

Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts

St. John Fisher School – Together, we've got thís!

April 16, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

Welcome back! I hope you along with your families and loved ones had a peaceful and fun Easter Break! It is wonderful to have the kids back with us and we are eager to successfully tackle these last 8 weeks of school together. Be on the look-out next week for information regarding tuition and fees for the 2021-2022 school year. We are so excited about the many remarkable things taking place at SJF.

See below for the impressive accomplishments of our award-winning 8th grade Falcons! Our students have earned over \$365,000 in scholarships to their high school of choice based on their academic merit and character. We are so proud of the Class of 2021! Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- School Advisory Board (SAB) UPDATE: Thank you for sharing your feedback on SJF's Strategic Plan
 Survey. Our responses to your thoughtful feedback and questions are <u>linked here</u>. In case you missed it, <u>here is a link</u> to the Strategic Plan Presentation. Thank you for your participation and engagement!
 - SAB Application is now available! Please consider sharing your skills and talents with us by serving on the SAB for the 2021-2022 school year. The role of the board is to provide counsel and advice to the pastor and principal regarding: Mission Effectiveness, Member Development, Financial and Physical Resources, Institutional Advancement including: Communication, Marketing, Recruitment/Enrollment/Retention, Development and Creation of the school's long-range strategic plan. The minimum time commitment is about 2-3 hours per month including a monthly meeting and follow-up committee work. There is additional information on our purpose, structure and objectives under the "Organizations" tab of the school website. The selection process includes 1-2 interviews with current and past board members in late spring/early summer. We aim to select new board members by August to enable a strong start for the new school year. SAB is seeking applicants with Education, Development and Fundraising backgrounds. Applications are due by Friday, May 7, 2021. Please email sifsab@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you. Please click this link to apply. Thank you for your interest!
- Family School Association (FSA) Update: The next FSA open meeting will take place Thursday, April 22, via Google Meet, where the following topics will be discussed: Teacher Appreciation Week, the 1st annual Falcon 5K (virtual this year), end of the year family event, and some planning for next school year. To join the meeting, <u>visit this link</u>. If you would like to volunteer, <u>please sign-up here</u>. Thank you for your interest!
- Join SJF in activities at home to help us celebrate Earth Day next week (See below flyer)!
- Are you looking to get a **head start on summer enrichment** for your student?! Visit SJF's enrichment support and activity page, <u>linked here</u>, compiled by our resourceful **resource department**!
- Don't forget to save your spot for **Extended Day**. The Extended Day sign-up sheet is <u>linked here</u>.

- Join us this weekend for mass! Visit the parish website, linked here, to see our schedule and mass times.
- <u>A note from Pro Labore Dei</u>: We would like to deeply thank you for your contributions making this year's Easter basket collection a success. As a school, SJF donated 44 Easter baskets. Together with neighboring parishes and organizations, we collected and donated over 500 baskets in total! Your generosity is overwhelming thank you! We continue to accept food donations every Saturday morning for the Robbins community. We remain grateful for everything. Take care and have a wonderful Easter!

MANNA News

• April 30th is the Cutoff for this year's Manna Requirement. Reports were sent home in folders the week before Spring Break summarizing total rebates earned. You can also pull reports anytime from <u>shopwithscrip</u> to see accrual rebates from purchases made online (Select June 1st - Present). See page 4 of <u>this link</u> for detailed "how to" reports. Around May 15th, you will see a fundraising fee in FACTS if you have not reached the \$300 school earnings requirement (\$300 minus what you've earned for the school thru the program). *Remember, the \$175 fundraising fee that was normally charged at the start of the year was eliminated to give families an opportunity to reduce the fee as much as they can.* The deadline to accrue towards the \$300 requirement is April 30th. Thank you all for your participation! It's making a difference.

COVID Reminders

- In case you missed it, <u>here is a link</u> to the archdiocese's most updated quarantine and travel guidance.
- Our most frequently asked question is when should I keep my child home from school?
 - If your child or ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD HAS 1 or more COVID symptoms, your child (and siblings) should remain at home.
 - If your child or ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD has a pending COVID lab test (even if the rapid is negative).
- Each week I express my gratitude for your partnership. Our school has successfully remained open for in-person learning because of you!



FALCON OF THE WEEK Lou Spadoni, 2nd Grade



This year, our school theme 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 second grader, Lou Spadoni.**

We have all experienced that feeling of not wanting to go to work or school. Or having a rough start to the morning because we'd rather stay in bed! This was recently the case for Lou's younger brother in kindergarten. Lou was caught in the act of being the best big brother a guy could ask for! Lou knew that his little brother was having a hard morning so he took the time to walk him to his door, trying to cheer him up along the way. As a second grader, it would be easy to not be in tune with someone's feelings. But, big brother Lou was there to help make sure his sibling was able to feel a little better before he went into school, giving him a pep talk and a hug. We are fortunate to be able to learn from our youngest Falcons each day. Thank you, Lou, for being so kind and supportive of your little brother when he needed you the most. You helped him have a better day and set a great example for everyone around you, making our school a brighter place! You are fun. You are special. You are a wonderful role model and we are proud that you are a Falcon! Keep flying like a Falcon, Lou. You are making a difference!

