



Notes from Mrs. Nash

St. John Fisher School

March 15, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

Happy St. Paddy's Day weekend! Today the St. Patrick's Day spirit was alive and well in the building as we were graced with the performance of the accomplished Dennehy Irish Dancers. There is nothing like Irish dancers and Irish music to put you in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day and the South Side Irish Parade weekend. Our celebration continues. Please feel free to join us this Sunday as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our Irish mass at 9:15 a.m., hosted by our awesome 3rd graders, and gather to march in the parade around 11:30 a.m. on 103rd and Artesian near the 7/11. We are float #19. All are welcome to join us! Please note that because of our 9:15 mass, there will be no 10 o'clock or 12 o'clock mass this Sunday.

In addition to athletic games this weekend, tomorrow our SJF musicians are performing in the annual solo contest at St. Laurence, and our Scholastic Team is competing in a scholastic bowl at Barrington Middle School. Best of luck to all of our talented Falcons! I know you will make us proud in all of your endeavors!

As many of you know, our Manna program started taking credit card payments this school year. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen costs and fees, as of April 1st, we no longer will be accepting credit card payments as it is a severe detriment to the program. We are grateful for all of your support to Manna and apologize for the inconvenience.

I hope to see you at some point this weekend to wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day! As always, thank you so much for your commitment to Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- **School Calendar Update:** On **May 17th** we will have school even though it was scheduled as a teacher-planning day. We are making up one of our snow days on this day as to not extend the school calendar.
- The **April hot lunch** menu is available for ordering.
- The **athletic handbook** has been updated and is now available on the website under Athletics > Handbook.
- If you have something you would like considered for inclusion in these weekly notes, please send an e-mail to notes@sifschool.net. The deadline for submission is Wednesdays at noon.
- We continue to have many students leaving school early due to illness. In an effort to stop spreading these illnesses, please keep your child home until they are healthy and fever free for 24 hours.
- Please see below for more details on the changes to the Manna Program.

Manna Program Update

After careful consideration, we have decided to eliminate the use of debit/credit cards for payments at the Manna Program. No debit/credit cards payments will be accepted after March 31, 2019.

As most of you are aware, the Manna program is a major fundraiser for both the school and the participants of the program. The use of credit/debit payments proved to be too costly and was a detriment to the program.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause, but we feel this is the best choice for the Manna program at this time.

Peek at the Week

Saturday, March 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archdiocesan Solo Contest / All Band Students @ St. Laurence High School • Queen of Hearts @ Cork & Kerry – 5:30-8:30pm
Sunday, March 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Patrick’s Day Mass – 9:15am • Gather to walk in the parade with SJF – 11:30am
Monday, March 18 th	
Tuesday, March 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Joseph’s Day (students may wear a “touch of red”)
Wednesday, March 20 th	
Thursday, March 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Falcon Friends Open Gym – 10:30-11:15am
Friday, March 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm



PLEASE JOIN US this Sunday for St. Paddy's Day mass at 9:15 a.m., hosted by our awesome 3rd grade class! Following mass, please celebrate St. Paddy's Day by marching with SJF. We will be "flocking together" around 11:30 a.m. near the 7/11 on 103rd and Artesian. The parade steps off at noon. We hope to see you there! Falcons Fly As A Flock!



Awards & Achievements

Southside Catholic Conference Champions!

Congrats to the 7th grade girls volleyball A team for winning the Southside Catholic Conference!!!



Team members include Sarah Barsch, Norah Burke, Kylie Collins, Nicky Ewers, Tessa Harris, Grace Manahan, Lucy Mlyniec, Sam Thomas, and Olivia Urbon

Class of 2019 Success!

Teresa Bonko – Agatha O’Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Liam Brady – Gilmore Legacy Scholarship, James Barda Leadership Award, Public Safety First Responder Scholarship, and Shoulder to Shoulder Scholarship, Mt. Carmel High School
Marty Canavan – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School
Pat Carmody – Academic Scholarship, St. Rita High School
Jimmy Crowley – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School
Liam Deacy – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School and the SCC Christian Leadership Award
Abby Gallagher – Champagnat Award (top 10%), Marist High School
Ryan Gierhahn – Christian Brothers Scholarship, Brother Rice High School
Samantha Giglio – SCC Christian Leadership Award
Emmett Griffin – Christian Brothers Scholarship, Brother Rice High School
Liza Karstrand – Agatha O’Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Grace Lyons – Champagnat Award (top 10%), Marist High School
Colleen Malloy – Agatha O’Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
John McNamara – Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%) and the Gregory D. Beeson Scholarship, Marist High School
Caitlin McDonagh – McAuley Impact Award, Mother McAuley High School
Ella Mulchrone – Agatha O’Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Tess O’Leary – Agatha O’Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School
Mickey Shultz – The Nicholas A. Iosue Academic Scholarship and First Responders Award, Mt. Carmel High School
Ava Spreitzer – Champagnat Award (top 10%) and the Gregory D. Beeson Scholarship, Marist High School



Congratulations!

Queen of Hearts

Only 20 cards left! The pot is projected to be over \$110K!
 This week's incentive bonus raffle is \$500 cash. Buy \$20 in Queen of Hearts and be entered into the drawing. The drawing will be back at Cork & Kerry this Saturday night 3/16/19!




St. John Fisher Queen of Hearts
 Tickets are 6 for \$5

List your name, phone number and select a number 1-54 on the back of your ticket. You can choose a different number for each ticket. Turn in ALL tickets you don't keep any tickets.

If your name is selected you win \$100

If your name is selected and the card behind your number is any Queen other than the Queen of Hearts you win \$500

If your card holds the Queen of Hearts you win 60% of the pot


The projected pot is over \$110,000

#s no longer available are:
 2,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,19,20,22,24,25,27,29,30,31,32,33,37,38,40,41,
 44,45,46,48,53,54

Drawing is this Saturday 3/16 @ Cork & Kerry
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Tix 6 for \$5

Next Drawing Saturday 3/16 @ Cork & Kerry



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The projected pot is over 110k! Winner takes 60%

FSA Corner

Save the Date: April 4th-April 10th!

Who is ready for some spring weather and spring cleaning?!? Help Saint John Fisher's FSA raise funds for activities and programs by donating gently-used clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, and small household items (no furniture). Start saving now!!

Watch for more information on the FSA Facebook page and feel free to email FSA@sjfschool.net

Flyers will be sent out closer to the date!

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL BY DONATING CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!



Our FUNDrive™ will be held at:

ST. JOHN FISHER

April 1st – April 10th

and will benefit:

SJF Family School Association and other school programs



learn more:

Watch out for more information on the FSA Facebook page and feel free to e-mail FSA@sjfschool.net with any questions.



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- CDS, DVDS
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