



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

St. John Fisher School

May 31, 2019

Dear SJF Families,

This weekend, I wanted to take the time to congratulate and thank the graduating class of 2019 and their families! These graduates have spent countless hours at our school learning and serving their peers, teachers and the greater community, and have earned over \$215,000 in scholarships. They are talented artists, musicians, dancers, historians, writers, scientists, future engineers and computer programmers. They are authentic, out-spoken, creative, funny and kind. But most importantly, our graduates understand the importance of living a life committed to their family and filled with God's presence and grace. I am beyond proud of each and every one of these graduates and can say with certainty that their futures are bright and filled with endless possibilities and that our world is a much better place because of these impressive young men and women.

Thank you so much to the parents and supporters of our graduating class. You have sacrificed so much to send your children to St. John Fisher because you believe in the mission and values that our wonderful school has to offer. Thank you for trusting us with your most precious gift and for allowing us to be a part of your lives for so long.

Finally, thank you to all of the faculty and staff members who have influenced and taught our 8<sup>th</sup> graders throughout their careers at SJF. You have had a significant hand in shaping these students into the wonderful people they are today.

The end of the year also means a new beginning with changes along the way. Next week, you can expect a note from me addressing some of these changes and how that will impact our future at SJF.

Once again, congratulations to the graduating class of 2019! As always, thank you so much for your continued support of Catholic education.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Maura Nash*



## Important Announcements

- There will be **NO hot lunch** service next week. Milk will not be sold either.
- We will be collecting 7th grade **Chromebooks** on Wednesday of next week and 6th grade on Thursday of next week. Students need to be sure to bring in their power cords.
- **Play Smart Literacy** is still collecting items for their Printers' Row Lit Fest Pop-up Workshop. See below for more details.
- Dismissal is at 11:30am for the **LAST DAY** of school, **Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. Extended day will be available on the last day of school until 4pm.
- If you have something you would like considered for inclusion in these weekly notes, please e-mail [notes@sjsfschool.net](mailto:notes@sjsfschool.net) by Wednesday at noon.

Peek at the Week

Saturday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Sunday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 🎓 Class of 2019 Graduation &amp; Block Party 🎓</li> </ul>
Monday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Grade Park Day (weather permitting)</li> </ul>
Tuesday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Games (weather permitting)</li> </ul>
Wednesday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All School Field Day (weather permitting)</li> <li>• Future Falcon Friends Open Gym – 10:30-11:15am</li> </ul>
Friday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAST day of school – 11:30am dismissal</li> </ul>

4<sup>th</sup> Grade



ROCKET  
LAUNCH

KINDERGARTEN



ZOO TRIP

Awards & Achievements



**Congrats to Colleen Malloy, Donna Herman, Savaun Jones, and Samantha Giglio on receiving the Monsignor McElligott Scholarship Awards!**



**Congrats to Liza Karstrand on being named Most Outstanding Student of 2019!**



## Class of 2019 Success!

**Teresa Bonko** – 2019 American Legion Leadership Award Honorable Mention and 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** – 2019 American Legion Leadership Award 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Marist Redhawk Award (top 5%), Marist High School

**Pat Carmody** – Academic Scholarship, St. Rita High School

**MoMo Condon** – Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley 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** – Monsignor McElligott Scholarship Award, SCC Christian Leadership Award

**Emmett Griffin** – Christian Brothers Scholarship, Brother Rice High School

**Donna Herman** – Monsignor McElligott Scholarship Award

**Christina Hernandez** – Board of Trustees Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School

**Savaun Jones** – Monsignor McElligott Scholarship Award

**Liza Karstrand** – Most Outstanding Student of 2019, Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School

**Grace Lyons** – Champagnat Award (top 10%), Marist High School

**Colleen Malloy** – Monsignor McElligott Scholarship Award, 2019 American Legion Leadership Award 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Sr. Ellen Marie Ryan, RSM Music Scholarship, and Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School

**Brigid Maloney** – Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School

**Grace McNamara** – Knights of Columbus 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 and Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School

