



Notes from Mrs. Nash

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St. John Fisher School

October 1, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

I am going to let Fr. Ken do the talking this week. Please see his important note below. We hope to see you at the "town hall" meeting in the church on Tuesday, October 5th and parent-teacher conferences on October 6th or 7th.

Enjoy your weekend!

Dear Parishioners,

*As previewed in the parish newsletter earlier this month and last weekend at masses, we will be holding a parish-wide "town hall" meeting this coming **Tuesday, October 5th from 7-9pm in the church** to discuss the Renew My Church process. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on this process and our parish's future structure to the Archdiocese via our local grouping feedback team.*

*Representatives from our team will open the meeting with some brief remarks about where we're at in the process, the expected timeline for the Cardinal's decision on our future, and the "scenarios" (the Archdiocese's term for possible new parish and school structures within our grouping of SJF, St. Cajetan, and St. Christina) on which we're being asked to provide feedback. **Those scenarios, along with some basic comparative information about the three parishes' sacramental and financial stability and additional background details about the Renew My Church process, will be published in the bulletin as well as posted on the school and parish web sites this weekend.** Please be on the lookout for that information; I would encourage all to review it ahead of Tuesday's meeting to make our time together as productive as possible.*

Once the scenarios are formally presented, we will open the floor to attendees for the rest of the meeting. Above all else, this is a listening meeting for us. While our formal task is not to make a recommendation or ranking of the scenarios, direct, honest, and respectful feedback that states your preferences but also recognizes potential strengths and challenges of each will be extremely helpful to our team as we move forward in this process and do our best to represent the will of the parish to the Archdiocese.

In the meantime, please keep each other and our parish in your prayers. While we do not know exactly where this process will lead us, I am confident that the good work being done all across our parish and school community on a daily basis will preserve and continue to build on the great legacy of SJF and the identity we share as Fisher Falcons.

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ken Budzikowski
Pastor*

Important Announcements

- **COMPLIANCE AUDIT** – St. John Fisher is currently undergoing a compliance audit for all volunteers who work with our students both on and off campus. Please see the below information that must be completed in order for you to be in compliance and eligible to participate as a volunteer and/or chaperone at St. John Fisher School. Thank you for your help and attention!
- **Attention Band Families**: Just a friendly reminder from Mr. Gula that there will be no band lessons next week (10/4/21), as Mr. Gula will be attending a very important conference/seminar. Band lessons will resume on Monday, Oct. 18th. Thank you for your cooperation and support of our school band program.
- **ALL MEDICAL FORMS** must be turned in by **October 15th**! Please reach out to Mrs. Murray with any questions, lmurray@sjschool.us.
- **Special Lunch**: Our first special lunch is **Tuesday, October 5th**. [Click this link to order now!](#)
- **Say cheese! All-School Picture Day** is **Tuesday, October 5th**. *The makeup picture day is November 18th.*
- **Progress Report Check** for Trimester 1 is Wednesday, **October 6th**. Any student in grades 5th – 8th with two D's or an F will be enrolled in our Academic Eligibility Club to provide support and intervention where needed to help improve his/her grade. More details will be shared with the families of those students who qualify for this club.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are October 6th and October 7th. Don't forget to [schedule your conference by clicking on this link](#). See you soon!
- **Oktoberfest Kid Style**: Oktoberfest isn't for the kids, but who says they can't celebrate too! FSA and the Oktoberfest Committee are partnering to hold a **Pretzelfast for our students on October 15th**. Students can order delicious Barracco's pretzel sticks with cheese during their lunch. *GF options available. Please see the attached order forms and have all orders in by October 12th.*
- **Weekend Mass Initiative**: St. John Fisher School and FSA are sponsoring a **weekend mass attendance incentive for our school children for the month of October**.
 - Any school child who attends any of the masses on Saturday or Sunday will receive a ticket to come out of uniform the following Monday.
 - Help us show the Archdiocese what a vital community St. John Fisher is!
 - FSA is looking for volunteers to help pass out Dress Down Vouchers, please sign up on the following link: [Ticket Distributor](#)
- **Forgotten Items**: SJF will accept: forgotten lunches, medication, glasses; but we cannot accept: Chromebooks, projects, materials for projects, or homework.
- **Extended Day** : Make sure to [register your child here](#). Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjschool.us.
- **Hot Lunch**: The menu for October is available and open to order on My School Account. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Spadoni, kspadoni@sjschool.us.
- **Women's Club** is aiming to host a **vendor fair** on Friday, December 3rd. If you are a vendor and would like to participate in this event, please e-mail or text Maureen O'Malley, 773.339.4951; mpomalley5@gmail.com.

