



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

April 1, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

We cannot thank you enough for attending the Open House and Family Mass this past Sunday. It was a beautiful celebration and representation of what SJF is all about. We were thrilled to see all of you in-person! I hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did!

Thank you for continuing to choose Catholic education for your family. Specifically, thank you for your support of the children, faculty and staff at St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,

Mrs. Maura Nash

School Advisory Board Update

The School Advisory Board and SJF Leadership Team presented our annual State of the School Presentation March 24th highlighting the progress of our Strategic Plan with a focus on Mission Effectiveness, Academic Excellence and the school's Operations and Budget. A recording of this 25-minute presentation [can be viewed here](#). You can find the slide deck *attached in the body of the email*. Please review this information when you are able as I think you will share our pride for all we have accomplished together and the top-notch academic product our children are receiving. We are eager to receive your feedback! Please provide your insights via our survey [linked here](#).

Thank you for your time and partnership!

Important Announcements

- **GOT SNEAKERS?** Please see the attached flyer discussing SJF's partnership with Christmas Without Cancer. We will take your gently worn, used or new sneakers at SJF!
- Thank you for your participation at the **SJF Book Fair**. A portion of the proceeds goes right back to the SJF Library.
- **April 2nd is Cpl. Conner T. Lowry Day @ SJF!** [Click here](#) to learn more about Conner's Story and see the attached flyer regarding the Cpl. Conner T. Lowry Day and Boys Volleyball Pack the House @ SJF!
- Don't forget **Wednesday, April 6th is a 1 p.m. dismissal** for Faculty Professional Development!
- Are you an **SJF Alum**? Show your Falcon pride with our new alumni swag [linked here](#)! Partial proceeds go back to SJF's FSA. **Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon!**

- Are you receiving our **parish newsletter**? [Sign-up here](#) to receive monthly news about our parish so you don't miss a beat!
- **Extended Day**: Make sure to [register your child\(ren\) here](#). Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjsfschool.us.
- [Click here](#) for the most recent **COVID guidance**.

Looking Ahead

Weekend Mass Schedule <i>*Students who attend mass receive an out-of-uniform pass for the following school day</i>	4 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sunday <i>*Stations of the Cross</i> 7p.m. on Fridays
Saturday, April 2nd	Cpl. Conner T. Lowry Day Ceremony @ 3:45 Boys Volleyball Pack the House
Monday, April 4th	ETC – Spring Clay Class 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Corley ETC – March Madness 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy ETC – Peeps Science 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman
Tuesday, April 5th	Barraco's Special Lunch! ETC – Easter Egg-Stravaganza 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman Homework Club 3 – 3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy
Wednesday, April 6th	1 p.m. Dismissal Faculty PD *NO HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY
Thursday, April 7th	ETC – Easter Bunny Training Camp 3 – 4:30 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman

Pro Labore Dei

Thanks to all who made Saturday's lunch making such a success. You never stop being amazing! The next lunch making will be on **April 2nd at 9:15 a.m.** As always we welcome all donations for the makings and volunteers to help compile the lunches. *Specific details will be in the bulletin.*

Next, the need for groceries for meals is still great. We continue to collect on the parking lot each Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Thanks for all you do!

Last and most exciting, we are asking for help in providing Easter baskets for those in need. We will collect baskets for men, women, boys and girls. **Please bring your contributions to the Rectory by April 7th. The baskets will be distributed on April 9th in Robbins and Posen.** Again, our most sincere thanks.

Any questions, feel free to contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428).

Manna Update

Support SJF with Manna and reduce your tuition bill at the same time! Signing up for the App is as easy as Venmo! Get started today to help the school fundraise on your everyday purchases.

- Manna App: [Raise Right](#).
- Need more help, check out the [Manna Overview](#).
- Quick videos to make it easy: [Video demo for the app or Video to help understand the rebates](#).

THANK YOU!

