



Notes from Mrs. Nash

St. John Fisher School

May 10, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

The month of May is proving to be incredibly busy, featuring a whirlwind of activities and emotions! There is a great deal of excitement throughout the building as we anticipate warm weather (finally!) and the end of the year celebratory events recognizing the many accomplishments and transitions into our next chapter at SJF. As we move forward, I have much to be grateful for and many exciting announcements to share.

Thank you so much to our Reading Buddies! We are blessed at St. John Fisher to have a group of ladies who volunteer their time as Reading Buddies every Monday afternoon. The Reading Buddy program pairs a first- or second-grader who needs additional reading support with a caring, supportive adult who focuses solely on that child for one half-hour, reading and working on phonics skills. A special thank you to our volunteers: Mrs. Maureen Connolly, Mrs. Debby Dillon, Mrs. Kathy Guinane, Sr. Jean McGrath, and Mrs. Mary Nitsche for their energy, time and kindness!

While we are on the topic of reading, I would like to announce that **we have hired Ms. Mary Schiavone as our FULL-TIME reading specialist** for next year! Many of you may already know Ms. Schiavone. She has been a dedicated and dynamic third grade teacher at SJF for the past 7 years and is finishing up her MA in Literacy Curriculum this month. Ms. Schiavone attended Mother McAuley High School, Saint Xavier University and The American College of Education. Because Ms. Schiavone has a history with our school, I know she will hit the ground running with her talent and expertise. I cannot wait to see the incredible enhancements Ms. Schiavone and her new position will bring to better support our students, teachers and reading curriculum.

Speaking of support, SJF has had a counselor position posted since the beginning of the year. Through our search process, we were fortunate enough to discover Mrs. Nikki Carey. I am absolutely thrilled to announce that **we have hired Mrs. Carey to be our FULL-TIME school counselor** for next year! Mrs. Carey comes to us with an extensive wealth of knowledge in mental health services and school counseling and is also an SJF community member and parent to 2 (next year it will be 4) of our Falcons! Most recently, Mrs. Carey was the Director of Counseling at Mother McAuley High School. Prior to her leadership role at McAuley, Mrs. Carey worked in many different facets of their counseling program including college counseling. Before McAuley, Mrs. Carey worked with adolescents and teens struggling with mental health issues at the University of Chicago Orthogenic School. Mrs. Carey attended Mother McAuley and went on to Loyola University for both her BA and MEd. Coupled with Mrs. Carey's vast and impressive background, she brings an enormous amount of energy, love and commitment to our school and community. I am so excited to welcome Mrs. Carey aboard our ship! [Please HELP Mrs. Carey by clicking here and providing your perspective on this needs' assessment.](#) Your feedback will allow Mrs. Carey to tailor her planning for next year to best fit our school's needs.

Finally, we have had many accomplishments this past week including First Holy Communion and May Crowning. Thank you to Dr. Chermak, who led our 2nd and 8th grade students and teachers in these beautiful ceremonies. I would be remiss if I didn't also congratulate our 8th grade A volleyball team on their GOLD BALL VICTORY! Great job, all!

As always, I am so grateful for all of you. Thank you for continued support of Catholic education.

Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- **5Essentials Survey** is still live! If you haven't already, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/archchicago/survey/parent> to complete the parent/guardian portion. As a reminder, it is recommended only one parent/guardian from each school family respond on behalf of your household.
- The first of the School Board's **Desserts & Discussion** community roundtable events is this coming **Tuesday, May 14th at 7p**. Please join us in Kane Hall to share your thoughts on strategic planning priorities. See additional details below to learn more about and prepare for the event.
- Interested in serving on the School Board? At least **two openings** will be available for three-year terms starting at the end of this school year. Please **e-mail** sjfsab@gmail.com if you if you have questions or are interested in receiving an application. Don't know what the School Board does? Check out <https://www.sjfschool.net/school-advisory-board/purpose-and-structure/>.
- **Reminder: Friday, May 17th** is a snow day make-up day, so school is in session.
- The deadline for discounted **Yearbook ordering** is May 17th. See below for more info.
- If you have something you would like considered for inclusion in these weekly notes, please send an e-mail to notes@sjfschool.net. The deadline for submission is Wednesdays at noon.



