



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

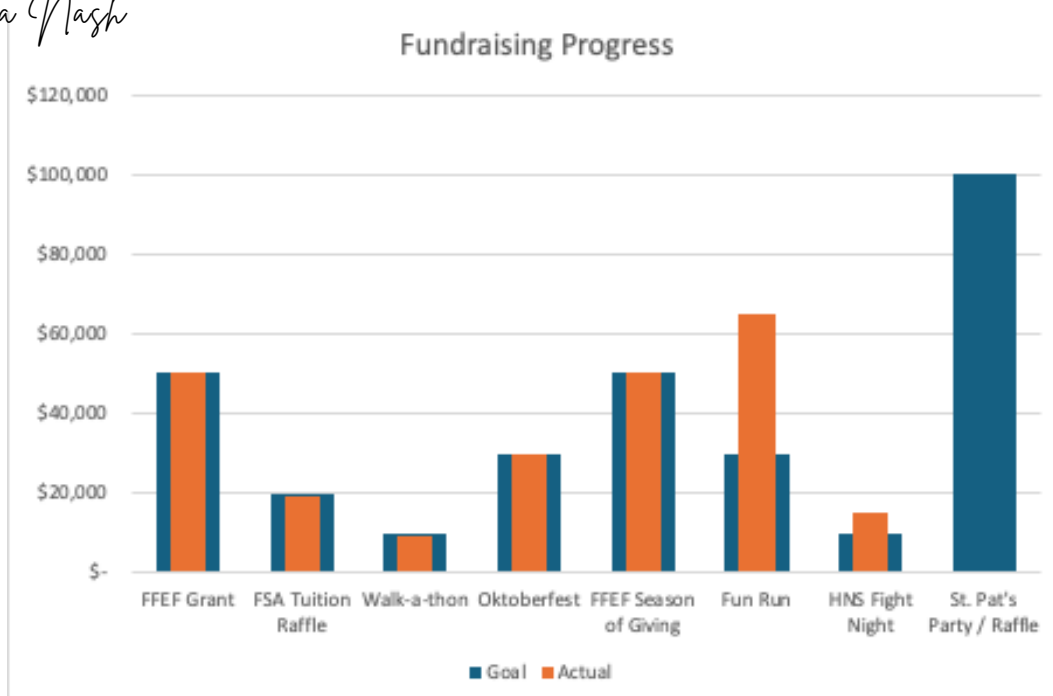
Today was our second round of Parent-Teacher Conferences. We truly value these opportunities to build relationships with each of you in the best interest of your child. Thank you for making the time to meet with us today. We have a few more weeks to finish this second trimester strong! Our collaborative partnership will only help our Falcons succeed. Let's go Falcons!

Thank you for ALL of your support in partnering with us to raise necessary funds for our school! **As a thank you, your child(ren) will be coming home with a voucher for a free individual pizza from Lou Malanati's!** With the enormous success of our Fun Run and the Holy Name Society so generously sharing their funds from Fight Night, we are now 79% of the way to our \$300K fundraising goal for this school year. Please see the chart below. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I hope you enjoy these extra days with your family over the long weekend. Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. **You belong here.** 

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- The **March lunch menu** is open and ready for ordering.
- Please save the date for **SJF's Family Night on Thursday, February 29th**. We are all in this together! See the flyer below for additional information.
- The Book Fair is coming, the Book Fair is coming, the Book Fair is coming! Please see the flyer below for additional information, and reach out to Mrs. Keller if you can volunteer your time and/or have any questions: kkeller@sjschool.us.
- **A friendly reminder regarding SJF's Tardy Policy:**
 - All students arriving after 7:55 a.m. must enter through the main entrance **with an adult** and report to the School Office. The adult must sign them in at that time.
 - **If a child enters school without an adult, a parent/guardian will be called to return to school to sign-in the child.**
- **On February 25th, SJF is once again hosting the Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast in Kane Hall** in partnership with Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. Please consider sending your child(ren) with \$1 this Wednesday in support of our dress down fundraiser for this important cause!
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjschool.us.



