



Notes from Mrs. Nash

St. John Fisher School

February 22, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

We had a great beginning to this short week as our community came off the heels of the successful Comedy Night which was headlined by our very own Pat McGann. Pat and his colleagues did not disappoint per usual and their laughter and wit helped us raise money for school improvements! Thank you so much to Pat McGann along with the Women's Club and Holy Name Society for organizing such an advantageous evening which allowed us to come together and share many laughs!

The excitement and activity in our building every day never seems to cease or disappoint! It is amazing to me just how much our students and teachers can accomplish each week. In addition to the rigorous academic programs, there always seems to be a "cause" that we are championing each week as well.

This week, as a school community, we have been focusing our energy on preparing to host the "Get Behind the Vest" pancake breakfast sponsored by Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. Bernie Tafoya from WBBM and Matt O'Shea paid us a visit this morning to learn more about how we prepared to host this large event where we anticipate 3,000 people to be present. We can't wait to see the article featuring SJF! From pre-school to 8th grade, the students and teachers have been working together on a variety of projects including artwork to decorate Kane Hall, letters thanking police officers for their selfless and heroic acts, prayer cards offering the police officers a heartfelt blessing for their protection and a video representing our school and the 145 reasons why SJF backs the badge! The video is a new addition to our support this year and was created by our very talented 8th grader, Miles Durkin, with the help of Mrs. Delphine Maxwell and Mrs. Therese Regnier. [Click here to view the video](#). I am so proud of the work of our faculty, staff and entire student body.

There has been much to celebrate this week as well with many sports and leadership accomplishments. The following pages address the many accomplishments from this past week and weekend. Last night, SJF had the privilege of hosting the Southside Catholic Conference Christian Leadership Award Ceremony. I want to give a big thank you to Missi Brady along with our sports coordinators for putting together such a lovely night. Congratulations to our two leadership award recipients, 8th graders Liam Deacy and Samantha Giglio.

I am beyond fortunate to be a part of this exceptional community. Thank you so very much for your support of the "Get Behind the Vest" fundraiser as well as your continued support of Catholic education.

Enjoy your weekend and I hope to see you this Sunday!

Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- March **special lunch** forms are due back by Wednesday, February 27th.
- Sunday, March 3rd we will be celebrating **Grandparents Mass** at the 10:00am family mass.
- **Volunteers needed** for the Father-Daughter Dance on Friday, March 1st. Please contact Jill McNulty for more information on how you can volunteer.
- The **yearbook committee** can use your help collecting pictures from various school events. See below for instructions on uploading pictures to the site that we use (Treering.com) to create our 2018-2019 yearbook.
- The **March hot lunch** menu is available to order.
- If you have something you would like considered for inclusion in these weekly notes, please send an e-mail to notes@sifschool.net. The deadline for submission is Wednesdays at noon.
- We continue to have many students leaving school early due to illness. In an effort to stop spreading these illnesses, please keep your child home until they are healthy and fever free for 24 hours.
- St. John Fisher has recently signed up for **Amazon Smile**. It's a super easy way to support SJF while online shopping. See below for more information.




Remember St. John Fisher when you shop on Amazon! Simply go to smile.amazon.com and log in to your regular account. You will be asked to select your organization. Kindly choose St. John Fisher Parish & School! A portion of your purchase is donated to SJF!

Thank you!

Peek at the Week

Saturday, February 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen of Hearts @ Cork & Kerry – 5:30-8:00pm
Sunday, February 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast in Kane Hall – 8:00am-12:00pm • SCC Semi-Finals Boy's Basketball SJF 6A vs. Christ the King @ Marist High School – 2:00pm • SCC Semi-Finals Boy's Basketball SJF 7A vs. St. Michael's @ Marist High School – 3:00pm
Monday, February 25 th	
Tuesday, February 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election Day (SJF is a polling place)
Wednesday, February 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Reconciliation – 6:30pm
Thursday, February 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Falcon Friends Open Gym – 10:30-11:15am
Friday, March 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Second Trimester • Father Daughter Dance @ Gaelic Park – 6:00-10:00pm

**ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S
GET BEHIND THE VEST
PANGAKE BREAKFAST**



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Saint John Fisher School – Kane Hall
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave.
8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Tickets: \$5 per person / \$25 per family

For more information, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com or (773) 238-8766

I PROTECT THOSE WHO PROTECT ME.



