



Notes from Mrs. Nash

St. John Fisher School

April 5, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

It is hard to believe that the search for the Queen has come to an end! Thank you to our parent and parishioner, Sean Slevin, and his super-human efforts to keep the raffle alive along with his many faithful assistants, including Kate Keller, Brigid Riley, Nora Bansley, and MaryKay O'Leary, to name a few. The Queen of Hearts Committee selflessly raised almost \$35,000 for SJF; we are beyond grateful for these funds and intend to utilize them to make necessary improvements to our facilities. Congratulations to the McNicholas Family for being the lucky winners! We would be lost without the dedication and volunteerism of our incredible parish and school community. This quality is what makes SJF a "Catholic community like no other."

Today was the last day of our ASPIRE tests. I am so proud of the efforts our students and teachers put in to successfully completing this important and challenging exam. We don't typically receive the results of these assessments until the middle of the summer. At that time, our data team will analyze our scores and break them down by grade level and subject area to identify our strengths along with the curriculum areas in need of improvement.

We have a busy week leading up to Spring Break beginning with the Holy Name Society Food Drive tomorrow, Sunday's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, the SJF Art Show on Tuesday, the FSA FUNDrive running through this week and many more school events culminating with our Easter Liturgy at 1pm on Friday.

Have a wonderful week and enjoy this beautiful weather. Thank you so much for your continued support of Catholic Education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- **Tomorrow, April 6th, Holy Name Society** will be around the parish collecting the bags for their **Annual Food Drive**. Please have your donations on your front porch no later than 9am. See below if you would like to volunteer and for more information.
- The **School Advisory Board** has their April meeting this **Tuesday, April 9th** at 7PM in the school library. [Click here for the agenda.](#)

- On **Wednesday, April 10th**, the **SJF Adult Faith Formation** program is hosting Fr. Thomas Loya, who will be speaking on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. It will be at 7pm in Kane Hall. [Click here for more information from last week's bulletin.](#)
- **Employment Opportunity:** SJF is seeking a high-quality part-time music professional for this school year. Bachelor's degree is required. Please contact mnash@sifschool.net if you are interested.
- 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.

Peek at the Week

Saturday, April 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HNS Food Drive Bag Pick-up – 9am • Bible Study in Rectory – 10am
Sunday, April 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSA Easter Bunny Breakfast – 11am-1:30pm
Monday, April 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat & Earn @ Buona Beef
Tuesday, April 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Check • SJF Student Art Show in Kane Hall – 5:30-7:30pm • SAB Meeting in the Library – 7pm
Wednesday, April 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day for FUNDrive donations • SJF Adult Faith Formation in Kane Hall – 7pm
Thursday, April 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Falcon Friends Open Gym – 10:30-11:15am • Uniform Exchange – 6:30-7:30pm
Friday, April 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Liturgy – 1pm • Easter Break begins – 2:25pm • Easter baskets for Pro Labore Dei due to rectory by 5pm • Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

Easter Baskets for Pro Labore Dei

To help make Easter a little brighter for the underprivileged of Robbins, again this year, we will be collecting Easter baskets for both adults and children. This year will be a little more challenging as our move to the Robbins Community Center has increased the number of Robbins residents who have discovered our PLD ministry. We hope you can help! Baskets are due **Friday, April 12th** by 5 pm in Rectory. You can send through school, also.

Here are some suggestions for creating baskets (Dollar Store items welcome!)

Children's Baskets: candy, toys, socks, McDonald's gift cards.

Women's Baskets: candy, socks, shower gel (girly things), hand lotion, \$5 or \$10 gift cards to Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, McDonald's.

Men's Baskets: candy, socks, after shave, disposable razors, combs, (manly things), \$5 or \$10 gift cards as shown above.



Please be sure that the Easter baskets are completely wrapped in cellophane so that the contents will not spill out. Baskets can be dropped off at the rectory and place a sticker or gift tag to identify if the basket is intended for a child, man, woman or general.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity and amazing support of Pro Labore Dei. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help drop off on morning of Saturday April 13th, or to serve Easter Dinner on Sunday, April 28th please contact Pam O'Mara (773) 612-0281.



