



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 10, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

We simply cannot express how grateful we are to our Oktoberfest sponsors, the Oktoberfest Committee along with ALL of the additional volunteers and families who participated in this past weekend's event. Our Oktoberfest raffle goes until Sunday. [Visit this link](#) if you would like to still purchase a ticket. We hope to publicize final numbers next week. SJF is built on the heavy lifting and super human work of our volunteers and the unwavering commitment given to our community from its members. We would be lost without your efforts and we cannot thank you enough for sharing your time and talent to help make SJF the very best it can be!

At SJF we truly relish the opportunity to meet with our parents during parent-teacher conferences. Thank you for your participation and partnership. Working together ensures our Falcons are successful! We have the best parents and teachers around!

Now more than ever, it is a great time to be a Falcon! The future of our school and community is bright! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **You Belong Here.** 

In unity and hope,

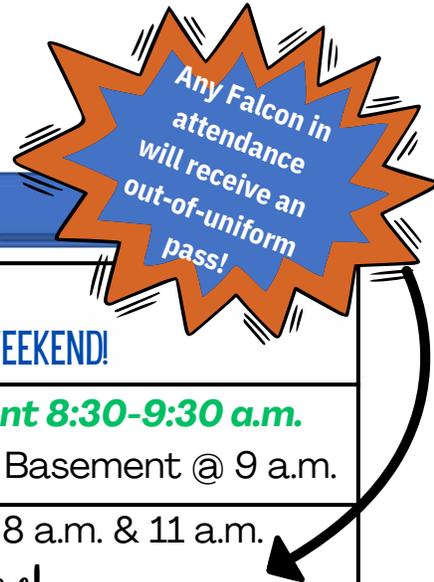
-Mrs. Maura Nash



OUR FALCONS ARE BRAVE, STRONG, IMPORTANT, SMART, KIND AND LOVED.

Important Announcements

- **Medical, Dental & Eye Exam Forms MUST be turned in by October 15th!**
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign up your Falcon(s) here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us
- **Boys Basketball & Girls Volleyball registration** is upon us! See the flyer below and visit these links to sign-up today!
 - [Boys Basketball Registration](#)
 - [Girls Volleyball Registration](#)



Looking Ahead

Friday, October 11th	NO SCHOOL! ENJOY THE 4 DAY WEEKEND!
Saturday, October 12th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. Lunch Making in the Rectory Basement @ 9 a.m.
 Weekend Mass	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <i>All are welcome!</i>
Monday, October 14th	NO SCHOOL! ENJOY THE 4 DAY WEEKEND!
Tuesday, October 15th	Future Falcon Playdate in the gym @ 11 a.m.
Wednesday, October 16th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.
Thursday, October 17th HSPT Class Begins!	It is a great day to be a Falcon! 🏆 Buona Beef Eat & Earn ~ See flyer below!
Friday, October 18th 	HAPPY FALCON FRI-YAY! WEAR YOUR FAVE SPIRIT-WEAR TOP WITH YOUR UNIFORM BOTTOMS! 1 p.m. All School Mass hosted by 7th grade All are welcome! Parents please enter the southeast doors near the front of the church. All other doors will be locked for safety.



Do you ever wonder what our morning Zoom announcements are like?
Now you can see them for yourself! [Visit this link](#) to see recordings of our latest and greatest morning moments. ENJOY!

Together let's build a school we love

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St. John Fisher School

October 17, 2024

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St. John Fisher's



HSPT CLASS



Open Registration (8th Grade only)

Prepare for the High School Placement Test!

CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT SJF ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Register here by 10/15:



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Subject Areas that will be covered:

- Verbal
- Quantitative
- Math
- Reading
- English

Snacks Provided

CLASSES MEET FROM 3:00-4:15.

TAUGHT BY MS. DUNLAVY AND MRS. CONDON WHO

HAVE A COMBINED 40+ YEARS OF TEST PREP EXPERIENCE

To register, please fill out the Google Form linked to the QR Code above! Payment information can be found on the form and will also be sent via email once we have received your registration.

Cost: \$200

Questions can be directed to kcondon@sjfschool.us or cdunlavy@sjfschool.us





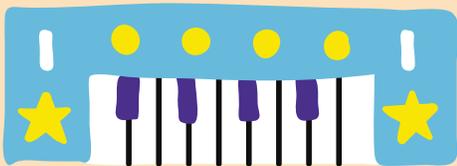
St. John Fisher Proudly Hosts Future Falcons Playgroup

Each Tuesday of the Month beginning October 8th from 11-11:45

Experience the Falcon way through play at our weekly playgroup sessions filled with activities, music and community building.

