



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts

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

January 22, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

Our Falcons had a fabulous first week back and we continue to be grateful for the privilege of in-person learning! We have so much to look forward to in the coming weeks including celebrating our awesome, resilient and faith-filled 8th grade Falcons who will be making their Confirmation this Sunday. We want to thank the SJF Faculty, especially Dr. Chermak and Mrs. G, for helping them prepare for this important step in their faith as well as their parents, grandparents, siblings and sponsors who have lovingly guided them along the way. Our 8th graders are marvelous; please join me in praying for and congratulating the Confirmation Class of 2021!

SJF is diligently preparing for Catholic Schools Week where together we praise and celebrate Catholic education, and what makes SJF so unique! Because of COVID restrictions, this year's events will look a little different, but we will have a wonderful week, nonetheless. COVID has not ruined our spirits! We are still here. We are still praying. We are still Falcons! See more information below regarding ***SJF's Catholic Schools Week new family project*** symbolizing *our faith, family, friends, and future is what "TIES" Fisher Falcons together!* As opposed to an in-person open house that we have hosted in year's past, we will be showcasing our amazing school virtually this year. Please continue to spread the word about SJF to your family and friends. New student registration begins January 31st. *Now is a great time to join our Falcon Family!* Thank you for your continued commitment to and support of St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- **REGISTRATION FORMS** for the 2021-2022 school year were sent home to pre-school families this week. Don't forget to reserve your spot with us! *Registration for new families* opens up during **Catholic Schools Week, January 31st – February 5th**. **Please promote SJF** to your family, friends and neighbors and encourage them to view our **Virtual Open House Tour** which will be posted on our social media pages and the SJF website during Catholic Schools Week. **Now is a great time to be a Falcon!**
- **FSA Update:**
 - FSA will be hosting an open **virtual meeting on Wednesday, January 27th at 7pm**. [Here is the link](#) to the event. **All are welcome!**
 - Please help us plan our fundraising efforts by **providing your feedback on our S & T Fundraiser**. [Here is the link to the brief survey](#). Thank you for your response!
- **2nd Grade Families** – *Save the date!* **First Reconciliation** will take place on:
 - February 22nd – Mrs. Kellam's Homeroom
 - February 23rd – Mrs. Ball's Homeroom
 - February 24th – Ms. Surin's Homeroom. **More information will be shared with you in the coming weeks.*
- Don't forget to **register** to save your spot for **Extended Day**, [here](#)! If you have any questions, contact Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjschool.net.
- **The SJF Book Fair** returns this year **VIRTUALLY** during **Catholic Schools Week**. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.
- Are you receiving our **Parish Newsletter**? If not, sign up [here](#) so you don't miss a beat!

COVID Reminders

- **Update:** Please read [this important update from Archdiocese](#) regarding our **change in quarantine procedures**.
- 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).**
- *Thank you for your partnership and caution. Our school has successfully remained open for in-person learning because of you!*



We are so proud of our resilient Falcons!

MANNA News

Manna Update: Beginning the week of January 24th, 2021, the Manna order made through the shop with scrip website or raise right app can be sent home from school with students for school families that choose this method. This will be on a trial basis to ensure it works well for the school and families. A few requirements:

1. PLEASE SUBMIT: [Manna Waiver Form](#) - Agreement for Gift Cards to be sent home thru school. Submitting this form will signal to the Manna team that you'd like ALL orders to be sent home from school.
2. Use www.shopwithscrip.com or [Raise Right App](#).
3. Place order by **10 AM on Sundays** and gift cards will be sent home on **THURSDAYS**. If you miss that deadline, *your order will be sent home the following Thursday*.
4. **Note:** If this is the method you choose, all orders submitted and paid for will be delivered this way. If you decide to revert back to picking up your orders at the convent, please email sjfmanna@gmail.com to be removed from the "Send Home" list. *You are still welcome to stop in at the Convent to order gift cards in stock during open hours.*
5. **Tip:** Use Reminders on shopwithscrip site under "Dashboard – Account Settings – Reminders." You can set up a Shopping Cart with regular orders to easily submit with a few clicks.

NEW USERS:

If you have not yet participated in Manna and this is the convenience you were looking for, please start by filling out the registration form below as Step 1. Then you can start participating without leaving your home by signing up on www.shopwithscrip.com or by downloading the Raise Right App by shopwithscrip.