St. John Fisher ART SHOW

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Kane Hall
5:30-7:30pm**

Every student in our school will have a work of art on display in our art show. This year we have contracted a company called Artome to help make this show better than ever! Artome professionally mats and frames the art work, which really highlights the art work. If you would like to purchase the framed art work by your favorite artist, it will be on sale for \$25. Our school will receive a percentage of the framed art work that is sold. Should you not want to buy the framed art work, no problem. The art work will be returned minus the frame. Please come to view all of our wonderful art work the students have created. They never cease to amaze me in their creativity and wonderful ability to share their ideas through their art. Thank you for supporting our art program here at SJF. Hope to see you on Tuesday, April 9th!



Awards & Achievements



Congratulations to our band students who received the following awards at the Archdiocesan Solo Contest held at St. Laurence High School on March 16th!

Receiving an 'Excellent' Rating (Silver Medal)

Rylee Clisham
Emma Elfayer
Johnny Keller
Michaela Madden
Neil Ramirez

Receiving a 'Superior' Rating (Gold Medal)

Taylor Black
Mary Eileen Canavan
Quinn Collins
Violet Durkin
Gabrielle Fahey
Ellie Madden
Sophia McHugh
Aniela Murphy
Bridie O'Connor
Declan Stanley
Charlotte Such

Receiving a 'Superior' Rating with a 'Perfect Score!' (Gold Medal & Certificate)

Danny Deacy
Liam Deacy
Gracie Vrablic-Barnhouse

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
Grace McNamara – Knights of Columbus 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



Congratulations!

Queen of Hearts

THE QUEEN HAS BEEN FOUND!!

The quest is over! The Queen was found under #34! Congratulations to our winners, Denise and Matt McNicholas! And, thank you to all who volunteered their time as well as all who purchased tickets! Special thanks to Sean Slevin, Brigid Riley, Nora Bansley, MaryKay O'Leary, and Kate Keller for all your time and work running the SJF Queen of Hearts!

Tix 6 for \$5

Next Drawing
Saturday 3/30
@ Cork & Kerry



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		9						15			
		21					26		28		
			Queen of Hearts	35	36			39			42
43				47		49	50	51	52		

The projected pot is over 120k! Winner takes 60%




FSA Corner

The Easter Bunny is on his way!



*Hop on over for some treats
and Easter Fun!*

*April 7th immediately following 10a.m. Mass
Kane Hall until 1:30 p.m.*

*Easter Egg Hunt
Games, Raffles, Prizes*

*Pictures with the
Easter Bunny!*

Fun Family Crafts



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Last Week to Donate!

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).

If you are ready to drop off your donations, we have coordinated with Manna to offer the following days/times this upcoming week for drop off in the old convent. If these times do not work for you, please contact FSA@sjfschool.net.

Saturday, 4/6	8:30-9:30am
Monday, 4/8	8-9:30am
Wednesday, 4/10	6-7:30pm

**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.



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- KNICK-KNACKS
- SPORTING GOODS

Holy Name Society

2019 SJF HNS 11th Annual Food Drive

The SJF Holy Name Society will be conducting its 11th annual parish-wide Food Drive. We need your help in order to make this a success and build on this tradition. The food drive will begin on Saturday, March 30th. Here is a rough outline of the drive and the times we are asking you to lend help to this worthy cause.

Saturday April 6th – Teams will go through the neighborhood and collect canned goods from front porches. These items will be collected and brought back to SJF. Separate teams will assemble and fill boxes back at SJF. These will be loaded into a truck and then delivered to food pantries. We again anticipate the time commitment will be 9:00-11:00 AM. Please come to Kane Hall at 9:00 AM for street assignments.

As you can see, this drive will require quite a bit of volunteerism. We will always need help packing boxes at SJF. Please respond back to sjfhns@gmail.com with any questions.

Thanks for your support!

St. John Fisher Food Drive Committee