St. Pat's Party Update!

- **SJF's St. Patrick's Day Party: March 9th @ 5 p.m.** in the Conner T. Lowry Gym. Please see the below flyers discussing ticket sales, the raffle and an Irish Soda Bread Contest!
- As an additional bonus, we have decided that **students can wear this year's St. Patrick's Day "Lucky to be a Falcon" apparel every Monday in March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!**
- P.S. March 9th Event and Raffle tickets available on the site as well. If 2,000 tickets are sold the raffle grand prize will be \$100,000.00, spread the word!

Thank you for the continued support and we look forward to

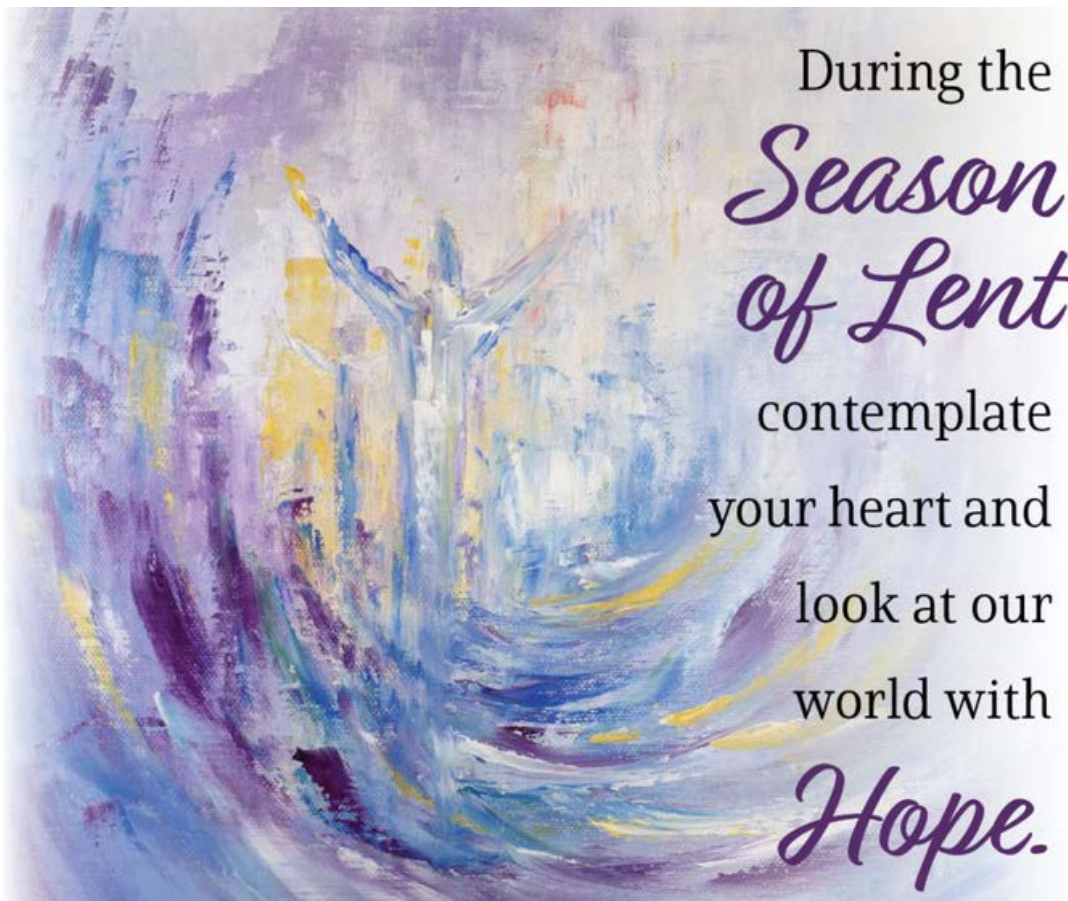


a wonderful event in March!



