



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH


Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

MAY 3, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

Tomorrow our darling and prayerful 2nd graders will make their First Holy Communion. Please join us in praying for all of our 2nd graders and their loving and supportive families. Our Falcons have worked very hard to prepare for tomorrow and they are ready! Thank you to Dr. Chermak, Mrs. Kellam and Mrs. Ball, who have poured so much of their hearts into tomorrow's beautiful and second-to-none sacrament experience. Tomorrow is always such a happy and proud day for our school and parish!

Thank you for continuing to choose 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



School Board Update



- Our last school board meeting is **Tuesday, May 14th at 7 p.m. in Kane Hall**. All are welcome to attend! If you cannot attend but want to learn more about the school board's agenda or ask questions/give feedback, **we would like to welcome all parents to join current school board members and Mrs. Nash @ 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14th in Kane Hall**. It will be an informal Q&A/feedback session to help shape the school board agenda next year. *Donuts and Coffee will be served.*
- **Please consider joining SJF's school advisory board**. The top 2 areas of focus for next year are fundraising and enrollment. Please fill out the application, [linked here](#), if you are interested by June 1st. If you'd like to learn more, please join our last school board meeting on Tuesday, May 14th in Kane Hall. Email sjfsab@gmail.com with any questions.

Important Announcements

- **The Manna Fundraising Requirement (\$300/family) will be added in the FACTS system in the coming weeks.** All families will see a \$300 charge and then it will be adjusted based on the amount earned for the school up until April 30th, 2024. For example, families that met the \$300 fundraising requirement, will see two notifications (\$300 fee – \$300 adjustment = no charge). The individual earnings achieved will be reflected on your FACTS statement on book day in August. For the family in the above example that achieved the \$300 goal, they will get a deduction off tuition for the following year. You can start accruing for next year's Manna Fundraising requirement as of May 1st. If you decided not to participate this year, but would like to reduce the \$300 fundraising fee through everyday shopping, please review the flyer below for additional information.
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VERY OWN 7TH GRADER, MACKENZIE MILAKOVICH, WHO ONE FIRST PLACE IN MOTHER MCAULEY'S JUNIOR HIGH ARTAPALOOZA!** 
- *REMINDER: We do not offer a hot lunch option for the month of June. Please be mindful of your child's field trip when ordering lunch.*
- **Let's Grow our Falcon Family!** Do you have a new neighbor or a new baby on your block? Let us know! We'd love to welcome them to our SJF Community! Email Mrs. Houston with the details: khouston@sjfschool.us. Thank you!
- Do you want to **order an SJF yearbook**? See the flyer below for more information.
- **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. ***ATTENTION: extended day will close @ 3p.m. on Friday, May 10th. As a reminder, May 10th is an 11:30 dismissal!**
- **Trying to prevent that summer (academic) slide?** Visit this link to see the different options and recommendations to keep our Falcons sharp all summer long! Questions? Reach out to Ms. Schiavone, mschiavone@sjfschool.us or Mrs. Brogan, kbrogan@sjfschool.us.

 Our Falcons are brave, smart,
important, kind and loved. 

Looking Ahead

<p>Saturday, May 4th</p>	<p>4 p.m. Mass - All are welcome! Manna @ The Convent 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. 1 p.m. First Holy Communion</p>
<p>Sunday, May 5th</p>	<p>8 a.m & 11 a.m. Mass All are welcome!</p> 
<p>Monday, May 6th</p>	<p>Mother's Day ETC w/ Mackenzie Milakovich & Ms. Walsh, 3-4 p.m.</p> 
<p>Tuesday, May 7th</p>	<p>*No Homework Club Today</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 8th</p>	<p>*Homework Club w/ Mrs. Ade, Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Schiller, 3-3:45 p.m. Manna @ the Convent 6-7 p.m.</p>
<p>Thursday, May 9th</p>	<p>Mother's Day ETC w/ Mackenzie Milakovich and Ms. Walsh, 3-4 p.m.</p> 
<p>Friday, May 10th</p> 	<p>May Crowning @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Happy Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your favorite spirit-wear on top with your uniform bottoms!</p> <p>I Inspire Teacher Award Nomination Due! Please see below flyer for additional information.</p> <p>11:30 All-School Dismissal!</p>



