



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts*

St. John Fisher School – **WE DID IT!**

June 11, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

We did it! We successfully stayed open for in-person learning for the ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR during a worldwide pandemic. I am going to be honest, part of me didn't think this would be possible. Most days, especially during the first 7 months of the school year, we operated as if it would be our last day in school. The reality is we never knew what the next day would bring. We tried to take solace in that we had a plan in place and we would act accordingly depending upon what came our way. I applaud our community. The reason behind our success is that we all worked together as a team. Nothing about this school year was easy. But it was worth it and most importantly, our kids are better off because of it!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and guardians of our Falcons. There is not a more important, frustrating, challenging and rewarding job than being a good parent. And you are exceptional. You love your children unconditionally. You were at school at the drop of a hat to take home your sick child (and all of their siblings). You pivoted when your child's room got sent home unexpectedly for a 2-week quarantine. You lost sleep about their well-being and sending them to school, in a mask, during this surreal situation. You became your child's teacher at times while trying to still manage your own workload. You set up zoom meetings with your child's teacher to ensure his/her success. You worried endlessly about everyone's health and safety. You tried to find ways to make your child's life more "normal". You were frustrated. You cried. You laughed. You never stopped supporting your child. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for staying with us during this insane year. You trusted us to educate and love your child during a time when we didn't know what tomorrow would bring. And it was our great privilege to do so. Thank you, parents. You are so appreciated!

Where would we be without our committed staff and faculty. During a time when teachers all over our state and country weren't able to teach in-person, our teachers showed up every single day to support your child and help him/her grow academically, spiritually and emotionally. I asked them to change everything that they were used to about their teaching profession in order to follow our strict safety guidelines and protocols. During a time when it would have been so easy to say no, our teachers said yes and came to work each day with a thankful heart and an open mind. Faculty and staff, we commend you. You gave our children an advantage this year that will last them a lifetime.

Finally, to the glue that holds us all together, thank you FALCONS! Who would have thought that learning during these unbelievable circumstances would still be fun? We are forever grateful to our Falcons, for arriving to school each day with a positive attitude and a smile on his/her face, for making us laugh and reminding us what life is all about. You are the reason we are all here and we admire your bravery, courage, cooperation and flexibility. We have learned so much from you this year and continue to pray for your health, safety and resiliency. We love you, Falcons. Be safe this summer. Make good choices and keep being awesome!

Congratulations to you all on a job well done. I hope you have a fabulous summer full of all the blessings that life has to bring! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School!

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*

# **WE DID IT!**

## Important Announcements

- **Congratulations to Mrs. G. on her retirement!** Mrs. G. is leaving the Falcon nest after dedicating 22 YEARS of her life to SJF! We have all been blessed by her presence – she has made a significant impact on our school. Thank you, Mrs. G. Enjoy every second of your well-deserved retirement!
- We would like to take the time to wish **Senor Madrigal** well. Senor is taking over his family business in the food industry. For the past 3 years, Senor opened our minds to become more aware and knowledgeable of the Spanish culture and language. We are grateful for his innovative and fun teaching style. Best of luck to you on your new adventure!
- **Mrs. Nolan** was kind enough to break out of retirement to help us when we were in great need these past 2 years. We are so grateful to Mrs. Nolan for her willingness to share her time with us again and enhance our students' appreciation for music. Best of luck to Mrs. Nolan on her new journey!
- We are thrilled to announce the hiring of these two impressive educators! Please join me in giving them a warm Fisher Falcon Welcome!:
  - **Noreen Higgins** – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religion
  - **Molly Cummings** – Math and Reading Specialist
- **Summer Academic Packets for grades 2-8** will be posted to the website the second week of July. Please be on the lookout for an e-mail in July alerting you to this prep work for next year.
- Get a **head start on summer enrichment** for your student! Visit SJF's enrichment support and activity page, [linked here](#), compiled by our resourceful **resource department!**
- Please see the below informational flyers and registration forms for our **Summer Middle School Enrichment Program!**
- **School Supply Kits** are available to purchase for next year **through July 18<sup>th</sup>!** Please see the below informational flyer.
- **Summer Office Hours:** T, W, TH, 9-12 beginning June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Spanish Teacher Opening:** SJF is seeking a highly qualified candidate to teach Spanish full-time to grades 3-8 for the 2021-2022 school year. Interested candidates should contact Maura Nash, [mnash@sjfschool.net](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.net) and [click here](#) to apply. **Please spread the word!**
- **Yearbook:** Please see the flyer below to upload pictures to Treering in order to contribute pictures from Confirmation, First Holy Communion, etc. Ordering information is also listed. Thank you!
- St. John Fisher Parish has entered into Phase 5! Please see the [details linked here](#).