1. [Manna Registration Form](#) or Hand in [Paper copy of Registration Form](#) (Step 1):
2. Email sjfmanna@gmail.com for SJF Enrollment Number (Step 2)
3. Register on [Shopwithscrip](#) to use the website version AND/OR download the [RaiseRight App](#) (Step 3)

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday, January 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Confirmation</i> @ 1 & 4
Wednesday, January 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trimester 2 Progress Check • FSA Open Virtual Meeting @ 7pm *Please find link above in Important Announcements
Sunday, January 31 st – Friday, February 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Catholic Schools Week</i> • Open Enrollment for new families begins!
Monday, February 1 st – Sunday, February 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SJF's Virtual Book Fair! *see flyer below for more details

Parish News

Por Labore Dei will continue to serve between 125-200 families EACH and EVERY Saturday morning in the Robbins, Blue Island, and Posen communities. You can help by donating any type of non-perishable food.

- Items such as cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter, jelly, bread, pasta, sauce, mac & cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, etc. could be the source of meals for these families.
- Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. The SJF Youth Ministry uses these funds to do the shopping for us. Donations can be dropped off at the church parking lot between 10:30 and 11am EACH and EVERY Saturday morning. You can also drop off at the rectory or we would be happy to pick them up from your home. Just let us know.
- Please know that PLD not only wants to help the known communities in need but ANY family in need, OUR families especially. If your family is struggling or you know a family that can use and accept a helping hand, please let us know. Your information will be held in strict confidence.
- St. John Fisher has been an unbelievable supporter of PLD and we hope we can continue to count on your generosity in these difficult times, throughout the winter.
- Your donations will warm the hearts of many of our PLD families.

Thank you and God bless,

Pam O'Mara (773) 612-0281 or Pat Hayes (773) 203-7881

- Don't forget to *join us for mass* at 4 PM on Saturdays, 8 AM and 11 AM on Sundays, and 8:15 AM every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday.
- **Confession** is also available every **Saturday 3 PM - 3:45 PM**. If you would like to sign up in advance for weekend Masses, you may call the rectory, 773-445-6565 or sign up online [here](#). While you are not required to sign up in advance, it helps us ensure enough space for all.



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Cooper McAlilly, 8th Grade



SJF's "Falcon of the Week" is 8th grader, Cooper McAlilly.

Our school theme is "Fly Like a Falcon." At school, we are intentionally discussing *what it means to be a falcon*. 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.

Cooper fits this description to a "T". He has comfortably settled into the role of a leader this year. We are so proud of Cooper's maturity, work ethic, resiliency and commitment to his success as a student and a person. This pandemic has been difficult on all of our kids for a variety of reasons. Cooper is a gifted athlete. Not being able to play sports could have easily had a negative impact on Cooper's mindset. Instead, Cooper displayed his resiliency and has channelled his energy positively

into the classroom and his every day demeanor. Many of the qualities that make SJF unique have been altered or halted altogether. The junior high students were used to switching classes, seeing different friends throughout the day, eating as a large group in the lunchroom, connecting in the hallways, etc. These changes are difficult for anyone to digest and adapt to...but, not Cooper.

Cooper continues to show up positively every day. He works hard, remains engaged, has a great attitude and sense of humor, quietly helps others without ever being asked, and takes feedback well. Cooper is a great kid and is always there when you need him. He is a conscientious contributor and an active participant in his classes each day. Cooper has become a role model for his classmates, fellow Falcons, and teachers. We are so blessed to have Cooper with us and are excited for his bright future! Thank you Cooper for showing up each day. Keep flying like a Falcon. You have made SJF a better place!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FAMILY ACTIVITY

**OUR FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FUTURE IS
WHAT "TIES" FISHER FALCONS TOGETHER.**

**EACH FAMILY IS
INVITED TO MAKE
THEIR OWN "TIE"
DYED CREATION.**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO
HAVE IT ALIGN WITH
OUR SCHOOL COLORS,
BUT YOU ARE
WELCOME TO CREATE
A UNIQUE FAMILY
DESIGN.**

