



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts*

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

October 30, 2020

Dear SJF Families,

Happy Halloween! We are 8 weeks in and counting. Thank you for your continued honesty and caution as it relates to our COVID procedures. Every day we are in school is a blessing and we couldn't do it without your partnership. I could not be more proud of our resilient and incredible students who work so hard to learn (and have fun while doing so) each day under our unique circumstances. We are so fortunate to be able to work with your wonderful children. May the break in the weather tomorrow allow you and your loved ones to have a safe and fun Halloween and All Saints Day Weekend!

Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*



## Important Announcements

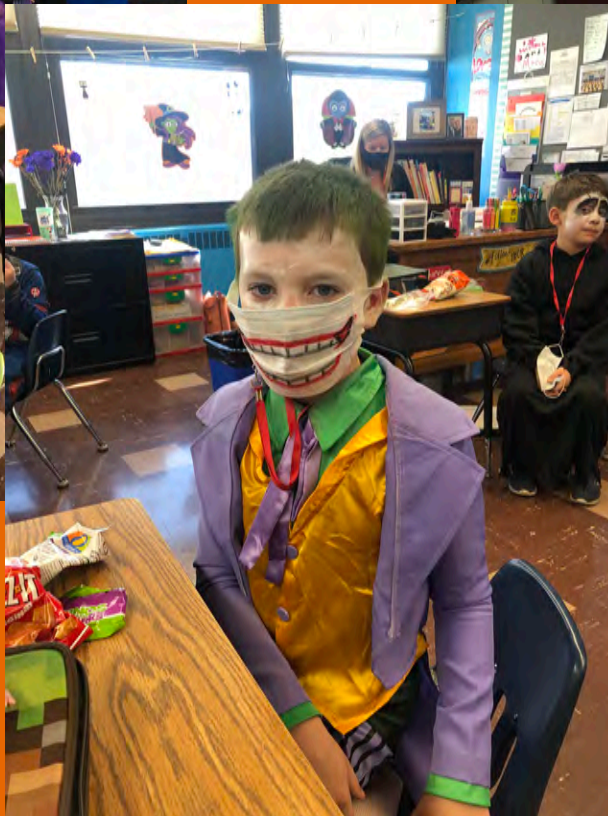
- Thank you for being so communicative to the office and faculty regarding your child's absence. Please be mindful that if/when you e-mail a teacher or the office during the day regarding your child's make-up work, we may not be able to respond to you until the end of the school day. We will happily respond as soon as we are able. Thank you for your patience!
- The Archdiocese announced that all *Catholic elementary schools will be remote learning from January 6<sup>th</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup> with a return to in-person learning on January 19<sup>th</sup>*. Please see the details of this important announcement [linked here](#).
- In case you missed it, [here is a link to the important financial update](#) from our school and parish finance committees.
- **MANNA**: Please consider sharing the attached flyer with family, friends, and neighbors to help expand the MANNA program in the community. You can also process orders for others to help you achieve the \$300 School Earnings requirement - easier than selling girl scout cookies! To catch up to achieve \$100,000 School goal for the year, we are encouraging families to try to sell \$1,500. Thanks for any support you can provide!
- **S & T Pizza Set-ups!** Please see the attached flyer discussing how purchasing S & T vouchers can support our school. Please reach out to Karen McDonagh with any questions, [klak13@yahoo.com](mailto:klak13@yahoo.com). Thank you!
- We are excited to announce the kick-off of **St. John Fisher's Grand Raffle!** Tickets will be available starting Friday, 10/30. Please support this important fundraiser and get a chance to win great cash prizes. We are hoping to replace the funding we count on annually from Fisher Fest. See the attached information for more detail. Thank you!
- **Parish Newsletter**: Are you receiving our parish newsletter? If not, [sign up here!](#)
- **A reminder from Mrs. Corley**: If you have not done so already, please send in a set of watercolors for your student(s) to use in art class this year. This will give our students the opportunity to choose from a variety of materials when creating artwork.
- Remember to **turn back your clocks this weekend!** Daylight saving time is almost over, so get ready to "fall back." The official time for people to turn the clocks back an hour is at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, Nov. 1.**
- Thank you to all who participated in the pumpkin decorating contest. *Congratulations to the De'Tineo's and their awesome Pete the Cat Pumpkin!*

## COVID Reminders

- **Masks**: Please make sure your child has a mask that **fits appropriately**. Masks must fit snug and cover his/her nose and mouth. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!
- **If a student or student's immediate family member is awaiting a test result from the lab AFTER YOU RECEIVED THE RESULTS FROM A RAPID TEST, the student(s) must remain home until the lab results are returned and confirmed.**
- **Quarantined Cohorts**: Please be aware that ***there is a process that we go through in order to quarantine a classroom***. This process includes communication and direction from the Archdiocese as well as the CDC and IDPH and can take several hours to complete. When we become aware of a positive COVID case in our community ***we act as quickly and communicate as promptly as we are able***. We are so grateful for your patience and understanding.
- Here is a link to our **Health and Safety Plan [Decision Tree](#)**.

