



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

St. John Fisher School

April 12, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

It is hard to believe, but Spring Break is finally here! Classes resume Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. I know many of you will be traveling out of town to celebrate Easter with your families and friends. Safe travels and Happy Easter!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Maura Nash*

## Important Announcements

- The **May hot lunch** menu is now available for ordering.
  - Reminder to NOT order lunch for your child if he/she will be going on a field trip.
  - There will be no hot lunch on May 29<sup>th</sup>; if you have already ordered a lunch for that date, it has been voided.
  - Also, our food service software will be down April 15<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup> for an upgrade.
- **Own It Chicago** will be hosting a workshop at St. John Fisher on **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** for students in grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see flyer on the last page for more information.
- **Save the Date.** The School Board will soon be holding two events for the community to provide input on several initiatives related to the mission and planning priorities for our school. Please note **May 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7p and/or **May 19<sup>th</sup>** after 10a mass on your calendars to be able to participate. More details to come after Easter break.
- If you have something you would like considered for inclusion in these weekly notes, please send an e-mail to [notes@sifschool.net](mailto:notes@sifschool.net). The deadline for submission is Wednesdays at noon.

Peek at the Week



Saturday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Break (April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 24<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Monday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holy Thursday</b></li> <li>• Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7pm</li> <li>• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 midnight</li> </ul>
Friday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Good Friday</b></li> <li>• Morning Prayer – 8:15am</li> <li>• Stations of the Cross – 12:00 noon</li> <li>• Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – 3pm</li> <li>• Tenebrae – 7:30pm</li> <li>• Veneration of the Cross until 9pm</li> </ul>
Saturday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holy Saturday</b></li> <li>• Morning Prayer – 8:15am</li> <li>• Blessing of Easter Baskets in Kane Hall – 1pm</li> <li>• The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – 7pm</li> </ul>
Sunday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Easter Sunday</b></li> <li>• Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12noon (no 5:30pm mass)</li> </ul>
Monday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Tuesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Wednesday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes Resume</li> </ul>
Friday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys’ Volleyball Pictures – 5-8pm</li> </ul>

Awards & Achievements



Congrats to our Scholastic Team who took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Marist High School Academic Olympics!



Congrats to our Redhawk Invitational 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Champions!



## Boys Volleyball

Our SJF Falcons had a very successful volleyball weekend at the Marist tournament. Congrats and job well done, boys!



5th Grade White – Champs, Gold Division  
 5th Grade Blue – Runner-up, Gold Division  
 6th Grade Black – Champs, Silver Division  
 6th Grade Blue – Runner-up, Gold Division  
 8th Grade Blue – Runner-up, Gold Division



## 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  
 Abigail Olsen – Helen and Dick Carey 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

## Good luck to our SJF students who will be competing in the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Dancing World Championship!



This Easter break some of St. John Fisher's students will be traveling to Greensboro, North Carolina for the **49<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Dancing World Championship**. This is only the 3<sup>rd</sup> time it has been held in the US!

Dancers will be dancing in ceili competitions and/or solo competitions in this weeklong event that has been called the "Olympics of Irish dance". Ceili dancing originated in the early 1500s and continues to remain a strong presence in all competitions worldwide. These Ceili teams consist of 8 dancers each and depending on age, some competitions have up to 100 teams. Some solo competitions have more than 200 competitors. These dancers have qualified by placing in the top 20 from each region around the world.

Dancers have been preparing for this competition since last year; yet this is the ultimate dream for most dancers, so they have actually been working toward this dream since their first day of dance. Some are taking the trip for their very first time, and some are going back for their third time!

Regardless of what Irish dance school they attend, each dancer has put in countless hours of practice, intense cross training, dedication, perseverance and determination. Each of these dancers have experienced winning humbly and losing with grace.

In a community that embraces the Irish culture and heritage in so many ways, Irish dancers of SJF will surely grace the stage with pride and honor the heritage and tradition they were raised to value.

SJF's Irish Dancers traveling to the World Championships:

### Cross Keys School of Irish Dance

Grace Harrigan  
Ava Sheerin  
Kaleigh Sheerin (Class of 2018)  
Sara Winters

### Dennehy School of Irish Dance

Gracie Carmody  
Maggie Carmody  
Mary Cait Doherty  
Lizzie Gadezik  
Kaitlyn Roney

FSA Corner

*Moms, Daughters and Grandmas  
Diamonds are a  
Girl's Best Friend!*

*Join us for our **RED-CARPET** Luncheon*

*Saturday May 18, 2019*

*115 Bowbon Street*

*11:30-3:30*

*Save the date and get your  
black tie attire ready!*

*Keep an eye out for invite and details*

*To be sent home on April 26, 2019*



Dear Parents,

As a parent, have you noticed your child struggle with academic organization and prioritization? Could he/she afford to gain a better understanding of how he/she learns best or how to employ effective study skills? Are you looking for a way to help your child succeed?

As educators that witness these trends, we created a workshop addressing these deficits. **Own It Chicago** offers workshops for junior high, high school and college students to improve executive functioning skills, resulting in improved academic performance.

The workshop includes hands-on organizational, time management, and study skill strategies, together with collaborative lessons that facilitate problem solving and address "what if?" scenarios.

Deliverables to the Student:

1. Identification- the student understands his/her strengths and weaknesses, and how they may be evolving
2. Distraction- the student reassesses what constitutes a distraction/impediment from their tasks
3. Accomplishment- the student addresses tasks in a timely manner
4. Empowerment- the student begins each day acknowledging and planning for what lies ahead

Deliverables to the Parent:

1. An independent child
2. A more confident child
3. A child who is better prepared to speak with his/her teachers in a constructive way

We believe that your child could benefit from this workshop. The *Own It* team is passionate about helping students better understand how they learn and how successful students utilize their time. To learn more about the diverse background of our team, please visit [ownitichicago.com](http://ownitichicago.com).

We look forward to offering workshops at St. John Fisher on May 1st. If you have any questions about the program, please email us [ownitichicago@gmail.com](mailto:ownitichicago@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Moira Borkovec      Nichole Carey      Sarah Peters

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/TVzXAA5gB22AiCwe6>