



Notes from Mrs. Nash

St. John Fisher School

March 22, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

Well, we all survived another fun St. Patrick's Day weekend! Thank you to everyone who participated in the most beautiful St. Patrick's Day mass, led by Dr. Chermak and our faith-filled third grade, and the fun parade festivities. Our kids did an absolute beautiful rendition of the story of St. Patrick, equipped with St. Patrick himself, Irish dancers, bag pipes and songs. What a lovely way to start St. Patrick's Day!

Our savvy musicians have yet another competition this weekend; I am certain that they will dazzle their audience and judges with their talents! Best of luck to all of our athletes this weekend as well. I want to thank all of the parents and grandparents who dedicate so much of their time coaching and traveling back and forth from games and competitions to support our awesome Falcons. Extra-curricular activities are such a vital role in the lives of our students and the success of those activities hinges on your support; THANK YOU!

As we move into Spring, I am hopeful that the warm weather is here to stay and proves to be a symbol of the many wonderful things that we have to look forward to before our school year comes to an end such as: the SJF running club (a sure sign that Spring is here!), breakfast with the Easter Bunny, the HNS food drive and much more. Information for these events can be found on the following pages.

Enjoy your weekend and as always, thank you so very much for your continued support of Catholic education!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- Next **Thursday, March 28th**, students will be allowed to wear their favorite baseball jersey, t-shirt, or sweatshirt with their uniform bottoms for MLB Opening Day!
- Also, next **Thursday, March 28th**, the **SJF Running Club** will begin. More information and the required waiver can be found below.
- **Save the date!** On **Sunday, April 7th**, the FSA will host the Easter Bunny Breakfast following the 10AM family mass.
- **Holy Name Society** is prepping for their **Annual Food Drive**. Please see below for more information.
- **School Calendar Update:** On **May 17th** we will have school even though it was scheduled as a teacher-planning day. We are making up one of our snow days on this day as to not extend the school calendar.
- The **April hot lunch** menu is available for ordering.
- If you have something you would like considered for inclusion in these weekly notes, please send an e-mail to notes@sifschool.net. The deadline for submission is Wednesdays at noon.
- We continue to have many students leaving school early due to illness. In an effort to stop spreading these illnesses, please keep your child home until they are healthy and fever free for 24 hours.
- Please see below for more details on the changes to the **Manna Program**.

Manna Program Update

After careful consideration, we have decided to eliminate the use of debit/credit cards for payments at the Manna Program. No debit/credit cards payments will be accepted after March 31, 2019.

As most of you are aware, the Manna program is a major fundraiser for both the school and the participants of the program. The use of credit/debit payments proved to be too costly and was a detriment to the program.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause, but we feel this is the best choice for the Manna program at this time.

Peek at the Week

Saturday, March 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Band Directors' Festival / Senior Band only @ Mother McAuley H.S. • Queen of Hearts @ Cork & Kerry – 5:30-8:30pm
Sunday, March 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Rosary after 10am mass
Monday, March 25 th	
Tuesday, March 26 th	
Wednesday, March 27 th	
Thursday, March 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLB Opening Day (students may wear favorite baseball top with uniform bottoms) • Future Falcon Friends Open Gym – 10:30-11:15am • Running Club starts @ Bilecki Field – 4:00pm • HNS March Madness Meeting @ Kane Hall – 7:00pm
Friday, March 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm



Join us any **Friday during Lent, at 7:30 PM, in church for the Stations of the Cross** lead by Deacon Ray Reilly. Come and share this Lenten practice to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross.

This **Friday, March 22nd, at 6:30 PM**, we will also hold a special **Family Friendly Stations of the Cross** as well with help from our Seminarian, Colm Mitchell. This evening, children will receive a Stations of the Cross booklet to keep, and their enthusiasm is welcomed! (PJs are ok, too). Please RSVP to bridget.stalla@gmail.com or via text or call at 773-852-4698 if you might come to ensure enough booklets will be available.