## MANNA Update

**SCHOOL FAMILIES RAISED ABOUT \$45,000** that goes directly to SJF School through participation in the Manna Program this school year. Thank You! Many have already started earning towards next year's requirement (clock restarted May 1<sup>st</sup>).

- Manna Selling Hours continue through the summer **except for Fridays.** (M 8-930 AM, W 6-730PM, TH 8-930AM, SAT 830-930AM, SUN 1030-1130AM). Stop in or use the [RAISE RIGHT APP ON-THE GO](#).
- Many families are getting used to the App and finding it much easier to meet the requirement without much hassle thru everyday purchases.
- With your support, we hope we can get closer to the \$100,000 school fundraising goal to help balance the school budget and maintain competitive tuition rates.
- Check out the [Manna website](#) for more info. Email the Manna team at [Sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:Sjfmanna@gmail.com) with any questions.

**IDEAS FOR SUMMER SPENDING** through the Manna Program: Airlines, Airbnb, TopGolf, Marriot, Disney, Binny's or Town Liquors, local restaurants and grocery stores and many more. See full list [here](#) or use the search bar on [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) to see if it's available as new brands are always being added.

## Pro Labore Dei Update

- The SJF community can continue to help Pro Labore Dei fight hunger throughout the summer months. Food donations for the weekly PLD food drive can be dropped off at the church parking lot between 10:30 and 11:00 am EVERY Saturday morning, or at the rectory office during the week. If you need a donation picked up please contact Pam O'Mara, 773-612-0981 or Pat Hayes 773-203-7881. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. We have shoppers. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity!

## 2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2021-2022 school year. Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change. We are hopeful for a more “normal” school year ahead!

- First Day of School: **8.25** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Labor Day – No School: **9.6**
- All-Staff Professional Development (no classes): **9.24**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.6, 10.7**
- No School: **10.8**
- Columbus Day – No School: **10.11**
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.28** \*classes resume **11.29**
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.5** \*classes resume **1.6**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.17**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.17**
- President’s Day Break: **2.18 – 2.21** \*classes resume **2.22**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.11**
- No School: **3.14**
- Spring Break: **4.13 – 4.24** \*classes resume **4.25**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.30**
- Last Day of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes: **6.1**
- Last Day of School: **6.8** ~ 10:30 dismissal

\***Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled earlier next year** with the intent to make a formal connection with parents weeks before the first marking period in an effort to partner and support students’ needs sooner and PRIOR to the end of the first trimester.

\***1 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings and PLC work: **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

This summer, may we all take time to enjoy our loved ones...

Take Time

Take time to Think – it is the source of wisdom.

Take time to Dream – it is the fountain of the future.

Take time to Play – it is the way to stay young.

Take time to Reflect – it is the way to know God.

Take time to Smile – it is the road to happiness.

Take time to Laugh – it is the music of the soul.

Take time to Love – it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to Pray – it is the greatest power on earth.



**We are Fisher Falcons. We can do hard things.**

# LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL!



Enjoy Your Summer!





# SJF 5th & 6th Grade Refresher Course

Dates: 2-week session Aug 3-5 & 10-12

(Tues., Wed., Thurs.)

Time: 8:30-11- 6th grade

11-1:30- 5th grade

Cost \$200 per child

Ms. Dunlavy and Mrs. O'Shea will offer incoming 5th and 6th-grade students an opportunity to practice and refine their academic skills just in time for the 2021-2022 school year! Week 1 students will focus on Reading, Writing, and Study Skills. Week 2 students will work on Math skills.

To register your child please submit this form and payment to the office. All checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School

If you have any questions please email [coshea@sjfschool.net](mailto:coshea@sjfschool.net) or [cdunlavy@sjfschool.net](mailto:cdunlavy@sjfschool.net)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name & email \_\_\_\_\_

Incoming Grade Child 1

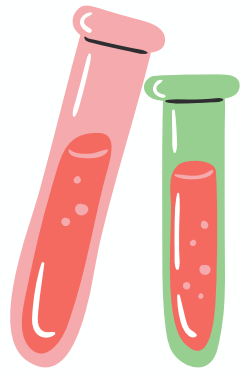
5th

6th

Incoming Grade Child 2

5th

6th



# Incoming 5th- 7th grade STEM Camp



with

## Mrs. O'Shea and Ms. Dunlavy

Dates: July 27-29 (Tues., Wed., and Thurs.)

Time: 8:30-11

Cost \$100

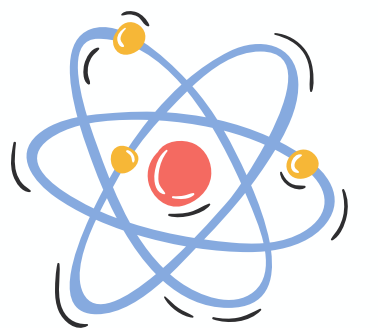


This will be a fun and exciting week to focus on  
strictly STEM!