COVID GUIDANCE

We are in this together...thank you for your cooperation!

- Please review the most recent communication from the archdiocese [linked here](#). These guidelines will be reviewed every two weeks and are subject to change.
- A few details to highlight:
 - All symptomatic individuals must remain home, regardless of vaccination status.
 - If symptoms last longer than 24 hours, individuals must receive a negative COVID-19 test or alternative medical diagnosis prior to returning to school.
 - Masks are required for all students and staff indoors regardless of vaccination status.

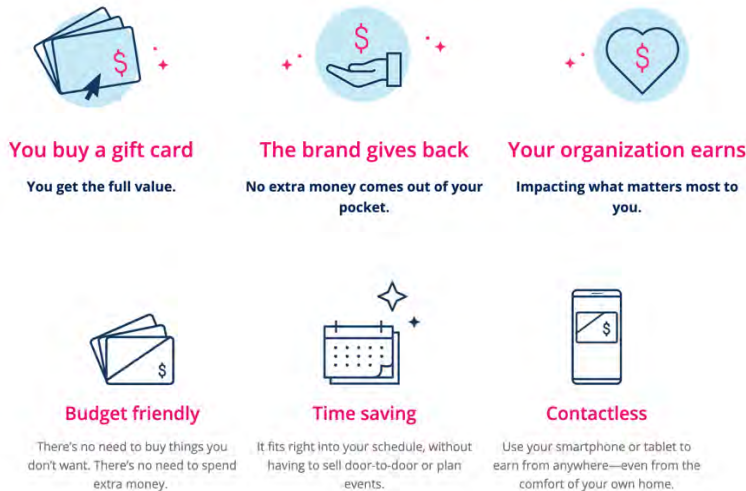
Manna Update

Signing up for the App is as easy as Venmo! Get started today to help the school fundraise on your everyday purchases without a cost to you! Would you rather sell wrapping paper or popcorn?

- Manna App: [Raise Right](#).
- Need more help, check out the [Manna Overview](#).
- Quick videos to make it easy: [Video demo for the app](#) or [Video to help understand the rebates](#).

Thank you for your support!

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Compliance Update

2021-2022 SCHOOL VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The following guidelines are mandated by the Archdiocese of Chicago and apply to all volunteers, chaperones, coaches, scout leaders, and catechists that will help out in our parish and school programs. The Archdiocese of Chicago conducts an annual audit to ensure that all are in compliance with these mandates. That audit is happening now. If you wish to participate with our students as a volunteer, chaperone, and/or coach, please make sure you have completed all the necessary tasks.

If you are planning to volunteer, chaperone, and/or coach at St. John Fisher School this year, here are the Safe Environment Requirements:

- New volunteer/chaperone/coach: Create an account on the Virtus System at www.virtusonline.org.
- If this is a new account, you will be assigned the online **Protecting God's Children Training**.
- Register and attend the training within 15 days of beginning volunteering.
- If you have a VIRTUS account from another parish/school, please notify Mary Margaret Redmond to add St. John Fisher School to the existing account.
- If your Protecting God's Children is older than 2018, you will be assigned the online recertification training, **Keeping the Promise Alive** through the [VIRTUS website](#). This recertification is *done online*.