REMINDER: PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION on our campus. We have received many concerns regarding unsafe driving around our school streets. Attention to the safety of each of our students at entry and dismissal times is important to our entire school community. As the warm weather approaches, there will be many more parents and students walking to school, and their safety is of the utmost importance

- **SLOW DOWN** – Drive slowly in the parking lot and around the perimeter of our building.
- **PULL OVER** – Do not stop in the middle of the street to let students out of your car; it poses a hazard for your children and others.
- **USE THE CROSSWALKS** – Children who are exiting cars should not cross the street except at the corner.
- **BE CAREFUL, COOPERATIVE and PATIENT!** Watch out for kids and other vehicles (and please watch your language – there are young children present).

Peek at the Week

Saturday, May 11 th	
Sunday, May 12 th	
Monday, May 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delia’s Bake Sale 🍪🍰🍪
Tuesday, May 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAB Desserts & Discussion – 7pm
Wednesday, May 15 th	
Thursday, May 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Falcon Friends Open Gym – 10:30-11:15am
Friday, May 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow Day Make-up Day (School in Session)



On **Monday, May 13th**, there will be a **Bake Sale** during all lunches. The proceeds will go to Misericordia. Please send extra money with your children if you can. Thank you!!!



Awards & Achievements



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Boys Volleyball

Congratulations to the 8th grade boys volleyball team for winning the gold ball on Wednesday night! They have won 7 championships and 6 tournaments since 4th grade. Way to go, Falcons!



Class of 2019 Success!

- Teresa Bonko** – 2019 American Legion Leadership Award Honorable Mention and 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** – 2019 American Legion Leadership Award 1st Place and Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School
- Pat Carmody** – Academic Scholarship, St. Rita High School
- MoMo Condon** – Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley 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
- Christina Hernandez** – Board of Trustees Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
- Liza Karstrand** – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
- Grace Lyons** – Champagnat Award (top 10%), Marist High School
- Colleen Malloy** – 2019 American Legion Leadership Award 1st Place, Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Sr. Ellen Marie Ryan, RSM Music Scholarship, and Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
- Brigid Maloney** – Tradition of Excellence 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 and Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
- Ella Mulchrone** – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship and Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
- Maddie Murphy** – Mary Wurst 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
- Ryan Sommerfeld** – 2019 American Legion Leadership Award Honorable Mention and Waterford Scholarship (top 10%), Brother Rice High School
- Ava Spreitzer** – Champagnat Award (top 10%) and the Gregory D. Beeson Scholarship, Marist High School

Congratulations

Yearbook

The year is coming to an end. If you would like to order a yearbook at a discounted rate, please place your order by May 17th. Instructions are below. Also, have **pictures to share** from **First Communion**, **May Crowning**, spring **sporting events**, and/or **Graduation**? You can upload them directly to the yearbook website or email them to dmaxwell@sjschool.net, whichever is easier.

Capture Your Memories in This Year's
St. John Fisher
Yearbook



Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook
Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode: **1015271802074961**

Regular Price: **\$24.00**
Deadline: May 17

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We Need Your Photos for the
St. John Fisher
Yearbook

- 1 **Navigate to Shared Photos** in the left navigation.
- 2 **Select Shared Folders** and choose a folder.
- 3 **Add Photos** from Google Drive, Facebook, Instagram, Dropbox & more.



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School Board

The SJF School Board presents

DESSERTS & DISCUSSION

an open forum to share your ideas on strategic planning priorities and long-term goals for our school

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH AT 7PM
 SUNDAY, MAY 19TH AFTER 10AM MASS
 KANE HALL

Tuesday Evening Agenda / Setup

- 7:00p: Opening remarks on the strategic planning process – what is it? why now?
 7:10-8:50p: Series of 20 minute sessions where parents and community members can provide feedback on any/all of the planning committee's initial focus areas noted below at dedicated "topic tables" scattered around Kane Hall

We invite you to stay for as little or as long as you'd like and are able. Visit the one topic table you're most interested in or rotate around the room and provide us your thoughts on all. School Board and Strategic Planning Committee representatives will be there to listen and gather your feedback as we formally kick off our strategic planning process and refine our priorities over the next 3-6 months.

