

# Notes from Mrs. Nash

# St. John Fisher School

May 17, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

There has been so much excitement, joy and anticipation this week in the building as The Falcon Theater Guild prepared for their presentation of "Seussical Jr" directed by our fearless 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, Ms. Amanda McAndrews. Ms. McAndrews, along with many other dedicated faculty including Ms. Cathy Browne, Mrs. Caffrey and Mr. Gibson worked tirelessly with our parent volunteers, Mr. & Mrs. Black, Mrs. Bonko, Mrs. Goosherst, Mrs. Guinane, Mr. and Mrs. Luzin, Mrs. McDonagh and Ms. Millies. The play "could not have gone on" without the energy and assistance of these individuals coupled with are talented students; thank you for bringing this to our school and brightening our days!

One of the improvements we are working on with the School Advisory Board is our marketing and communications platform. This upcoming Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are so excited to have a photographer visit the school and church to capture candid moments and our school's beauty for future marketing (website/social media) purposes. We hope to get many great shots of faculty, staff and students. If you would not like your child's image used for any of our school's future marketing, please let me know.

Stay tuned for additional information about changes to our tuition payment system for next year. For the 2019-2020 school year, we will be utilizing FACTS, an online system to pay tuition. We are looking forward to a more seamless and user-friendly approach for our families. More information is to come.

The celebration of the arts continues into next week! Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, our SJF student band will be performing for their fellow classmates during the day and in the evening for our parish community and school families. Both concerts will be in the church.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maura Nash

#### **Important Announcements**

- The 5Essentials Survey needs more parent responses! Please visit <u>https://survey.5-essentials.org/archchicago/survey/parent</u> as soon as possible to ensure we qualify for feedback from the University of Chicago.
- We are excited to be welcoming a photographer to campus this coming Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to capture candid moments and our school's beauty for future marketing website/social media) purposes. We hope to get many great shots of faculty, staff and students. If you would not like your child's image used for any of our school's future marketing, please let me know.
- The School Board is still accepting applications for two three-year terms that are opening up at the end of this school year. Please e-mail <u>sjfsab@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in applying. Don't know what the School Board does? Check out <u>https://www.sjfschool.net/school-advisory-board/purpose-and-structure/</u>.
- Today is the deadline for discounted **Yearbook ordering**. See below for more info.
- If you have something you would like considered for inclusion in these weekly notes, please e-mail <u>notes@sjfschool.net</u> by Wednesday at noon.







**REMINDER: PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION** on our campus. We have received many concerns regarding unsafe driving around our school streets. Attention to the safety of each of our students at entry and dismissal times is important to our entire school community. As the warm weather approaches, there will be many more parents and students walking to school, and their safety is of the utmost importance

- SLOW DOWN Drive slowly in the parking lot and around the perimeter of our building.
- PULL OVER Do not stop in the middle of the street to let students out of your car; it
  poses a hazard for your children and others.
- USE THE CROSSWALKS Children who are exiting cars should not cross the street except at the corner.
- BE CAREFUL, COOPERATIVE and PATIENT! Watch out for kids and other vehicles (and please watch your language there are young children present).

Earlier this month, the 2nd grade girl scout troop made cards and little care packs for police officers in the 22nd District. They wanted to let them know how much we appreciate all they do for our neighborhood as we head into the tough summer months.

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Saturday, May 18th

Saturday, May 18"	115 Bourbon Street – 11:30am – 3:30pm
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul> <li>SAB Desserts &amp; Discussion – 11am (following 10am mass)</li> </ul>
Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul> <li>Student Band Performance @ 1:30pm and 7pm in the church</li> </ul>
Tuesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Wednesday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Photographer Visit
Thursday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul> <li>Future Falcon Friends Open Gym – 10:30-11:15am</li> </ul>
Friday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Class of 2019 Ribbon Mass

Peek at the Week

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Mom/Daughter/Grandma Luncheon @

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Awards & Achievements





Congrats to Caitlin McDonagh on receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the SCC Golf League!

Congrats, also, to the SJF boys' golf team for bringing home the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place trophy in the SCC Championship!



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# Class of 2019 Success!

**Teresa Bonko** – 2019 American Legion Leadership Award Honorable Mention and 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** – 2019 American Legion Leadership Award 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School **Pat Carmody** – Academic Scholarship, St. Rita High School **MoMo Condon** – Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuely 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 Christina Hernandez – Board of Trustees Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School Liza Karstrand – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School Grace Lyons – Champagnat Award (top 10%), Marist High School **Colleen Malloy** – 2019 American Legion Leadership Award 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Sr. Ellen Marie Ryan, RSM Music Scholarship, and Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School Brigid Maloney – Tradition of Excellence 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 and Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School Ella Mulchrone – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School **Maddie Murphy** – Mary Wurst Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School Tess O'Leary – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship and Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School Abigail Olsen – Helen and Dick Carey Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School Mickey Shultz – The Nicholas A. Iosue Academic Scholarship and First Responders Award, Mt. Carmel High School Ryan Sommerfeld – 2019 American Legion Leadership Award Honorable Mention and Waterford Scholarship (top 10%), Brother Rice High School Ava Spreitzer – Champagnat Award (top 10%) and the Gregory D. Beeson Scholarship, Marist High School

Congratulations

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### Yearbook

The year is coming to an end. If you would like to order a yearbook at a discounted rate, please place your order by May 17th. Instructions are below. Also, have **pictures to share** from **First Communion**, **May Crowning**, spring **sporting events**, and/or **Graduation**? You can upload them directly to the yearbook website or email them to <u>dmaxwell@sjfschool.net</u>, whichever is easier.



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# **Other Happenings**

Calling all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders...

"Go Gray in May" and support the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation by playing in the Live Like John 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Sign up at <u>www.livelikejohn.org</u>.



Grace Clancy, a 2017 alum of Saint John Fisher, is a board member of the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, an organization that promotes the awareness of and funding for pediatric brain cancer research. She invites all SJF 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders to join her at the Live Like John 3v3 Basketball Tournament this Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.



Erin Jacobsen Hassan, a current SJF parent as well as an alum, invites all of you to attend a free seminar at 115 Bourbon Street next Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30pm. Kids are welcome, and you can grab a bite to eat if you'd like. Scientists and toxicologists from the Environmental Heath Trust are flying in to speak about the upcoming 5G, current cellphone towers, wireless radiation. Their hope is to educate everyone with experts in this field, bring awareness, and get petition signatures to protect our schools and homes from additional exposure to wireless radiation. Planning to run the Ridge Run? Sign up with our running club team by using the code "SJF2019" and receive a \$5 discount.

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