Pro Labore Dei

- Our next lunch making will be on **Saturday, March 2nd at 9:15** a.m. in the rectory basement.
- Our current needs are: 100 sweet treats, 70 chips and of course our marvelous volunteers.
- We continue to collect food for our pantry every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and are trying something new. We call it the ITEM OF THE MONTH. For February the item will be RICE. Please consider grabbing a box of RICE while you are getting that extra box of cereal, jar of pasta sauce, or cans of vegetables to help us bag staples to hand out to our clients. Truth be told, St. John Fisher is the example used by many parishes and schools.
- Starting this weekend is our annual Easter basket collection. We are collecting Easter baskets or parts of baskets we can finish for those who would not have this celebration without our help. The collection runs from February 18th - March 21st. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. Thank you.
- Any questions or concerns, contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881)



Looking Ahead

Friday, February 16th	No School!
Saturday, February 17th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. 4 p.m. Mass All are welcome!
Sunday, February 18th	8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass All are welcome!
Monday, February 19th	No School!
Tuesday, February 20th	*Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m. High School Musical Practice 3-4:15
Wednesday, February 21st	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;">IMPORTANT</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; color: red; margin-right: 10px;">→</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>\$1 DRESS DOWN DAY IN SUPPORT OF THE GET BEHIND THE VEST FUNDRAISER ETC 7 - 7:40 a.m.</p> <p>-Morning Basketball w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy</p> <p>*Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m.</p> <p>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7:00 p.m.</p> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">  </div> </div>
Thursday, February 22nd	Happy Thursday Falcons! We are so thankful for all of you! 
Friday, February 23rd	Happy Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your favorite spirit-wear top with your uniform bottoms!



Now more than ever is the best time to join our Falcon Family!

Open enrollment has begun!

Please invite your neighbors, family and friends to apply!

Be Safe. Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be a Falcon.



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Libbie Murphy & Anne Weber 3rd grade



One of our school themes is “Fly Like 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 and staff demonstrate each and every day. **This week, we recognize 3rd graders, Libbie Murphy & Anne Weber.**

Recently, Libbie and Anne were outside playing in the church parking lot with their class during recess. While Libbie and Anne were playing, they noticed a sealed church envelope. This envelope contained a family’s weekly cash offering inside. Libbie and Anne immediately told their teacher and then personally returned that envelope to Fr. Ken in the rectory. Libbie and Anne exude integrity and honesty and we are so proud of them for doing the right thing. Thank you Libbie and Anne for being a phenomenal example to us all. You have reminded us of the importance of doing the right thing, even when no one is looking. Keep flying like a Falcon, you both are making a difference!

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St. John Fisher Backs the Blue!

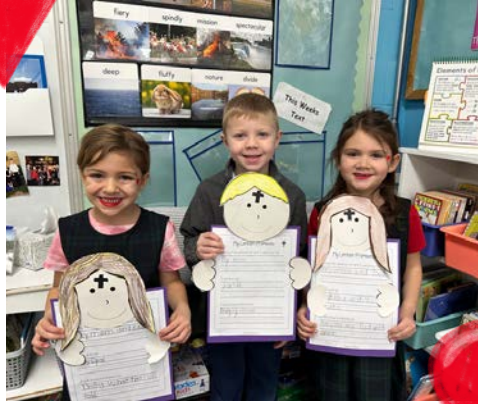
St. John Fisher is proud to be home to 115
students whose parents are
Chicago Police Officers.



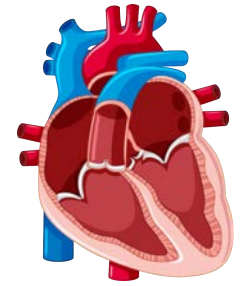
Thank you to those men and women who
protect and serve us each day!