**THE BELOW LINK IS A
YOUTUBE VIDEO THAT
MAY HELP WITH EASY
INSTRUCTIONS FOR TIE
DYING.**

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?
V=DS3QSQWWFY8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DS3QSQWWFY8)

**THESE SHIRTS MAY BE
WORN FOR OUR FISHER
WEAR FRIDAY AND YOU ARE
WELCOME TO SHARE ANY
PHOTOS TO BE POSTED ON
OUR SOCIAL MEDIA
ACCOUNTS!**

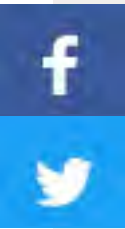
PLEASE SHARE YOUR PICTURES WITH
MSCHIAVONE@SJFSCHOOL.NET OR
MORLEY@SJFSCHOOL.NET

**FAMILY TIES, SCHOOL TIES, COMMUNITY TIES,
KEEP US ALL TOGETHER**

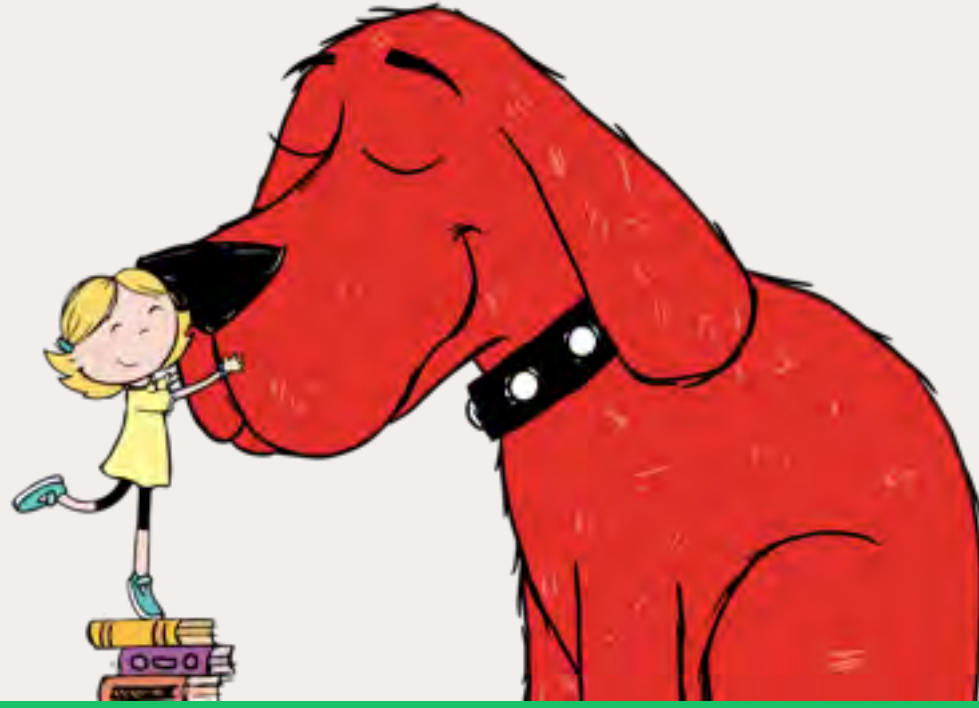
ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL Book Fair

10200 S WASHTENAW AVE , CHICAGO , IL 60655

Feb. 1 - Feb. 14



Our Book Fair is online! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book-only purchases over \$25.



A SAFE, CASHLESS WAY TO SHOP THE FAIR

Easy to setup, **eWallet** funds are immediately available for use at both the in-school and virtual Book Fair. Plus, family and friends can contribute too! Create an eWallet account between 01/11 - 02/14