Family Rosary in Church, Sunday, March 24th after 10 AM Mass

Have you been looking for something new to jump start your Lent? Come join us near the tabernacle after the 10 AM Mass to say the Rosary in honor of the feast of the Annunciation (March 25th). We will recite the Joyful Mysteries. "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee". We invite all parishioners to join us in this beautiful prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Bridget Stalla.

"When you say your Rosary, the angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son finds joy in it too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary."

~Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche

Awards & Achievements

St. Rita Volleyball Tournament 1st Place!

Congrats to the 7th grade boys volleyball A team for taking 1st place in the St. Rita volleyball tournament last weekend!



Team members include Cole Adamski, Joe Chirillo, JJ McNicholas, Will Murnane, Marty Riley, Jack Perry, Aidan Peloquin, Luke Spatz, Owen Winters, and Tommy Sloyan.

Class of 2019 Success!

Teresa Bonko – Agatha O’Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Liam Brady – Gilmore Legacy Scholarship, James Barda Leadership Award, Public Safety First Responder Scholarship, and Shoulder to Shoulder Scholarship, Mt. Carmel High School
Marty Canavan – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School
Pat Carmody – Academic Scholarship, St. Rita High School
Jimmy Crowley – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School
Liam Deacy – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School and the SCC Christian Leadership Award
Abby Gallagher – Champagnat Award (top 10%), Marist High School
Ryan Gierhahn – Christian Brothers Scholarship, Brother Rice High School
Samantha Giglio – SCC Christian Leadership Award
Emmett Griffin – Christian Brothers Scholarship, Brother Rice High School
Liza Karstrand – Agatha O’Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Grace Lyons – Champagnat Award (top 10%), Marist High School
Colleen Malloy – Agatha O’Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
John McNamara – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%) and the Gregory D. Beeson Scholarship, Marist High School
Caitlin McDonagh – McAuley Impact Award, Mother McAuley High School
Ella Mulchrone – Agatha O’Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Tess O’Leary – Agatha O’Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Mickey Shultz – The Nicholas A. Iosue Academic Scholarship and First Responders Award, Mt. Carmel High School
Ava Spreitzer – Champagnat Award (top 10%) and the Gregory D. Beeson Scholarship, Marist High School



Congratulations!

Queen of Hearts

Only 19 cards left! The pot is projected to be over \$115K!
 The drawing will be at Cork & Kerry this Saturday night 3/23/19!




St. John Fisher Queen of Hearts
 Tickets are 6 for \$5

List your name, phone number and select a number 1-54 on the back of your ticket. You can choose a different number for each ticket. Turn in ALL tickets you don't keep any tickets.

If your name is selected you win \$100

If your name is selected and the card behind your number is any Queen other then the Queen of Hearts you win \$500

If your card holds the Queen of Hearts you win 60% of the pot

The projected pot is over \$115,000

#s no longer available are:
 2,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,19,20,22,24,25,27,29,30,31,32,33,37,38,40,41,
 44,45,46,48,53,54

Drawing is this Saturday 3/23 @ Cork & Kerry

Tix 6 for \$5

Next Drawing Saturday 3/23 @ Cork & Kerry



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		21		23			26		28	
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43				47		49	50	51	52	

The projected pot is over 115k! Winner takes 60%




FSA Corner

Save the Date: April 4th-April 10th!

Who is ready for some spring weather and spring cleaning?!? Help Saint John Fisher's FSA raise funds for activities and programs by donating gently-used clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, and small household items (no furniture). Start saving now!!

Watch for more information on the FSA Facebook page and feel free to email FSA@sjfschool.net

Flyers will be sent out closer to the date!

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL
BY DONATING
CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!



Our **FUNDrive™**
will be held at:

ST. JOHN FISHER

April 1st – April 10th

and will benefit:

**SJF Family School
Association and
other school
programs**



learn more:

Watch out for more information on the FSA Facebook page and feel free to e-mail FSA@sjfschool.net with any questions.



we accept:

- CLOTHING
- SHOES
- BEDDING / TOWELS
- ACCESSORIES
- CDS, DVDS
- ELECTRICAL ITEMS
- TOYS & GAMES
- KITCHEN ITEMS
- KNICK-KNACKS
- SPORTING GOODS

Holy Name Society

March Madness Meeting
Thursday, March 28th in Kane Hall @ 7pm

2019 SJF HNS 11th Annual Food Drive

The SJF Holy Name Society will be conducting its 11th annual parish-wide Food Drive. We need your help in order to make this a success and build on this tradition. The food drive will culminate on Saturday, March 30th. Here is a rough outline of the drive and the times we are asking you to lend help to this worthy cause.