- **Name-based Criminal Background Check** by S2Verify submitted in [VIRTUS](#) which is a one-time requirement, but rechecked every three years.
- **Archdiocesan Standards of Behavior for Church Personnel working with Minors and Vulnerable Adults** (Formerly Archdiocesan Code of Conduct). This must be read, signed and re-acknowledged yearly through [VIRTUS](#).
- Completion of a **CANTS 689 Form** [linked here](#). This must be completed every year and turned into school; DO NOT MAIL.
- Complete the online **Mandated Reporter Training** through www.archchicago.org.
- **Any questions or concerns please contact our Compliance Officer, Mary Margaret Redmond, at mredmond@sjfschool.net**

There will be no exceptions to these requirements. Please act today.

Looking Ahead

Monday, October 4th	Winter Sports Sign-Up in Kane Hall from 6-9 p.m. for Girls Volleyball (grades 4-8) & Boys Basketball (grades 3-8)
Tuesday, October 5th	All-School Picture Day Special Lunch -Buona Beef Renew My Church "Town Hall Meeting" in Church @ 7 p.m.
Wednesday, October 6th	Mid-Trimester Progress Report Check Parent-Teacher Conferences from 4-7 in Kane Hall
Thursday, October 7th	12 p.m. Dismissal for all students Parent-Teacher Conferences from 1-6 in Kane Hall
Friday, October 8th	No School!
Monday, October 11th	Columbus Day - No School!

TikTok Challenges

It has come to our attention that there is a **TikTok challenge for October** where students across the country are encouraged to slap a school staff member from behind, record it, and post it on social media. We want to stress that we have not received any information that St. John Fisher students plan to participate in October's challenge. However, unfortunately, some of our students did participate in the September challenge which was to vandalize the boys' bathroom. We want to be proactive and ask that you speak with your child about the consequences of touching or hitting a staff member which include suspension and expulsion.

Oktoberfest's Pretzelfast
Friday October 15th

Student's Name: _____ RM. # _____

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 Pretzel Stick w/ Cheese	\$4.00	_____	_____
2 Pretzel Sticks w/ Cheese	\$5.00	_____	_____
Gluten Free Pretzel Bites w/Cheese	\$5.00	_____	_____
		Total: _____	

