



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

St. John Fisher School

September 23, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

What a great turnout we had for our Homecoming festivities last weekend! Thank you to all who helped make this day so special and successful for our Falcons! The pride, love and excitement we have for our school and community was so evident on Saturday! Our Falcons also walked away with victories on the field which is always an added bonus.

This was a short, but action-packed week. As a school, we raised \$980 in donations for the Finley Bracken, Finley is Forever Foundation. Thank you so much for your generosity! Our first progress report check along with Parent-Teacher Conferences are just two weeks away. Please encourage your student to continue to put his/her best foot forward and turn in all assignments. Always reach out to your student's teacher(s) with any questions.

Finally, if you could please help us by ensuring your child has a mask each day. We have had to purchase hundreds of masks already this year to replenish our supplies. It is costly to provide masks for students every day. Of course, we understand that students and parents will forget from time to time or that a child might need a fresh mask at some point during the day. We want to be as helpful, understanding and supportive as we possibly can during this unique time. However, there are many students who never have a mask when they come to school. We recognize this is an added cost to the uniform this year, but unfortunately, we have to follow this mandate. It would be a huge help if you can provide a mask for your child each day. Thank you!

As always, we are so grateful for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School.


In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

## Important Announcements

- **REMINDER Students do not have school on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** due to our all-staff professional development day.
- The **Women's Club** is hosting **Bunko on Friday night (tomorrow) in Kane Hall**. The doors open @ 7 and the game starts @ 8. It is \$20 to play and there will be fun prizes. See you there!
- **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)! #FalconsNOW
- **Forgotten Items:** SJF will accept: forgotten lunches, medication, glasses; but we cannot accept: Chromebooks, projects, materials for projects, or homework.
- **Extended Day** : Make sure to [register your child here](#). Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, [dogrady@sjschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjschool.us).
- **Women's Club** is aiming to host a **vendor fair** on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are a vendor and would like to participate in this event, please e-mail or text Maureen O'Malley, 773.339.4951; [mpomalley5@gmail.com](mailto:mpomalley5@gmail.com).
- Say Cheese! **All-School Picture Day** is **Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Hot Lunch:** The menu for October is available and open to order on My School Account. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Spadoni, [kspadoni@sjschool.us](mailto:kspadoni@sjschool.us).

- **Special Lunch is back!** This year we will be piloting **Special Lunch** with a company called **My Hot Lunchbox**. **This is DIFFERENT than the Hot Lunch you order through your My School Account.** Don't worry, some of our favorite local restaurants will still be on the menu and we will have those fantastic moms helping! You can expect an email on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> which will outline how to register and order the October Special Lunch. Our first Special Lunch will be on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Progress Report Check** for Trimester 1 is Wednesday, **October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Any student in grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> with two D's or an F will be enrolled in our Academic Eligibility Club to provide support and intervention where needed to help improve his/her grade. More details will be shared with the families of those students who qualify for this club.

	<p><i>Get your tickets in advance to support SJF Oktoberfest Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - 6-11 pm!</i></p> <p><i>Send cash/check (payable to SJF) to school in an envelope labeled Oktoberfest – Jen Serpe. Also include name and contact info on the envelope.</i></p> <p><i>If SJF sells 150+ tickets in advance then students will have a dress down day on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Featuring Ron Burgundy Band</b> <b>Beer – Music – Food</b> <b>21+ Welcome, \$30/person or \$50/couple</b></p>	

## COVID GUIDANCE

**We are in this together...thank you for your cooperation!**

- Please review the most recent communication from the archdiocese [linked here](#). These guidelines will be reviewed every two weeks and are subject to change.
- A few details to highlight:
  - All symptomatic individuals must remain home, regardless of vaccination status.
  - If symptoms last longer than 24 hours, individuals must receive a negative COVID-19 test or alternative medical diagnosis prior to returning to school.
  - Masks are required for all students and staff indoors regardless of vaccination status.

