



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts*

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

March 5, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

We have made it to the last week of the second trimester. This weekend is a great opportunity for our students to catch up on any late or missing assignments and go the extra mile to finish up strong! The end of the marking period often consists of unit assessments. Please take the time to check-in with your child(ren) this weekend to ensure he/she/they put their best foot forward these last few days of trimester 2. Our Falcons are so bright and we want to ensure their grades are an accurate reflection of their knowledge and effort.

We are eager to discuss your child's progress with you on Friday. In case you missed my e-mail yesterday, please see the note below discussing the scheduling process for our second-round of optional parent-teacher conferences on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, the SJF Leadership Team and School Advisory Board will be hosting the State of the School meeting outlining the progress we have made on our [5-year Strategic Plan](#) along with the ways in which we hope to improve with your help and feedback. Stay tuned for a separate invitation to our live virtual meeting at the beginning of next week. We hope you can join us! Thank you for your continued investment and commitment to St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

## Important Announcements

- The **UChicago Impact Parent Survey is now open!** Please fill out the parent survey, [linked here](#). Your feedback will be used to continue to make improvements at SJF – thank you for your participation!
- **iReady:** All SJF students completed a mid-year, iReady diagnostic test. The results will be used to drive both large and small group instruction as it provides teachers with reports which detail students' strengths and areas for growth. While iReady data is informative and useful, it is by no means a perfect assessment; so many factors influence a student's performance especially during a pandemic. We continue to monitor student progress and work to ensure that there are no barriers between students and their potential. As a family, we ask that you continue to emphasize the importance of completing the iReady lessons as they are assigned by your child(ren)'s teacher(s). If you are interested in viewing your child(ren)'s most recent score you can find them on their iReady dashboard under the My Progress tab. **Please direct any questions, concerns or requests for additional score information to Mrs. Nichole Carey** at [ncarey@sjschool.net](mailto:ncarey@sjschool.net).

- The second round of **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for Friday, **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. **March 12<sup>th</sup> is an 11:30 dismissal for students.** *Optional* Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place between **12-4 on March 12<sup>th</sup>**. The link to sign-up for conferences is below. We want to partner and collaborate with you! You can always reach out to your child's teacher(s) to schedule a meeting at any point throughout the school year.
- **REMINDER:** There is ***NO SCHOOL on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>***.
- **School Advisory Board Update:** Please join the SAB meeting on **March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30** where they will share an update on progress and next steps related to [SJF's Strategic Plan](#). All parents are invited to listen in! This is a great opportunity especially for anyone interested in joining these efforts next year. We have a few openings and will be seeking new members. If you have questions, please feel free to email, [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com), ahead of the meetings so we can address any questions that night. The meeting will be virtual and the link will be shared early next week.
- **FSA Update:** Calling all Falcon Families! FSA is looking for volunteers to help plan upcoming events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen Schiesl, [kristenschiesl@gmail.com](mailto:kristenschiesl@gmail.com), or Karen McDonagh, [klak13@yahoo.com](mailto:klak13@yahoo.com).
  - We are having our **S & T Fundraiser** again! Below is the order form - thank you for your participation and support!
  - **FSA Save the Dates:**  
**May 3rd - May 7th** - Teacher Appreciation Week  
**May 22nd** - Fisher Community Yard Sale – [Please complete this survey](#) regarding your interest in participating in this event. Thank you!
- 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](mailto:dogrady@sjfschool.net).
- **Women's Club Update:** We have lots of interest - but **we need YOUR RECIPES!** So far, we don't have enough to create a book. Please help the Women's Club build a great SJF cookbook by sharing your recipes for appetizers, main dishes, side dishes, any meal, dessert - we welcome all contributions! Please e-mail recipes to: [colnitsche04@gmail.com](mailto:colnitsche04@gmail.com) or [melissazmich28@gmail.com](mailto:melissazmich28@gmail.com).
  - **Save the Dates** \*stay tuned for more information:  
**April 16<sup>th</sup>** Virtual Bingo  
**May 14<sup>th</sup>** Scavenger Hunt

## COVID Reminders

- Please see the **UPDATED QUARANTINE GUIDANCE** from the archdiocese, [linked here](#).
- 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!

