



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

St. John Fisher School

October 18, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

At our All School Mass today, Fr. Ken reminded us that we have much to be grateful for here at St. John Fisher; I certainly echo his sentiment! Our school community is very blessed in countless ways. Today our talented and creative 7<sup>th</sup> graders led our All School Mass under the direction of Dr. Chermak, bringing to us the important message of making good choices, not following the crowd, owning our mistakes and apologizing to those we wrong. Our All School Mass is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community to pray and worship God. We are so blessed to have such a robust School Mass Program in which our children are able to act out the liturgy of the word each month in order to make it enjoyable and understandable for all of our students. Today was also the first day that our Children's Choir performed at mass, singing our timely school themed songs for this year, "Angels Among Us" and "Fly Like a Falcon." A huge thank you to Ms. Lenz, our music director, our 7<sup>th</sup> graders and teachers, Fr. Ken and Dr. Chermak for making today's mass possible. What a calming and positive end to the week!

The mass celebration continues this weekend as our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders host our 10am mass on Sunday for their First Communion Commissioning Mass. In the back of church you will see a beautiful work of art that our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders created with Dr. Chermak and Ms. Lindsey Surin in celebration of the preparation of this holy sacrament. Our faith is such an important aspect of our school and it is one of the many characteristics that sets us apart from others. Thank you so much for your continued support of Catholic education and for choosing St. John Fisher School for your children. We are so lucky to have them here!


In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

## Important Announcements

- **Reminder - please help keep our building safe!** All visitors, parents and guardians must enter the main doors off of 102<sup>nd</sup> and Washtenaw and sign in at the office. Thank you!
- **SAFETY DRILLS** are taking place this week: *Lock-down Drill*, Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> and *Bus Evacuation*, Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>. **\*We will be preparing the students for what to expect prior to the drills taking place.**
- **Don't forget to check your student's teacher blog @ [www.sjfschool.net](http://www.sjfschool.net)** for the latest and greatest information from your child's class. Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns!
- **Forgotten student items:** homework and lunches – please partner with us and resist the urge to drop off your students' forgotten items at school as we continue to encourage independence and accountability. Thank you so much for your cooperation!
- **3 of St Rita High School's National Honor Society Student Members** will be joining us after school on Tuesdays to help with our Homework Club and Academic Eligibility Study Hall. We are so excited to welcome these strong students and role models to our campus!
- **Winter Sports Sign-ups are now CLOSED!**

## Peek at the Week

Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday ETC <b>MONSTER MASH!</b></li> <li>• SJF's last day of Intramural Soccer @ Beverly Park</li> <li>• <b>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Falcon Football</b> takes on the <b>Warriors of St. Cajetan's</b>, Mt. Carmel H.S. @ 4:30</li> </ul>
Sunday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>First Communion Commissioning Mass @ 10am</b></li> <li>• <b>Girls Basketball Competes in the Conner T. Lowry Gym</b></li> <li>• <b>VARSITY Falcon Football</b> takes on the <b>Buckeyes of St. Barnabas</b>, St. Rita H.S. @ Noon</li> </ul>
Monday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting @ 7:30 in Kane Hall</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lock-Down Drill</b></li> <li>• <b>HSPT Test Prep 3-4pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Homework Club 2:30-3pm</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st Grade Field Trip to The Children's Farm</li> <li>• <b>HSPT Test Prep 3-4pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Homework Club 2:30-3pm</b></li> </ul>
Thursday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Children's Choir Practice @ 3:45</i></li> </ul>
Friday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bus Evacuation Drill</b></li> </ul>
Saturday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trunk or Treat immediately following 4pm Mass from 5-7pm in the Church Parking Lot ~ Costumes are welcome at Mass!</b></li> </ul>

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# FALCON OF THE WEEK

Matt Ortell, 3rd Grade



**SJF's "Falcon of the Week" is 3rd grader, Matt Ortell.**

This year, our school theme is "Fly Like a Falcon." At school, we are intentionally discussing what it means to be 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 demonstrate each and every day. This week it was reported to me that Matt

