



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

St. John Fisher School

September 12, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

It is hard to believe that Fisherfest is upon us! Thank you so much to all of our selfless volunteers who make this event such a great success. Fisherfest is such an important fundraiser that supports the vitality of our cherished parish. As we are on the cusp of this exciting weekend, together, let us remind and encourage our children to represent our school community well by staying safe, respectful of our church and school grounds and kind to one another including all of the visitors joining our parish community this weekend. Let's fly like falcons! Here's to another great Fisherfest weekend. I'll see you in the fun house!

Thank you so much for your continued support of Catholic education, and specifically St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,  
-Mrs. Maura Nash

## Important Announcements

- **Save the Date!** September 17<sup>th</sup>: Roy Petitfils, Licensed Counselor, will be presenting to our falcons during the school day and parents and community members in the evening. *Mr. Petitfils is an internationally recognized expert in understanding and raising children.*
- Please join me in welcoming **Mr. Bill Mulchrone** who is taking over as our full time **Physical Education Instructor**. We are grateful for Mr. Prunty's service to our school as interim PE Instructor and wish him well as he returns back to retirement!
- **Save the Date!** September 20-22<sup>nd</sup>: **Building a House for Hope**, St. John Fisher Church Parking Lot
- Like us and Follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/sjfschoolchicago](https://facebook.com/sjfschoolchicago) & Instagram: [stjohnfisher](https://instagram.com/stjohnfisher).
- Be safe when walking to and from school! Students should cross 103<sup>rd</sup> street with the crossing guard at the stop light.
- **For general school questions**, please feel free to contact Kate Spadoni in the school office at 773-445-4737, [kspadoni@sjfschool.net](mailto:kspadoni@sjfschool.net).
- **Substitute Teachers!** *SJF is in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested in serving our school in this capacity, please inquire in the office.*
- Students are **allowed to wear shorts until October 1st - Stay Cool!**

## Peek at the Week

Thursday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisherfest!</li> </ul>
Friday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No School!</li> <li>Future Falcons 11-2 in the Conner T. Lowry Gym</li> <li>Fisherfest!</li> </ul>
Saturday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SJF Soccer @ Beverly Park</li> <li>SJF Falcons take on the Buckeyes of St. Barnabas!</li> <li>Fisherfest!</li> </ul>
Sunday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisherfest!</li> </ul>
Monday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back to School!</li> </ul>
Tuesday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Roy Petifils Talk @ 7pm in Church:</b> raising children in today's world</li> </ul>



### St. John Fisher School *Mission Statement*

St. John Fisher School is a Catholic educational community that facilitates the intellectual, academic, social and emotional growth of each student. A rigorous academic curriculum, robust Religious Education program and comprehensive student support services work together in cultivating critical thinkers and curious minds, compassionate Christian leaders and socially intelligent citizens prepared for the world today and the future.

#### ***We Believe:***

- All persons have equal dignity and right to education.
- All persons are autonomous beings with unique thoughts, feelings and God-given talents which allow them to impress upon and influence their family, community and the world.
- Education encompasses academic pursuits as well as spiritual, ethical and value-based decision making that is often learned less formally through observation and modeling.

FISHERFEST



- **Security:** We are looking for security volunteers who are **Chicago Police Officers** and parents of St. John Fisher students. Please Contact Mike Poppish if you are able to help: 773-418-4214
- **Fisherfest** is not a success without our **selfless volunteers!** We appreciate you so much and need your assistance. Please visit [www.fisherfest.com](http://www.fisherfest.com) to view our volunteer opportunities and schedule. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!**
- **Fisherfest** in partnership with the **Holy Name Society** is in need of volunteers to **take down and clean-up** on Sunday immediately following Fisherfest. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated!





# FALCON OF THE WEEK

Brian Jacob Sitko, 2nd Grade



**SJF's "Falcon of the Week" is 2nd grader, Jacob Sitko.**

This year, our school theme is "Fly Like a Falcon." At school, we are intentionally discussing what it means to be a falcon. Falcons soar above, capturing an aerial view of what is going on below. 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

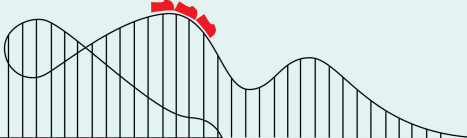
interactions and kind behavior that our students demonstrate each and every day. This past week Jacob, who is a new student at our school, was sitting with his friends at lunch when he realized one of his classmates forgot his lunch. His new friend grew rather upset and without hesitation, Jacob immediately consoled his friend and selflessly shared his lunch with him, instantly making him feel better. Thank you so much Jacob for sharing with your friend and setting such a wonderful example of kindness to all!