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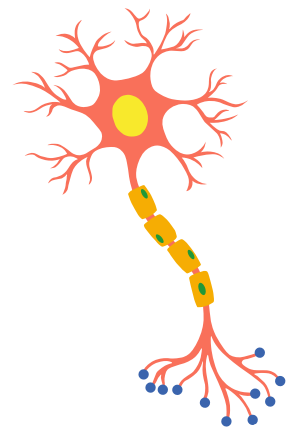
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Happy Valentine's Day!



Life-sized Human Anatomy Scrapbooks





ST. JOHN FISHER



**BOYS VOLLEYBALL
EVALUATIONS**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

EP SPORTS COMPLEX

2700 W 91ST ST, EP

6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE:

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

****5TH GRADE WILL KEEP THE SAME TEAMS**

NO EVALS FOR 4TH & 5TH!

***BRING KNEE PADS & A WATER BOTTLE**

ALL BOYS MUST COME TO EVALS

QUESTIONS: MKROCHE2@CPS.EDU



St. John Fisher Family Night

HOSTED BY THE SJF FACULTY

“We’re All In This Together”

Where: St. John Fisher School

ENTER THROUGH THE KANE HALL DOORS FOR CHECK-IN

When: Thursday, February 29, 2024

6:00- 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY WITH YOUR FAMILY!

 **VISIT THE BOOK FAIR**

 **TEACHER-LED ACTIVITIES**

 **CRAFTS, GAMES, AND TRIVIA**

 **RSVP BY FEBRUARY 16, 2024 USING THE QR CODE.**

**USE THE QR CODE OR THE LINK
BELOW TO SIGN UP!**



[SIGN UP HERE!](#)



The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation
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ST. PATRICK'S



DAY CELEBRATION

MARCH 9TH @ SJF GYM

\$75 PER TICKET Following 4pm mass, join us for a SJF community event including a corned beef dinner and live entertainment. Save the date!

MUSIC • DRINKS • FOOD • DANCING

FOR TICKET INFORMATION

VISIT
SJFSTPATS.GIVESMART.COM

TEXT
SJFSTPATS TO 76278



SCAN FOR EVENT DETAILS & TICKETS

THIS IS A 21+ EVENT

For questions or volunteer opportunities please email St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com



FLASH

SALE

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

**\$10 FREE
DRINK TICKETS**

for

**FIRST 250
TICKETS SOLD**

FOR TICKET INFORMATION

VISIT: SJFSTPATS.GIVESMART.COM OR. TEXT: SJFSTPATS TO 76278

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WIN \$100,000



SCAN TO ORDER

OR VISIT:

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL LUCKY TO BE A FALCON RAFFLE

\$100 Entry

March 9th drawing

Winner need not be present

All proceeds benefit SJF School

Prizes based on 2000 tickets sold

Any questions? Please email St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

St. John Fisher's IRISH SODA BREAD

COMPETITION

*PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE... ALONG
WITH BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR THE BEST
TASTING SODA BREAD ON THE SOUTHSIDE!*

*JUDGING WILL START AT 5:30PM DURING THE
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION IN SJF GYM.
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS [CLICK HERE](#)*



**SIGN UP BY MARCH 1ST USING QR
CODE OR [CLICK HERE](#)**



MANNA UPDATE: MANNA CLOSED SPRING BREAK MARCH 27TH THRU APRIL 7TH.

Regular Hours:

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 6-7 p.m.

Any changes to hours will be posted on FSA
Facebook Page.

Stop in or use the [RAISE RIGHT APP](#) on-the go!

The best way to order physical cards (local too) in stock is to order using the App by Sunday at 10 p.m. and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6 p.m. Skip the line to pick-up when you order ahead! Let us know if you'd like your order sent home with your child.

Since May 1st, the program has raised more than **\$31,000 for the school and \$47,000 directly to families to lower tuition costs.** Thank you!

The deadline to earn the \$300 requirement for this school year is April 30th. To track your earnings, go to www.raiseright.com under Account/Order History. We will not be distributing a letter. If you have questions, stop into the convent during open hours or email the Manna team.

