



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL


JANUARY 19, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

Our first ever Falcon Fun Run Fundraiser in partnership with Booster kicks off this upcoming Wednesday! If you haven't yet, you can now register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com)! During the fundraiser, you can gather donations by using sharing functions like email templates and a Student Star Video. Students will be raising funds for every lap they run during the Glow Run on Feb. 2nd which is our culminating Catholic Schools Week school spirit activity! Students can earn rewards individually and as a class. Our Falcons will also watch videos with an amazing character theme called World Changer Workshop each day of the fundraiser.

[Log into MYBOOSTER.COM today to get started!](https://mybooster.com)

Register & share today to help our school reach our goal of \$30,000 for students & staff. Every dollar raised will go directly back to SJF to help maintain our competitive tuition rates for next year. If you would like more information regarding the registration process, please [watch this video](#).

Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support and look forward to having fun and building community together! We can't wait to welcome and visit with you at next week's Open House. 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



iReady Update

- This week students in kindergarten through 2nd grade began to take their 2nd iReady Diagnostic. Students in 3rd - 8th grade will begin their assessment on January 24th. Our Falcons have been working so hard this school year. We can't wait to see their growth! Students and teachers have been talking about the many ways to intentionally prepare for next week's assessment. **Please take a minute to reiterate these tips with your child(ren) before he/she takes the assessment.**
 - Get a good night's rest! 7-9 hours is ideal before a test as sleep helps your brain function.
 - Eat a good breakfast! Food is fuel and gives you energy to focus.
 - Make sure you have your headphones/earbuds! Listening and reading the text helps comprehension.
 - Take your time! Rushing leads to mistakes. Just do your best! ***You've got this!***

Catholic Schools Week Reminders 2024

- **Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House is Sunday, January 28th. Open House: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Family Mass: 11 a.m.** This is such a wonderful opportunity to celebrate St. John Fisher and Catholic education. We love having you in the building and look forward to spending the morning with you!
- **Now more than ever is the best time to join our Falcon Family!** Open enrollment begins Sunday, January 28th! Please invite your neighbors, family and friends to apply!
- **We are calling all families to be Fisher Family Ambassadors!** What does this mean? **The Fisher Community encourages you to share all of the great happenings about SJF with friends, family, neighbors and others - in conversation or on social media!** If you are active on social media: please share our posts on Facebook, and tag us in any of your SJF posts on Facebook and Instagram; feel free to use **#FalconsNOW**.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Important Announcements

- **Please join us in welcoming the newest Falcon on the block--Samuel James Corley!** Mrs. Corley and Sam are doing well and big brothers Ben and Lou are ecstatic to meet their baby brother. Congratulations to the entire Corley Family!
- The **Future Falcon Playdate was rescheduled for this Tuesday, 1.23!** Please spread the word and invite any neighbors, friends and family members with little ones to join us. See the flyer below for additional details.
- **Save the Date for SJF's St. Patrick's Day Party: March 9th @ 5 p.m.** in the Conner T. Lowry Gym. Please see the flyer below for additional information. Slainte!
- **Don't forget, 1.31.24 is a 1:30 p.m. dismissal for Faculty and Staff development.**
- Please see the flyer below if your son or daughter is interested in joining our **children's choir**. All Falcons in grades 2nd - 8th are welcome!
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.