- The Archdiocese has enacted a new policy that ***if a family knowingly sends their child to school when they are positive for COVID-19, the family will be subject to our remote learning option for the remainder of the school year.***
- As a reminder, here are answers to some of our most frequently asked questions:
  - ***If a student becomes ill at school*** and has **2 or more COVID symptoms** or a **fever**, the student ***and his/her siblings will be sent home.*** The School Office will send an e-mail to parents communicating that in order for their family to return back to school, parents must share documentation of a negative COVID test result or a doctor's note indicating that the diagnosis is not COVID related.
  - When a student is absent due to an illness, the School Office will e-mail the parents:
    - **1 symptom** requires monitoring for fever or additional symptoms. The student can return to school after parents respond to the e-mail, documenting that all symptoms are gone and the student is 24 hours fever free without fever reducers.
    - **2 symptoms** require a doctor's note to return to school, a negative test, or a 14-day quarantine. ***All siblings must also stay home during that time*** either until a doctor's note is shared, a negative test is presented or the quarantine is completed.
    - Homework cannot be sent home with neighbors or friends, but CAN BE SENT HOME WITH SIBLINGS. Please connect with your students' teacher(s) to coordinate missing work.
    - When picking up your child early from school for whatever reason, parents are expected to wait outside the main office doors.
  - If your child's classroom has to quarantine, you only need to quarantine his/her siblings if he/she is showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- In an effort to keep everyone safe and protect our school community at large, ***please communicate with us any documentation you receive from your doctor regarding your child's symptoms/illness.*** In order to keep everyone safe, we must always make cautious decisions with the well-being of those around us at heart. Thank you for working with us!
- ***Please partner with us and keep your children safe while outside of school. If we all follow this guidance, we will have a greater chance of keeping our doors open.*** While your child is not in school, please remind him/her to wear a mask, keep his/her distance, wash and sanitize his/her hands, and stay home if he/she is sick.
- This year you need to **reserve your spot for Extended Day Care**. Due to the new Covid Safety Guidance, we can only serve 50 students at a time. [Here is the form](#) to reserve your spot!





**Happy Halloween!**



# 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: [sjsfab@gmail.com](mailto:sjsfab@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)  
HNS: [SJFHNS@gmail.com](mailto:SJFHNS@gmail.com)



Support **SJF School** and Local Businesses during the holidays with **NO COST TO YOU!**  
**Purchase Holiday Gift Cards through our Manna Program.**  
**Community Members can Earn Rebates, too (2 - 14%). Better value than credit card rewards!!**

Choose from the following common packages or *Pick and Choose* select retailers and amounts from attached [form](#) with **100+ Retailers Available**. *SJF Families is aiming to sell \$1500 in gift cards this holiday season.*

**Package 1: Holiday Meals**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
County Fair	\$100	3%
Town Liquor	\$50	3%
Swanson's	\$50	5%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>

**Package 2\*: Online Shopping**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Amazon	\$100	2.25%
Kohl's	\$100	3%
Gap	\$100	14%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$19.25</b>

\*(All available in ecertificates to quickly load in your cart or email as gifts)

**Package 3: Stocking Stuffers**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Dunkin Donuts	\$20	3%
Starbucks	\$20	7%
Panera Bread	\$20	5%
Beverly Bakery	\$20	6%
Chipotle	\$20	6%
Golf Galaxy	\$25	2.25%
Amazon	\$25	8%
Oberweis	\$20	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$8.98</b>

**Package 4: Local Dining & Carry-Out**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Horse Thief Hallow	\$50	6%
Fox's	\$50	6%
Milano's	\$50	6%
Open Outcry	\$50	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$10.50</b>

**Package 5\*: Teens, Kids and Grandkids**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
American Girl	\$100	9%
Target	\$50	2.50%
American Eagle	\$50	10%
Xbox	\$50	6%
TopGolf	\$50	8%
Build-A-Bear	\$25	8%
Disney	\$25	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

\*(All available in ecertificates to quickly load in your cart or email as gifts)

**Package 6: Home Décor & Improvement**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Home Depot	\$100	4%
Bed, Bath and Beyond	\$100	7%
Home Goods & Improvement	\$50	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$14.50</b>

**Package 7: Look Good Feel Good!**

Retailer	Amount	SJF and Families Earn:
Ulta	\$50	3%
Everything's Relative	\$50	3%
Core	\$50	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>

Manna is our #1 School Fundraiser. We need to increase participation to balance school budget and maintain competitive tuition rates. Our Goal is to raise **\$100,000 for SJF School** through this program. Every effort counts! **Thank you for the support! You can purchase gift cards thru the program anytime of year.** See "Support us" tab on [website](#) for hours to stop in to buy or easy steps to purchase online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Email [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com) with questions!

Stop in! *Open everyday except Tuesdays:* Manna "Cash and Carry" Hours at the **Convent (on Fairfield side):** Monday 8-9:30 am, Wednesdays 6-7:30pm, Thursdays 8-9:30am, Friday 1-2:30 pm (school year), Saturdays 8:30-9:30 am, Sundays 11 - Noon



# St. John Fisher Holiday Grand Raffle

Tickets are \$100 each

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First prize: \$25,000   Second prize: \$5,000   Third prize: \$2,000

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1 entry per 5 tickets sold will be entered into a \$1,000 prize raffle

Tickets can be purchased in person at the rectory, by calling the rectory at 773-445-6565, or visiting the church and school websites [www.sjfschool.net](http://www.sjfschool.net) or [www.stjohnfisherparish.net](http://www.stjohnfisherparish.net)



**Winners will be drawn  
December 6th after 11:00am mass**



# 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 or Checks made out to St. John Fisher FSA

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

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

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 NOVEMBER 13TH\*\***

**Redeem Vouchers at:**

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