



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

February 4, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

Though this week's unexpected snow days landed right in the middle of Catholic Schools Week, they didn't put a damper on our school spirit! We were still able to have fun celebrating CSW and acknowledge our gratitude for each other and our amazing school and community! Today was an exciting and monumental day for our school as we inducted the very first members of the inaugural chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. We are incredibly proud of our inductees for the examples they set for our younger Falcons. Sharing this moment with our inductees' families in-person was the icing on the cake! This weekend is Confirmation. Please join us in praying for our 8th graders, their sponsors, parents, grandparents and all of their loved ones who have guided them along the way preparing each of them for this beautiful sacrament.

Last week's prospective Family Open House was a huge success! Thank you to all who promoted this event. Word of mouth is the best advertisement and we appreciate your support! We look forward to welcoming all of you at our family mass and open house on Sunday, March 27th – save the date!

Thank you for entrusting your children to us each day. We are grateful for you and for the privilege of in-person learning. Thank you for choosing Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,
Mrs. Maura Nash



Fisher Family Ambassadors!

Now more than ever is the best time to join our Falcon Family! Open enrollment begins Sunday, January 30th and 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 (+ Twitter); feel free to use #FalconsNOW

Important Announcements

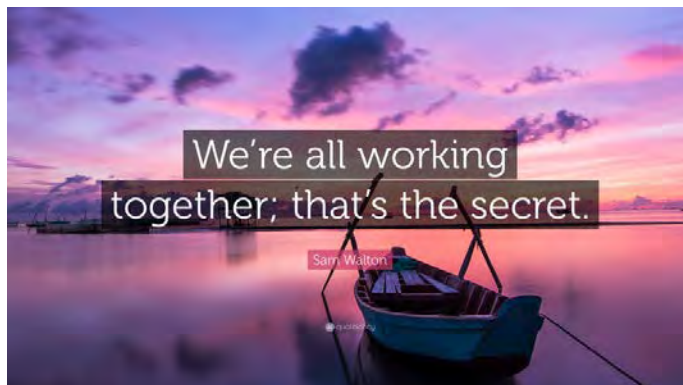
- **Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open now for **current & NEW school families!**** If you have a child entering pre-school or kindergarten, [please complete this form](#) to reserve your spot and share this information with anyone interested in attending SJF. Now is a great time to be a Falcon!
- **Railroad Tracks:** It was reported to school this week that a number of junior high students tried to “beat a train” by running east across the tracks on 103rd and Rockwell. Please speak with your children regarding this matter. Thank you.
- We invite you to participate in our **TECHNOLOGY DETOX CHALLENGE!** Now is the time to stop scrolling and start living! See the attached flyer for participation details. *Less technology, more everything else.*
- **Valentine’s Day:** Students are allowed to pass out store-bought pre-wrapped Valentines and treats on Valentine’s day.
- **Tickets for the [Spring Gala](#) go on sale Monday, February 14th!** Please see the attached flyer for additional information. All proceeds go to the Fisher Falcon Foundation. [Click this link for more information regarding the foundation.](#)
- **Optional Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday, February 17th from 1-4 p.m.** [Click this link](#) to register for your conference today!
- **Extended Day:** Make sure to [register your child\(ren\) here](#). Reach out to **Mrs. O’Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjschool.us.

FSA Corner ~ Save the Dates!

- **8th Grade Polar Plunge:** March 4th, St. John Fisher parking lot
- **St. Baldrick’s:** March 5th, 5 – 10 p.m., Conner T. Lowry Gym. [Click here](#) to register a shavee and see attached flyer for additional information
- **Father Daughter Dance:** March 19th, Ridge Country Club ~ see attached flyer
- **Mother Son Bulls Game:** Thank you to all the members of the SJF Community for coming out to the Bulls game on Sunday! The Bulls brought home a win and fun was had by all! A special thank you to Tina Killeen for organizing this annual event!