## Manna Update

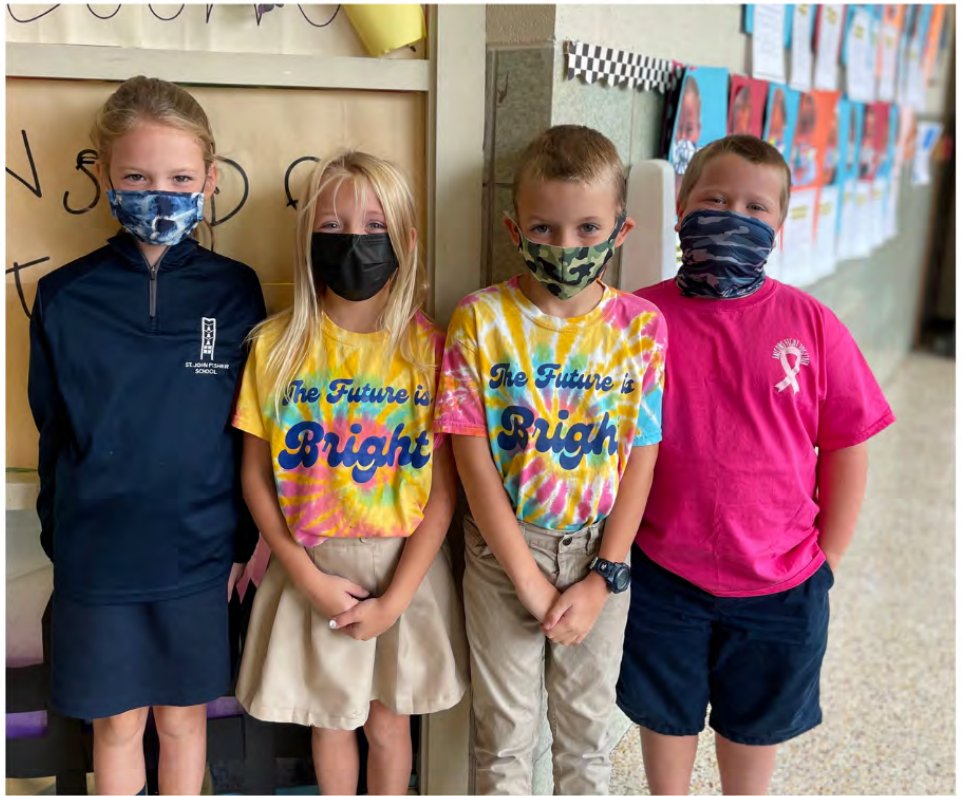
There is a lot of **positive buzz** from teachers and students enjoying the recent investment in electrical upgrades and air conditioning. **Did you know that past Falcon families actively participating in Manna led to a school savings that paid for the bill?!?!?** Let's continue to build the school's savings to afford key investments. Last year, earnings for the school was \$40,897 while families accrued individual earnings of \$70,756. If all school families participated regularly the school could earn over \$100,000. Reaching this goal together will help the school balance the budget and maintain competitive tuition rates. Manna is our #1 School Fundraiser. **We are off to a great start this year with about 50 new users registering for Manna.** The top gift certificates purchased last year were: Amazon, County Fair, Marianos, Jewel, Shell Gas, Visa and many local businesses with Rosangelas at the top of the list. To get started, check out the [Manna Overview](#). Email [sifsab@gmail.com](mailto:sifsab@gmail.com) with any questions.





**FALCONS  
STAND  
TOGETHER!**





## ST. JOHN FISHER WINTER SPORTS SIGN UPS:

Dear Parents,

Winter sports signups for girls volleyball (4<sup>th</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and  
Boys' basketball (3<sup>rd</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will take place on:

MONDAY OCTOBER, 4<sup>TH</sup> 2021 IN KANE HALL FROM 7PM-830PM

TUESDAY OCTOBER, 5<sup>TH</sup> 2021 IN KANE HALL FROM 7PM-830PM

**\*\* Masks are required \*\***

Please make every effort to attend one of these sign up days.