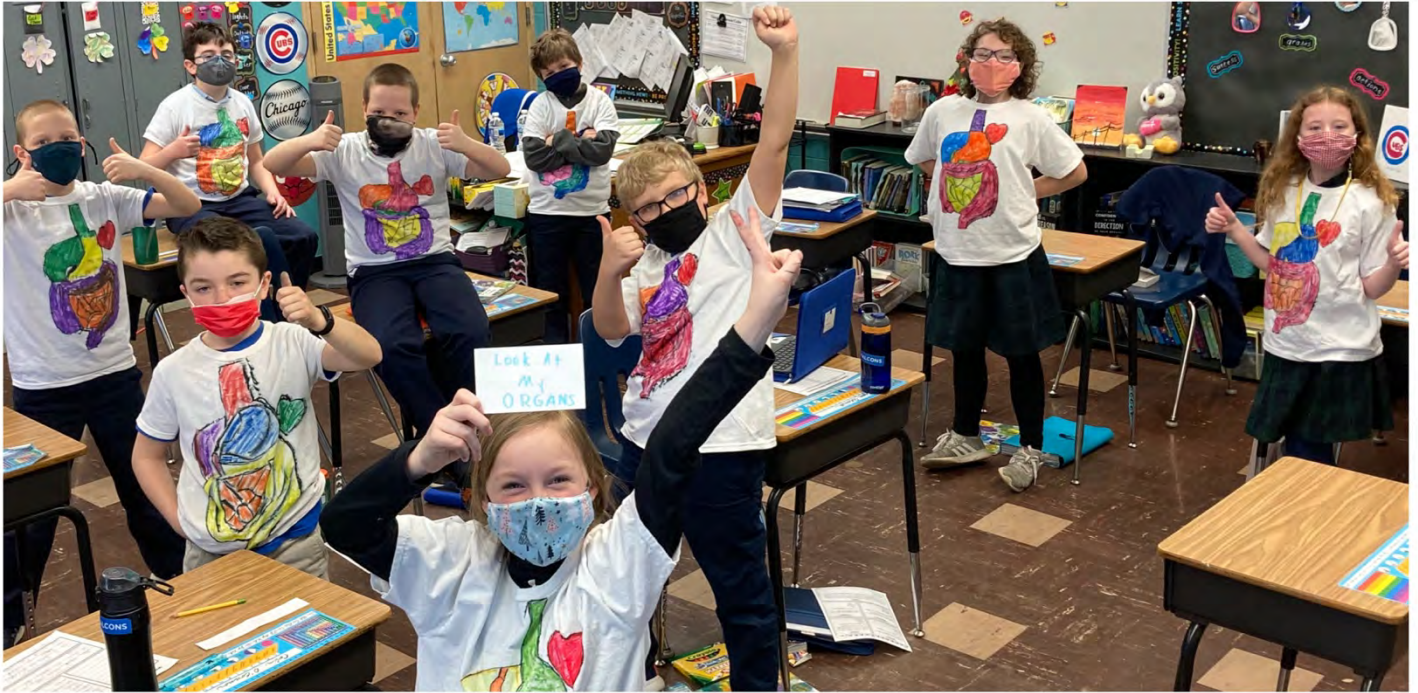
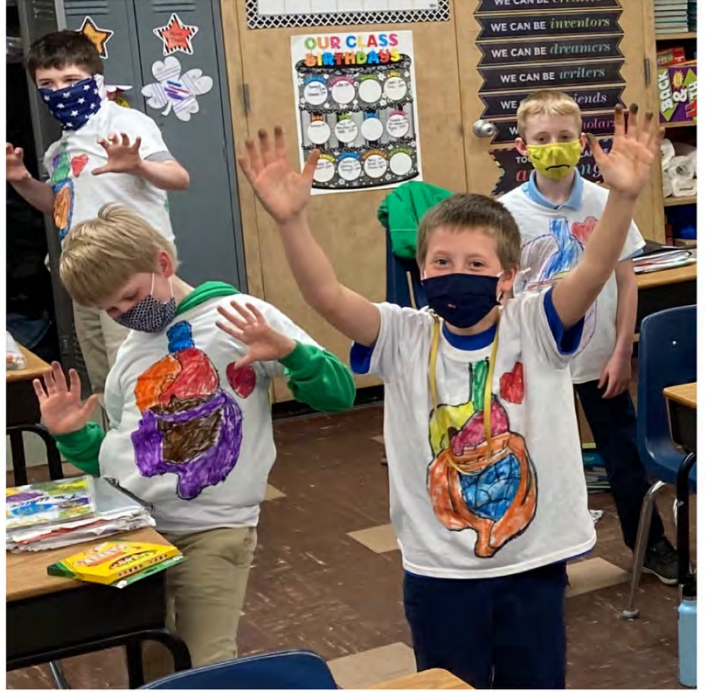
## Parish News

