



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts

St. John Fisher School – Together, we've got this!

February 11, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

You can still feel the high energy and excitement in our classrooms and hallways as we continue to ride the wave of last week's awesome Catholic Schools Week. As we head into our four-day President's Day and Valentine's Day weekend, we press pause to call to mind how grateful we are for all of the people in our lives whom we love and cherish. May this long weekend give you the opportunity to spend intentional, quality time with your family and loved ones.

Thank you for your constant support and for being ambassadors of St. John Fisher. We are excited to announce that so far, we have enrolled 22 new families for next school year! We have not lost sight of the necessity of planning for our bright future. Together, with the School Advisory Board along with your partnership and commitment, we continue to work toward the ambitious goals that we identified and set in our [5-year Strategic Plan](#). On Tuesday, March 9th, we invite you to listen in at our Virtual School Advisory Board Meeting, as we share the remarkable progress we have made. Please see more information below. Incredible things are happening at St. John Fisher School! Now is a great time to be a Falcon and to join our family! Thank you for choosing Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher. Stay warm this weekend!

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



COVID Reminders

- Our **most frequently asked question** is *when should I keep my child home from school?*
 - *If your child or ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD HAS 1 or more **COVID symptoms**, your child (and siblings) should remain at home.*
 - *If your child or ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD has a pending COVID lab test (even if the rapid is negative).*
- Each week I express my gratitude for your partnership. A health inspector from the Archdiocese COVID Task Force audited our building and practices overall. *OUR* efforts *TOGETHER* are making a difference! The inspector praised us and recommended we serve as a resource for other schools. As I tell the students each day: We are Fisher Falcons and we can do hard things! Thank you for your partnership and caution. Our school has successfully remained open for in-person learning because of you!

Important Announcements

- Don't forget there is **NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 12th and Monday, February 15th**. Enjoy the long weekend!
- Attention **Pre-School, Kindergarten and First Grade Families**: pre-k, k and 1st grade will be celebrating our 100th Day of School on Tuesday, February 16th. Students are welcome to dress like they are 100 years old. Have fun!
- **THANK YOU** to the **Men's and Women's Club and School Advisory Board** for providing lunch last week for our staff. We are so appreciative of your generosity and support!
- **FSA Update**: Calling all Falcon Families! FSA is looking for volunteers to help plan upcoming events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen Schiesl, kristenschiesl@gmail.com, or Karen McDonagh klak13@yahoo.com.
 - *A **BIG THANK YOU** to the FSA for providing a special treat for all of our students today. You continue to find ways to make our kids and teachers feel special, loved and celebrated during this pandemic and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Your dedication to our school does not go unnoticed.*
 - **FSA Save the Dates**:
 - February 11th** - FSA honors St. Valentine's Day
 - February 16th** - Barraco's Eat and Earn *See flyer below
 - May 3rd - May 7th** - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - May 22nd** - Fisher Community Yard Sale
- The SJF **VIRTUAL Book Fair** ends on Sunday, February 14th. Please see the attached flyer for more information. If you have questions, reach out to Mrs. Keller, kkeller@sjfschool.net.
- **School Advisory Board Update: Save the Date**: Please join the SAB meeting on **March 9th at 7:30** where they will share an update on progress and next steps related to SJF's Strategic Plan. All parents are invited to listen in! This is a great opportunity especially for anyone interested in joining these efforts next year. We have a few openings and will be seeking new members. If you have questions, please feel free to email, sjfsab@gmail.com, ahead of the meetings so we can address any questions that night. The meeting will be virtual and links will be shared closer to the meeting.

- **REGISTRATION** for the 2021-2022 school year is **NOW OPEN** to all of our current and prospective Falcons - don't forget to reserve your spot with us!
- **SJF's Virtual Open House:** In case you missed it, [please see and share our Virtual Open House](#) created by Mrs. Corley and Ms. Schiavone demonstrating all of the impressive features our school has to offer!
- Don't forget to **register** to save your spot for **Extended Day**, [here](#)! If you have any questions, contact Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.net.

MANNA News

- **Manna UPDATE:** Many families are taking advantage of the added convenience of sending gift cards home in folders. Making it a part of your regular weekly spending on groceries and take-out seems to be paying off for people. We will trial it for a few more weeks. Sign this [Waiver](#) and sign up on [shopwithscrip](#) if you are interested in having your orders sent home with your child.
- A few questions have come up related to timeline and payout. In an effort to simplify the program, **this year we moved to one annual payout**. Therefore, there is not a February payout this year. That selection was taken off the registration form and we apologize if you were expecting it. To explain more on why, this year, we reviewed the process and looked for areas to add convenience but also areas to simplify and reduce cost so that any added value goes directly to the school and families. You can expect **your individual payout each August** reflected on your "Book Day" tuition bill. Related, about May 15th, you will see a fundraising fee in FACTS if you have not reached the \$300 school earnings requirement (\$300 minus what you've earned for the school thru the program). Remember, the \$175 fundraising fee that was normally charged at the start of the year was eliminated to give families an opportunity to reduce the fee as much as they can. The deadline to accrue towards the \$300 requirement is April 30th. Thank you all for your participation! It's making a difference.