Sample uniforms will be available for players to try on at sign ups.

PERMISSION WAIVER AND FEE FORMS WILL BE SENT OUT NEXT WEEK

Any questions please let us know;

Boys Basketball contact Pat O'Connor at [sjfloops2019@gmail.com](mailto:sjfloops2019@gmail.com)

Girls Volleyball contact Kevin Klinger or Karen Harris at [sjvolleyball@yahoo.com](mailto:sjvolleyball@yahoo.com)

Thank You,  
St. John Fisher Athletic Board.



# SATURDAY ETC

## HALLOWEEN SCIENCE: A HAUNTED LAB

Have a Spooktacular time in this fun class. We will make our own witches brew, fizzy ghosts, and a pumpkin volcano. We will build a Halloween CATAPULT for flying spiders. Come show off your inner Mad Scientist in this “experimentally spooky” class.

We will meet in preschool room 107 from 9-12 on Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This class is open to all preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Cost \$30.00 per class.

\*\*\*\* Family Discount if more than one child per family signs up the cost is \$50 Per family.

Please submit your order form and payment by Friday October 1<sup>st</sup> to the **MAIN OFFICE**.

**All checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School.**

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Haunted Lab*

Allergies /please list all and if child carries an EPI Pen and or/inhaler

\*If your child has a food allergy please send him/her with his/her own snack

Child's Grade and Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact Katie Altman [kaltman@sifschool.us](mailto:kaltman@sifschool.us)

or text me at 708-945-3493.





## OCTOBER ETC

The St. John Fisher Enrichment and Tutorial Center (ETC) is an after-school program designed to offer students a wide variety of classes not normally covered in the regular curriculum. Classes are a fun way for friends to explore areas of interest.

The October session runs from October 4th - October 27th. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class. Checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School. Please return all registration and payment to the Main Office in an envelope clearly marked ETC by **Thursday September 30th!**

**Monday Class: October 4th 18th & 25th 3:00-4:00**

**HALLOWEEN SCIENCE: A HAUNTED LAB:** Have a Spooktacular time in this fun class.

We will make our own Spooktacular drink concoction, make flying ghost, & a volcano pumpkin. Come show off your inner Mad Scientist in this "experimentally spooky" class.

Class will be dismissed from the preschool doors.

Mrs. Altman & Mrs. Lindgren

Room 107

Grades Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday

**HALLOWEEN ART: SPOOKY ARTISTS:** Join Ms. Surin in the art room to make some spooky art projects! We will make Halloween slime, paint a pumpkin, and make some spooky sculptures! If you love all things SPOOKY, this is this Art class for you! Class dismissed from the school office doors.

Ms. Surin

Art Room117

Grades 3rd-4th

Monday

**Tuesday Class: October 5th, 12th & 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:00**

**WITCHES IN TRAINING ACADEMY:** This witch-themed class has all you need to keep things brewing with excitement. We will become wonderful witches. We will have a Broomstick Relay and play Musical Broomsticks. We will make Witches' Brew, play pin the tail on the black cat and much more! Class will be dismissed from the preschool doors.

Mrs. Altman & Mrs. Lindgren

Room 107

Grades Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tuesday





**A "NOVEL" EXPERIENCE!** On a warm October night, three people living in Chicago all receive the same strange letter inviting them to help solve a century-old crime.

The journey to solve this mystery is filled with eccentric characters, mounting suspicion and suspense, puzzling clues, and thwarted questions in the novel, "Chasing Vermeer." Join us in reading and examining the contents of this novel through activities including: geography maps, pentaminoes math, geometric figures, letter writing, encoding cryptic messages, painting, and more. . . Class dismissed from the school office doors.

Mrs. Folliard

Room 104

Grades 5-8

Tuesday

**Wednesday Class: October 13th 20th & 27th 3:00-4:00**

**HALLOWEEN ART: A SCARY GOOD TIME:** Join Ms. Surin in the art room to make some scary cool art! We will make monster sculptures, paint a pumpkin, and make pumpkin mason jars! If you love all things SPOOKY, this is this Art class for you! Join us for a scary good time! Class dismissed from the school office doors.