- In partnership with the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward, South Side Irish Parade Lawn Signs are being sold in the church parking lot on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. to support all of the small business impacted by the suspension of the SSI Parade. Please stop by and make a donation if you can. Thank you!
- Here is this month's [Parish Newsletter](#). Sign up to receive the parish newsletter [here](#).
- Help Needed! SJF needs help to decorate the church for Easter on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. Thank you for your consideration.
- **A Note from Pro Labore Dei:** This will be a BIG year for Easter Baskets for the families we serve at Pro Labore Dei. We would be so appreciative of any donation you could provide! *The deadline for drop off will be **Friday, March 26th**. Here are some suggestions for contents of the baskets:*
  - **BOY:** a rosary/prayers/candy/fruit/gift card (McDonalds or Burger King)/socks/granola bars/candy/sports cards/ matchbox cars/batteries
  - **GIRL:** a rosary/prayers/candy/fruit/gift card/socks/granola bars/a doll/gel pens/hair accessories/batteries
  - **ANYONE:** a rosary/prayers/gift cards/socks/candy/fruit/any ideas you may have
  - Please mark the basket BOY, GIRL, ANYONE. **We continue to collect and distribute food each and every week.**
  - St John Fisher, thanks for all you do! If you have any questions please contact Pam O'Mara 773 612 0281 or Pat Hayes 773 203 7881.

## Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade scientists can tell you all about the body...way to go Falcons!



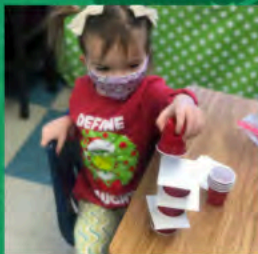
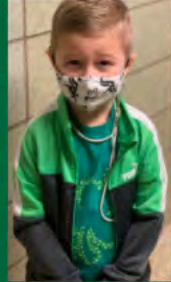








**PINCH OF THE GRINCH DAY**





# FALCONS OF THE WEEK

## Falcons Take the Plunge!



We are so proud of all of our students who are taking the Polar Plunge this weekend for Special Olympics!

Pictured above are:

- **7th graders:** Sean Sloyan, Emmett McDonagh, Gavin Urchell, Owen Lynch, Mikey Fitzgerald, Sean Godfrey, Patrick O'Connor, Tony Rusch, Charlie Wingate, Jimmy Bansley, Finn Fitzpatrick, Killian Lacy, Shane Daley, Jake Carroll, Jacob Murdoch and Declan Stanley.
- **The Guinane Clan:** Connor Guinane, Mary Kate Guinane, Grace O'Malley, Brigid O'Malley, Jimmy Guinane, Brian Guinane, Ryan Guinane, Annie O'Malley, Callie Guinane, Owen O'Malley, Brendan Guinane, Jack Guinane and Bernadette O'Malley.

You are making a difference in our school and our community! Thank you for flying like Falcons and being an example to us all!



