



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL


MAY 10, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

We don't know where to begin to thank you appropriately for all of your generosity this week! A special thank you to Amy O'Connor and to our incredible FSA team who coordinated all of the efforts this week which is no small feat! Our staff was completely overwhelmed with your love and appreciation. From the flowers and cards and extra prep period (thank you volunteers!), to the lunch, breakfast, treats and everything in between – THANK YOU!

Our Falcons are in the home stretch with just one month of the 2023-2024 school year left on the books. Every moment counts as we continue to maximize our instruction time to finish this year stronger than ever! Please continue to motivate your student(s) to turn in all of his/her assignments and study for those culminating assessments. I can't wait to see our Falcons' progress as they dominate their final iReady Diagnostic in the coming weeks. Let's go Falcons!

Finally, an enormous thank you to Dr. Chermak and Fr. Ken for orchestrating a truly spectacular First Holy Communion and beautiful May Crowning. Our teachers' love for and dedication to our students was evident as well. Thank you to Mrs. Kellam, Mrs. Ball, Ms. Browne, Mrs. Condon and Ms. Russell for preparing our kids so well. We cannot believe our 8th graders will be leaving us in the coming weeks.

There are so many incredible things going on at SJF. Thank you for entrusting your children to us each day and for choosing Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. You belong here. 

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

## School Board Update



- Our last school board meeting is **Tuesday, May 14th at 7 p.m. in Kane Hall**. All are welcome to attend! **If you cannot attend but want to learn more** about the school board's agenda or ask questions/give feedback, **we would like to welcome all parents to join current school board members and Mrs. Nash @ 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14th in Kane Hall**. It will be an informal Q&A/feedback session to help shape the school board agenda next year. *Donuts and Coffee will be served.*
- **Please consider joining SJF's school advisory board**. The top 2 areas of focus for next year are fundraising and enrollment. Please fill out the application, [linked here](#), if you are interested by June 1st. If you'd like to learn more, please join our last school board meeting on Tuesday, May 14th in Kane Hall. Email [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Manna Update

- The **Manna Fundraising Requirement** (\$300/family) will be added in the FACTS system in the coming weeks. All families will see a \$300 charge and then it will be adjusted based on the amount earned for the school up until April 30th, 2024. For example, families that met the \$300 fundraising requirement, will see two notifications (\$300 fee – \$300 adjustment = no charge). The individual earnings achieved will be reflected on your FACTS statement on book day in August. For the family in the above example that achieved the \$300 goal, they will get a deduction off tuition for the following year. You can start accruing for next year's Manna Fundraising requirement as of May 1st. If you decided not to participate this year, but would like to reduce the \$300 fundraising fee through everyday shopping, please review the flyer below for additional information.

*Our Falcons are brave, smart,  
important, kind and loved.*



## Important Announcements

- Our Falcons are completing their 3rd and Final iReady Diagnostic over the next two weeks (K-2 week of May 13th & 3-8 week of May 20th). Falcons, don't forget to get a good night's sleep, eat a well-balanced breakfast, take your time, and be confident in all you've learned. You've got this!
- *REMINDER: We do not offer a hot lunch option for the month of June. Please be mindful of your child's field trip when ordering lunch.*
- **Let's Grow our Falcon Family!** Do you have a new neighbor or a new baby on your block? Let us know! We'd love to welcome them to our SJF Community! Email Mrs. Houston with the details: [khouston@sjfschool.us](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us). Thank you!
- Do you want to **order an SJF yearbook**? See the flyer below for more information.
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, [dogrady@sjfschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjfschool.us). **\*ATTENTION: extended day will closed @ 3p.m. today!**
- **Trying to prevent that summer (academic) slide?** Visit this link to see the different options and recommendations to keep our Falcons sharp all summer long! Questions? Reach out to Ms. Schiavone, [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us) or Mrs. Brogan, [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us).






## Pro Labore Dei Update

- The food collection in the church parking lot continues every Saturday morning from 9:30 -10 a.m. The ITEM OF THE MONTH FOR MAY is CANNED VEGETABLES of any kind. Other foods and diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6 are also much appreciated to stock our pantry. Thank you for all you do, Falcons!
- Call Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881) with any questions.

