



Notes from Mrs. Nash

St. John Fisher School

March 8, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

There is never a dull moment here at SJF. Today proved to be no different as we had an unexpected gas issue. Many of our teachers and staff members reported smelling gas in the school building. We immediately contacted People's Gas, the Chicago Fire Department and Chicago Police Department for assistance with this matter, and out of an abundance of caution, evacuated our students from the school building. At approximately 10:25am we evacuated pre-school – 4th grade to the convent and 5th – 8th grade waited outside on the west side of campus until we received the "all clear" sign from the fire department. We were unable to utilize the church due to a funeral. We returned safely back in the building around 10:45am. Please know the students' safety is our number one priority. Your children were so well-behaved and helpful during this surprising turn of events. Proud doesn't begin to explain the feeling I have to be the school leader of these wonderful individuals. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

This week our students were also tasked with preparing for Lent and Ash Wednesday along with fundraising for St. Baldrick's. Our school participated in a dance-a-thon on Fat Tuesday which was organized by our SOAR group. For the Lenten Season, we learned about the many aspects of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving and reflected on the ways we, as a school, could do a better job of "being the nice kids." As a school community, we made a commitment for our almsgiving to benefit Taller De Jose, a ministry of accompaniment. A letter discussing this initiative is being sent home today.

We continue our generosity of spirit through our support of the St. Baldrick's event tomorrow. Students have raised money, purchased St. Paddy's wear t-shirts and are shaving their heads in support of this important cause. On the following pages, please view the schedule for tomorrow's event. Thank you in advance for your support and ensuring our students are on their best behavior and treat our campus with the utmost respect.

Tomorrow our Scholastic Team, which is comprised of 7th and 8th graders, is participating in a competition at Northwestern University. I am confident they will do an impressive job representing SJF. This week Marty Canavan and Jack Perry competed in St. Cajetan's "Be a Chemist" competition and placed 2nd & 3rd out of 15 students. Their remarkable performance advanced them to the state competition on April 13th at Lewis University. Congratulations and best of luck to Jack and Marty!

Thank you so much for all of your time and generosity along with your continued support of Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- On Wednesday, March 13th we are hosting a “Pop In and Play” event for all new families who have children entering Kindergarten or First Grade. Please see the flyer below and let your neighbors and friends know!
- Next Sunday, March 17th, we will be gathering to walk in the parade after the 9:15am mass. If you would like to walk or join us on the float, all are welcome!
- If you have something you would like considered for inclusion in these weekly notes, please send an e-mail to notes@sjfschool.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.

The Amazon Smile logo features the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with a curved orange arrow underneath "amazon" pointing from the 'a' to the 'e'.

Remember St. John Fisher when you shop on Amazon! Simply click our unique link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2171037> which will take you directly there and automatically ask if you want to support St John Fisher Parish & School. A portion of your purchase is donated to SJF! If you have any questions, please contact fsa@sjfschool.net.

Thank you!

Peek at the Week

Saturday, March 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Baldrick's/Celtic Supper starting with 4:00pm mass • Queen of Hearts @ SJF St. Baldrick's
Sunday, March 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daylight Saving Time begins
Monday, March 11 th	
Tuesday, March 12 th	
Wednesday, March 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pop In and Play Night – 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday, March 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Falcon Friends Open Gym – 10:30-11:15am
Friday, March 15 th	





Awards & Achievements

St. Cajetan's "Be a Chemist" Competition


Congratulations to **Marty Canavan** and **Jack Perry** who competed in St. Cajetan's "Be a Chemist" competition and placed 2nd & 3rd out of 15 students! We wish them luck in the state competition on Saturday, April 13th at Lewis University.

Class of 2019 Success!

Teresa Bonko – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Liam Brady – Gilmore Legacy Scholarship, James Barda Leadership Award, Public Safety First Responder Scholarship, and Shoulder to Shoulder Scholarship, Mt. Carmel High School
Marty Canavan – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School
Pat Carmody – Academic Scholarship, St. Rita High School
Jimmy Crowley – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School
Liam Deacy – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School and the 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
Liza Karstrand – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Grace Lyons – Champagnat Award (top 10%), Marist High School
Colleen Malloy – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
John McNamara – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%) and the Gregory D. Beeson Scholarship, Marist High School
Caitlin McDonagh – McAuley Impact Award, Mother McAuley High School
Ella Mulchrone – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Tess O'Leary – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Mickey Shultz – The Nicholas A. Iosue Academic Scholarship and First Responders Award, Mt. Carmel High School
Ava Spreitzer – Champagnat Award (top 10%) and the Gregory D. Beeson Scholarship, Marist High School

Queen of Hearts

The pot is at \$105K and growing by the minute. We are expecting a great weekend supporting Saint John Fisher Falcons and St. Baldrick's. This week's incentive bonus raffle is \$500 cash. Buy \$20 in Queen of Hearts and be entered into the drawing. The drawing will be at the St. Baldrick's/Celtic Supper event this Saturday night 3/9/19 in Kane Hall!