GET STARTED

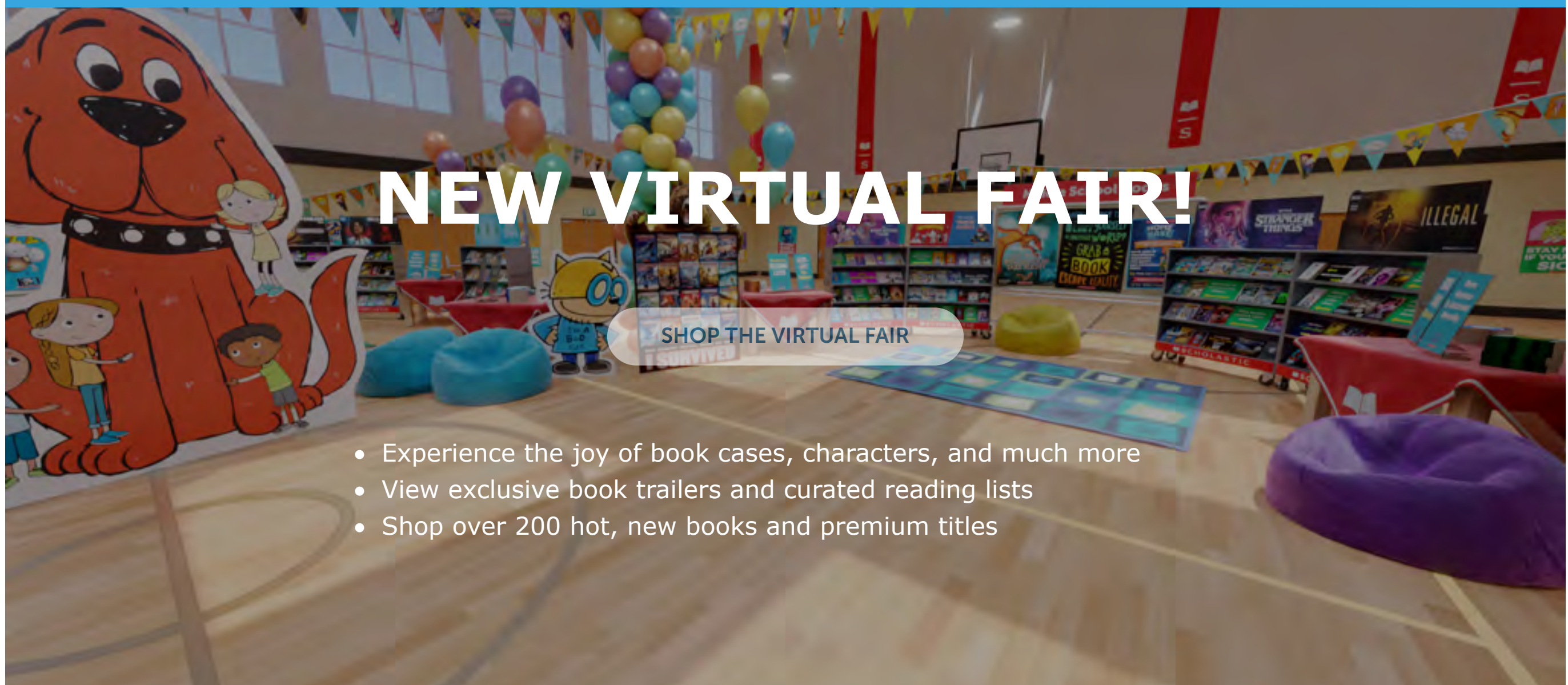
Shop During Feb. 1 - Feb. 14



SHOP THE STORE



Support our school by shopping The Scholastic Store Online for an expanded selection of exclusives, new releases, value packs, and more. All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 **ship free**. Every purchase **benefits our school** and helps develop a love of reading.



NEW VIRTUAL FAIR!

SHOP THE VIRTUAL FAIR

- Experience the joy of book cases, characters, and much more
- View exclusive book trailers and curated reading lists
- Shop over 200 hot, new books and premium titles



2020-2021 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

- Assignments
- Homework
- Class Activities

Contact [Classroom Teacher](#) by email or note.

- Discipline
- Classroom 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@sjschool.net

- Attendance
- Calendars
- Schedules
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Public Relations

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Kate Spadoni: kspadoni@sjschool.net

- Registration
- Admissions
- Medical Forms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: lmurray@sjschool.net

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sjschool.net

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

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

- Counseling
- Student Support

Contact SJF Counselor and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Nichole Carey: ncarey@sjschool.net

- Parent Newsletter
- Financial Aid Applications
- School Procedures
- Administrative Matters
- Policy
- Further assistance on any matters listed above

Contact SJF Principal, Mrs. Maura Nash: mnash@sjschool.net

- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

School Advisory Board: sjsab@gmail.com
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: fsa@sjschool.net
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com