**LOVE LIFE. ENGAGE IN IT. GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT. LOVE IT WITH A PASSION BECAUSE LIFE TRULY DOES GIVE BACK, MANY TIMES OVER, WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT.**

– MAYA ANGELOU

## Looking Ahead

<p><b>Saturday, May 11th</b></p>	<p><b>4 p.m. Mass - All are welcome!</b>  <b>Manna @ The Convent 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 12th</b></p>	<p><b>8 a.m &amp; 11 a.m. Mass</b>  <b>All are welcome!</b>  <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i></p> 
<p><b>Monday, May 13th</b></p>	<p><b>iReady Begins this week for K-2nd graders. We can't wait to see how far you've grown!</b></p> 
<p><b>Tuesday, May 14th</b></p>	<p><b>*Homework Club</b> w/ Mrs. Ade, Ms. Dunlavy &amp; Mrs. Schiller, 3-3:45 p.m.  <b>SAB Q&amp;A @ 8 a.m.</b> in Kane Hall  Coffee &amp; Donuts will be served!  <b>SAB Meeting @ 7 p.m.</b> in Kane Hall  All are welcome!</p> 
<p><b>Wednesday, May 15th</b></p>	<p><b>*Homework Club</b> w/ Mrs. Ade, Ms. Dunlavy &amp; Mrs. Schiller, 3-3:45 p.m.  <b>Manna @ the Convent 6-7 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, May 16th</b>  <b>5th Grade Field Trip</b>  <b>Art Institute!</b></p>	<p><b>EVERY DAY IS A GREAT DAY</b>  <b>TO BE A FALCON!</b></p> 
<p><b>Friday, May 17th</b>  <b>2nd Grade Field Trip</b>  <b>Legoland!</b></p>	<p>Happy Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your favorite Falcon Spirit-wear on top with your uniform bottoms!  <b>8th Grade Ribbon Mass - 8:15 a.m.</b></p> 





Happy Spring Falcons!

















# Calling all divas!



THEME  
*diva*

## SCAVENGER HUNT

### FRIDAY, MAY 31ST

GET YOUR TEAMS & COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE DIVA!  
TEAMS OF 4-8

HUNT WILL BEGIN IN KANE HALL @ 5:30 PM

NO TEAM? NO PROBLEM! SIGN UP & WE'LL PLACE YOU ON A TEAM

\$30 INCLUDES PIZZA & 2 DRINKS AT FINAL DESTINATION

SIGN UP EARLY TO GET DIBS ON YOUR DIVA TEAM NAME!

MORE INFO & SIGN UP [HERE](#) OR [HERE](#)







# FSA PIZZA SETUP Fundraiser



**Must be redeemed at 3804 W. 111th Street location**

**DUE: Friday, May 17th (cash or check to SJF FSA)- Vouchers passed out on Friday, 5/24**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send home with:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher/Room#** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>12" thin (3 pizzas)</b>	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	<b>Cheese \$17 each</b>		<b>Sausage \$21 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)</b>		<b>Pepperoni \$21 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)</b>		<b>Total \$</b>
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<b>7" thin (10 pizzas)</b>	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	<b>Cheese \$20 each</b>		<b>Sausage \$24 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)</b>		<b>Pepperoni \$24 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)</b>		<b>Total \$</b>
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<b>10" GLUTEN FREE (3 pizzas)</b>	Each Includes 1 pound of mozzarella & pint of pint of homemade sauce	<b>Cheese \$22 each</b>		<b>Sausage \$26 each (Includes 20 oz of homemade pizza meat)</b>		<b>Pepperoni \$26 each (Includes ½ pound of pepperoni)</b>		<b>Total \$</b>
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**Total amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Karen McDonagh with any questions [karenmcdonagh513@gmail.com](mailto:karenmcdonagh513@gmail.com)**



# WE'RE HIRING!



## KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE TEACHERS

- Phenomenal, supportive parent and family community
- Motivated, intelligent, curious and kind students
- Team-oriented, collaborative, nurturing, warm, fun and friendly work environment

*You belong here* 



Send Your Resume  
[mnash@sjfschool.us](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us)



For more information about SJF  
[www.sjfschool.net](http://www.sjfschool.net)





# In This Family *Falcons Fight Together*

Dear St. John Fisher Friends & Families,

The Dowling Family is in need of our support! Jimmy was recently diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer. Jimmy is a proud St. John Fisher Alum, Class of '88, and father to 7 children, all of whom have attended and still attend St. John Fisher.

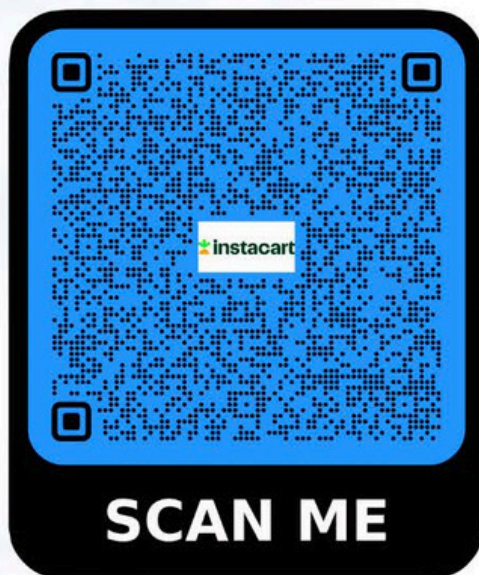
The Dowlings have already battled cancer twice with their 9 year old son Beau, and just recently, their daughter Ella.