“I Inspire” program launch aimed to help attract, motivate and retain Catholic School Teachers:

A memorial fund was set up in honor of Teri Keaty Joyce aimed to spread the message of love, kindness and support for education as that was a theme in her life. The Teri Keaty Joyce “I Inspire” Teacher Recognition Program has launched in Spring 2024 aimed to recognize the important role teachers play in the lives of children. Teachers everywhere are critical. The teachers choosing to teach in Catholic schools are extra special. A committee of educators formed by the family will invite **colleagues, parents, and current 8th Grade students at SJF to nominate ONE teacher that exhibits the criteria below.**

- Outstanding care, respect and collaboration with students, parents and colleagues.
- Flexibility in implementing differentiated learning strategies.
- Nurturing of faith, kindness, and patience
- Inspiration of students to be lifelong learners and good-hearted humans

Timeline and Next steps:

- Nomination forms are open with a **deadline of May 10** inviting **colleagues, parents and current 8th Grade students** to use the above criteria to describe the nominee in 250-500 words. An external committee will make selection decisions.
- Cash awards will be announced by the end of the school year at relevant school events in partnership with The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation.
- The program is currently funded for the next three years based on the generosity of Teri’s family and friends who wanted to give back to this unique close-knit community where many family members call home. Its impact will reach Queen of Martyrs, where Teri taught, and SJF and MHR, where her 8 grandchildren attend.

YOU CAN NOMINATE A TEACHER BY USING THE ATTACHED FORM:

[Click here to nominate a teacher](#)





FALCON OF THE WEEK

Danny Broderick, Kindergarten



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 and to be mindful of those around us who might need our help and support. 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 Kindergarten student, Danny Broderick.**

Danny Broderick has a big, kind heart and at the tender age of 6 is able to anticipate the needs of others. Danny is always helping his classmates throughout the day. Whether it is throwing out garbage someone accidentally dropped, making sure his table partners are on the right page in their math book or letting someone borrow a supply, Danny is always quietly looking out for the needs of others. Danny also loves having fun and is often the life of the lunch table or playground! Thank you, Danny, for bringing such positive and fun energy to your class and to our school. We love how you look out for others. Keep flying like a Falcon, Danny! You are making a difference!

Calling all divas!



THEME
do *diva*

SCAVENGER HUNT FRIDAY, MAY 31ST

GET YOUR TEAMS & COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE DIVA!
TEAMS OF 4-8

HUNT WILL BEGIN IN KANE HALL @ 5:30 PM

NO TEAM? NO PROBLEM! SIGN UP & WE'LL PLACE YOU ON A TEAM

\$30 INCLUDES PIZZA & 2 DRINKS AT FINAL DESTINATION

SIGN UP EARLY TO GET DIBS ON YOUR DIVA TEAM NAME!

MORE INFO & SIGN UP [HERE](#) OR [HERE](#)





FSA PIZZA SETUP Fundraiser



Must be redeemed at 3804 W. 111th Street location

DUE: Friday, May 17th (cash or check to SJF FSA)- Vouchers passed out on Friday, 5/24

Family Name: _____ **Contact #** _____

Please send home with: _____ **Teacher/Room#** _____

12" thin (3 pizzas)	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	Cheese \$17 each		Sausage \$21 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)		Pepperoni \$21 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)		Total \$
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7" thin (10 pizzas)	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	Cheese \$20 each		Sausage \$24 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)		Pepperoni \$24 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)		Total \$
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10" GLUTEN FREE (3 pizzas)	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	Cheese \$22 each		Sausage \$26 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)		Pepperoni \$26 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)		Total \$
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Total amount \$ _____

Contact Karen McDonagh with any questions karenmcdonagh513@gmail.com

WE'RE HIRING!



KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE TEACHERS

- Phenomenal, supportive parent and family community
- Motivated, intelligent, curious and kind students
- Team-oriented, collaborative, nurturing, warm, fun and friendly work environment

You belong here 



Send Your Resume
mnash@sjfschool.us



For more information about SJF
www.sjfschool.net



In This Family *Falcons Fight Together*

Dear St. John Fisher Friends & Families,

The Dowling Family is in need of our support! Jimmy was recently diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer. Jimmy is a proud St. John Fisher Alum, Class of '88, and father to 7 children, all of whom have attended and still attend St. John Fisher.

