



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

Today was our second round of Parent-Teacher Conferences. We truly value these opportunities to build relationships with each of you in the best interest of your child. Thank you for making the time to meet with us today. We have a few more weeks to finish this second trimester strong! Our collaborative partnership will only help our Falcons succeed. Let's go Falcons!

**This Sunday, February 19th at 8:00 a.m., Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain, will preside over our Blue Mass to bless, support and pray for all law enforcement officers.** We are also hosting Alderman Matt O'Shea's Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast from 8-12 in Kane Hall. This day is near and dear to our school's heart as we are the proud home to 115 Falcons whose mom or dad is a Chicago Police Officer. We honor your sacrifice every day and we thank you for keeping our community safe. Thank you to those who were able to participate in our dress down fundraiser yesterday. Together we raised \$700 to donate to this vital cause.

Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. **PEACE+LOVE+SJF.**

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*



## Important Announcements

- Please save the date for **SJF's Family Night on Thursday, March 9th**. See the flyer below for more details and [click here to RSVP!](#)
- **The Book Fair is coming!** Save the date for Sunday, March 5th to shop with your family after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Book Fair will be open during the week for students to shop with their class and at SJF's Family Night on March 9th.
- 4 year old Pre-k families, don't forget to turn in your registration forms for Kindergarten next year.
- 1st - 8th grade families please turn in your Intent to Return Forms. Thank you!
- The **March hot lunch menu** is open and available for ordering.
- **Extended Day:** Visit [this link](#) to register your child. Reach out to Mrs. O'Grady with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- **ATTENTION 7TH & 8TH GRADERS:** Looking for volunteer hours? Mrs. Corley is looking for consistent volunteers to help with Art Club once a month. You can receive up to 4 volunteer hours. Please add your name to [this list](#) if interested. Meeting dates are 3/02, 3/30, 5/04, 6/01.
- **Fisher Family Ambassadors!** What does this mean? The Fisher Community encourages you to share all of the great happenings about SJF with friends, family, neighbors and others - in conversation or on social media! If you are active on social media: please share our posts on Facebook, and tag us in any of your SJF posts on Facebook and Instagram; feel free to use #FalconsNOW.

## FSA Corner

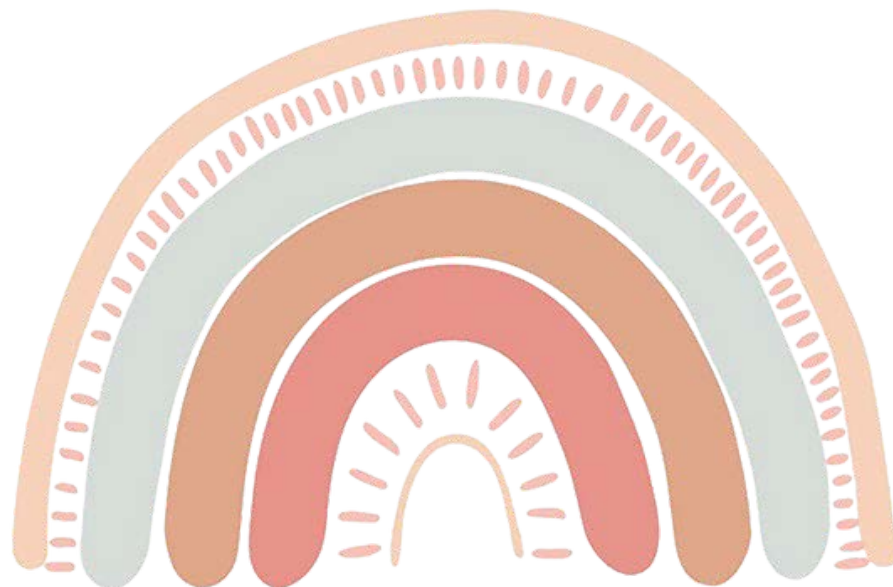
- **How do you feel about ordering your school supplies** through SchoolKitz? Please share your opinion by filling out a survey [linked here](#). Thank you!
- **Are you planning on walking in the parade with SJF?** If so, please let us know. [RSVP here](#). Thank you!
- Our **St. Baldrick's Event is back!** Please save the date for **Saturday, March 4th** and [visit this link to register to be a shavee](#).
  - The St. Baldrick's Committee is looking for volunteers to help the day of the event. **To volunteer please use this link**. THANK YOU!
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The FSA will be organizing a Mother Son White Sox Game Sunday, May 21st. We will share more details in the coming months.

