



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

DECEMBER 9, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

This Christmas season is absolutely flying by! Yesterday our 4th graders hosted the most beautiful Mass for the Immaculate Conception. Thank you to Dr. Chermak, Mrs. Kovatch, Mrs. Namoff and Mrs. Reyes for guiding our phenomenal 4th graders along the way! All of our Falcons continue to get into the Christmas spirit as they prepare for the various shows we have on the horizon, make Christmas cards for Smith Village and turn our classrooms and hallways into winter wonderlands with their creative and festive artwork! We love celebrating Christmas with our Falcons and hope you are finding many ways to enjoy this magical season at home too!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **PEACE+LOVE+SJF.**

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

## Important Announcements

- **Attention Parents of Pre-K and Kindergarten Students:** If you plan to have your child(ren) in other grades attend the Pre-K and/or Kindergarten Christmas Shows on Thursday with your family, **you must email your child's teacher to make them aware by Wednesday, December 14th at the latest.** Students will not be allowed to attend Thursday's shows if his/her teacher did not receive an email from you. ***Siblings of students in the show must sit with their parents/families.*** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!
- The **SJF Christmas Band Concert is 7 p.m. on Monday, December 12th at St. Catherine's** in Oak Lawn. All are welcome!
- **REMINDER:** Wednesday, ***December 14th is a 1 p.m. dismissal*** for our monthly all-staff professional development meeting.
- **Extended Day:** Visit **[this link](#)** to register your child. Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, [dogrady@sjfschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjfschool.us).

## FSA Corner

- **Thank you to the FSA for hosting the big guy at SJF.** All of the time and energy you spend planning these events does not go unnoticed. You are appreciated!
- Last call to sign up for the **house decorating contest!** The judging will take place December 17th - 20th. Thank you for participating in lighting up our neighborhood and spreading Christmas cheer!
- **Calling all new families:** Join the SJF FSA Facebook page and never miss any of our important parent and community information! Our page is FSA at SJF on Facebook.
- If you would like to **volunteer** with the FSA, email [sjffsa103@gmail.com](mailto:sjffsa103@gmail.com).

## Athletics

- Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Sports Meeting. We appreciate your interest and support!

## Pro Labore Dei



### Pro Labore Dei Christmas Project

- Our next project is the Christmas gift collection. There is a Christmas tree with tags listing suggested gift receivers set up in the back of church. As in the past, the gift should be a minimum of \$10, wrapped and clearly marked as to the recipient. ***The gifts will be due to the rectory no later than Thursday, December 15th.***

*Thank you for your consideration!*

*Any questions or concerns, please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or  
Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428)*

## Looking Ahead

 <b>Weekend Mass</b>	4 p.m. on Saturday & 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday
<b>Monday, December 12th</b> <b>SJF Christmas Band Concert</b> <b>@ St. Catherine's in Oak Lawn</b> <b>7 p.m. All are welcome!</b>	<b>ETC 3-4 p.m.</b> <i>Grinch Stem Club w/ Mrs. Altman</i> <i>Christmas Hoops w/ Ms. Dunlavy &amp; Mrs. Ade</i>
<b>Tuesday, December 13th</b>	<b>ETC 3-4 p.m.</b> <i>Jingle Mingle w/ Mrs. Altman</i> <i>Yoga w/ Mrs. Garza</i> <b>Homework Club 3-3:45</b> 
<b>Wednesday, December 14th</b>	<b>1 p.m. Dismissal ~ Staff PD</b>
<b>Thursday, December 15th</b> 	<b>Pre-K 3 Christmas Show @ 12 in the church</b> <b>Pre-K 4 Christmas Show @ 12:30 in the church</b> <b>Kindergarten Nativity Play @ 1 in the church</b> <b>ETC 3-4:30 p.m.</b> <i>Game Night w/ Ms. Dunlavy &amp; Mrs. Ade</i> <i>Dinosaurs w/ Mrs. Garza</i> <i>Santa's Workshop w/ Mrs. Altman</i> 
<b>Friday, December 16th</b>	<b>Kindergarten Nativity Play for the School</b> <b>@ 1 in the church</b>



## Social & Emotional Learning

At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. Each month of the school year will have an all-school focus on the trait of the month, helping students strengthen particular social skills with different lessons and activities at the classroom level and as an entire school. We encourage you to talk to your children about these traits at home for a consistent message and focus. The trait of the month program is building upon this year's behavior system and school mantra: **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.**

September	Responsibility
October	Respect
November	Gratitude
<b>December</b>	<b>Kindness</b>
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



**Be Respectful, Responsible & Safe. Be a Falcon.**

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society Proudly Presents



LIVE AMATEUR BOXING AT ST. JOHN FISHER

**FEBRUARY 4, 2023**

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

**FIGHTS START AT 7 PM**



**\$20 ADULTS  
\$10 UNDER 21YRS**















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\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a very “normal” school year ahead!