Email the Manna team at Sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions. More info [here](#).

*Thank you for supporting
St. John Fisher!*





Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to SJF! AND—as always—every purchase earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place *Sunday, February 25 to Friday, March 1 in the School Library:*

- This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.
- If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.
- Be on the lookout for more information and how you can sign up to volunteer!

Be sure to visit our scholastic Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/sjf>

Happy reading,

Mrs. Maura Nash
Principal
Saint John Fisher School



The poster features a dark teal background with various tropical floral and leaf patterns. Large, stylized hibiscus flowers in shades of orange, red, and white are scattered throughout. A large, light grey circle with a thin white border is centered in the upper half, containing the main title. Below the circle, the event details are written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The overall aesthetic is vibrant and celebratory.

Father Daughter Dance

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 20TH
RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB



ATTENTION ALL ST. JOHN FISHER PARENTS & GUARDIANS!

Catholic Schools Week and New Family Registration is approaching. **We are calling all SJF families to be ambassadors of SJF** and asking you to help us spread the word about all of the amazing things we have to offer! Word of mouth is our very best advertisement! Please share your SJF experience when you are:

- At your child's practice
- In the grocery store line
- At the park
- On social media
- Talking to neighbors
- Wherever else you can squeeze in the good news :-)



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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

*Below is a list of important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **2.16**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.19**
- First Reconciliation: **2.27 & 2.28**
- All-Staff Professional Development and Planning Day: **3.4**
- Graduation Picture Make-up: **3.5**
- All-Staff Religious Professional Development – No School: **3.27**
- Spring Break: **3.28 – 4.7** *classes resume **4.8**
- First Holy Communion: **5.4** ~ 1 p.m.
- May Crowning: **5.10** ~ 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. All-School Early Dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.27**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.31**, 10:45 a.m. “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.2** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.6** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

You belong here.



***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **February 28th, March 20th, April 24th, May 29th.**



Social & Emotional Learning

At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. Each month of the school year will have an all-school focus on the trait of the month, helping students strengthen particular social skills with different lessons and activities at the classroom level and as an entire school. We encourage you to talk to your children about these traits at home for a consistent message and focus. The trait of the month program is building upon this year's behavior system and school mantra:

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.

September	Responsibility
October	Respect
November	Gratitude
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



**Be Respectful, Responsible & Safe.
Be a Falcon.**



2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern...

- Assignments
- Homework
- Class Activities

Contact [Classroom Teacher](#) by email or note.

- Discipline
- Classroom & Academic Support *after* contacting the teacher
- Behavior/Specific Incidents

Start by contacting the [Classroom Teacher](#) for an appointment.
If further assistance is needed, contact SJF Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: clarmon@sjfschool.us

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sjfschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

Mrs. Kris Houston: khouston@sjfschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions
- MedicalForms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: lmurray@sjfschool.us

- Powerschool
- Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sjfschool.us

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

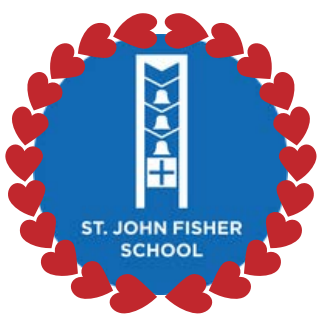
Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: mredmond@sjfschool.net
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: echermak@sjfschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sjfschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- Student Services

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: clarmon@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

Ms. Mary Schiavone (K-4): mschiavone@sjfschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sjfschool.us



2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, mschiavone@sjfschool.us

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, mcummings@sjfschool.us

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- Parent Newsletter
- Financial Aid Applications
- School Procedures
- Administrative Matters
- Policy
- Further assistance on any matter listed above
- Academic/Classroom support following communication with Mrs. Larmon

Contact SJF Principal,
Mrs. Maura Nash: mnash@sjfschool.us

- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

Mr. Bill Gula: mr.gula@aol.com
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FSA: sjffsa103@gmail.com
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HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com