## Athletic Update

- **GOLF:** Any 8th grade girl or boy interested in competing in the **Southside Catholic Golf League**, please **register by March 10th**. The 8th grade Golf League runs on Sundays from April 16th through May 21st from approximately 12:00-4:00 p.m. at The Meadows of Blue Island. [Click here to register, SCC 8th Grade Golf Registration.](#)

## Pro Labore Dei Update


- Our next lunch making session is on **March 4th at 9:15 a.m.**, location is tbd. For now, our needs for March 4th are: 150 chips, 150 treats (granola bars, Rice Krispie treats...)
- Please note that we still collect meal fixings for Robbins, Posen and Blue Island on the parking lot from 9:30 to 10 a.m. each Saturday morning. Donations are down throughout the entire city and surrounding areas. Items like cereal, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, desserts are all needed to keep our pantry operational.
- Again, thanks for making the mission so successful and fun! Any questions or concerns contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428)



*Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.*

*-Maya Angelou*

## Looking Ahead

<b>Friday, February 17th</b>	<i>No School</i>
<b>Sunday, February 19th</b>	<i>8 Blue Mass</i> <i>8 - 12 Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast in Kane Hall</i> 
<b>Monday, February 20th</b>	<i>No School</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 21st</b> <b>Classes Resume</b>	<i>Homework Club 3-3:45 w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller and Ms. Dunlavy</i> <i>ETC Valentine w/ Mrs. Altman</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 22nd</b> <b>Ash Wednesday 11:00 Mass</b>	<b>1:00 Dismissal</b> - <i>Faculty Professional Development</i>
<b>Thursday, February 23rd</b>	<i>ETC Bluey! 3-4 w/ Mrs. Garza</i> <i>Game Time 3-4 w/ Mrs. Altman</i>



You are loved.  
 You are important.  
 You belong here.



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# St. John Fisher Backs the Blue!

St. John Fisher is proud to be home to 115 students whose parents are Chicago Police Officers.



Thank you to those men and women who  
protect and serve us each day!

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# ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**SAINT JOHN FISHER KANE HALL**

10200 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago

**Tickets: \$5 per person / \$25 per family**

All proceeds will benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Get Behind the Vest Campaign.



**There will be a police mass at 8:00am**

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

**I PROTECT THOSE  
WHO PROTECT ME.**



**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.

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has paid out more than \$4.9 million to purchase over 12,000 replacement vests for Chicago Police Officers and at least 500 more in 2023. The initiative is ongoing and we project 500 officers a year will need new vests in the future.

This event has raised over \$500,000 to date.

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# St. John Fisher Family Night

HOSTED BY THE SJF FACULTY

## Lucky to be a Falcon



**Where: St. John Fisher School**

**\*ENTER THROUGH THE KANE HALL DOORS FOR CHECK-IN\***

**When: Thursday, March 9, 2023**

**6:00- 8:00 pm**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY WITH YOUR FAMILY!**

-  VISIT THE BOOK FAIR, GRAB A SNACK, AND HELP CREATE OUR PARADE BANNER.
-  TEACHER-LED ACTIVITIES
-  CRAFTS, GAMES, AND FAMILY FEUD
-  BUY YOUR ST. BALDRICK'S SHIRTS.
-  RSVP BY FEBRUARY 17, 2023 USING THE QR CODE.



SJF FAMILY NIGHT - March 9th 6-8 PM

[docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)





Please join us for a night of fundraising & shenanigans!

# St. John Fisher's St. Baldrick's Night Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:00 - 10:00

Following the 4:00 Irish mass hosted by the 3rd Graders

## Conner T. Lowry Gym

Featuring...

Face Painting & Kids' Games

Cash Food from Swanson's & Bar

Entertainment

6:00 p.m. Dennehy Irish Dancers

6:30 p.m. Cross Keys Irish Dancers

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Music by Joe McShane



To Register as a shavee or make a donation use the QR code to the right. Donations also accepted at the event. Must pre-register as a shavee, there will be NO WALK-INS.