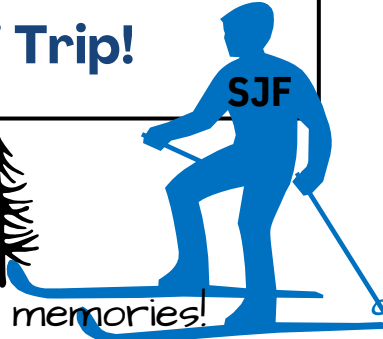
Manna Update

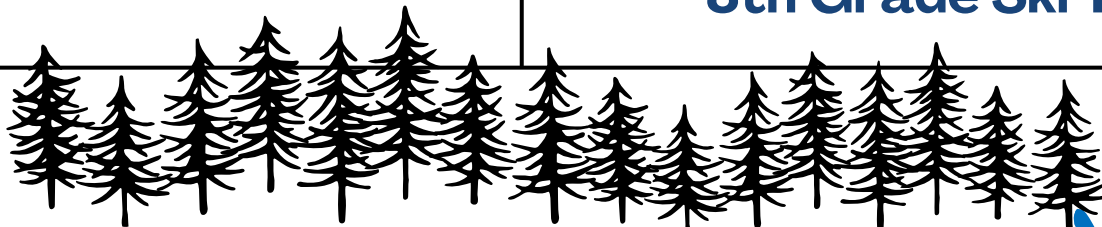
- **MANNA HOURS: Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesdays: 6-7 p.m**
- Stop in or use the Raise Right App on-the go! The best way to order physical cards (local too) is to order using the App! Place your order by Sunday at 10 a.m. and your order will be ready by Wednesday at 6 p.m.
- Skip the line to pick-up 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 \$18,000 for the school and \$26,000 directly to families to lower tuition. Thank you! Email the Manna team at sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions. Visit the manna page on the website for more information.

Athletic Update

- **Save the date for Boys Basketball Pack the House celebrating our fearless 8th grade Falcons: Saturday, January 27th!**
- We love having students at the gym to cheer on their fellow Falcons! **Please take a minute to have a conversation with your child(ren) about respecting the gym, adults, and each other.** The stage area and bathrooms are always a mess after games. Please help the gym and athletic coordinators and our maintenance staff by ensuring our kids are throwing out their garbage and not leaving a mess. Thank you for your help!

Looking Ahead

Saturday, January 20th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. 4 p.m. Mass All are welcome!
Sunday, January 21st	 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass 11 a.m. Family Mass Hosted by the Basketball & Volleyball Teams <i>All are welcome!</i> Basketball & Volleyball Pictures!  
Monday, January 22nd	 Happy Monday Falcons! 
Tuesday, January 23rd	Graduation Pictures! Say Cheese! * Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade! & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m. * Future Falcon Playdate 10 - 11 a.m. 
Wednesday, January 24th	iReady Testing Begins 3-8th Grade * Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m. Falcon Fun Run Fundraiser KICKOFF!!! Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, January 25th	iReady Testing 3rd - 8th Grade
Friday, January 26th	iReady Testing 3rd - 7th Grade Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your favorite spirit wear t-shirt or sweatshirt with your uniform bottoms! 8th Grade Ski Trip! 



Have fun making memories!



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Cora Notter, 4 year old Preschool



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 preschooler, Cora Notter.**

Cora is a quiet leader. She comes to school each day with a huge smile and is ready to learn. She is an amazing role model and sets a wonderful example for her classmates. Cora is a kind friend to all. She is always willing to help her teachers and classmates; Cora is extremely patient. Cora is creative and intelligent, and hopes to be a scientist when she grows up! St. John Fisher is so lucky to have such a promising young student. Keep flying like a Falcon, Cora! You are making a difference and we are so proud of you!



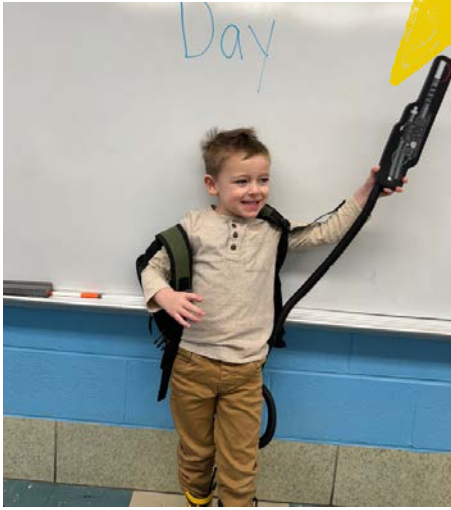
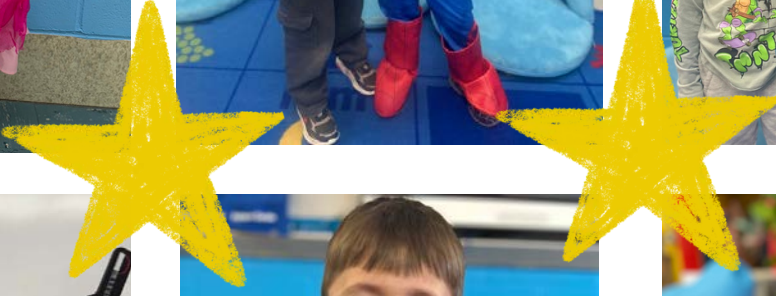
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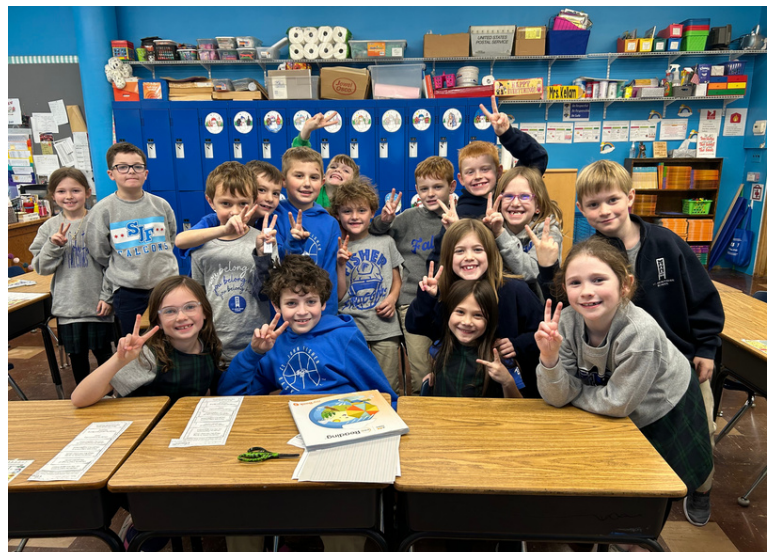
ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