Ms. Surin

Art Room117

Grades 5th-6th

Wednesday

**SPOOKY & SWEET HALLOWEEN TREATS:** Your little goblins will love assembling -- and eating -- these spooky **Halloween treats** and sweets. We will create such **treats** as Chocolate Bat Bites, Witches Brooms, Pumpkin Patch Dirt Cups and more. Join us for some fall fun! Class dismissed from the preschool door.

Mrs. Altman & Mrs. Lindgren

Room 107

Grades Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday



Please fill out the registration form and return to the Main Office no later than Thursday September 30th in an envelope marked ETC. Checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School.



## Registration for October ETC

Please return to the Main Office by Thursday September 30th

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (please list all and if child carries an EPI Pen and or/inhaler

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**\*If your child has a food allergy please send him/her with his/her own snack**

Child's Grade and Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

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SAVE THE DATE!

**PACK  
THE  
HOUSE!**



JOIN US FOR SJF PACK  
THE HOUSE - GIRLS  
BASKETBALL!

OCTOBER 16TH!

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**TREATS, GAMES & PRIZES!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**

**AT 3:00PM TILL 5:00PM**

**SJF PARKING LOT**

**PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME AND CAR DECORATIONS**

**STAN'S DONUT TRUCK ARRIVES AT 3:30**



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**Flexible** : Order for one day or multiple days and add, edit or cancel any order up to noon the day before delivery.



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### Questions about the lunch program?

Call us: 1-888-894-8295

Email us: [info@myhotlunchbox.com](mailto:info@myhotlunchbox.com)

## 2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



*\*Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change.*

- First Day of School: **8.25** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Labor Day – No School: **9.6**
- All-Staff Professional Development (no classes): **9.24**
- All-School Picture Day: **10.5**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.6, 10.7**
- No School: **10.8**
- Columbus Day – No School: **10.11**
- End of First Trimester: **11.16**
- Make-up School Picture Day: **11.18**
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.28** \*classes resume **11.29**
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.5** \*classes resume **1.6**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.17**
- First Reconciliation: **1.25 & 1.25**
- Catholic Schools Week: **1.30 – 2.5**
- Confirmation: **2.6**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Pictures: **2.9**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.17**
- President's Day Break: **2.18 – 2.21** \*classes resume **2.22**
- End of Second Trimester: **3.8**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.14**
- Spring Break: **4.13 – 4.24** \*classes resume **4.25**
- First Communion: **4.30**
- May Crowning: **5.6**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ribbon Mass: **5.20**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.30**
- Last Day of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes: **6.1**
- Graduation Dance: **6.3**
- Graduation Mass: **6.5**
- End of Third Trimester, Last Day of School: **6.8** ~ 10:30 dismissal

\***1 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings and PLC work: **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>.**



# 2021-2022 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern...

- 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@sifschool.us](mailto:clarmon@sifschool.us)

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail [attendance@sifschool.us](mailto:attendance@sifschool.us)

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Kate Spadoni: [kspadoni@sifschool.us](mailto:kspadoni@sifschool.us)

- Registration
- Admissions
- Medical Forms

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

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees
- Technology

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: [dmaxwell@sifschool.us](mailto:dmaxwell@sifschool.us)

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

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

- Counseling, pre-k – 4th

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Lauren Lordo: [llordo@sifschool.us](mailto:llordo@sifschool.us)

- Counseling, 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- iReady

SJF Counselor and Assistant Principal, Student Support  
Mrs. Nichole Carey: [ncarey@sifschool.us](mailto:ncarey@sifschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): [wbiernacki@sifschool.us](mailto:wbiernacki@sifschool.us)  
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): [kbrogan@sifschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sifschool.us)



## 2021-2022 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern...