Saturday March 30th – Teams of adult volunteers with help from young volunteers (SJF students/scouts/etc.) would go door to door through the neighborhood dropping off a bag and letter describing the Food Drive process and requesting parishioners to leave a bag with food on the porch the following Saturday (April 6th). We think your time commitment that day would be between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Please come to Kane Hall at 9:00 AM to pick up your bags and street assignments.

Saturday April 6th – Teams again would go through the neighborhood and collect canned goods from front porches. These items would be collected and brought back to SJF. Separate teams would assemble and fill boxes back at SJF. These would be loaded into a truck and then delivered to food pantries. We again anticipate the time commitment would be 9:00-11:00 AM. Again, come to Kane Hall at 9:00 AM for street assignments.

As you can see, this drive will require quite a bit of volunteerism. We will always need help packing boxes at SJF. Please respond back to [sjfhns@gmail.com](mailto:sjf_hns@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thanks for your support!

St. John Fisher Food Drive Committee





S.J.F. Running Club 2019

Sign up will be Thursday, March 28, at Bilecki Field.

Come ready to start that day!

Bring your forms and money and running gear to the first practice
on Thursday, March 28 at 4:00 pm.

Practice will end this day at 4:45 pm.

We will pass out a calendar and details with more information. We
meet 2 days a week
(Wed/Thurs) 4:00-4:45 pm

@ Bilecki Field by Munroe Park

*Practices may expand and are subject to change as their running
levels increase.*

Grades k-8 are welcome!

**We will have a track meet verses local schools for grades 3-8 at
Brother Rice High School on May 9,2019 and our ultimate goal
is to participate in the Ridge Run-5K or 1mile Fun-Run May 27**

COST for Running Club is only \$20.00(includes a t-shirt)

Ridge Run Fee is a separate and optional opportunity.

Requirements: Willing to try!

Bring athletic/running shoes with tied shoelaces

Winter hat & gloves if needed

Layered clothes for Before & After

*Any questions? Call: Ann McGuire (773)882-0290 or email amlmcguire@yahoo.com
Or Stephanie Guinane 773-315-2157 or Michael Guinane at 1-708-743-4908*

*We also have a Facebook page and often try to put announcements there about
cancelled practices due to weather or other constraints.*

**Remember to fill out and bring with you the waiver on
the next page!**

ST. JOHN FISHER RUNNING CLUB PERMISSION WAIVER

Please Print

Student's name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____

Primary Cell and name of contact person: _____

Other parent or guardian in case of emergency: _____

Father's name: _____ cell/work number: _____

Mother's name: _____ cell/work number: _____

Email address (please list any that are checked regularly) _____

I/We, the parents or guardians of the above named student do hereby give my/our approval to his/her participation in the above named sport or activity under the authorization of the St. John Fisher School. I/We assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participants including transportation to and from the named sport or activity.

I/We do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the St. John Fisher Athletic Association, St. John Fisher Church and School, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting my son/daughter to and from the above named sport or activity for any claim arising out of an injury to my/our son/daughter, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause.

I/We agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to my son/daughter in as good a condition as when received except for normal wear and tear or will financially make up for any damage or loss.

Parents should be aware that their insurance policy may not adequately cover their child when participating in this activity. They should consult with their insurance agent to determine if additional coverage is needed.

We encourage but do not require a physical exam of your son/daughter.

PARTICIPATION FEES

Students will need to pay a \$20 fee for the running club. Should the runners elect to run in the Ridge Run an additional fee may apply.

I/WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICY

Signed: _____

Father

Mother

T-Shirt Size (circle one): YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

Check list: signatures

Email address

Checks: Participation fee; Service fee; Uniform Deposit