Ortell, in the 3rd grade, is an incredible asset to his classroom teacher and peers. Since the beginning of the school year, each week, Matt has been lending a helpful hand throughout the day, but especially during dismissal time. When it is time to prepare for the end of the day, Matt can be seen helping his classmates gather their belongings, clean up their desks, put up their chairs and pick up lost items on the floor to help his classroom remain clean. Matt, all of your extra help has not gone unnoticed. We are proud of you and appreciate you! Thank you for always putting other first and for being such a great example to your classmates. Keep "Flying like a Falcon," Matt; you're making a difference!

# First Communion Enrollment Mass

**Sunday, October 20th  
10:00 a.m. Mass**

Join all children and families of First Communion 2020 for this mass.


The children will be introduced to the parish, who will bless and pray for them.

A reception will follow in the school foyer.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Families & children: Sit close  
to the front in the reserved  
section :)**



*Trunk or Treat  
St. John Fisher Parking Lot  
October 26th, 2018*

*5-7pm*

*Cars will be located along the  
perimeter of the  
Church Parking Lot.*

*Families who decorate their  
Trunk park and kids  
'trick or 'treat' for free!  
If you are unable to  
decorate a trunk, but will  
come for the treats, we are  
asking for a \$5 donation per family.*



# Trunk Or Treat



SJF Church Parking Lot  
Questions- Email us at  
[fsa@sjfschool.net](mailto:fsa@sjfschool.net)



Kids are encouraged to join us at 4pm Mass to show thier Halloween Costumes to the Parish. Immediately following mass, families are encourage to head to the parking lot for some Halloween Fun! Food and snacks available for purchase

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes- we would love to Decorate our Trunk!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we would love to attend, but unable to decorate our 'Trunk'

Students Names and Rm #: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SOAR's Annual Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest

If your family wishes to participate in the SJF Family Pumpkin Contest, all pumpkins are to be brought down to Kane Hall on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-7:50 am. The theme this year is Classic Halloween Character/Creature. We are looking forward to seeing these marvelous masterpieces!!



\*\*Pumpkins must be picked up by Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> or they will be thrown away.



# Art Club

With Ms. Surin

Every other Tuesday  
Starting Oct 29th  
2:30-3:30

Email Ms. Surin by October 25th at  
[lisurin@sjfschool.net](mailto:lisurin@sjfschool.net) if interested!



# **SJF Confirmation Retreat** **@ Saint Rita High School**

**Tuesday,**  
**October 29th**

**Time:**  
**8:00 - 2:15 p.m.**



All 7th & 8th grade students are invited to attend this exciting retreat led by Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

Students will bring a lunch with a drink.

Dessert will be provided.

Busses leave SJF at 8:15 a.m.

**C.F.F. Students**

**Meet at the School Office/ Gym entrance: at 8:00 a.m.**

**SW corner of 102nd & Washtenaw**

**contact: [echermak@sjfschool.net](mailto:echermak@sjfschool.net)**

# **GREAT AMERICA FRIGHTFEST**

## **YOUTH MINISTRY ALL DAY TRIP**

**WELCOME ALL FAMILIES, 6TH, 7TH, 8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL - YOUNG ADULTS!  
(ANY PARTICIPANT YOUNGER THAN 6TH GRADE MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT 21 OR OLDER.**

# **SAT. OCT 26TH**

## **COST OF TICKET & TRANSPORTATION- \$54.00**

**MHR Parking Lot at: 8:45 A.M.  
RETURN TO MHR - Time TBA**

**We will determine departure time that day depending on weather.**

**THERE ARE LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!!!**

**Return the permission slip form with payment as soon as possible!  
When the spots are gone...they're gone!!!**

**All forms must be returned to the  
PARISH OFFICE**

**(Please do not turn your forms into the school)**

**by the end of the day on:**

**6:00PM - MONDAY - October 21nd**

**Please make a check payable to:  
MOST HOLY REDEEMER**

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL MONEY IS NON-REFUNDABLE!  
Food and spending cash is not included in this price.**