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

- THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND- SOAR WILL HOST A 25 MINUTE ALL SCHOOL UNPLUG! STUDENTS WILL ALL GO OUTSIDE AND CREATE A SIDEWALK CHALK DISPLAY ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO GO GREEN AND PROTECT OUR EARTH!
- WE WILL ALSO HAVE AN OUT OF UNIFORM FOR \$1. STUDENTS CAN DRESS AS A "FLOWER CHILD" OR WEAR GREEN AND BLUE! MONEY WILL GO TOWARD OUR PLANTING DAY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28TH!
- IF YOUR FAMILY DOES ANYTHING SPECIAL FOR EARTH DAY, PLEASE TAG US IN PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK OR SEND THEM TO

<u>mschiavone@sjfschool.net</u> or <u>mcorley@sjfschool.net</u>





Congratulations 8th Grade Falcons! Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you will go.

<u>Brother Ríce</u>	
Míchael Carroll	Fírst Responder Award
	Legacy Award
	Wakerly Foundation Scholarship
Edward Condon	Be Exceptional Leadership Award
	Legacy Award
	Crusader Award
Nolan Daley	Be Exceptional Leadership Award
	Legacy Award
Jacob DeLlano	Crusader Award
Ryan Dooey	Crusader Award
Liam Fitzgerald	Crusader Award
Martín Flynn	Be Exceptional Leadership Award
	Edmund Rice Scholar
Patrick Hermanson	Crusader Award
	Legacy Award
	Fírst Responder Award
Nathaniel Klinger	Crusader Award

Cooper McAlilly	Be Exceptional Leadership Award Legacy Award
Liam McNulty	First Responder Award
Charlie Moles	Be Exceptional Leadership Award Legacy Award
Joe Moonan	First Responder Award
Elijah Nelson	Crusader Award
Matthew Olsen	Be Exceptional Leadership Award Edmund Rice Scholar
<u>Maríst</u>	
Hannah Bayorgeon	RedHawk Scholarship
Thomas Girzadas	RedHawk Scholarship
Thomas Lyons	RedHawk Scholarship
Chloe Mlyniec	LaValla Leadership Award
Ryan Serpe	Champagnat Scholarshíp
<u>Mother McAuley</u>	
Margaret Gallagher	Tradition of Excellence Scholarship
Samantha Kenny	Tradition of Excellence Scholarship
Caitlin Kintz	Agatha O'Brien Scholarship Tradition of Excellence Scholarship
Ronia Linton	Mary Kean Coffey "Pay it Forward" Scholarship
Katherine Malloy	Catherine McAuley Service Scholarhip Tradition of Excellence Scholarship

Mary Kate McGlynn	Agatha O'Brien Scholarship Hometown Heroes Scholarship Tradition of Excellence Scholarship
Bridget O'Connor	Hometown Heroes Scholarship Tradition of Excellence Scholarship *CTL Scholarship
Eileen O'Shea	Tradition of Excellence Scholarship
Ava Petrowski	Hometown Heroes Scholarship Tradition of Excellence Scholarship
Greta Schober	Catherine McAuley Service Scholarship Tradition of Excellence Scholarship
Maríanne Scott	Agatha O'Brien Scholarship
Kylie Volker	Tradition of Excellence Scholarship
Mackenzie Ziesemer	Helen & Dick Carey Scholarship Tradition of Excellence Scholarship
<u>Mount Carmel</u>	
Jackson Barríns	James Barda Leadership Award Catholic School Scholarship Legacy Award
Matt Urbon	James Barda Leadership Award Catholic School Scholarship Legacy Award First Responder Award
Matt Malloy	Hynan Scholarship Catholic School Scholarship Legacy Award
Jímmy Dígnan	Catholic School Scholarship Legacy Award First Responder Award

Marty Mann	Nícholas A. Iosue Academic Scholarship Catholic School Scholarship *American Legion Award (see below)
Conner Sullivan	Catholíc School Scholarshíp Legacy Award
Míchael Zablockí	Catholic School Scholarship First Responder Award
<u>St. Ríta</u>	
Cormac Lacy	Margaret and Bruno '41 Jonikas Scholarship LoMaglio Family Network Scholarship Catholic School Graduate Award *CTL Scholarship (see below)
JP Danaher	Margaret and Bruno '41 Joníkas Scholarshíp Catholíc School Graduate Award Legacy Award Mustang Award
Tommy Perry	Margaret and Bruno '41 Joníkas Scholarshíp

American Legion Leadership Award Winners

Sophía Crespo, Maríst Marty Mann, Mt. Carmel

<u>Honorable Mention:</u> Mary Therese White, St. Ignatius John Keller, De La Salle

<u>Connor T. Lowry Scholarship Winners</u> Jake Frederking, Marist Samantha Houston, Marist Cormac Lacy, St. Rita Bridget O'Connor, Mother McAuley



2020-2021 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