To make life a little easier for the Dowling family during Jimmy's treatment, we have set up an Instacart account to make shopping for groceries and other necessities easier for them.

If you are able, please donate to their Instacart account to relieve some of the burden while Jimmy battles this horrible disease.

Thank you!

## Dowling Family Instacart Account



Recipient name:

**Meg Dowling**

Recipient Email:

**megdowling12@yahoo.com**







# Manna Update

**Regular Hours:**

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 6-7 p.m.

Any changes to hours will be posted on FSA  
Facebook Page.

Stop in or use the [RAISE RIGHT APP](#) on-the go!

The best way to order physical cards (local too) in stock is to order using the App by Sunday at 10 p.m. and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6 p.m. Skip the line to pick-up when you order ahead! Let us know if you'd like your order sent home with your child.

Since May 1st, the program has raised more than **\$31,000 for the school and \$47,000 directly to families to lower tuition costs.** Thank you!

**The deadline to earn the \$300 requirement for this school year is April 30<sup>th</sup>.** To track your earnings, go to [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) under Account/Order History. We will not be distributing a letter. If you have questions, stop into the convent during open hours or email the Manna team.

Email the Manna team at [Sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:Sjfmanna@gmail.com) with any questions. More info [here](#).

Thank you for supporting  
St. John Fisher!







# CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S ST. JOHN FISHER YEARBOOK!

## Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

## To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to: [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:  
1015271802074961

Regular price: **\$27.39**

Create Custom Pages by: Jul 4

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## Please join us for the SJF FSA Sponsored Mother Son Outing

Limited Tickets  
Available! To reserve  
your seats please purchase  
tickets by clicking the link  
below. Most seats  
available together in  
Sections 102 & 103



June 9, 2024 at 1:10 P.M.  
White Sox vs. Boston Red Sox  
Click the link to purchase tickets:  
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Saintjohn8>  
Please email Carrie Erwinski at  
Carrie726@gmail.com with any questions.  
Stay tuned for information on bus transportation.

*White Sox*



# ST. JOHN FISHER



# PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

WITH MRS. GARZA, MS. FADDEN, AND MS. SURIN



THIS SUMMER, SJF IS HOSTING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM FOR TOILET-TRAINED CHILDREN AGES 3-5. EACH WEEK WILL BE BASED ON A THEME. THE CHILDREN WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL SKILLS AND COOPERATIVE LEARNING.



**9:00 - 11:00 A.M.**

**\$70 per Week**

**Please send a small snack and drink daily**

**STORIES \* CRAFTS \* SONGS \* INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY!**

**Week 1**  
June 11, 12, 13  
Dinosaurs

**Week 2**  
June 18, 19, 20  
Superheroes

**Week 3**  
June 25, 26, 27  
Fireworks and Fun

**Week 4**  
July 9, 10, 11  
Outer Space

**Week 5**  
July 16, 17, 18  
STEM Week

**Week 6**  
July 23, 24, 25  
Water Fun

**Week 7**  
July 30, 31, August 1  
Under the Sea

**Week 8**  
August 6, 7, 8  
Camping

**A DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$500 IF YOU SIGN UP FOR ALL 8 WEEKS!**

**More Information:** [mgarza@sjfschool.us](mailto:mgarza@sjfschool.us) or text 773-315-0399

**Registration and payment is due May 3rd**





# ST. JOHN FISHER

## PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

WITH

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PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM IN AN  
ENVELOPE MARKED  
PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY FRIDAY,  
MAY 3RD.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS (PLEASE LIST ALL AND IF CHILD  
CARRIES AN EPI PEN AND OR/INHALER): \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE SELECT SESSION:

Week 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 7 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 8 \_\_\_\_\_

All 8 Weeks \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOM'S PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DAD'S PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_





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### St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Memorial Day – No School: **5.27**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.31**, 12:00 p.m.  
“Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.2** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.6** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

*You belong here.*



\***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration:  
**May 29th.**





## 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
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
<b>May</b>	<b>Optimism</b>



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





# 2023-2024 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 & Academic Support *after* contacting the teacher
- 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
- MedicalForms

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)

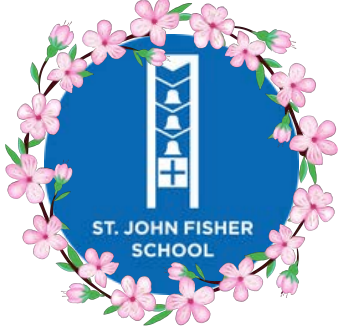
- Student Services

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: [clarmon@sjfschool.us](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

Ms. Mary Schiavone (K-4): [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)  
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us)





# 2023-2024 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
- Academic/Classroom support following communication with Mrs. Larmon

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)