We will

- compete
- build
- create
- experiment with technology
- explore with Google cardboard

We hope you can join us!



Questions? email

[coshea@sjfschool.net](mailto:coshea@sjfschool.net) or

[cdunlavy@sjfschool.net](mailto:cdunlavy@sjfschool.net)

Send the section below along with your payment  
to the school office

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_



**ORDER** *now!*

St. John Fisher School is offering a quick and easy option  
to order your child's school supplies...

## ***EduKit School Supply Kits!***

**Order by July 18, 2021 for BEST PRICING and FREE SHIPPING!**

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**LAST DAY to order is July 27, 2021!**

St. John Fisher School is offering the EduKit program as a convenient option for  
our busy families to order your student's school supplies for the 2021/2022 year.

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EduKits are custom made to include the supplies  
selected and approved by our teachers and school.

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Ordering an EduKit is the easiest option to help ensure  
your child has their own of every item necessary.

**Shipping is FREE for all orders placed through July 18, 2021!**

**Order your child's EduKit today!**

**Go to [www.edukitinc.com](http://www.edukitinc.com), search St. John Fisher**

Your child's EduKit will be delivered to the school.

The Administration will communicate the  
distribution details later this summer.

***Extended ordering is available through  
EduKit's Last Chance program July 19 – July 27, 2021.***

Last Chance orders have a \$12.95 additional fee and will be delivered to your home shortly before school begins.

Any questions?  
Please contact Kate Spadoni,  
[kspadoni@sjfschool.net](mailto:kspadoni@sjfschool.net)

Please see reverse for details and pricing.





# ORDER *now!*

<b>EduKits</b>	<b>Price*</b>
<b>Kindergarten Kit</b> - required Headphones sold separately	\$79.90
<b>Grade 1 Kit</b> - required Headphones, Addition Flash Cards and Subtraction Flash Cards sold separately	\$75.72
<b>Grade 2 Kit</b> - required Earbuds and (2) Jumbo Book Covers sold separately	\$54.81
<b>Grade 3 Kit</b> - required Earbuds, Multiplication Flash Cards, Division Flash Cards and (2) Jumbo Book Covers sold separately	\$65.89
<b>Grade 4 Kit</b> - required Earbuds, Multiplication Flash Cards, Division Flash Cards and (1) Jumbo Book Covers sold separately	\$61.02
<b>Grade 5 Kit</b> - required Earbuds. (4) Jumbo Book Covers and TI-30X IIS Calculator sold separately	\$75.31
<b>Grade 6 Kit</b> - required Earbuds. (4) Jumbo Book Covers and TI-30X IIS Calculator sold separately	\$72.18
<b>Grade 7 Kit</b> - required Earbuds sold separately	\$64.55
<b>Grade 8 Kit</b> - required Earbuds sold separately	\$60.72
<b>Required Items- bring from home or purchase from EduKit</b>	
<b>Ultra-Light Headphones</b> - required: option #1 for Kindergarten and Grade 1	\$6.50
<b>Cushioned Headphones</b> - required: option #2 for Kindergarten and Grade 1	\$10.50
<b>Earbuds</b> - required for Grades 2-8	\$5.99
<b>Addition Flash Cards</b> - required for Grade 1	\$3.25
<b>Subtraction Flash Cards</b> - required for Grade 1	\$3.25
<b>Multiplication Flash Cards</b> - required for Grades 3-4	\$3.25
<b>Division Flash Cards</b> - required for Grades 3-4	\$3.25
<b>Jumbo Book Covers</b> - required for Grades 2-3 (2), Grade 4 (1) and Grades 5-6 (4)	\$1.75
<b>TI-30x IIS Solar Calculator</b> - required for Grades 5-6	\$15.99
*Prices are valid on orders placed by 7/18/21.	
*All applicable sales tax will be added at check out.	

# We Need Your Photos for the St. John Fisher Yearbook

1

On the homepage, click on **Share Photos**.

1 **Purchase Yearbook**

Purchase your yearbook

[Add to Cart](#)

2 **Customize Your Yearbook**

Create 2 **FREE** custom pages

[Build Custom Pages](#)

 **Get Your Yearbook Signed**

Sign a Friend's Yearbook

[Request a Signature](#)

 **Share Photos**

[Share Your Photos](#)

2

Choose the folder you wish to add to:  
**Editor Only Folders**  
**Shared Photo Folders** or  
**All Shared Photos**.

3

Click the **Add Photos** button.

[Add Photos](#)

4

**Add Photos** from Google Drive,  
Facebook, Instagram, Dropbox & more.



## Sign In or Create an Account to Upload Photos:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

1 Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)

2 Enter our school's passcode:  
**1015271802074961**