



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts

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

September 18, 2020

Dear SJF Families,

Well, we are on our way to being back in the groove of our school routine and it feels so good! Thank you to everyone for all of your support during this time. Your donations, kind and supportive e-mails, phone calls and notes mean the world to our staff. We are just so grateful for your unconditional loyalty and support of our great school! We really are in this together and together we are doing great things. I cannot say enough what a privilege it is to be back in school for in-person learning. Thank you for your partnership and for reminding your children the necessity of wearing a mask at all times on our school campus, consistently washing their hands, and keeping social distance.

Please join me in praying for our patient and resilient third grade class who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend. As we pray for our First Communicants may we all reflect on ways we can be more like Jesus and continue to cultivate a loving, just and peaceful world. May God bless these wonderful children this weekend and always.

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

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- As a school community, **we raised over \$2,000 to donate to Finley Bracken's family** who resides in our partner school parish, St. Cajetan. Thank you so much for your incredible generosity and prayers for the Bracken family.
- Say Cheese! **School Picture Day** is on **Tuesday, September 29th**.
- **Forgotten Items:** Parents/guardians **cannot bring in students' forgotten items** this school year. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Our next scheduled **School Advisory Board meeting** is on **Tuesday, September 22nd @ 7 PM via zoom**. Please email sjfsab@gmail.com if you would like to participate. Our agenda will include:
 - Finalize School Board Annual Goals for 2020-2021 School Year.
 - Committee Updates (Mission Effectiveness, Fiscal Management and Marketing and Communications and Strategic Planning).
 - We will **post minutes** from the meeting including our goals within a week of the meeting **on the School Website under Organizations**. As always, feel free to reach out with input or questions or to be a part of the committee efforts.
- Please see the attached flyer discussing the upcoming **Holy Name Society Golf Outing**.
- **Falcon Fridays are BAAAAAACK!** Students may wear Falcon Spirit-wear shirts with their uniform every Friday. *Students may still continue to wear their gym uniforms each day until October 1st*. Let's Go Falcons!

Abbreviated School Calendar

Due to the uncertainty of our current world, the below dates are subject to change.

September 19 First Holy Communion (make-up), 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
September 29 School Picture Day
October 9-12 Fall Break: Friday – Monday, **school resumes Tuesday, October 13**
October 12 Faculty Professional Development, no school
November 23 & 24 Half days, 11:30 Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences
November 25-29 Thanksgiving Break, **school resumes November 30**
November 30 End of First Trimester
December 23 - January 5 Christmas Break, **school resumes Wednesday January 6**
January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school
January 24 Confirmation
January 31 - February 6 Catholic Schools Week
February 12 Faculty Religious Development, no school
February 15 President's Day, no school
February 23 & 24 First Reconciliation (2 sessions)
March 10 End of Second Trimester
March 12 Half Day, 11:30 Dismissal, *Optional* Second Session of Parent Teacher Conferences
March 15 Faculty Professional Development, no school
April 1 Beginning of Easter Break, Half Day, 11:30 Dismissal
April 2 -10 Spring Break, **school resumes Monday April 11**
May 1 First Holy Communion
May 7 May Crowning, Half Day, 11:30 Dismissal
May 28 8th Grade Ribbon Mass
May 31 Memorial Day, no school
June 4 Last Day of School for the Class of 2021
June 5 Graduation Dance
June 6 Graduation Mass
June 11 End of Third Trimester, Last Day of School



St. John Fisher's Motivational Mantra: I am smart. I am brave. And I can do hard things. I learn from my mistakes. And I know if I work hard, I can do and be anything I want.



COVID Reminders

Monday - Friday

Arrival Times	Last Name
7:40 a.m.	A - E
7:45 a.m.	F - L
7:50 a.m.	M - R
7:55 a.m.	S - Z
8:00 a.m.	Preschool students with older siblings @ SJF
8:05 a.m.	Preschool students who are the oldest in their family

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Dismissal Times	Last Name
2:40 p.m.	All Full – Day Preschool
2:45 p.m.	A - H
2:50 p.m.	I - P
2:55 p.m.	Q - Z

Wednesday – Early Dismissal Schedule

Dismissal Times	Last Name
12:30 p.m.	All Full – Day Preschool
12:35 p.m.	A - H
12:40 p.m.	I - P
12:45 p.m.	Q - Z

- [Here is an updated version](#) of SJF's Health and Safety Plan and our [Decision Tree](#).
- Parents and students **cannot congregate** around the building and must remain masked and 6 feet apart at all times. Before and after school, while on campus, we all must keep our distance from one another. Parents and caregivers **are encouraged to remain in their cars or on the perimeter of campus in order to adhere to our social distance and safety guidelines**.
- SJF has put into place all of the recommended guidance and direction from the Archdiocese of Chicago, CDC, Illinois Department of Public Health and our state and local government officials. [View this video](#) outlining our safety procedures and protocols. Because we are following this guidance with the utmost of care, students and staff should remain healthy and safe while in school. **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, stay home if he/she is sick.
- Please turn in your **signed copy of SJF's Covid Waiver** ASAP!
- 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!



BAND BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 14TH!!!

Band Lessons will be held 'In-person' or 'Online'

Just a quick reminder to register for band, soon! Lessons will be offered 'In-person' at school, or 'Online' through Zoom meetings! We are currently formatting the lesson schedule. Students are encouraged to be registered promptly, so they will not miss out on registration for the school year. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Gula.