***Season Passes will be honored for this event .***

***COST WITH SEASON PASS: \$20.00***

**Archdiocese of Chicago — Child/Minor participation Release Form**

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) \*ONCE THIS FORM IS TURNED IN ALL MONEY IS NON-REFUNDABLE

***NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT FIRST PRESENTING THIS FORM***

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Child/Teen Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name—Relation to child/teen \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Hospitalization Plan \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency contact and number \_\_\_\_\_

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Teen’s Cell Phone Number: *Please provide this number so that I can update/contact your teen while in the park.* (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Any allergies or medications currently being taken: \_\_\_\_\_

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What grade/year are you? \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

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What school? \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The Catholic Bishop of Chicago (the CBC) and SJF/MHR are committed to conducting its programs sand activities in the safest manner possible and holds the safety of participants in the highest possible regard. Participants and parents registering their child in programs must recognize however, that there is an inherent risk to injury when choosing to participate in activities. The CBC and SJF/MHR continually strive to reduce risks and insist that all participants follow safety rules and instructions which have been designed to protect the participant’s safety.

Please recognize that the CBC and SJF/MHR do not carry medical accident insurance for the injuries sustained in its programs. The cost of such would make program fees prohibitive. Each person registering themselves. It must be noted that the absence of health insurance coverage does not make the CBC or SJF/MHR automatically responsible for the payment of medical expenses.

Due to the difficulty and high cost of obtaining liability insurance, the agency providing liability coverage for the CBC and SJF/MHR requires the execution of the following waiver and release. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**WAVIER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS**

Please read this form carefully and be aware in registering your child/teen/minor for participation in this program you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries you or your child/teen/minor might sustain arising out of this

**PROGRAM: GREAT AMERICA TRIP - FRIGHTFEST**

**PROGRAM DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019**

-As the parent/guardian of the participant in the program, I recognize and acknowledge there are certain risks of physical injury and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries (including death), damages of loss which I or my child/teen/minor may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with such program.

-I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my child/teen/minor may have as a result of participating in the program, against the CBC and SJF/MHR and their agents, servants and employees.

-I do hereby fully release and discharge the CBC and SJF/MHR and their officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims from injuries, (including death), damage or loss which I or my child/teen/minor may have or which may accrue to me or my child/teen/minor on account of participation in the program.

-I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the CBC, SJF/MHR and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries (including death), damages and losses sustained by me or my child/teen/minor or arising our of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the program

-I understand that the bringing of, or use of any drugs, including alcohol, will not be tolerated, and that if my child/teen/minor violates any of the rules which have been established, I will be called to pick up him/her.

- By signing this form your are allowing pictures that were taken for the bulletin and web site to be used for the youth ministry program.

In the event of any emergency, I authorize the CBC and MHR/SJF Parish officials to secure from a licensed hospital, physical and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for my child/teen/minor immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for payment of any/all medical services rendered.

By signing this form you are giving your consent to use your minors name and pictures/videos from this event in the parish bulletin and on the internet. You are also giving your consent for the Youth Minister and chaperones to communicate electronically (email, text message, facebook etc.) with your minor.

I have read and fully understand the above Program Details, Wavier and Release of all Claims and Permission to Secure treatment.

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(Parent(s)/Gaurdian(s) Signature) _____	(Participant’s Signature) _____
DATE _____	DATE _____



Sunday,  
November 3rd  
10:00 a.m.

Time Change  
Sunday

# Confirmation Enrollment Mass

We welcome all members of the Confirmation class of 2020 and their families to officially begin Confirmation preparation. The Confirmation Candidates will be introduced to the parish. Please sit in the reserved section close to the front. We look forward to seeing you there.