Not sure what to talk about? Below are some questions we'd love to hear from you on. Passionate about other topics not covered below? Bring those thoughts too!

Academic Advancement & Curriculum

- Classes, assignments students like best/least
- Subjects students leave SJF most/least prepared
- Offerings at other schools you'd like at SJF

Financial Health & Fundraising

- Fairness of SJF tuition and fees
- SJF fundraising events you support/don't & why
- Specific goals you'd donate money toward

School Mission & Culture

- Top reasons you send your children to SJF
- What you'd like to see SJF better known for
- Relevancy of a school mission statement

Campus Space Planning & Maintenance

- Learning spaces most in need of update/creation
- Building maintenance concerns
- Building and campus safety priorities

Marketing & Communications

- Desired ways to stay up-to-date on SJF news & events
- Views on SJF social media presence and interaction
- Value of formal branding and public relations efforts

Coffee and sweet treats will be served. Know you're coming? Please register here:

[HTTP://BIT.LY/SJFOUNDTABLE](http://bit.ly/sjfoundtable)

Other Happenings

Planning to run the Ridge Run? Sign up with our running club team by using the code "SJF2019" and receive a \$5 discount.



Join Your School Team for the Ridge Run 5K!

Register online on the Ridge Run page at www.bapa.org and find your team. Your team code is: SJF2019 The special team price is \$30.

OR

Fill out the application below and return it to your school running team coach with \$30 payment.

To guarantee team discount and Ridge Run t-shirt, team members must be registered by May 16, 2019

ALL FEES MUST BE COLLECTED BY YOUR SCHOOL'S RIDGE RUN COACH: TEAM MEMBERS MUST REGISTER WITH THEIR TEAM TO QUALIFY FOR DISCOUNT. ALL TEAM MEMBERS NEED TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION.

INFO: GARYJENKINS, 773-233-3100 OR GJENKINS@BAPA.ORG

Runners submitting incomplete applications will not be timed or considered for awards. No exceptions. BEVERLY AREA PLANNING ASSOCIATION, 1987 W. 111TH STREET CHICAGO, IL 60643.

LAST NAME: FIRST NAME: MIDDLE INITIAL:

ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP:

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME and E-MAIL(required):

RUNNER BIRTHDATE: AGE ON RACE DAY: GENDER: Male Female

T-SHIRT SIZE: (circle one) S M L XL XXL YOUTH S YOUTH M YOUTH L

NAME OF TEAM AND SCHOOL:

RUNNING TEAM COACH: CONTACT INFO:

PARENT/GUARDRUAN SIGNATURE (REQUIRED IF UNDER 18):

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE:

Entry will not be accepted without proper signature(s). Signature agrees to following waiver:

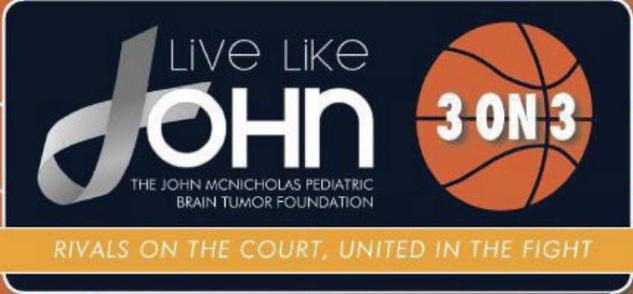
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Make checks payable to Beverly Area Planning Association

Calling all 7th & 8th graders...“Go Gray in May” and support the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation by playing in the Live Like John 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament.

Sign up at www.livelikejohn.org.



RIVALS ON THE COURT, UNITED IN THE FIGHT

Saturday, May 18th
GAMES START AT 9:00 AM

Christ the King Gym
9240 S. HOYNE

\$15 individual entry fee
ENTRY INCLUDES BAG, RAFFLE TICKET, AND T-SHIRT!



- EACH TEAM IS GUARANTEED 2 GAMES.
- OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED!
- ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE LIVE LIKE JOHN PEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOR FOUNDATION.
- EACH TEAM MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE BOY AND AT LEAST ONE GIRL.

7th and 8th grade boys and girls are welcome!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT, OR TO SIGN UP VISIT LIVELIKEJOHN.ORG : CLICK ON '3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT' IN THE GET INVOLVED TAB