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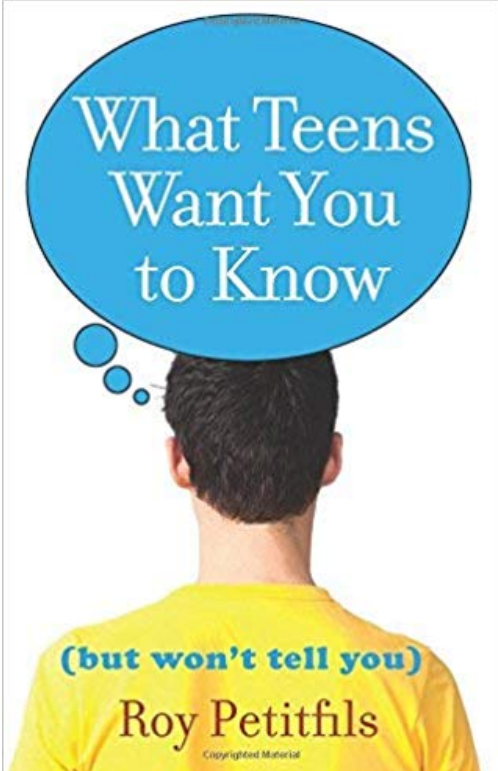
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ST. JOHN FISHER  
SCHOOL

**Roy Petitfils, M.A., LPC**

***Please join us so that together we can best help & serve our children.*** Mr. Roy Petitfils, M.A., LPC, will be joining our school community on Tuesday, September 17th for two presentations: one for our students and faculty and one for our parents and community members. Each talk will address the challenges of being children and raising children in today's world. Some topics that will be included are: anxiety, bullying, social media and learning to fail. Our parent, guardian and community talk begins at 7pm in St. John Fisher Church.

St. John Fisher

# FISHERFEST

September 12 - 15, 2019

THURSDAY  
6-10 PM

FRIDAY  
5-11 PM

SATURDAY  
1-11 PM

SUNDAY  
1-7 PM

## ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP



**FAMILY NIGHT WITH DJ DUNN**  
**THURSDAY 9/12 6-10 PM**

**FRIENDLY FIRE**  
**FRIDAY 9/13**  
**5 PM**

**THE LIAM  
DURKIN BAND**  
**FRIDAY 9/13**  
**8 PM**

### BINGO

**SATURDAY 9/14**  
**5:30 PM**

**JOEY DIGS & THE DENTIST**  
**SATURDAY 9/14**  
**8 PM**

**Hi-Fi STEREOTYPES**  
**SUNDAY 9/15**  
**1 PM**

**LATE START**  
**SUNDAY 9/15**  
**2:30 PM**

**THE RON BURGUNDY'S**  
**SUNDAY 9/15**  
**4:30 PM**

## \$25,000 RAFFLE

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PRIZE

\$1,500

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PRIZE

\$1,000

5TH  
PRIZE

\$500

6TH  
PRIZE

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In addition to music stop by the Fest for games, rides, food and more!  
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# FISHERFEST

PRESENTS SPECIAL HOURS FOR OUR FRIENDS  
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Saturday, September 14th from 11am-1pm

[www.fisherfest.com](http://www.fisherfest.com)

WE INVITE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS  
TO COME EXPERIENCE FISHERFEST  
FOR A 2 HOUR PRIVATE EVENT