The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has paid out more than \$2.9 million to outfit 8,000 Chicago Police Officers with replacement bulletproof vests through the Get Behind the Vest program. The initiative is ongoing and we project 500 officers a year will need new vests in the future. On Sunday, February 24, Alderman Matt O'Shea is hosting a pancake breakfast to support this effort. Your donation ensures that every officer out there protecting you is protected.

When Chicago Police Officers are hired, they receive a new bulletproof vest. However, a vest isn't bulletproof forever. It wears out, it breaks down. It needs to be replaced every 5 years. Just one bullet permanently damages a vest, making it unusable. Chicago Police Officers are responsible for replacing their own vests. At \$500 or more per vest, in addition to other equipment and uniform expenses, the costs can quickly add up. That's why we need your help.

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Awards & Achievements

Class of 2019 Success!

Liam Deacy – SCC Christian Leadership Award
Abby Gallagher – Champagnat Award (top 10%), Marist High School
Ryan Gierhahn – Christian Brothers Scholarship, Brother Rice High School
Samantha Giglio – SCC Christian Leadership Award
Emmett Griffin – Christian Brothers Scholarship, Brother Rice High School
Grace Lyons – Champagnat Award (top 10%), Marist High School


Congrats to our **4th grade girls** who won the Marist Silver Volleyball Championship!



Congrats to our **6th grade boys** who took 2nd place in the 25th annual Shoot the Hoop tournament hosted by St. Jude of New Lenox. Team members are Charlie Moles, Connor Sullivan, Danny Roeder, Tommy Lyons, Marty Flynn, Matt Malloy, Jacob Delano, Ryan Dooley, Ryan Serpe, Matthew Urbon, and TJ Girzadas.

Queen of Hearts

We had another rollover last weekend! #46 was pulled, and it was the 5 of hearts. We are over \$95,000 and hope to hit \$100k this week. If you buy \$20 or more in tickets, this week's bonus raffle items are \$200 to Franconello's or \$200 to Horse Thief Hollow. Get your tickets at all the regular spots - Fisher, the concession stands in the gym, Cork and Kerry and throughout the neighborhood.



St. John Fisher Queen of Hearts

Tickets are 6 for \$5

List your name, phone number and select a number 1-54 on the back of your ticket. You can choose a different number for each ticket. Turn in ALL tickets you don't keep any tickets.

If your name is selected you win \$100

If your name is selected and the card behind your number is any Queen other than the Queen of Hearts you win \$500


If your card holds the Queen of Hearts you win 60% of the pot

The current pot is over \$95,000



#s no longer available are
2,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,19,20,22,24,25,27,30,31,32,33,37,40,41,44,46,48,53,54

Drawing is this Saturday 2/23 @ Cork & Kerry


Incentives for buying \$20 tickets or more are a bonus entry to win a \$200 gift card to Franconello's or a \$200 gift card to Horse Thief Hollow




Tix 6 for \$5


Next Drawing
Saturday 2/23
@ Cork & Kerry



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The current pot is over 95k! Winner takes 60%



FSA Corner

Save the Date: April 4th-April 10th!

Who is ready for some spring weather and spring cleaning?!? Help Saint John Fisher's FSA raise funds for activities and programs by donating gently-used clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, and small household items (no furniture). Start saving now!!

Watch for more information on the FSA Facebook page and feel free to email FSA@sjfschool.net

Flyers will be sent out closer to the date!

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL BY DONATING CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!



Our FUNDrive™ will be held at:

ST. JOHN FISHER

April 1st – April 10th

and will benefit:

SJF Family School Association and other school programs



learn more:

Watch out for more information on the FSA Facebook page and feel free to e-mail FSA@sjfschool.net with any questions.

we accept:

- CLOTHING
- SHOES
- BEDDING / TOWELS
- ACCESSORIES
- CDS, DVDS
- ELECTRICAL ITEMS
- TOYS & GAMES
- KITCHEN ITEMS
- KNICK-KNACKS
- SPORTING GOODS



Women's Club

St. Baldrick's - 3/9/19... being held in conjunction with SJF Women's Club Celtic Supper. Please support SJF's St. Baldrick's Event in honor of all Falcon Cancer Fighters! Starts with a special mass at 4:00pm to honor all Falcon Cancer Fighters. After mass join us in the gym for head shaving (haircuts, braiding, green hair and green hair dye are options). Sign up today at the link below!

