



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

September 9, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

Even though it was a short week, it was filled with lots of learning and fun for all of our Falcons! Our first all-school Mass of the year, hosted by our 8th graders, was absolutely beautiful! It was so wonderful to have everyone together in the church and feel a sense of community and belonging! This is truly going to be the best year yet! Now more than ever is a great time to be a St. John Fisher Falcon! We are so grateful for our 300+ SJF Families. The future of our school and community is bright! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **Peace, Love, SJF.**

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Next week, our **Kindergarten-4th graders** will be taking their Reading iReady Diagnostic. Please make sure all students have their headphones or earbuds with them at school each day. **Students in 3rd and 4th grade must have fully charged Chromebooks at school.**

Important Announcements

- **Forgotten Items:** In an effort to emphasize this month's trait of the month, **Responsibility**, which is also one of our 3 B's from boot camp, St. John Fisher can ***no longer accept forgotten assignments, supplies or Chromebooks before school.*** SJF will accept medication and lunches.
- SJF will ***no longer provide a loaner Chromebook*** if a student forgot his/her Chromebook or forgot to charge his/her Chromebook. If a student's Chromebook is damaged and getting repaired, we will provide that student with a loaner Chromebook until his/her Chromebook is repaired.
- Please ***read, sign and return our Electronic User Agreement*** that went home in your packet on packet pick-up night.
- **Early Dismissal & Absent Protocols:** If your child is going to be absent or needs to be dismissed early, please email attendance@sjfschool.us. You can also copy his/her classroom teacher. [The teachers' email addresses can be found here.](#) You can always call the office and speak to Mrs. Kris Houston at 773.445.4737 if you have questions. Thank you!
- **Medical forms (sports physicals, dental, vision) and your family emergency card** need to be turned into the Main Office as soon as possible.

- **Extended Day has begun!** As a reminder, this year Extended Day **ENDS AT 5 P.M.** Visit [this link to register your child](#). Reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- The Hot Lunch menu has been updated and is open for September. Reach out to Mrs. Maxwell with questions, dmaxwell@sjfschool.us.
- **School Uniforms:** Please see pages 15-16 of our Student Handbook [linked here](#). Uniforms can be purchased at Schools' Are Us, 3146 West 111th Street, Chicago 60655.
- **Falcon Spirit-wear Fridays!** Students are able to wear **any** Falcon spirit-wear tops on Fridays with their uniform bottoms. NO HOODIES or spirit-wear are allowed Monday – Thursday. Thank you!

Athletics Update!

Future Falcon Cheer is Back! Visit [this link for more information and to register your child\(ren\)](#). If you have any questions, reach out to Katy Collins, kkcollins27@yahoo.com. **Forms and payment are due no later than TODAY, September 9th.**



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
May	Optimism



Be Respectful, Responsible & Safe. Be a Falcon.

Manna Update

Manna Update: Summer hours will continue through **Sept. Monday 8 – 9 AM, Wednesday 6-7 PM, Saturday 8:30-9:30**. We are trying to manage the costs of running the program, so it continues to be a good fundraiser for the school and to reduce tuition costs. We will continue to listen to feedback and review sales. With the improvements in the app and option to send home cards with students at school, we are hoping the reduced hours is not a big inconvenience for school families. Reminder on send home process: Manna : **Manna Manna orders made through the shop with scrip website or raise right app can be sent home from school with students for school families that choose this method.** A few requirements:

1. PLEASE SUBMIT: [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.
2. Use www.shopwithscrip.com or [Raise Right App](#).
3. Place order by **10 AM on Sundays** and gift cards will be sent home on **THURSDAYS**. If you miss that deadline, your order will be sent home the following Thursday.
4. Note: if this is the method you choose, all orders submitted and paid for will be delivered this way. If you decide to revert back to picking up your orders at the convent, please email sjfmanna@gmail.com to be removed from the "Send Home" list. You are still welcome to stop in at the Convent to order gift cards in stock during hours. For more info on the program see [Manna website](#). Email sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions.
5. Tip: Use Reminders on shopwithscrip site under "Dashboard – Account Settings – Reminders." You can set up a Shopping Cart with regular orders to easily submit with a few clicks.

Simple steps for creating opportunities



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You get the full value.



The brand gives back

No extra money comes out of your pocket.



Your organization earns

Impacting what matters most to you.



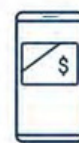
Budget friendly

There's no need to buy things you don't want. There's no need to spend extra money.



Time saving

It fits right into your schedule, without having to sell door-to-door or plan events.



Contactless

Use your smartphone or tablet to earn from anywhere—even from the comfort of your own home.



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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!