The Dowlings have already battled cancer twice with their 9 year old son Beau, and just recently, their daughter Ella.

To make life a little easier for the Dowling family during Jimmy's treatment, we have set up an Instacart account to make shopping for groceries and other necessities easier for them.

If you are able, please donate to their Instacart account to relieve some of the burden while Jimmy battles this horrible disease.

Thank you!

Dowling Family Instacart Account



Recipient name:

Meg Dowling

Recipient Email:

megdowling12@yahoo.com





Manna Update

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!



ST. JOHN FISHER PRESENTS

**SOUTHSIDE BOYS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES SUNDAY!**

**Come out and cheer our boys onto victory!
The trophy is on the line and it's anyone's game.**



6 PM Sunday at Brother Rice

6th Grade A Championship
SJF Blue vs St. Catherine
6 PM South Gym

6th Grade B Championship
SJF White vs St. Linus
6 PM North Gym





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: **\$27.39**

Create Custom Pages by: Jul 4

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Please join us for the SJF FSA Sponsored Mother Son Outing

Limited Tickets
Available! To reserve
your seats please purchase
tickets by clicking the link
below. Most seats
available together in
Sections 102 & 103



June 9, 2024 at 1:10 P.M.
White Sox vs. Boston Red Sox
Click the link to purchase tickets:
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Saintjohn8>
Please email Carrie Erwinski at
Carrie726@gmail.com with any questions.
Stay tuned for information on bus transportation.

White Sox

ST. JOHN FISHER



PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

WITH MRS. GARZA, MS. FADDEN, AND MS. SURIN



THIS SUMMER, SJF IS HOSTING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM FOR TOILET-TRAINED CHILDREN AGES 3-5. EACH WEEK WILL BE BASED ON A THEME. THE CHILDREN WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL SKILLS AND COOPERATIVE LEARNING.



9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

\$70 per Week

Please send a small snack and drink daily

STORIES * CRAFTS * SONGS * INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY!

Week 1
June 11, 12, 13
Dinosaurs

Week 2
June 18, 19, 20
Superheroes

Week 3
June 25, 26, 27
Fireworks and Fun

Week 4
July 9, 10, 11
Outer Space

Week 5
July 16, 17, 18
STEM Week

Week 6
July 23, 24, 25
Water Fun

Week 7
July 30, 31, August 1
Under the Sea

Week 8
August 6, 7, 8
Camping

A DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$500 IF YOU SIGN UP FOR ALL 8 WEEKS!

More Information: mgarza@sjfschool.us or text 773-315-0399

Registration and payment is due May 3rd



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PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM IN AN
ENVELOPE MARKED
PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY FRIDAY,
MAY 3RD.

STUDENT NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS (PLEASE LIST ALL AND IF CHILD
CARRIES AN EPI PEN AND OR/INHALER): _____

PLEASE SELECT SESSION:

Week 1 _____

Week 5 _____

Week 2 _____

Week 6 _____

Week 3 _____

Week 7 _____

Week 4 _____

Week 8 _____

All 8 Weeks _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

MOM'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

DAD'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PHONE NUMBER: _____



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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

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

- 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**, 12:00 p.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:
May 29th.



Social & Emotional Learning

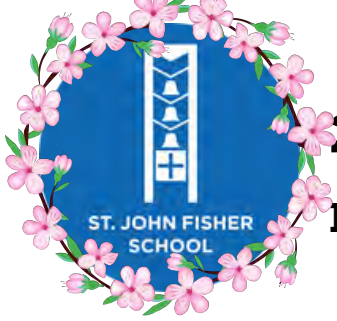
At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. Each month of the school year will have an all-school focus on the trait of the month, helping students strengthen particular social skills with different lessons and activities at the classroom level and as an entire school. We encourage you to talk to 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

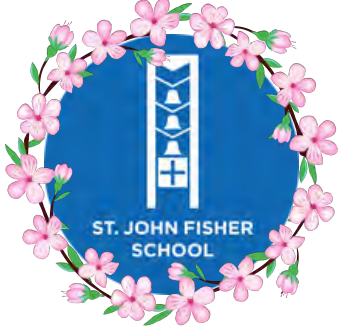
Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: mredmond@sjfschool.net
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: echermak@sjfschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sjfschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- 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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