Athletics Update

- 4th-8th grade **Boys Volleyball Registration** is now open! [Please click this link to register.](#)
- **Girls Volleyball Pack the House is Friday, February 18th** – **SAVE THE DATE** and stay tuned for more details. Please see the attached flyer for the Lemolade sweatshirt order form and additional information.



Looking Ahead

Weekend Mass	4 p.m. on Saturday & 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday ~ <i>We hope to see you there!</i>
Sunday, February 6th	Confirmation @ 1 p.m.
Monday, February 7th	Academic Eligibility Club 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy ETC Lego Lab 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman & Mrs. Lindgren
Tuesday, February 8th	Homework Club 3 – 3:45 p.m. with Mrs. Ade & Mr. K ETC Winter Wonderland 3-4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman ETC Game Night 2.0 3-4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Sefcik
Wednesday, February 9th	Homework Club 3 – 3:45 p.m. with Mrs. Ade & Mr. K Academic Eligibility Club 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy ETC Learning Detectives 3 – 4:30 p.m. w/ Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Lordo ETC Winter Science Club 3-4:30 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman

****Save the Date for SJF's BLUE Mass on Sunday, February 27th @ 8 a.m., honoring police officers before the Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast.***

COVID GUIDANCE & REMINDERS

- If your child or a household member has been diagnosed with COVID-19, **please call the school office, 773-445-4737, during the school office hours, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and/or email attendance@sjschool.us.**
 - If you contact the school office outside of regular scheduled office hours, ***we will get back to you the next business day.*** Thank you for your patience!
- **Details to highlight:**
 - Please review the most recent communication from the archdiocese [linked here](#) which outlines the updated quarantine time frame and guidance.
 - All symptomatic individuals must remain home, regardless of vaccination status.
 - If symptoms last longer than 24 hours, individuals must receive a negative COVID-19 test or alternative medical diagnosis prior to returning to school.
 - Students who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19 can now return to school after completing a 5-day quarantine.
 - Positive students must quarantine from athletics through days 6-10.
 - Exposed students may participate in athletics but must provide proof of a negative test in order to attend events on days 6-10 following the 5-day quarantine.
 - A presumed **90-day immunity window** follows proof of a positive test result for individuals who complete(d) the minimum 5-day isolation and remain symptom free.

*We continue to pray for those impacted by COVID and any other illness.
Hang in there – we are all in this together.*

2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



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

- Confirmation: **2.6**
- 8th Grade Graduation Pictures: **2.9**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.17** ~ 12:00 dismissal
- **President's Day Break: 2.18 – 2.22** *classes resume **2.23**
- End of Second Trimester: **3.8**
- **No School – OCS Flex Day: 3.11**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.14**
- School Family Open House & Mass: **3.27**
- 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: **November 3rd, December 1st, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th.**

The *most important work* you will ever do
will be within the walls of *your own home*. ~Harold B. Lee





FALCONS OF THE WEEK

Leo Scarsella, Connor Spatz,
Chase McKnight, Will O'Connor, 6th 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 6th graders, Leo Scarsella, Connor Spatz, Chace McKnight, and Will O'Connor.**

For the past three weeks, Leo, Connor, Chace, and Will have been volunteering their recess time to help teachers moderate Kane Hall during the first grade - fourth grade lunch period. They help their fellow Falcons open up their milk, water bottles, and juice boxes. They wipe down their tables, walk them to the bathroom, etc. These are just a few of their responsibilities. I asked Leo, Connor, Chace, and Will today what they like most about this experience (if anything - ha!). They said, "I like meeting new kids, I like hearing what they like to talk about, I think they're funny to be around, and I enjoy helping them". Leo, Connor, Chace, and Will choose to spend their free time helping others. We are impressed with these young men and so proud of their positive attitude and leadership. SJF's future sure is bright with these four leading the charge. Thank you, Leo, Connor, Chace, and Will for being you. We are lucky you are Falcons and grateful we get to learn from your examples each day. Keep flying like Falcons. You are making a difference!