2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



**Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change.*

- Spring Break: **4.13 – 4.24** *classes resume **4.25**
- First Communion: **4.30**
- May Crowning: **5.6**
- 8th Grade Ribbon Mass: **5.20**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.30**
- Last Day of 8th Grade Classes: **6.1**
- Graduation Dance: **6.3**
- Graduation Mass: **6.5**
- End of Third Trimester, Last Day of School: **6.8** ~ 10:30 dismissal

***1 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings and PLC work: **April 6th, May 4th.**



FALCONS OF THE WEEK

Ben Adamski, 8th 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 8th grader Ben Adamski.**

The rainy weather is usually never fun and often causes traffic and interruptions. After consistent rain, many of the alleys and streets in our neighborhood typically flood thanks to the geography and layout of our area. Yesterday was one of those days. One of the alley ways in which some of our kiddos frequent was the home to some pretty deep puddles. Ben noticed some Falcons in the alley contemplating how they were going to get across the seemingly impassable puddle. Ben solved the problem by literally picking up the younger Falcons and walking them through the puddle to the other side. Without thinking much of it, Ben saved the day. Thanks Ben for giving your time and attention to these kids. You made the walk home pretty interesting and fun and I know you taught your fellow Falcons what it is like to do something selfless for someone else. This story brightened my day. Thank you, Ben for taking care of our younger Falcons and for teaching us the meaning of kindness. Keep flying like a Falcon, Ben. You are a role model and you are making a difference!

WE LOVE OUR SJF TEACHERS!



THIS WEEK'S FACULTY SPOTLIGHT IS ON **MRS. KELLER** OUR **LIBRARIAN**.

Schools in our country are suffering from a significant teacher shortage. SJF is fortunate to be staffed with some of the best teachers around. We are proud of our incredible faculty and want to pause to celebrate them! This week we celebrate, **Mrs. Keller**.



1. How long have you been at SJF? **This is my 4th year as the librarian, but I was a volunteer in the library for many years before I took on this role.**
2. What do you love about SJF? **I love the students here, the people I work with and being able to walk into a library every day; it's like a big hug.**
3. What is your favorite thing about working with the students? **My favorite thing about working with kids in the library is when they take my book recommendations and come back later to tell me how much they loved the book. I appreciate their honesty when they tell me they didn't like it too; you can't win them all!**
4. Can you tell us something that we may not know about you? **You may know that I disguise myself as a gardener every summer, but I always listen to books while I work.**







PACK THE HOUSE SCHEDULE



9:00 AM	4TH	SJF BLUE
9:45 AM	4TH	SJF WHITE
10:30 AM	4TH	SJF RED
11:15 AM	5TH	SJF WHITE
12:00 PM	5TH	SJF BLUE
12:45 PM	5TH	SJF RED
1:30 PM	6TH	SJF BLUE
2:15 PM	6TH	SJF WHITE
3:00 PM	7TH	SJF RED VS. SJF WHITE
3:45PM		CPL. CONNER T. LOWRY CEREMONY
4:00 PM	7TH	SJF BLUE VS. SJF RED
4:50 PM	8TH	SJF BLUE
5:40 PM	8TH	SJF WHITE
6:30 PM	8TH	SJF BLUE

8TH GRADE FLOWER CEREMONY





CPL. CONNER T. LOWRY DAY

**Join us for the 2nd Annual
Conner T. Lowry Gym Dedication**

APRIL 2ND

3:45PM CEREMONY

BOYS VOLLEYBALL PACK THE HOUSE

ST. JOHN FISHER GYM



**National Anthem performance
by SJF students!**

LIVE LIFE LARGE



GOT SNEAKERS?

Christmas Without Cancer is a nonprofit that helps local families battling the devastation of cancer.

Did you know that your gently worn sneakers could help Christmas Without Cancer's mission?

Well, they can and here's how . . . Our team is participating in a fundraiser where there is nothing to buy or sell. All we need is your support and your gently worn, used, or new sneakers!

Here's how you can help:

Start in your and your family's closets and gather as many pair of sneakers that you no longer want; maybe you've out-grown them, they're out of style, or out of season. If you and your household have 10 pairs, great! If not, don't worry. You can ask family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone in your social networks to help out. **EVERY PAIR COUNTS!**

The sneakers that we all collect will help raise money to support Christmas Without Cancer's mission and will help our environment by keeping sneakers out of landfills.

Requirements:

Only Sneakers (Gym Shoes)
Child sizes 4 and up | Any Adult sizes
Any brand
Gently worn, used or new condition

Collection Deadline:
Sunday, April 24th

Want to participate OR have questions? Send an email to cwcsneakerdrive@gmail.com.

Want to learn more about Christmas Without Cancer? Visit www.christmaswithoutcancer.org.

Want to learn more about GotSneakers? Visit <https://gotsneakers.com/>.

THANK YOU for your consideration | The Christmas Without Cancer Team

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