Where & When?

St John Fisher Gym
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave.
Tuesdays of every month beginning
October 8th from 11-12.
\$5 per child/\$15 per family max



Why Play?

At SJF, we value intellectual, academic, social & emotional growth. Through play, children are able to develop these skills while building relationships within their community.



Who & What?

All children 0-3 and caregivers are welcome! Enjoy a range of fun activities and getting to know your fellow future Falcon friends!





ST. JOHN FISHER

WINTER SPORTS SIGN-UPS

BOYS BASKETBALL & GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

OCTOBER 4TH-14TH

**BOYS BASKETBALL &
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL EVALUATIONS INFO
COMING SOON**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES
OCTOBER 14TH**



2024 Pumpkin Decorating Contest!



Bring all pumpkins to Kane
Hall on October 29
(7 - 7:45 am)

All SJF
families are
invited to
participate!

Prizes for the
best
pumpkins!!

Pick up pumpkins after
school on October 30th

Sponsored by SOAR

Direct all questions to
cscannell@sjfschool.us
cdunlavy@sjfschool.us
kcondon@sjfschool.us



TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 25th
5-7pm

SJF Parking Lot
Bring A Bag of Candy
(as your Admission to the
Event)

TO SIGN UP YOUR TRUNK: TEXT
ANNIE GUINANE (708) 715-7420
& OLIVIA KONRATH (312) 972-8874

SEE YOU THERE!

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ENROLLMENT CODE FOR SJF = DB2L51471958 (PLEASE DO NOT PASS ALONG)
PLEASE FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM BY STOPPING IN OR AT SJF WEBSITE FOR GOOGLE FORMSUMMER
Selling HOURS at the Convent: WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM AND SATURDAYS 830-930 AM

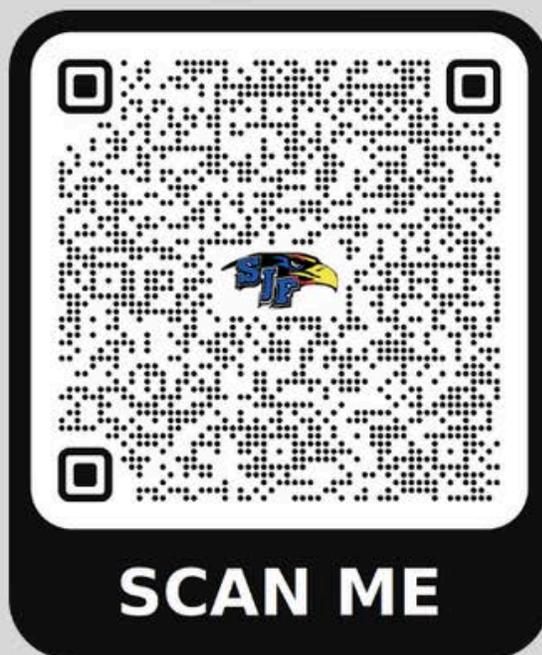


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THE ST. JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Join our team!





SJF Chess Club

- Monthly gatherings to play games & sharpen our skills.
- All skill levels are welcome!
- **Kane Hall following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, 9.8, 10.20, 11.10, 12.8, 1.12, 2.9, 3.9, 4.13, 5.4**
- Join us when you can.
- Feel free to bring your own chess set!
- All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult!

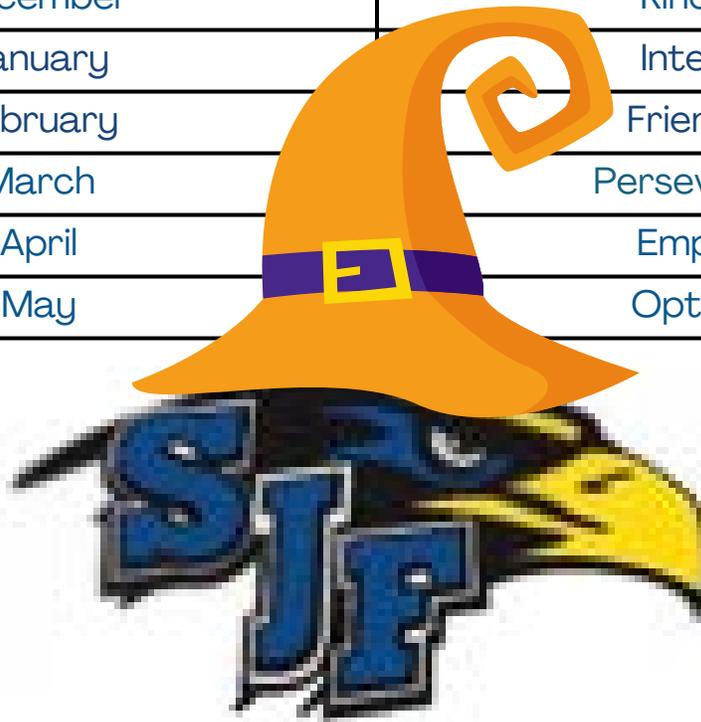


Social & Emotional Learning

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.