Family Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 ST @ 11 A.M.

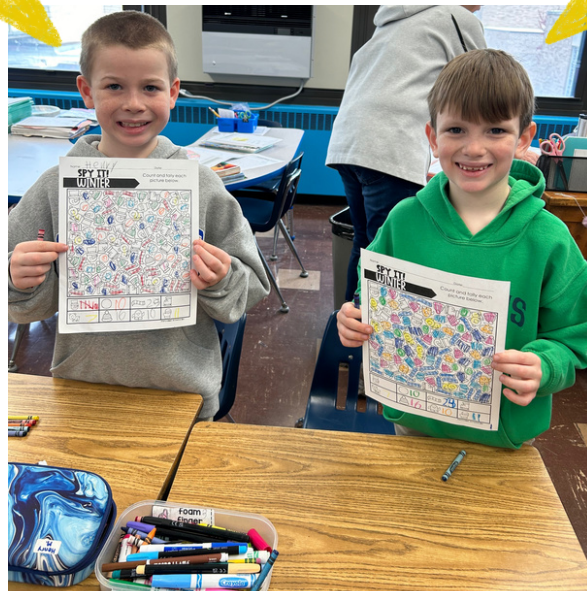
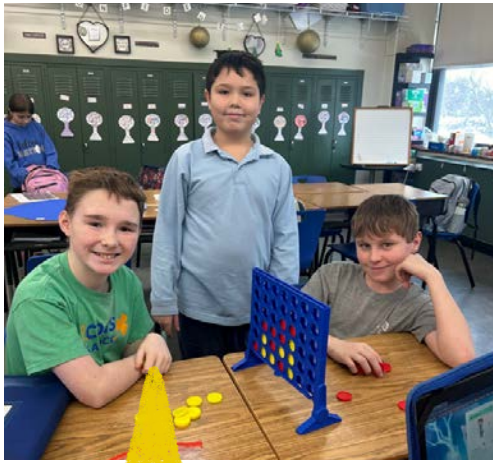
HOSTED BY MEMBERS OF
OUR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL AND
BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS





EVERY DAY IS A GREAT DAY TO BE A FALCON!





**DREAM BIG FALCONS,
ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE**

RESCHEDULED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE SEE NEW DATE!

FUTURE FALCONS

PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE

EXPERIENCE THE FALCON WAY THROUGH
PLAY AND...

- EXPLORE THE PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS
- INTERACT WITH THE STUDENTS
- MEET YOUR FUTURE FALCON'S TEACHERS!

TUESDAY JANUARY 23RD, 2024

10:00-11:00AM

\$5 PER CHILD, NO RSVP NECESSARY

PAY AT THE DOOR!



WISHING EVERYONE A WONDERFUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK!

*Families & Prospective Families
are welcome to join us for our*

OPEN HOUSE *Sunday, January 28th*

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Registration for the
2024-2025 school year begins
January 28th.**



10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE.

(773)445-4737

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Catholic Schools Week Activities 2024



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Monday, January 29th
Celebrate Community!

Dress Down: Roll out of Bed Day
A special visit from Alderman Matt O'Shea
Ronald McDonald House Collection Begins!



Tuesday, January 30th
Celebrate Students!