- School Picture Day: **10.4**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.5, 10.6**
- No School: **10.7**
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – No School: **10.10**
- School Picture Make-up Day: **11.17**
- **11.23** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.24 – 11.27** *classes resume **11.28**
- 1:30 dism **12.21** ~ 1:30 dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.4** *classes resume **1.5**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.16**
- Confirmation: **2.4** ~ 11:00 a.m.
- Graduation Picture Day: **2.8**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.16**
- All -Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **2.17**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.20**
- 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 8 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: **September 28th, October 26th, November 30th, December 14th, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st.**



FALCON OF THE WEEK

Tommy Berry, 6th Grade



One of our school themes is "Fly Like a Falcon". Falcons SOAR above, capturing an aerial view of what is going on below. We are encouraging our school community to "SOAR above" things that might bring us down, not allowing us to be our best selves. We are on a school-wide crusade to "Fly Like a Falcon", lifting one another up, celebrating the positive interactions, and kind behavior that our students and staff demonstrate each and every day. **This week, we recognize 6th grader Tommy Berry.**

Although we have been in school for less than a month, Tommy has been busy being a good friend and leader in our school. Tommy has demonstrated kindness in several different ways. On the playground during recess, Tommy went out of his way to welcome and include students who were hesitant to participate in the game. He quietly helped a new student navigate a difficult program until he could do it independently. Tommy recognizes if a student is having a rough day and makes sure to include him/her in conversation to raise his/her spirits. The cool thing about Tommy is that being kind just comes naturally. Tommy's teachers think he's a great kid and are so grateful for his genuine care for others. The world needs more people like Tommy! His thoughtfulness and quiet leadership style is admirable. Thank you Tommy for being kind especially when no one is looking and for showing others what it means to be a true Falcon! Keep flying like a Falcon, Tommy. You sure are making a difference!



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

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sjfschool.us

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

Mrs. Kris Houston: khouston@sjfschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions Medical
- Forms

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

- Powerschool
- Tuition
- Fees
- Technology

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sjfschool.us

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

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

- Counseling

SJF Counselor, Mrs. Julie Schultz: jschultz@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans

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

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, mcummings@sjfschool.us

- Public Relations

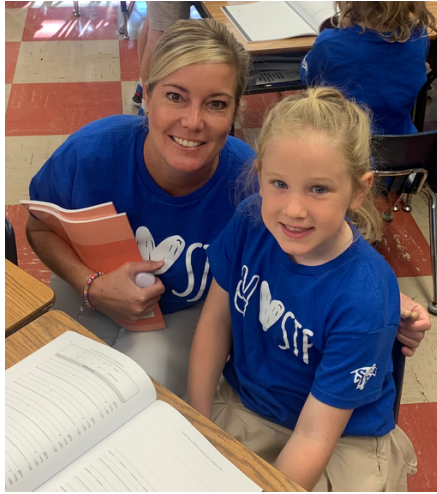
Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- 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

- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

Mr. Bill Gula: mr.gula@aol.com
School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: fsa@sjfschool.us
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com



**CHICAGO
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**



“PORTRAIT OF A SOLDIER”

Mt. Greenwood Branch

Friday, September 9th at 2pm.



Please join us as Mt. Greenwood hosts former Governor Pat Quinn and the exhibit "Portrait of a Soldier," a series of hand drawn sketches by Cameron Schilling of Illinois veterans who have fallen in service since September 11th.

(Scan here for an exhibit video!)



**Ask your librarian
or visit chipublic.org
for more information.**

Mt. Greenwood Branch, 11010 S. Kedzie Ave., 312.747.2805

Attention 8th Grade Artists!!!

CLASS OF 2023 T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The 8th grade needs a Class t-shirt,
and we want YOU to design it!

The design must include:

- Theme/Design must reflect our school
- The original work of the student entering the contest
- The school name - St. John Fisher School
- Class of 2023
- The school colors (Blue and White) and any other colors
- The artist's printed name, grade and homeroom in the lower right-hand corner (no larger than 0.5" tall and 2.5" wide)
- The design must be produced on a standard sheet of plain white paper (8.5" x 11").
- Drawings on **LINED NOTEBOOK PAPER will not be accepted.**

A large, stylized graphic of the year '2023' in blue and white. The numbers are bold and have a 3D effect with white outlines and blue shadows.

*Artwork must not be computer generated

*Artwork must be your own!

*Please check your spelling!

Failure to follow the guidelines above will eliminate you from the contest.

The deadline for your entry is **September 12th, 2022**

Entries must only be submitted to Mrs. Corley between now and September 12th to enter. Entering a design indicates expressed consent to have the design used for school-related purposes. Entry is not required.

****The winning design from the school will be used to generate the "Class of 2023" T-shirt****

Questions can be directed to Maureen O'Hara @ mkroche2@cps.edu or
Mrs. Corley @ mcorley@sjfschool.us

DID YOU MISS THE BACK TO SCHOOL SHIRT SALE?

**THERE ARE MORE SHIRTS AVAILABLE TO BUY
IN THE OFFICE.**



SHIRTS ARE \$10 EACH

SEND MONEY TO THE OFFICE WITH THE SIZES YOU NEED

LIMITED SIZES AVAILABLE

Contact Mrs. Corley for any questions mcory@sjfschool.us

ST JOHN FISHER PRESENTS



OKTOBER FEST

\$30 PRESALE

\$35 AT THE DOOR

The Ron Burgundy
Vacht Rock and other 'softcore' Rock

**SECOND HAND
NEWS**

CHICAGO'S FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

*Beverly
Country
Club*



MUSIC

FOOD

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**21
OCT**
5-11PM



St John Fisher Men's Club
Father-Son
Sox Game



Limited Tickets Available!
To Reserve your seats
E-Mail your Name, Ticket
quantity and if you will be
riding bus to
HNSeventRSVP@gmail.com



White Sox vs.
Detroit Tigers

Sunday September 25th

Noon: Bus Departs from SJF parking lot (beer included)

1:10pm: First Pitch

20 Min. after Final Out: Bus Departs Bus Lot A for SJF

Game Ticket: \$30

Bus and Game Ticket: \$45