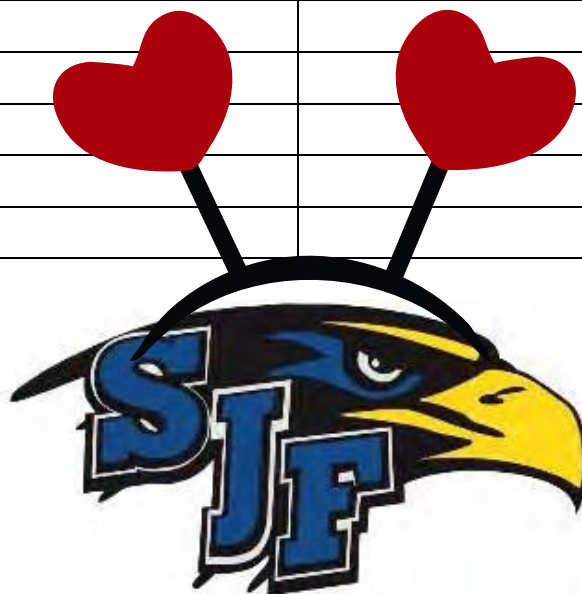




## Social & Emotional Learning

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
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
<b>February</b>	<b>Friendship</b>
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



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

**YAY!**



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## MANNA UPDATE

**Manna participation has increased significantly! Thank You!** May thru December of this year totals \$83,000 of rebate earnings directly benefiting SJF families and the school. Almost half of school families have already accrued \$300 in total rebates. If you want to know where you stand, just ask the Manna team when you stop in or email [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com).

The school office will be sending out a usage report to all families in the next couple weeks. Many more families are finding the **RaiseRight App and Website** to be an easy way to use the program regularly. Gift cards can even be sent home in your child's folder for no hassle.

**Tip:** Set a reminder on your phone before 10AM Sunday to place a weekly order on the app for everyday purchases. To request gift cards be sent home with our child, **PLEASE SUBMIT:** the **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.

**Want more information: Manna Overview.** Quick videos to make it easy: Video demo for the app or Video to help understand the rebates. At SJF 40% of the rebate goes to the school and 60% goes to family. ***The Goal is for this program to help SJF maintain competitive tuition rates.*** Any questions or ideas: Email [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com) or School Board at [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com)

### **Manna Hours:**

**Mondays: 8:00 – 9:00 AM**

**Wednesdays: 6:00 – 7:30 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 PM**



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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!

- Confirmation: **2.4** - 11:00 a.m.
- Graduation Picture Day: **2.8**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.16** ~ 1:00 -4:00 p.m.
  - **12:00 p.m. Dismissal for Students**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **2.17**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.20**
- Family Night: **3.9**
- 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)





## 2022-2023 St. John Fisher School Contacts

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

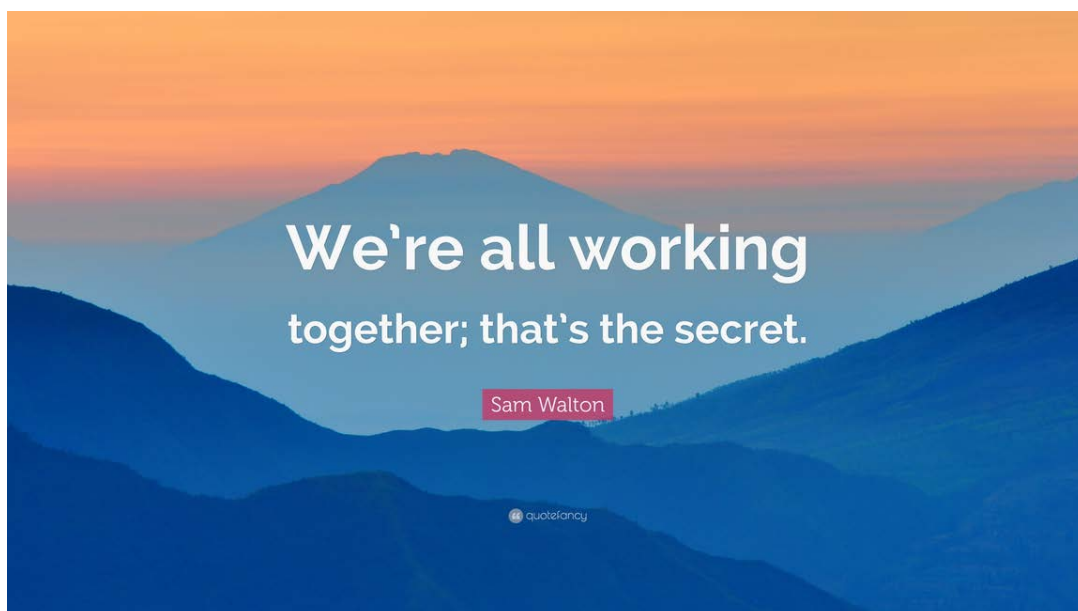
Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcorley@sjfschool.us)

- 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)





**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*