Dress Down: Country or Country Club
St. Rita Band Performance &
Movie Day - Bring in a snack of your choice!



Wednesday, January 31st
Celebrate our Nation!



Dress Down: Red, White & Blue
A special visit from SJF Alum Staff Sergeant
John LaGiglia, United States Army



Thursday, February 1st
Vocation



Dress Down: Future You!
A special visit from Fr. Ken,
All-School Rosary w/ prayer partners



Friday, February 2nd
**Celebrate Teachers,
Staff & Volunteers**



Dress Down: Falcon Spiritwear!
Falcon Fun Run in the Gym!
All-School Bingo





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 :-)



Falcon Fight Night

St. John Fisher

10200 S.

Washtenaw

Saturday February



3rd



**USA
BOXING®**

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

FIGHTS START AT 7 PM

Balcon Seating Raffle - \$50 per entry.

Winner receives full access of the balcony in the Fisher gym for Fight Night with 19 of their guests. Winner and their guest will also have food and drinks included, which will be served in the balcony. Also, all raffle entries will receive on ticket for admittance to Falcon Fight Night. Raffle winner will be drawn on the AFC/NFC weekend.

Please Venmo entry fee @Michael-Perry-220 or use the QR code on the right.



The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation
Proudly Presents

ST. PATRICK'S

ST. JOHN FISHER



2024

LUCKY TO BE A FALCON

LIVE
MUSIC

IRISH
DANCING

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

SAVE THE DATE

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

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. The text is in a bold, rounded, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the event details are written in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font.

Father Daughter Dance

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 20TH
RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB



Homework Club!

Grades 1-6

**Who do you
contact?**

Mrs. Ade

kade@sjfschool.us

Mrs. Schiller

aschiller@sjfschool.us

Ms. Dunlavy

cdunlavy@sjfschool.us



When is it?
**Tuesdays &
Wednesdays**
2:55pm-3:45pm
Begins October 10th

**Homework Club is a
great opportunity for
students to...**

- *Begin* their homework
- Study for tests or quizzes
- Review math facts
- Receive help with iReady
- Get organized
- Develop friendships and community with older SJF students!



**Our dedicated 7th and 8th grade
helpers will work one-on-one with your
student(s) to complete homework in an
accurate and timely manner!**



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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

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

- Graduation Pictures: **1.23**
- Catholic Schools Week Mass & Open House: **1.28**
- Confirmation: **2.10** ~ 11 a.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.15**
- 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

***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **January 31st, 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.**

**PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT OUR SCHOOL
TRANSITIONED TO GMAIL 3 YEARS AGO. WE NO
LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO OUR .NET ACCOUNTS. OUR
CONTACT INFO & CHAIN OF COMMAND IS ALWAYS
POSTED IN THE WEEKLY NOTES BELOW AND CAN BE
FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE
OUR SJFSCHOOL.US EMAIL ADDRESS. WE DON'T WANT
TO MISS ANY OF YOUR IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION!**

THANK YOU!



You Are Important!



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

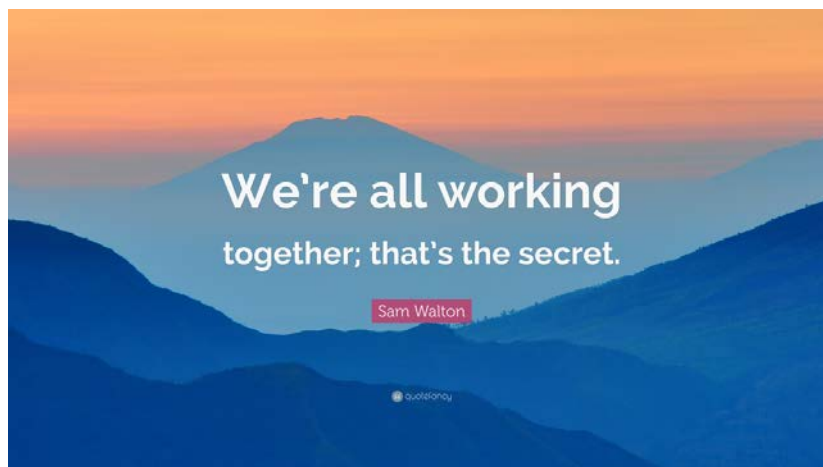
Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- 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
School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: sjffsa103@gmail.com
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com



Although no
one can go back
and make a
brand new start,
anyone can
start from now
and make a
brand new
ending.

— — *Carl Bard*