Unplug to Recharge

SJF Technology Detox

Calling all SJF families! Who is ready to kick off the new year with a challenge that will boost your child's mood, increase motivation, improve sleep and unleash creativity!?

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, the average eight to ten year old spends almost eight hours a day in front of various digital media while teenagers spend more than eleven hours per day in front of screens-that's more time than they spend doing anything else, including sleeping!

Let's see exactly how life changes when we all unplug to recharge. Join the SJF community this month as we choose intentionality and connection with one another.

How does participation work?

- Next week, students will be sent home with a screen time recording form.
- Fill the form out daily and return to school on Fridays.
- Each classroom will have a battery poster, based on participation and logged screen time, classrooms will try to "fully charge" their battery
- As I'm sure you expected, there will be incentives and prizes for those that participate and ultimately complete the challenge!

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Join us for an evening benefitting

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GALA

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH 2022
6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

Ridge Country Club

OPEN BAR . HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES . LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

\$200 PER PERSON

VISIT [HTTPS://SJFGALA.GIVESMART.COM](https://SJFGALA.GIVESMART.COM)

OR

TEXT SJFGALA TO 76278

TICKETS ON SALE FEBRUARY 14TH @ 9:00 AM

Southern Formal Attire Suggested

ST. JOHN FISHER PRESENTS

IN-HOUSE PACK THE HOUSE

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SHOWCASE

Friday, Feb 18th

ALL TEAMS 4TH-8TH!

Details coming soon!

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

FALCONS VOLLEYBALL SWEATSHIRT LINK

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeo08j9PkG90Up5UDcbw_q2Wnyo_oChWSM0lw4j7x_KYmDU8Nw/viewform?usp=sf_link





ST. JOHN FISHER
ST. BALDRICK'S SHAVING EVENT

March 5th following 4:00 mass

If you would like to participate
as a shavee, please use this QR code.



Conner T. Lowry Gymnasium
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, IL

More details to follow
closer to event date.

ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST

GUESTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER KANE HALL, FILL A TO GO CONTAINER WITH PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE, AND RETURN HOME TO ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL IN SUPPORT OF THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

9:00AM-11:00AM

SJF KANE HALL

\$20 PER FAMILY

CARRY-OUT

**I PROTECT THOSE
WHO PROTECT ME.**



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE CHICAGO POLICE MEMORIAL
FOUNDATION'S GET BEHIND THE VEST CAMPAIGN.**

**ST. JOHN FISHER
FATHER DAUGHTER
DANCE**

SAVE THE DATE

'Over the Rainbow'

March 19, 2022

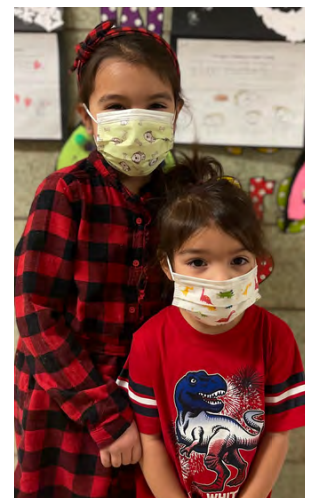
RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