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 then 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 \$105,000

#s no longer available are

2,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,19,20,22,24,25,27,29,30,31,32,33,37,40,41,44,45,46,48,53,54


Drawing is this Saturday 3/9 @ The St. John Fisher/St. Baldrick's Event

The incentive bonus raffle is \$500 in cash




Tix 6 for \$5


Next Drawing
Saturday 3/9
@ SIF St. Baldrick's



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The current pot is over 105k! 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. John Fisher
St. Baldrick's &
Celtic Supper



Saturday March 9, 2019

4:00 pm - Mass SJF Church

5:15 pm - Dennehy Irish Dancers start us off in gym

* Shaving Begins After Dancing

5:30 pm Corned Beef Dinner

Starts in Kane Hall

(other food options for children)

6:00 pm - Cross Keys Irish Dancers

6:00 pm - Liam Durkin - Kane Hall

Dinner \$40 per family, \$20 couple, \$10 Single

Cash Bar Available

SJF Women's Club Sponsored Event

** If you are just coming for shaving the concession
stand will be open in the gym .

W E L C O M E

Pop In And Play Night

Wednesday
March 13th
6:00-7:00

Are you looking for Kindergarten or First grade? St. John Fisher School is hosting a "Pop In And Play" event for all children entering Kindergarten and First Grade. Our new families will have the opportunity to meet our talented & experienced teachers, tour our school and learn about our exciting curriculum!

Please RSVP to let us know you are coming!
773-445-4737

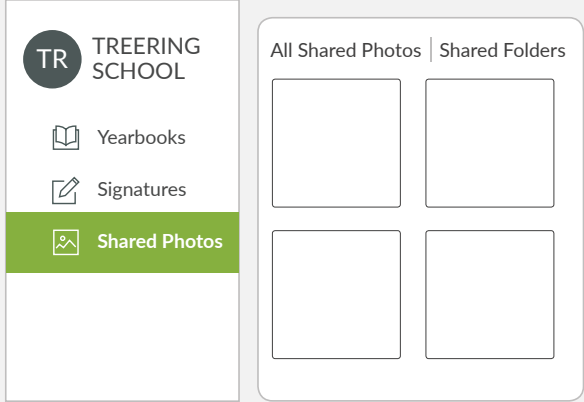
Tell your neighbors and friends



We Need Your Photos for the St. John Fisher Yearbook

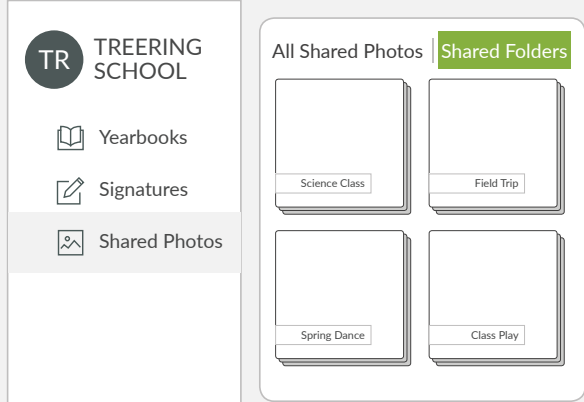
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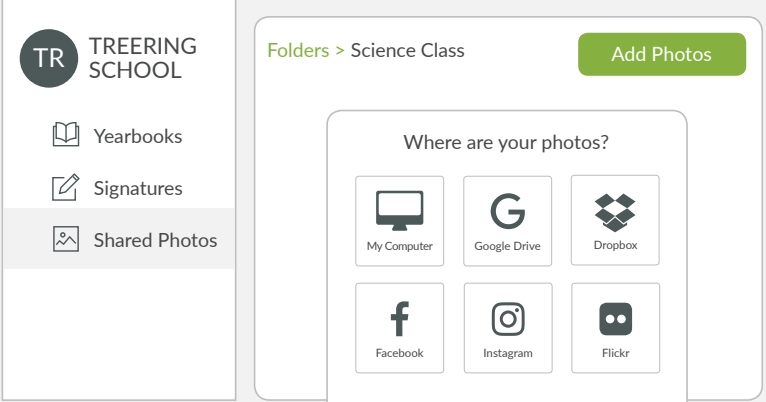
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Add **Photos** from Google Drive, Facebook, Instagram, Dropbox & more.



Sign In or Create an Account to Upload Photos:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

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