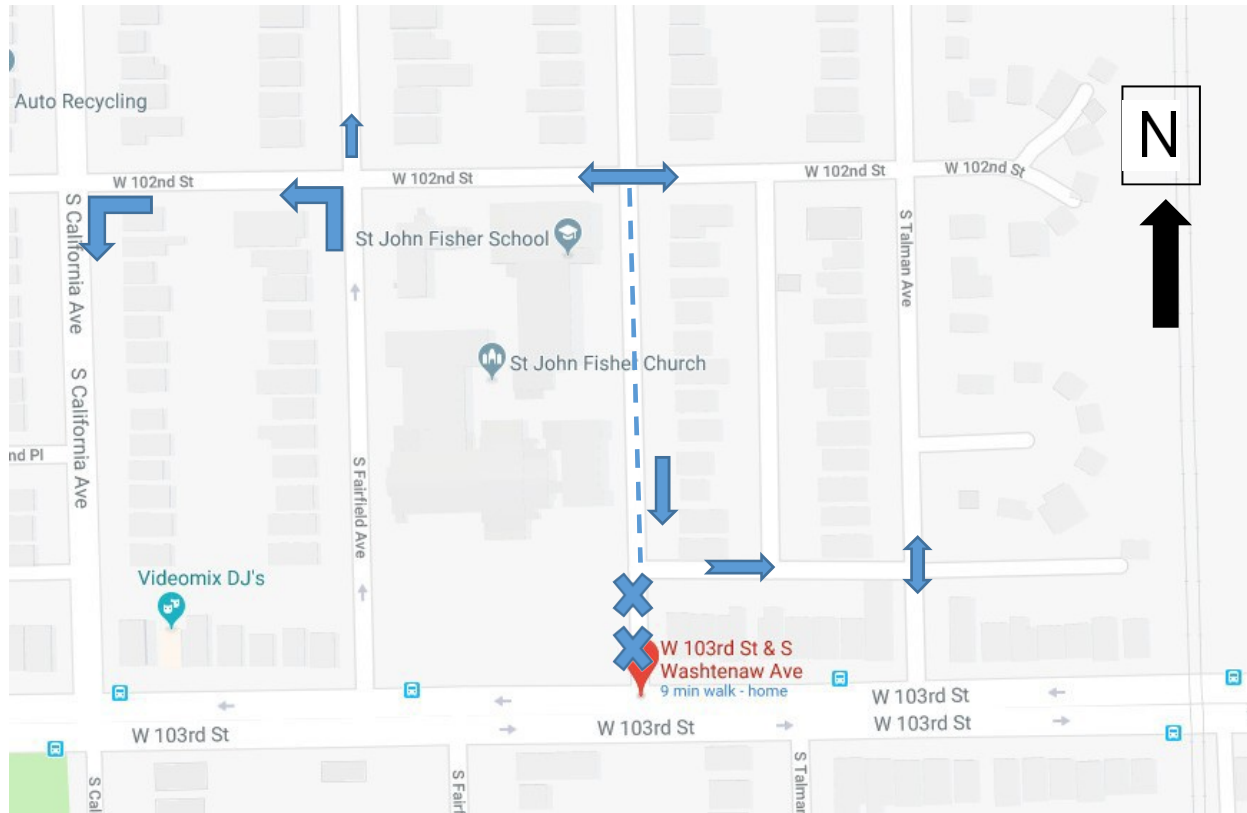


St. John Fisher Parish, with the Support of Alpine Amusement, is committed to providing families with diverse abilities an experience with reduced stimulation and multisensory awareness.

\*\*\*WE ASK ALL OF OUR GUESTS TO PRE-REGISTER BY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2019\*\*\*

Please contact Denise Kovacs (773) 875-3650 [denisebmulcahy@gmail.com](mailto:denisebmulcahy@gmail.com) OR Millissa Murdoch (773)391-8579 [millissamurdoch@gmail.com](mailto:millissamurdoch@gmail.com)

# FISHERFEST TRAFFIC



Washtenaw will be closed at 103<sup>rd</sup> St to alley. Please limit traffic on WASHTENAW. If on Washtenaw, DONOT BACKUP, continue south and TURN LEFT/ east at alley and continue to TALMAN. Careful as little ones play often on both sides of alley.



Hosted by S.S.Y.M.A

# Young Adult Retreat

## September 13th - 15th

Culver, Indiana

*College and up are welcome to join us!*

This is a **free** weekend, we just ask for all participants to bring a drink and snack to share. Please let your Youth Minister know if you will be attending. *If you would like to help with the planning of the weekend, give us a shout, we would love to have your input!*



# BLAST into Scouting!

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**When:** Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm

**Where:** Morgan Park Baptist Church (11024 S. Bell Ave. Chgo)

**Who:** All Youth (BOYS AND GIRLS) K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Cost:** \$12 to 12/31/19 \$48 to 12/31/20 (Add'l Pack fees may apply)

**For more information: Chris Reich at**

**[Cub.scout.pack3609@gmail.com](mailto:Cub.scout.pack3609@gmail.com) | [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org) |**

\*New Scouts get a free model rocket to build and launch!

## WHAT IS CUB SCOUTS?

Cub Scouts is a fun-filled program for boys and girls grades K-5.

From the thrill of transforming a block of wood into a race car or launching a rocket, to the satisfaction of improving the community or making a new friend, Cub Scouts is full of meaningful adventures you and your Scout can enjoy together.

Scouts will go fishing, hiking, and earn badges all before the end of the year!

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The registration fee to join Scouting is \$33 annually (prorated from the time you sign up through the end of the year) plus a small insurance fee.

There are also one-time uniform costs and nominal activity fees that may be charged by your local group.

These costs may be offset by fundraising and financial support for those who qualify.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Your family will become part of a local group called a pack that meets once a month for adventures, activities, and recognition of achievements.

The pack you choose is up to you. While there are likely many packs in your area, parents often decide to join the one closest to their child's school.

Your Cub Scout will also be part of a smaller group within the pack, based on grade and gender, that meets a few times each month for age-specific activities.

## HOW DO WE JOIN?

Join online today at [BEASCOUT.ORG](http://BEASCOUT.ORG) or attend a local sign-up night for more information.



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