ALL ORDERS DUE OCTOBER 12TH! NO EXCEPTIONS

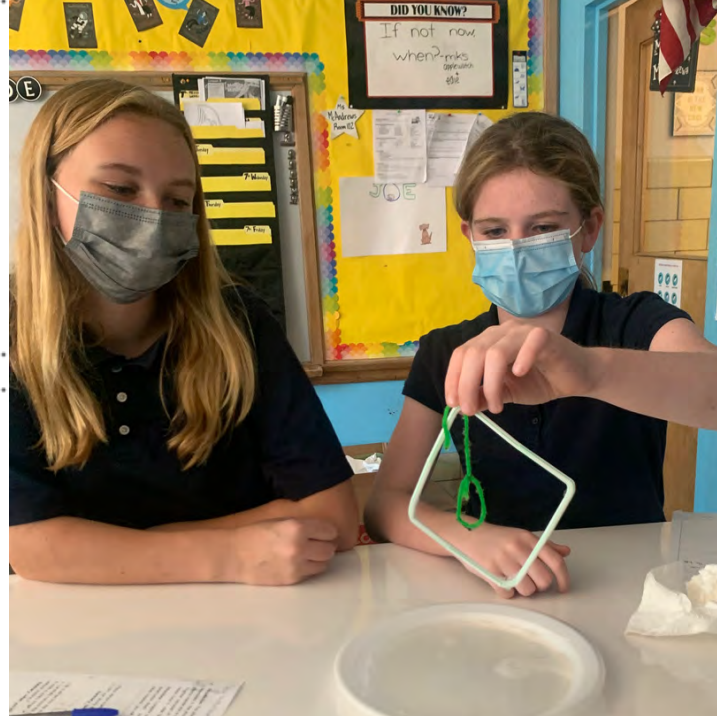
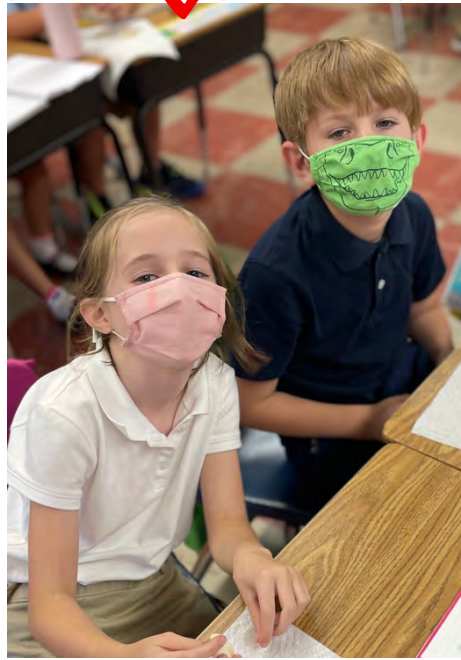
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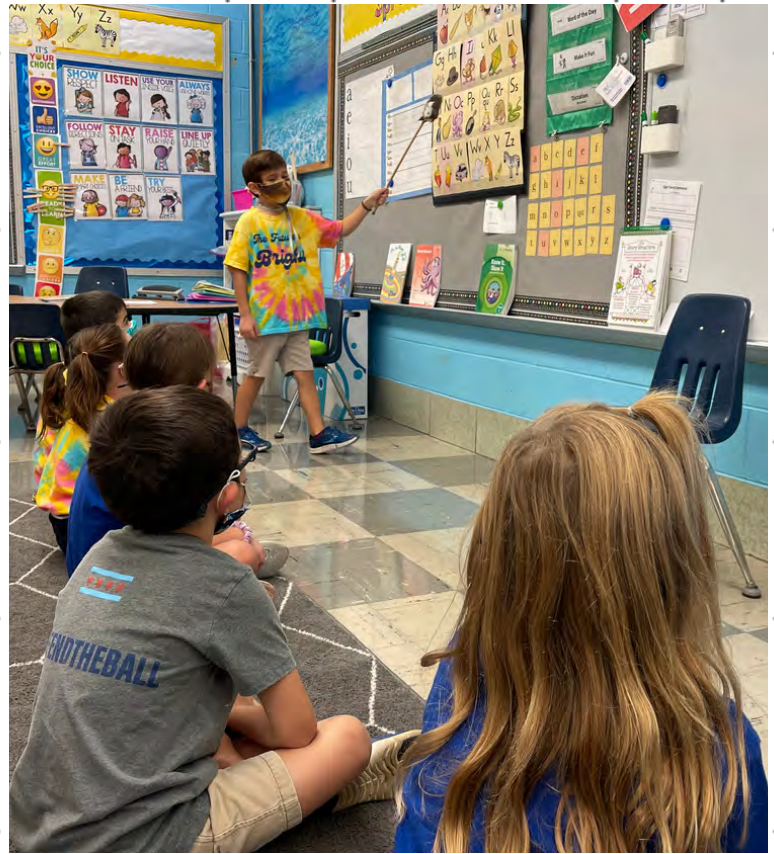
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WE ♥ SCHOOL!





The Future is Bright



2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



**Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change.*

- All-School Picture Day: **10.5**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.6, 10.7**
- No School: **10.8**
- Columbus Day – No School: **10.11**
- End of First Trimester: **11.16**
- Make-up School Picture Day: **11.18**
- 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**
- First Reconciliation: **1.25 & 1.25**
- Catholic Schools Week: **1.30 – 2.5**
- Confirmation: **2.6**
- 8th Grade Graduation Pictures: **2.9**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.17**
- President's Day Break: **2.18 – 2.21** *classes resume **2.22**
- End of Second Trimester: **3.8**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.14**
- Spring Break: **4.13 – 4.24** *classes resume **4.25**
- First Communion: **4.30**
- May Crowning: **5.6**
- 8th Grade Ribbon Mass: **5.20**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.30**
- Last Day of 8th Grade Classes: **6.1**
- Graduation Dance: **6.3**
- Graduation Mass: **6.5**
- End of Third Trimester, Last Day of School: **6.8** ~ 10:30 dismissal

