



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

St. John Fisher School

March 29, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

I hope you enjoyed your week. One of the things that I value most about this newsletter is that it allows me the opportunity to reflect on all of the things that we have accomplished, all of the things that we have struggled with and learned from and all of the things that we can do better. It allows me to start the following week with a fresh slate, focusing on our priorities.

This upcoming week's priority is the ASPIRE test. The ASPIRE test impacts our students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> and will be taken April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>. Though this standardized test is important in regard to measuring our students' academic growth and progress as well as giving our school a gauge as to where we may be experiencing pitfalls in our curriculum, it certainly isn't everything. I would like to encourage our students to be confident in their abilities, do their absolute best and to celebrate whatever their score may be, but to remember that it isn't the only way to measure one's intelligence. This test does not assess the fact that several of our students speak more than one language or can sing, dance and paint a picture. It doesn't measure their ability to play a musical instrument or their success in an athletic competition. The test doesn't understand that our students help their grandparents or an elderly neighbor, watch their siblings after school or that they are the glue that holds their friendships together and that the world is a brighter place simply because they are in it. So, please, as we approach the week of ASPIRE testing, please partner with me and remind your children that though this test is important, and we want them to do their absolute best, it isn't everything because there are many different ways to measure their intelligence and what makes them uniquely wonderful.

One of our SJF parents, Kerry McNicholas, created a beautiful flyer, which is attached, discussing how much we appreciate your efforts in brining your little ones to church. We recognize how challenging it can be to attend church with young children, but we are so grateful for your efforts to guide and inspire your children each week. Thank you so much for attending mass with your family!

Please see the following pages to learn more about the Holy Name Society Food Drive as well as the upcoming clothing and house-hold items drive hosted by the FSA.

Thank you so very much for your continued support of Catholic education and specifically, St. John Fisher. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Maura Nash*

### Important Announcements

- **Employment Opportunity:** SJF is seeking a high-quality part-time music professional for this school year. Bachelor’s degree is required. Please contact [mnash@sjfschool.net](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.net) if you are interested.
- **Holy Name Society** will be around the parish tomorrow delivering the bags for their **Annual Food Drive**. Please see below if you would like to volunteer and for more information.
- **Election Day** in Chicago is this **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. As a reminder, SJF is a polling place, so please drive extra carefully around the building and be mindful of the additional traffic you may experience. Kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders should use their alternate entrance for drop-off and pick-up.
- **Save the date!** On **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**, the FSA will host the Easter Bunny Breakfast following the 10AM family mass. See details below.
- **Save the date!** On **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, the FSA is sponsoring an eat and earn at Buona Beef. See details below.
- If you have something you would like considered for inclusion in these weekly notes, please send an e-mail to [notes@sjfschool.net](mailto:notes@sjfschool.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.

### Peek at the Week

Saturday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HNS Food Drive Bag Drop Off – 9-11am</li> <li>• Queen of Hearts @ Cork &amp; Kerry – 5:30-8:30pm</li> </ul>
Sunday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	
Monday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Tuesday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election Day (SJF is a polling place)</li> <li>• ASPIRE Testing</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASPIRE Testing</li> </ul>
Thursday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASPIRE Testing</li> <li>• Future Falcon Friends Open Gym – 10:30-11:15am</li> </ul>
Friday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASPIRE Testing</li> <li>• Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm</li> </ul>

# Welcome to Saint John Fisher

## TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

**PLEASE** know we appreciate your efforts to guide and inspire your children. May we suggest the following:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; do not feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- There is usually a Children's liturgy during 10:00 a.m. mass on Sunday. The kids love it and the parents can enjoy a quick moment of quietness to reflect. Be sure to come check it out!
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your youngster to see and hear.
- Quietly explain the religious statues, stain-glass art and parts of the mass. Children love visuals.
- Sing the songs, pray and say the responses. Children learn by watching you.
- A small room is located in the back of church- feel free to bring your children there if they are feeling especially energized and spirited.
- If you need to leave mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back.
- Be free of worry; your efforts to pray with and through your children is one of the most beautiful and commendable ways to live out your Catholic mission.
- The more familiar your children become, the more at ease and engaged they will be. Try and bring them to mass whenever and wherever you can.
- Strive to keep your own faith alive through your daily actions.

## TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

- A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small energetic and active children. The presence of children is a gift to the Church and provides us all with great hope for the future.
- The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way children respond to church, God and their vocation. Let these children know that they are at home in this church.



**Awards & Achievements****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  
Grace McNamara – Knights of Columbus 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 18 cards left! The pot is projected to be over \$120K!  
The drawing will be at Cork & Kerry this Saturday night 3/30/19!



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 than 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 \$120,000**

#s no longer available are:

2,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,19,20,22,23,24,25,27,29,30,31,32,33,37,38,40,41,  
44,45,46,48,53,54

**Drawing is this Saturday 3/30 @ Cork & Kerry**

**Tix 6  
for \$5**



Next Drawing  
Saturday 3/30  
@ Cork & Kerry



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		21					26		28		
			34	35	36			39			42
43				47		49	50	51	52		



The projected pot is over 120k! Winner takes 60%



FSA Corner

*The Easter Bunny is on his way!*



*Hop on over for some treats  
and Easter Fun!*

*April 7th immediately following 10a.m. Mass  
Kane Hall until 1:30 p.m.*

*Easter Egg Hunt  
Games, Raffles, Prizes*

*Pictures with the  
Easter Bunny!*

*Fun Family Crafts*



# BUONA

THE ORIGINAL ITALIAN BEEF

## SUPPORT A "BUONA" CAUSE MONDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

20% OF ALL SALES ACQUIRED AS A RESULT OF YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL  
BENEFIT:

### SAINT JOHN FISHER

BEVERLY  
10633 S. WESTERN AVE.  
(773) 941-6980

**FLYER MUST BE PRESENTED WHEN ORDERING**

*Interested in setting up a Buona Benefit Night? Email us at [fundraising@buona.com](mailto:fundraising@buona.com)!  
Visit [BUONA.com](http://BUONA.com) to order or to view a menu*



### Save the Date: April 1st-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!!

If you are ready to drop off your donations, we have coordinated with Manna to offer the following days/times this upcoming week for drop off in the old convent. If these times do not work for you, please contact [FSA@sjfschool.net](mailto:FSA@sjfschool.net).

Saturday, 3/30	8:30-9:30am
Monday, 4/1	8-9:30am
Wednesday, 4/3	6-7:30pm
Thursday, 4/4	8-9:30am
Friday, 4/5	1-2:30pm
Saturday, 4/6	8:30-9:30am

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



Our **FUNDrive™**  
will be held at:

**ST. JOHN FISHER**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto: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

**2019 SJF HNS 11<sup>th</sup> 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 begin 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 30<sup>th</sup>** – 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 6<sup>th</sup>). 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 6<sup>th</sup>** – 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:sjfhns@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thanks for your support!

St. John Fisher Food Drive Committee

