



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts

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

January 29, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

We have some exciting news to share! Each week I express my gratitude for your partnership in our health and safety protocols to keep our students and staff safe. This week a health inspector from the Archdiocese COVID Task Force audited our building and practices overall. I am proud to say that *OUR* efforts *TOGETHER* are making a difference! The inspector praised us and recommended we serve as a resource for other schools. This year has been anything but easy and convenient. As I tell the students each day: We are Fisher Falcons and we can do hard things! Way to Falcons!

SJF is excitedly 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 Agenda and our family project*** symbolizing *faith, family, friends, and future are what "TIE" Fisher Falcons together!* Now is a great time to join our Falcon Family!

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- **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)! Next week is Catholic Schools Week so please show your Falcon support and feel free to use #CSW21 #FalconsNOW
- **REGISTRATION** for the 2021-2022 school year is NOW OPEN to all of our Falcons - don't forget to reserve your spot with us! *Registration for new families opens up during Catholic Schools Week, January 31st – February 5th.*
- **FSA Update:** 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 23rd – Mrs. Kellam's Homeroom
 - February 24th – Mrs. Ball's Homeroom
 - February 25th – 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@sjfschool.net.
- **The SJF Book Fair** returns this year **VIRTUALLY** during **Catholic Schools Week**. If you have questions, reach out to Mrs. Keller, kkeller@sjfschool.net.
- Are you receiving our **Parish Newsletter**? If not, sign up [here](#) so you don't miss a beat!



Counseling and Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) Update

We proudly introduce Mrs. Lauren Lordo! St. John Fisher was fortunate enough to have Mrs. Lordo serve as an intern within our counseling and SEL program this past trimester. We are excited that Mrs. Lordo will remain with us full-time in that capacity for the rest of the school year!



My name is Lauren Lordo and I am thrilled for the opportunity to be a part of St. John Fisher School! In 2015, I received my Bachelors of Science in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education. Upon completion of my degree I worked in ABA therapy for a private company and as a paraprofessional in the elementary and middle school settings. From these experiences, I chose to pursue my Master of Education in Professional School Counseling and graduated with honors in 2020. My determination as a school counselor is to assist children in developing the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to become healthy, competent and confident learners. Through classroom guidance lessons, small group, and individual counseling, students will achieve academic success, develop an understanding of career opportunities and develop social/emotional skills in response to issues they face. Beyond the school counseling role, I was born and raised on the Southside and happily reside in the community with my husband and our German-shepard. I look forward to working with the students and families at St. John Fisher School.

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**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK 2021**
January 31 - February 6
#CSW21

COVID Reminders

- **Update:** Please read [this important update from the 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!***

Parish News

Pro 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.



- 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.

MANNA News

Manna Update: Now 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)



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#FalconsNow #CSW21



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Molly Duhig, Pre-school



SJF's "Falcon of the Week" is pre-schooler, Molly Duhig.

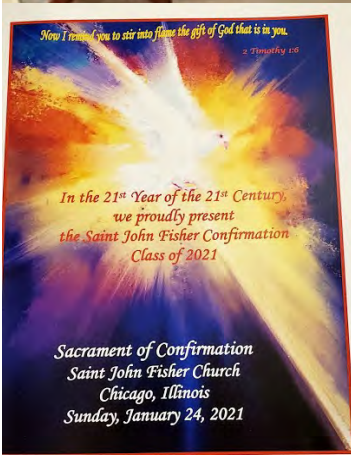
Our school theme is "Fly Like a Falcon." At school, we are intentionally discussing *what it means to be a falcon*. We are encouraging our school community to "soar above" things that might bring us down, not allowing us to be our best selves. We are on a school-wide crusade to "Fly Like a Falcon," lifting one another up, celebrating the positive interactions and kind behavior that our students and staff demonstrate each and every day.

All of Molly's teachers consistently share with me how helpful she is throughout the day. Molly is one of our 4-year old pre-schoolers and is so excited to help her friends and teachers each day, especially our

newest Falcons! Whether it is passing out paper, holding the door, making sure all of her friends have a seat or the materials they need, Molly is on the spot! She often picks her favorite toys last to make sure all of her classmates are able to select theirs first. Molly volunteers to be the last one out the door or the last one to take a restroom break. However, Molly is the first to volunteer to help or cheer up a friend, a teacher or anyone in need! Molly is clearly a natural leader at her young age. Her positive can-do, selfless attitude is remarkable and we are so proud of her each day!

Thank you Molly for going above and beyond each day. You truly are the "nice kid" and an example to us all. Keep flying like a Falcon, Molly! You have made SJF a better place!

