in his hand to the rectory to rake the new fallen leaves. No one asked PJ to do this. He simply noticed all of the leaves and thought he could help. This is not out of character for PJ. When speaking with PJ's teachers, they shared, "He is always helpful to his teachers and classmates. He cleans up the lunch tables every day without complaining or telling someone else that it's their turn. He is a great example to his classmates. He is a very kind student. He always tries his best and is ready to learn with a smile on his face! PJ puts effort into all of his work and is a great role model to his peers. PJ is the sweetest soul. He has a very strong sense of right and wrong and cares deeply for doing the right thing. He has integrity and ambition. He respects everyone, the environment and himself!"

Thank you for making SJF and our neighborhood a better place, PJ. 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

- 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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DATE 10.28.22

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Conner T. Lowry Memorial Fund
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St. John Fisher Oktoberfest thanks our Top Sponsors



Friends of the Falcons



Other Important Sponsors:



*It's the
big game!*



OCTOBER 30TH
ST. RITA

JV 4:00 PM

VARSITY 6:00 PM



HAUNTED HOUSE



Sunday, October 30th
10432 South Talman
5 pm to 10 pm
Admission \$5
All Money Goes to Charity

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.

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