



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

St. John Fisher School

April 8, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

We cannot believe that Spring Break and Easter are right around the corner! I hope this break will allow us all to pause, plan and prioritize our to-do's in order to maximize our potential during these last two months of the school year! Our Falcons have taken their Lenten journey seriously. They worked hard at becoming the BEST version of themselves and we are so very proud of each of them. Together we enjoyed preparing for the resurrection of Jesus during this Easter Season and focused on being kind together through our thoughts, words and actions. Our faith-filled Falcons impress us every day.

I hope and pray that this break will allow all of us to focus on family, loved ones and life! Enjoy the much needed and deserved time away. Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education, but specifically to St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,  
*Mrs. Maura Nash*

*"Be the living  
expression of God's  
kindness; kindness in  
your face, kindness in  
your eyes, kindness in  
your smile."*

*Mother Teresa*

## Important Announcements

- Thanks to your generosity, as a school community we raised just over \$800 in donations for the **CPL. Conner T. Lowry Memorial Foundation**. [Click here](#) to learn more about Conner's Story.
- Save the Date: **April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8 p.m. end of the year FSA Meeting** – all are welcome!
- **Is your child going to be absent?** Please email [attendance@sjschool.us](mailto:attendance@sjschool.us).
- Calling all 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents: **we need pictures from Confirmation** for the yearbook! Please share any Confirmation pictures with Mrs. Maxwell, [dmaxwell@sjschool.us](mailto:dmaxwell@sjschool.us). Thank you!
- The May and June hot lunch menus is now open for ordering.
- 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@sjschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjschool.us).
- **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!
- [Click here](#) for the most recent **COVID guidance**.

## Looking Ahead

<b>Weekend Mass Schedule</b> <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 <b>*Stations of the Cross</b> 7p.m. on Fridays <i>*This Sunday is Palm Sunday*</i>
<b>Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	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
<b>Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>*Progress Report Check</b>	All-School Easter Prayer Service 1:30 p.m. ETC – Easter Egg-Stravaganza 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman <b>*NO HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO School – Easter Break!</b> <i>*Classes Resume Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup></i>



## Volunteer Opportunities

St. John Fisher School is seeking parent volunteers to serve in leadership roles across our parent organizations such as School Advisory Board (SAB), Family School Association (FSA), and Athletics. Please fill out the form linked below. It's a great way to give back to the school and stay connected to our mission. Most terms are about 3 years and require a monthly meeting. **Express interest [HERE](#) to serve as a leader on FSA, SAB, or Athletics.** Thank you for your consideration!



## Pro Labore Dei

Another lunch making has come and gone and, as usual, everyone was more than generous. The next lunch making will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 a.m. (***Please note the new time***). We welcome all donations for the makings and volunteers to help compile the lunches. Details to follow in later notes.

We wish to thank all of you that participated in the Easter basket give away. The faces on the recipients were priceless. We wish you all a blessed Easter Season.

Last but not least, the need for groceries for meals is still great. We continue to collect on the parking lot each Saturday from 9:30 to 10am, even April 16th. Thanks for all you do. You are awesome.

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

## Manna Update

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

- 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 \$450 deduction off tuition for the following year.
- You can start accruing for next year's Manna Fundraising requirement as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you decided not to participate this year but would like to reduce the \$300 fundraising fee through everyday shopping, check out resources [here](#) to get started.

## 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**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ribbon Mass: **5.20**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.30**
- Last Day of 8<sup>th</sup> 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

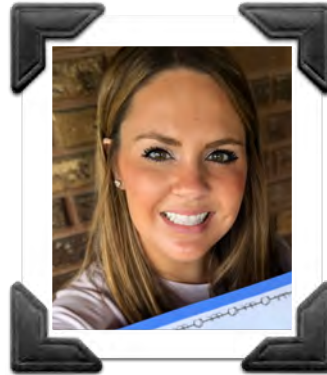
**\*1 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings and PLC work:  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

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**MS. FADDEN FROM 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL.**

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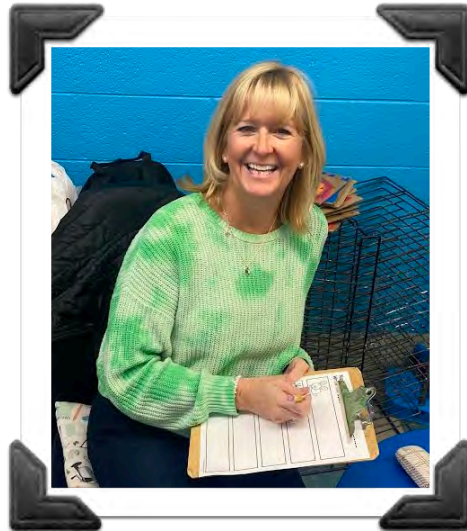
1. How long have you been at SJF? **This is my 11th year teaching at SJF - all in Preschool!**
2. What do you love about SJF? **I love absolutely everything about SJF! We have the best, most supportive and amazing families who send us the sweetest, most kind and fun children. I work with incredibly talented, hard working and creative colleagues and administration who amaze me everyday! I absolutely love getting to work with my best buddy Mrs. Furlong every day, too! St. John Fisher is such a supportive, kind and FUN place to be - I feel so lucky to spend each day with the best students and coworkers around!**
3. What do you love about Preschool? **I love being one of my students' very first teachers and helping them develop a genuine love of learning and school. The Preschoolers amaze me at how much they grow in all areas from the beginning of the school year until the end. The endless "lightbulb moments" as well as their eagerness and excitement to learn and soak up as much as they can about every new topic is absolutely magical and such a privilege to watch! We have so much fun in Preschool every day playing, reading, singing, creating, learning and laughing together - it is truly the best!**
4. Can you tell us something that we may not know about you? **Something you might not know about me is that my mom, my grandma and even my great-grandma were all early childhood teachers too! Teaching young students runs in our genes! :-)**

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- 1. How long have you been at SJF?** I am currently in my seventh year at SJF. I was home raising my 5 wonderful children when the opportunity to aide with Ms. Fadden in Preschool came up. It has been a fabulous experience!
- 2. What do you love about SJF?** There are so many things I love about walking into the doors of SJF! My favorite things are: greeting my wonderful coworkers and friends, the bright banners and words of encouragement that welcome all upon entering, and witnessing the academic and spiritual growth of our students! There is no greater place to work!
- 3. How do you help to keep your little Falcons on task?** We constantly are encouraging our kids to be loving and kind. With various books, stories, and lessons they can role play & learn how to positively interact with their peers. Treasure box toys and candy incentives are also very powerful and can elicit positive results.
- 4. Can you tell us something that we may not know about you?** What you may not know about me is I was formerly a Speech & Language Pathologist. Also, my husband Kevin & our combined 16 siblings all attended Saint John Fisher.











# 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](mailto:cwcsneakerdrive@gmail.com).

Want to learn more about Christmas Without Cancer? Visit [www.christmaswithoutcancer.org](http://www.christmaswithoutcancer.org).

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

**THANK YOU** for your consideration | The Christmas Without Cancer Team

# Capture Your Memories in This Year's St. John Fisher Yearbook



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- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
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Deadline: **Jun 15**

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