Parish News

- Are you receiving our **Parish Newsletter**? If not, sign up [here](#) so you don't miss a beat.
- Don't forget to *join us for mass* at **4 PM on Saturdays, 8 AM and 11 AM on Sundays, and 8:15 AM every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday**.
- **Confession** is also available every **Saturday 3 PM - 3:45 PM**. If you would like to sign up in advance for weekend Masses, you may call the rectory, 773-445-6565 or sign up online [here](#). While you are not required to sign up in advance, it helps us ensure enough space for all.



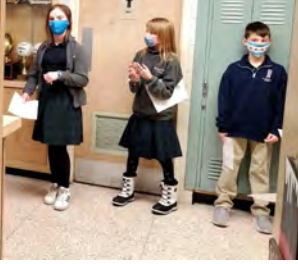


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& Parent
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making today so
special for our
students and staff!**



You are Loved.

Catholic School Week
2021

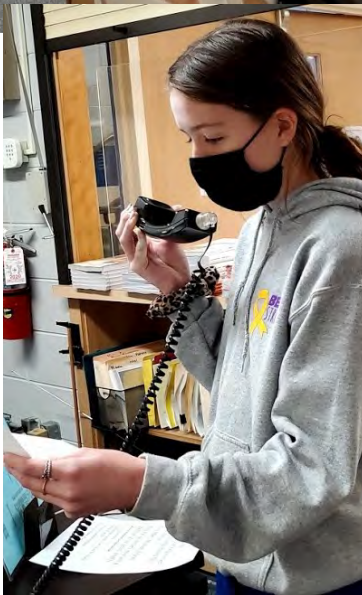
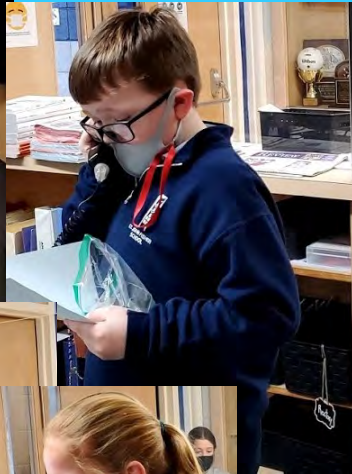
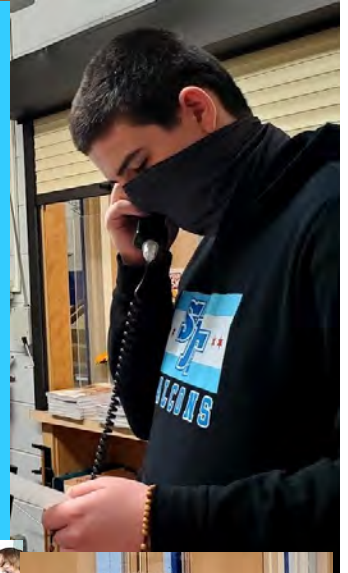


Faith ~ Excellence ~ Service
Catholic Schools Week Rosary

50 children led our school in this prayer over the P.A.
Students announced the intention for each Hail Mary and all of us prayed for the important people and gifts in our lives.

- We dedicated each decade to these groups and qualities:
1. Our families
 2. Students in each grade
 3. People in various professions
 4. Gifts in our lives
 5. Students & teachers in neighboring Catholic schools.

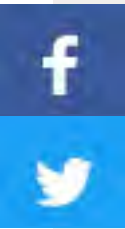
Thank you to our students for leading us so reverently and well in our prayer to Mary: Mother of God and Patroness of the Americas.



ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL Book Fair

10200 S WASHTENAW AVE , CHICAGO , IL 60655

Feb. 1 - Feb. 14



Our Book Fair is online! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book-only purchases over \$25.



A SAFE, CASHLESS WAY TO SHOP THE FAIR

Easy to setup, **eWallet** funds are immediately available for use at both the in-school and virtual Book Fair. Plus, family and friends can contribute too! Create an eWallet account between 01/11 - 02/14

[GET STARTED](#)

Shop During Feb. 1 - Feb. 14

[SHOP THE STORE](#)



Support our school by shopping The Scholastic Store Online for an expanded selection of exclusives, new releases, value packs, and more. All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 **ship free**. Every purchase **benefits our school** and helps develop a love of reading.

NEW VIRTUAL FAIR!

[SHOP THE VIRTUAL FAIR](#)

- Experience the joy of book cases, characters, and much more
- View exclusive book trailers and curated reading lists
- Shop over 200 hot, new books and premium titles



BARRACO'S
Ristorante, Pizzeria and Catering



Eat & Earn

Whether it's deep dish or thin crust...

It's a night off of cooking and a delicious dinner while supporting our School!

For: St. John Fisher FSA

When: February 16, 2021

**Where: Barraco's Evergreen Park &
Mount Greenwood**

(Dine-in and Carry-out Only!)

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SJF FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION!

Please Present Paper Flyer when you pick-up or dine in so orders can be counted!!!