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St. John Fisher Parish News

Pro Labore Dei continues to work for those in need in the Robbins, Blue Island and Posen areas. Donations of food items/bags of groceries are collected in the church parking lot every Saturday morning from 10:30 am to 11 am and brought to the designated distribution site. We greatly appreciate the generosity of the SJF Community. As a guide, we suggest filling a bag with a variety of items with options for each meal such as:

- **Breakfast** - cereal, pancake mix, syrup
- **Lunch** -peanut butter, jelly, cheese, bread;
- **Dinner** - pasta, marinara, potato mix, hot dogs, canned vegetables, fruit
- **Dessert** - cookies, cake mixes, etc.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bridget Stalla, bridget.stalla@gmail.com.



Welcome back to Mass!

With much caution and preparation to keep all parishioners safe, St. John Fisher is open 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. We also ask that you familiarize yourself with the list of "What to Expect" Archdiocesan guidelines that can be found on our [SJF Parish Website](#).

Also, we are always looking for friendly volunteers to help greet people with hand sanitizer and help disinfect pews after Church. If you are interested, please sign up online [here](#) or call or email the rectory, sjfparishchicago@gmail.com.



**St. John Fisher Holy Name Society 2020
Joe Guinane Memorial Golf Outing**

Hole Sponsorship Form



Name for Tee Sign: _____

Contact's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact's Phone: _____

Blue and White Hole Sponsor: (\$100): _____

Signature/Authorization _____

Make Check Payable to "SJF Holy Name"



MANNA NEWS

Our MANNA team is happy to answer any questions – just stop in!

- **MANNA Sales Hours at the Convent** (Corner of 102nd and Fairfield) every day except Tuesday.
 - Mondays: 8 – 9:30 AM
 - Wednesdays: 6 – 7:30 PM
 - Thursdays: 8 - 9:30 AM
 - Fridays: 2 - 3 PM
 - Saturdays: 8:30- 9:30 AM
 - Sundays: 10:30 AM -11:30 PM
 - **Note: We ask that you follow social distancing guidelines and wear masks.**
- *In an effort to increase transparency and focus on all fundraisers for the school, the **general “fundraising fee” of \$175** assessed at books day in previous years has been **eliminated**.*
- **MANNA is our single largest school-specific fundraiser.** Participation dropped to 35% in recent years, so the change was necessary to enable the school to maintain competitive tuition rates. To encourage participation fast, we *have introduced a **requirement to “earn” \$300 of MANNA credit each academic year.** Note: The \$300 is not the total spent at Manna, it’s the portion of the rebate that goes to the school.*
- *For every \$1 you earn for the school, you also earn \$1.50 credit toward your tuition bill. **It’s a Win-Win!** Don’t stress, if the requirement is more than you normally spend, just do your best to participate regularly. We will review and assess a fee for individuals that have not met the full requirement of \$300. Our hope is that the fee is less than previous years (Example: Earn \$200 for the school thru the program results in fee of \$100). Get your other family members involved in the program! It’s free money for you and the school and **much better value than your credit card! Full participation = \$100,000 for SJF.***
- 100+ Retailers participating! Simple way to start is to keep your Amazon Cart stocked with e-certificates that you can buy without leaving your home at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> AND Support a few local businesses such as County Fair, Horse Thief Hallow, or Town Liquor. See more ideas on how to reach the requirement within your normal spending [here](#).

Amazon Shoppers,

Please join us at AmazonSmile when completing your shopping orders. AmazonSmile can be used on both regular orders and Amazon Fresh orders. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases to St. John Fisher. Using AmazonSmile is at no cost to you! Instead of using the regular Amazon app or webpage, you will open up AmazonSmile instead 😊 Thank you for your support!

There are 3 EASY ways to remember Amazon Smile when making your purchase on Amazon.

1. To Shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You can add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to remember.

2.

Make it easier to return to smile.amazon.com by adding a shortcut to your phone's home screen



1. Tap the share icon at the bottom of this window.



2. Tap **Add to Home Screen**, and then tap **Add**.



3. Tap the new icon on your home screen to return at any time to smile.amazon.com.

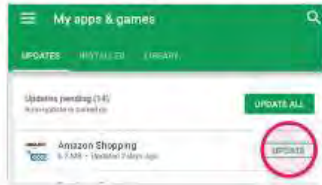
3.

AmazonSmile is now in the Amazon Shopping App

You can now support your favorite charity when you shop using the Amazon Shopping App on your Android device. See below for instructions to turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App.

Follow the steps attached below to add AmazonSmile in your Amazon Shopping App. This feature is coming very soon for iOS (Apple), stay tuned!

1 Make sure you have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App



1. Open the Google Play Store
2. Tap the menu (≡)
3. Tap on My apps & games
4. Tap the Updates tab
5. Update the Amazon Shopping App

2 Open the Amazon Shopping App



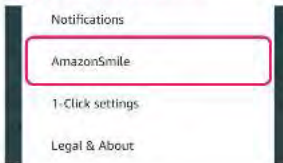
3 Tap in the main menu in the Amazon App



4 Tap Settings



5 Tap AmazonSmile



6 Follow the instructions on the screen to turn on AmazonSmile



7 All set! Tap the Start shopping button and support charity



Coming soon on iOS. Stay tuned!