# **GET BEHIND THE VEST**

**TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS VERY WORTHY CAUSE AND ALL BRAVE POLICE OFFICERS, WE WILL DO AN ALL SCHOOL **BLUE** OUT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH!**



**STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR BLUE OR ANY CLOTHING THAT SUPPORTS CHICAGO OR THE C.P.D. AND BRING IN A DONATION THAT WILL GO TOWARD THE GET BEHIND THE VEST CAMPAIGN.**



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March 4, 2021

Dear SJF Parents,

Next week we are hosting a second round of optional, virtual parent-teacher conferences. Families are asked to schedule a meeting time with their child(ren)'s teacher between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. At your scheduled time you will simply use the link below to view the staff directory; clicking on a teacher's picture will bring you to an active Zoom meeting. You will immediately enter into a virtual waiting room in which the teacher will admit you into the conference once it is your designated time.

In many ways the structure of parent-teacher conferences will mirror previous years:

- Conferences are not mandatory.
- *Ten minutes* is allocated per scheduled conference.
- Please be respectful of other parents' scheduled conferences.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> is an 11:30 a.m. dismissal.
- We are happy to accommodate you. If the conference time frame does not work for your schedule and you wish to have a meeting or phone conference, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Please [visit this link to schedule](#) your conference.

Please visit [this link to attend](#) your conference.

We look forward to meeting with you. Please reach out to your child(ren)'s teacher(s) or a member of the leadership team if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Maura Nash**  
Principal  
St. John Fisher School  
10200 S. Washtenaw  
Chicago, IL 60655

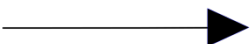




# 2020-2021 St. John Fisher School Contacts

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](mailto: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](mailto:kspadoni@sjschool.net)

- Registration
- Admissions
- Medical Forms



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

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees



Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: [dmaxwell@sjschool.net](mailto:dmaxwell@sjschool.net)

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



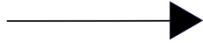
Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: [mredmond@sjschool.net](mailto:mredmond@sjschool.net)  
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: [echermak@sjschool.net](mailto:echermak@sjschool.net)  
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: [dogrady@sjschool.net](mailto:dogrady@sjschool.net)  
Manna Team: [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com)

- Counseling
- Student Support



Contact SJF Counselor and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Nichole Carey: [ncarey@sjschool.net](mailto: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](mailto:mnash@sjschool.net)

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



School Advisory Board: [sjsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjsab@gmail.com)  
Athletic Association: [stjohnfishersports@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfishersports@gmail.com)  
FSA: [fsa@sjschool.net](mailto:fsa@sjschool.net)  
Women's Club: [SJFWomensClub@gmail.com](mailto:SJFWomensClub@gmail.com)  
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# St. John Fisher Pizza Set Up Fundraiser



**Support SJF and Shop Local - Vouchers Never Expire - Save Money**

3 Crusts to Choose From:

(3) 12" crusts, (10) 7" crusts, or (3) gluten free crusts

Set Ups include 1 lb. of mozzarella and a pint of homemade sauce

Sausage/Pepperoni set ups include 20 oz of pizza sausage or 1/2 lb of pepperoni

Use now or freeze for later!

Cash, Zelle, or Checks made out to St. John Fisher FSA

FSA Zelle account: michellebw27@hotmail.com

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Cash   Check   Zelle

Thin Crust - (3)12"	Price	Quantity	Total Price
Cheese	\$13		
Sausage	\$16		
Pepperoni	\$16		
<b>Thin Crust - (10)7"</b>			
Cheese	\$15		
Sausage	\$18		
Pepperoni	\$18		
<b>Gluten Free - (3)12"</b>			
Cheese	\$18		
Sausage	\$20		
Pepperoni	\$20		
<b>Totals:</b>			

**\*\*ORDERS DUE March 19th\*\***

Parishoner orders can be drop at the rectory  
or emailed to [karenmcdonagh513@gmail.com](mailto:karenmcdonagh513@gmail.com)

**Redeem Vouchers at:**

S&T Provisions 3804 W. 111th Street Chicago, IL.  
Open Mon - Sat 9am-6pm