[Sign up here for St. Baldrick's](#)

Celtic Supper - 3/9/19... this is our 3rd year offering a "Celtic Supper" after 4:00 pm mass in Kane Hall. Plan to watch some shaving and come down to Kane Hall to eat a corned beef dinner with options for the children. \$40 for a family, \$20 couple, \$10 single! Cash Bar Available!

Volunteers needed!!! Sign up on the below link or contact Brigid Riley at riley3133@gmail.com
[St. Baldricks/Celtic Supper Volunteer Link](#)

Boys Basketball is looking for some brave players and/or coaches who are willing to shave their heads to help raise money to fight childhood cancer.

There are 157 players in the boys basketball program. Our goal is to get 50 players to shave their heads (some players have already signed up on their own). Each child will have a fundraising goal of \$100 that they will try to raise for the event. Each child who raises at least \$50 will receive a T-Shirt. We are hoping to use this experience to teach the boys more about teamwork, so the team that has the most participants shaving their heads will win a pizza party.

If your son is going to participate, we are going to set up a SJF boys basketball link to keep all the players under the same platform.

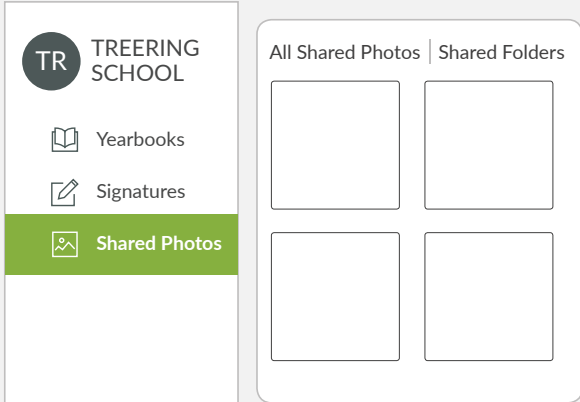
We would ask that the boys wear their basketball jersey on shave day.

If your son is interested in having his head shaved, please email Pat O'Connor at sjfhoops2019@gmail.com with your son's name, grade and head coach's name.

We Need Your Photos for the St. John Fisher Yearbook

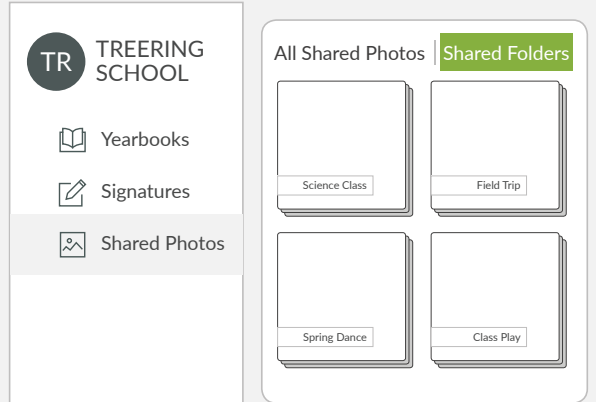
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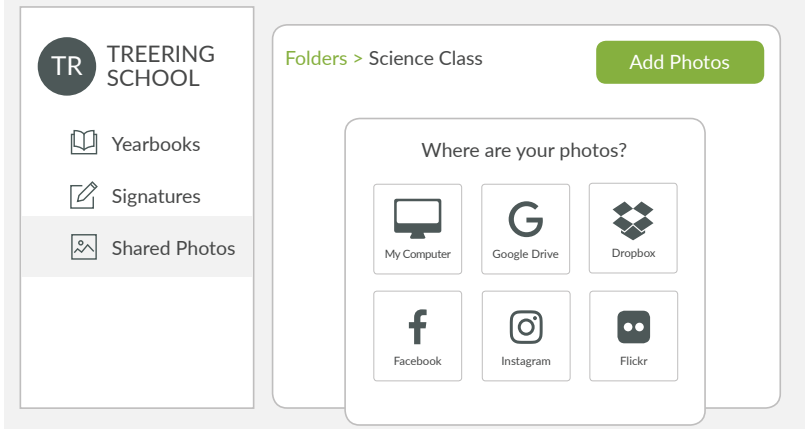
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Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

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