- Thank you Faculty & Staff The Gift of Time - No School: **12.2**
- **12.21** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.4** \*classes resume **1.5**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.16**
- Confirmation: **2.4** - 11:00 a.m.
- Graduation Picture Day: **2.8**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.16**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **2.17**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.20**
- No School: **3.13**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **3.24**
- Faculty Professional Development – No School: **4.5**
- Spring Break: **4.6 – 4.16** \*classes resume **4.17**
- First Holy Communion: **4.29**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.29**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **6.2**
- Graduation: **6.4** ~ 1 p.m. in church
- Last Day of School: **6.8** - 10:30 dismissal

**Come as you are. You are loved.**



**\*1 p. m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**



# 2022-2023 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern...

- Assignments
- Homework Class
- Activities

Contact [Classroom Teacher](#) by email or note.

- Discipline
- Classroom
- Behavior/Specific Incidents

Start by contacting the [Classroom Teacher](#) for an appointment.  
If further assistance is needed, contact SJF Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: [clarmon@sjfschool.us](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail [attendance@sjfschool.us](mailto:attendance@sjfschool.us)

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

Mrs. Kris Houston: [khouston@sjfschool.us](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us)

- Registration
- Admissions Medical
- Forms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: [lmurray@sjfschool.us](mailto:lmurray@sjfschool.us)

- Powerschool
- Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: [dmaxwell@sjfschool.us](mailto:dmaxwell@sjfschool.us)

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: [mredmond@sjfschool.net](mailto:mredmond@sjfschool.net)  
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: [echermak@sjfschool.us](mailto:echermak@sjfschool.us)  
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: [dogrady@sjfschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjfschool.us)  
Manna Team: [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com)

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: [jschultz@sjfschool.us](mailto:jschultz@sjfschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): [wbiernacki@sjfschool.us](mailto:wbiernacki@sjfschool.us)  
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us)



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If you have a question or concern about...

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, [mcummings@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcummings@sjfschool.us)

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcorley@sjfschool.us)

- Parent Newsletter
- Financial Aid Applications
- School Procedures
- Administrative Matters
- Policy
- Further assistance on any matter listed above

Contact SJF Principal,  
Mrs. Maura Nash: [mnash@sjfschool.us](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us)

- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

Mr. Bill Gula: [mr.gula@aol.com](mailto:mr.gula@aol.com)  
School Advisory Board: [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com)  
Athletic Association: [stjohnfishersports@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfishersports@gmail.com)  
FSA: [sjffsa103@gmail.com](mailto:sjffsa103@gmail.com)  
Women's Club: [SJFWomensClub@gmail.com](mailto:SJFWomensClub@gmail.com)  
HNS: [SJFHNS@gmail.com](mailto:SJFHNS@gmail.com)



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# ART CLUB

STARTING JANUARY 2023



EVERY 1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

3:00PM-4:00PM



DRAWING • PAINTING • CRAFTING & MORE!



[CLICK TO SIGN UP](#)

CONTACT MRS. CORLEY WITH ANY QUESTIONS  
MCORLEY@SJFSCHOOL.US

# Manna Update

Mondays: 8:00 – 9:00 AM  
Wednesdays: 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Thursdays: 8:00 – 9:00 AM  
Fridays: 2:00 – 3:00 PM  
Saturdays: 8:30 – 9:30 AM  
Sundays: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

We will continue to look for ways to manage the costs of running the program, so it continues to be a good fundraiser for the school while reducing family tuition costs. With the holidays coming, we hope the expanded hours allow increased participation. We may need to adjust in off peak times based on participation.

**Please note: Manna can be sent home with SJF students. A few requirements:**

- PLEASE SUBMIT: Manna Waiver Form - Agreement for Gift Cards to be sent home through School. Submitting this form will signal to the Manna team that you'd like ALL orders to be sent home from school.
- Use <https://www.raiseright.com/> or Download the App (*As Easy as Venmo*)
- Place order by 10 AM on Sundays and gift cards will be sent home on THURSDAYS. If you miss that deadline, your order will be sent home the following Thursday.
- Note: If this is the method you choose, all orders submitted and paid for will be delivered this way. If you decide to revert back to picking up your orders at the convent, please email [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com) to be removed from the "Send Home" list.

## Simple steps for creating opportunities



### You buy a gift card

You get the full value.



### The brand gives back

No extra money comes out of your pocket.



### Your organization earns

Impacting what matters most to you.



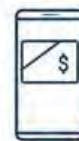
### Budget friendly

There's no need to buy things you don't want. There's no need to spend extra money.



### Time saving

It fits right into your schedule, without having to sell door-to-door or plan events.



### Contactless

Use your smartphone or tablet to earn from anywhere—even from the comfort of your own home.



**SJF Alumni**

75th Anniversary Montage  
Coming 2023-2024



# We Are Collecting **Throw-back** SJF Photos

*Share your old grade school photos*

Please include  
caption and year



Email to:  
**[sjfalum@gmail.com](mailto:sjfalum@gmail.com)**



**Save the date**

*Cloud 9*

St. John Fisher  
2023 Father Daughter Dance

*Saturday, April 1, 2023*