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*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

These dates are subject to change.

- Picture Day: **10.7**
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: **10.9, 10.10** *12:00 dismissal **10.10**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **10.11**
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – No School: **10.14**
- Picture Day Re-take: **11.19**
- **11.26** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.27 – 11.29** *classes resume **12.2**
- **12.20** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.20 – 1.5** *classes resume **1.6**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.20**
- Catholic Schools Week Mass & Open House: **1.26**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.13** *12:00 dismissal
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **2.14**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.17**
- No School: **3.17**
- All-Staff Professional Development and Planning Day – No School: **3.31**
- All-Staff Religious Professional Development – No School: **4.16**
- Spring Break: **4.16 – 4.27** *classes resume **4.28**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.26**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.30**, 10:45 a.m. “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.1** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.4** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

You belong here.



DON'T FORGET!

***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **September 25th, October 30th, January 29th, February 26th, April 30th, May 28th.**

*God is good,
all the time.*



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2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

Friday, October 18th at 1 p.m. All School Mass, 7th grade

Sunday, October 20th at 11 a.m. 7th grade

Friday, November 1st at 1 p.m. All Saints' Day All School Mass, 6th grade

Sunday, November 3rd at 11 a.m. Confirmation Enrollment Mass

Monday, November 11th at 10 a.m. Veterans Day program, SOAR

Sunday, November 17th at 11 a.m. 1st grade

Sunday, November 24th at 11 a.m. Leadership Mass (NJHS & SOAR)

Tuesday, November 26th at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Prayer service, 5th grade

Thursday, November 28th at 9 a.m. Parish Mass, 5th grade

Sunday, December 8th at 11 a.m. Preschool & Kindergarten

Monday, December 9th at 1 p.m. Immaculate Conception All School Mass, 4th grade

Sunday, December 15th at 11 a.m. 4th grade

Thursday, December 19th at 1 p.m. Christmas Prayer Service, 8th grade

Sunday, December 24th at 4 p.m. 1st & 2nd graders at Christmas Eve Mass

Sunday, January 19th at 11 a.m. Girls' Volleyball & Basketball

Sunday, January 26th at 11 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Mass

Saturday, March 8th at 11 a.m. Confirmation for 8th graders

Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 24th & 25th at 6 p.m. First Reconciliation for 2nd graders

Wednesday, March 5th at 1 p.m. Ash Wednesday All School Mass, 8th grade

Saturday, March 15th at 4 p.m. Saint Patrick's Mass, 3rd grade

Wednesday, March 26th at 1 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7th grade

Sunday, April 6th at 11 a.m. Spring Sports

Tuesday, April 15th at 1 p.m. Holy Week All School Prayer Service 8th, grade

Wednesday, April 16th - Religious Enrichment for Faculty Professional Day

Saturday, May 3rd at 1 p.m. First Holy Communion

Friday, May 9th at 10:30 a.m. May Crowning, 8th grade

Friday, May 23rd at 8:15 a.m. Ribbon Mass 8th grade

Sunday, June 1st at 1 p.m. Graduation Mass 8th grade

Thursday, June 4th at 9:15 a.m. Last Day of School Mass 7th grade

**Dates are subject to change*



2024-2025 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...



- Assignments
- Homework
- Class Activities



Contact [Classroom Teacher](#) by email or note.

- Discipline
- Classroom & Academic Support *after* contacting the teacher
- 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



Mrs. Kris Houston: khouston@sjfschool.us

- Registration
- Admissions
- MedicalForms



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

- Powerschool
- Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch



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

- Student Services



Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: clarmon@sjfschool.us

- Student Accommodation Plans



Ms. Mary Schiavone (K-4): mschiavone@sjfschool.us
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sjfschool.us

(more information on the back page)



2024-2025 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

CONTACT US

- 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
- Academic/Classroom support following communication with Mrs. Larmon

Contact SJF Principal,
Mrs. Maura Nash: mnash@sjfschool.us

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

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