Confirmation Class 2021
May the Holy Spirit guide you
in all you do!
Congratulations 8th graders,
families, and sponsors!





Confirmation Catechists



Junior High Faculty



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**



2021 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH, EXCELLENCE, AND SERVICE

MONDAY: Roll Out of Bed Day and All School BINGO! Come to school dressed in your pajamas.

TUESDAY: Game Day- Students will enjoy an afternoon of games in their classroom.

WACKY WEDNESDAY: Our school will do a collection for the **Ronald McDonald House**. We ask that each child brings in at least \$1. Students can dress in their craziest, wackiest outfits.

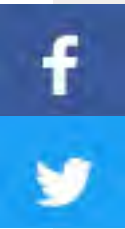
THURSDAY: As a school we will celebrate our faith with a special rosary service.

FALCON FRIDAY: Students are completely out of uniform and may dress in their Falcon wear or their special tie-dye creations! We will do an all school movie day. Each child may bring in an individual treat to have during their movie!

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

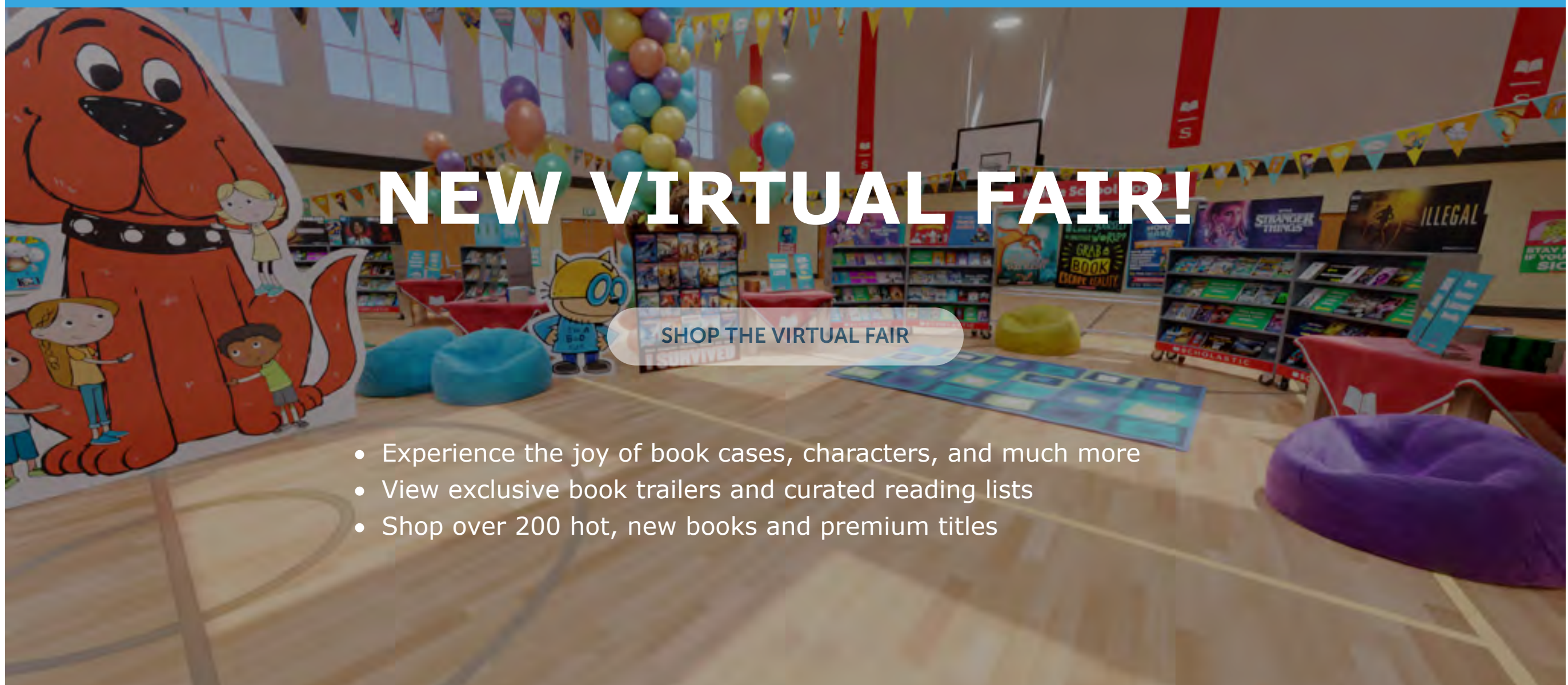
Shop During Feb. 1 - Feb. 14



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@sjfschool.net

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

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

- Registration
- Admissions
- Medical Forms

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

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sjfschool.net

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

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

- Counseling
- Student Support

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

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

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