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

Thank you to the following local businesses for sponsoring our Oktoberfest, Friday, October 15th. With their support, we are on track to raise over \$10,000 for SJF School. When you stop into these businesses **JOIN US IN THANKING THEM FOR THE SUPPORT! Tickets sold [HERE!](#)**



FRIDAY
OCTOBER 15th
 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
 Beer - Music - Food
 21+ Welcome
 \$30/person or \$50/couple

For tickets and more info:
www.sjfschool.net/oktoberfest

<p>Presenting Sponsor</p> <p>(\$3,000)</p>		
<p>Koozie Sponsors</p> <p>(\$1000)</p>		
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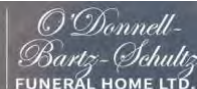
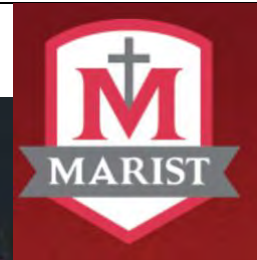
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WITH THE RON BURGANDY BAND
WHITTINGHAM MEATS
COSTUME CONTESTS
GAMES & MERRIMENT

OCTOBER 15 6PM-11PM

GET TICKETS AT
[HTTPS://WWW.SJFSCHOOL.NET/OKTOBERFEST/](https://www.sjfschool.net/oktoberfest/)
OR SCAN HERE!



SAVE THE DATE!

**PACK
THE
HOUSE!**



JOIN US FOR SJF PACK
THE HOUSE - GIRLS
BASKETBALL!

OCTOBER 16TH!



TREATS, GAMES & PRIZES!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

AT 3:00PM TILL 5:00PM

SJF PARKING LOT

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME AND CAR DECORATIONS

STAN'S DONUT TRUCK ARRIVES AT 3:30

St. John Fisher Pizza Set Up Fundraiser



Support SJF and Shop Local - Vouchers Never Expire - Save Money

3 Crusts to Choose From:

(3) 12" crusts, (10) 7" crusts, or (3) gluten free crusts

Set Ups include 1 lb. of mozzarella and a pint of homemade sauce

Sausage/Pepperoni set ups include 20 oz of pizza sausage or 1/2 lb of pepperoni

Use now or freeze for later!

Cash, Zelle, or Checks made out to St. John Fisher FSA

FSA Zelle account: michellebw27@hotmail.com

Family Name: _____

Room # _____

Telephone number: _____ Circle One: Cash Check Zelle

Thin Crust - (3)12"	Price	Quantity	Total Price
Cheese	\$13		
Sausage	\$16		
Pepperoni	\$16		
Thin Crust - (10)7"			
Cheese	\$15		
Sausage	\$18		
Pepperoni	\$18		
Gluten Free - (3)12"			
Cheese	\$18		
Sausage	\$20		
Pepperoni	\$20		
Totals:			

****ORDERS DUE October 22nd****

Parishoner orders can be drop at the rectory
or emailed to karenmcdonagh513@gmail.com

Redeem Vouchers at:

S&T Provisions 3804 W. 111th Street Chicago, IL.
Open Mon - Sat 9am-6pm



2021-2022 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@sifschool.us

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sifschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Kate Spadoni: kspadoni@sifschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions
- Medical Forms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: lmurray@sifschool.us

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees
- Technology

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sifschool.us

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

Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: mredmond@sifschool.net
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: echermak@sifschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sifschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- Counseling, pre-k – 4th

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Lauren Lordo: llordo@sifschool.us

- Counseling, 5th – 8th
- iReady

SJF Counselor and Assistant Principal, Student Support
Mrs. Nichole Carey: ncarey@sifschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

Mrs. Win Biernacki (K-4): wbiernacki@sifschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sifschool.us



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