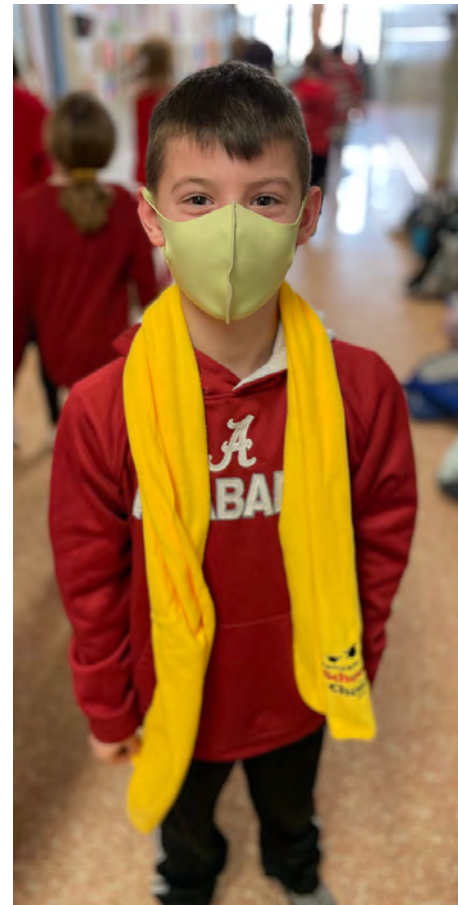
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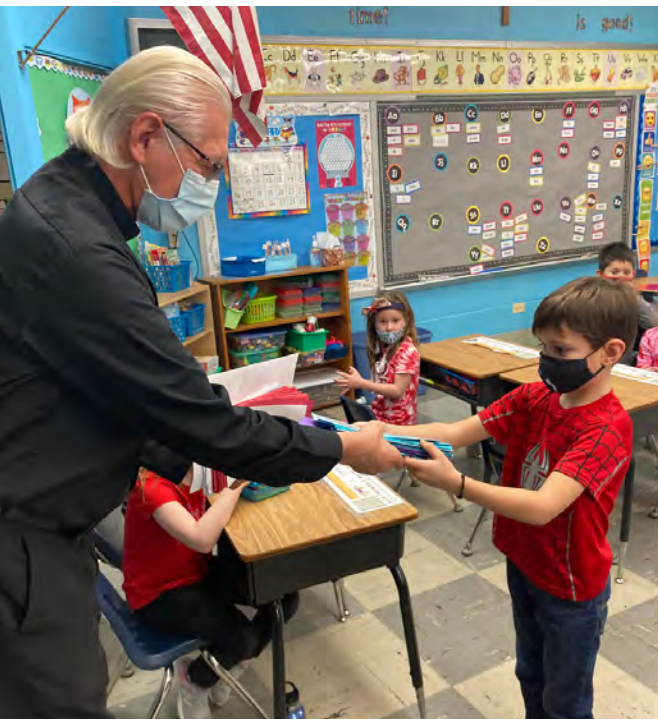
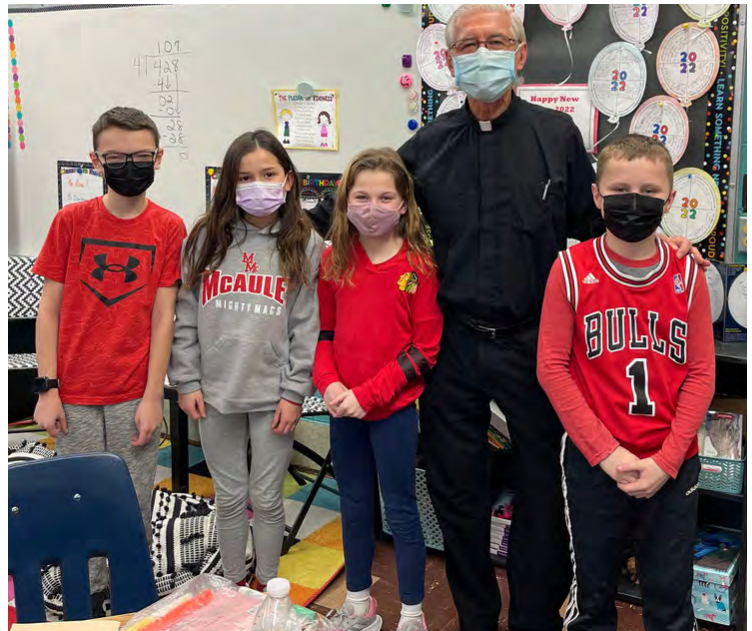








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SNOW DAY!



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