**Ella Mulchrone** – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School

**Maddie Murphy** – Mary Wurst Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School

**Tess O'Leary** – Agatha O'Brien Scholarship and Tradition of Excellence Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School

**Abigail Olsen** – Helen and Dick Carey Scholarship, Mother McAuley High School

**Mickey Shultz** – The Nicholas A. Iosue Academic Scholarship and First Responders Award, Mt. Carmel High School

**Ryan Sommerfeld** – 2019 American Legion Leadership Award Honorable Mention and Waterford Scholarship (top 10%), Brother Rice High School

**Ava Spreitzer** – Champagnat Award (top 10%) and the Gregory D. Beeson Scholarship, Marist High School

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Save the Date!

🏆 It's Game Time! 🏆

**When:** Sunday, June 9th

**What:** SJF's 1st annual end of the year party!

**Where:** Windy City ThunderBolts Game @ 1:10pm

Tickets are only \$10


Flyer with ordering information will be sent out next week!



Yearbook

The year is coming to an end. If you would like to order a yearbook at a discounted rate, please place your order by May 17th. Instructions are below. Also, have **pictures to share** from **First Communion**, **May Crowning**, spring **sporting events**, and/or **Graduation**? You can upload them directly to the yearbook website or email them to [dmaxwell@sjschool.net](mailto:dmaxwell@sjschool.net), whichever is easier.

Capture Your Memories in This Year's  
**St. John Fisher**  
Yearbook



**Customize Your 2 Free Pages**

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

**To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook**  
Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
- 2 Enter your school's passcode: **1015271802074961**

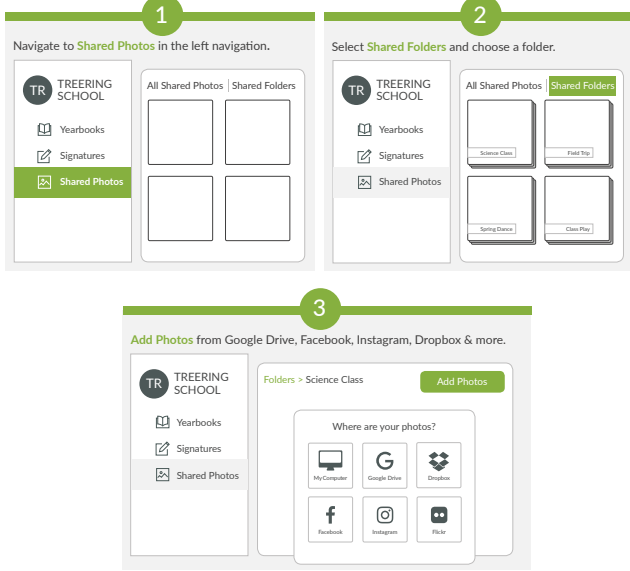
Regular Price: **\$24.00**  
Deadline: May 17

**TreeRing**



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

- 1 Navigate to **Shared Photos** in the left navigation.
- 2 Select **Shared Folders** and choose a folder.
- 3 Add Photos from Google Drive, Facebook, Instagram, Dropbox & more.



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## Other Happenings



**Play Smart Literacy**, an early childhood development & family engagement outreach group founded and run almost entirely by SJF community members, **needs our help**.

They will be hosting a Pop-Up Parent Workshop at the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Printers' Row Lit Fest children's area on June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. The fest is an awesome farmer's market-style celebration of books, authors and all things literacy. Check out <https://printersrowlitfest.org/> and please consider joining the fun – PSL would love to have more SJF families at the event!

For the workshop itself, we need **lots** of materials:

- **Empty Tide pod containers**
- **Empty big juice plastic jugs**
- **Empty 12 pack pop cases (20 max)**
- **Toilet paper or paper towel cardboard paper rolls**

Starting next week, **SJF will have collection bins in school** to collect these items if you have any to donate. Please consider sending them in with your children to help us with this project and check us out at [www.playsmartliteracy.org](http://www.playsmartliteracy.org)! Hope Orsi, a 20-year old SJF grad and PSL intern made the animated explanation video on the web page.

