



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 4, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

We are 1 DAY away from the 4th annual SJF Oktoberfest! We are hoping to have another HUGE TURNOUT as this important fundraising event will benefit both the school and the church! Oktoberfest has always proved to be a wonderful community building event. Grab your neighbors, friends, family members and old classmates and head over to the church parking lot for a fun night! This year's event will feature outstanding bands, food, *Oktoberbrews*, raffles and college football! See the flyer below for ticket information. Thank you for your support!

SJF teachers cannot wait to meet with you next week at Parent Teacher Conferences. [Visit this link](#) if you still need to register to connect with your child's homeroom teacher. Resource and special teachers will also be available. We are so proud of all of our Falcons and are eager to discuss their progress.

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.

ST. JOHN FISHER  
SCHOOL & CHURCH PRESENTS



# OCTOBER FEST

**Saturday, October 5th**

ST. JOHN FISHER PARKING LOT

**5:00PM - 11:00PM**

**\$35.00 in advance**

**\$40.00 at the door**



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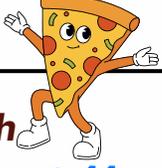
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## Important Announcements

- **Lockdown Drill:** Our Falcons did an excellent job practicing our lock down drill. It sickens me that we live in a world where these drills are a necessary critical part of our lives. We love our Falcons and their safety is our number one priority. Our CPD School Sergeant as well as 4 other CPD Officers were present for our drill to provide feedback. They were overly pleased with our process and gave us confidence that we are prepared. We will continue to practice these drills both announced and unannounced throughout the school year.
- **Uniform Update: Students are expected to transition to the traditional uniform on October 1st.**
  - **Girls:**
    - K-2: Plaid jumper and blouse/polo (white, navy or light blue)
    - 3rd: Plaid jumper OR plaid skirt and blouse/polo (white, navy or light blue)
    - 4th-8th: Plaid skirt and blouse/polo (white, navy or light blue)
    - K-8: Solid white, navy or hunter green sweater or SJF gray fleece, navy quarter zip or crewneck with SJF logo
    - K-8: Navy or khaki pants may be worn 10.1 - 5.1
    - Sweats and Pajama bottoms CANNOT be worn under skirts. Girls can wear leggings or tights (black, navy, hunter green or gray)
  - **Boys:**
    - K-8: Navy or khaki pants and white, navy or light blue polo shirt
    - SJF gray fleece, navy quarter zip or crewneck
- Say CHEESE! **Picture Day is MONDAY, 10.7** ~ dress your best!
- **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
- **Sick Policy:** Parents are required to keep children home from school the following day if they have been sent home with vomiting, fever (100 degrees), rash or diarrhea. Students must be fever free without the use of fever reducing medicine for 24 hours before returning to school. If there are symptoms of a communicable disease (reddened eyes, sore throat, fever, headache, rash) please do not expose other children to the possibility of sickness. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Boys Basketball & Girls Volleyball registration** is upon us! See the flyer below to sign-up today!



Looking Ahead

 <p><b>Weekend Mass</b></p>	<p>Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.  <b>11 a.m. Mass</b> First Communion Enrollment  <i>All are welcome!</i></p>
<p>Saturday, October 5th</p>	 <p><i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m</i>  <i>Oktoberfest 5-11 p.m. in the church parking lot</i></p>
<p>Monday, October 7th</p>	 <p><b>PICTURE DAY!</b></p>
<p>Tuesday, October 8th</p>	 <p><i>Barraco's Special Lunch</i>  <b>Future Falcon Playdate in the gym @ 11 a.m.</b></p>
<p>Wednesday, October 9th</p>	<p><b>Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 p.m.</b>  <i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m</i></p>
<p><b>DON'T FORGET!</b></p> <p>Thursday, October 10th</p>	 <p><b>12:00 Dismissal *NO LUNCH ~ BRING A SNACK!</b>  <b>Parent Teacher Conferences 1-3 p.m.</b></p>
<p>Friday, October 11th &amp; Monday, October 14th</p>	<p><b>NO SCHOOL!</b>  <b>ENJOY THE 4 DAY WEEKEND!</b></p> 

Pro Labore Dei

- Please come join us for lunch making on **Saturday, October 12th @ 9 a.m.** in the rectory basement for one hour. It will count as a service hour. Thank you!



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

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



Any Falcon in attendance will receive an out-of-uniform pass!

JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

# First Communion Enrollment Mass



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH @ 11 A.M.

*You belong here.* 

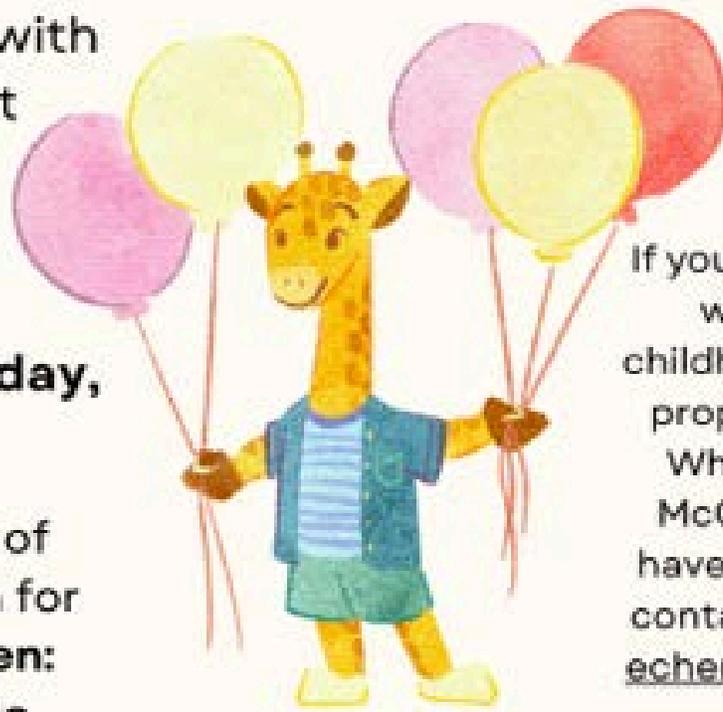
Welcome to SJF's Children's

# Liturgy OF THE WORD

SJF Parish Families with  
children in Pre-K-1st  
grade

**Please come to  
11am Mass this Sunday,  
Oct 6th**

We will offer Liturgy of  
the Word for Children for  
**our youngest children:  
PreK, K and 1st grade,**  
during Mass.  
No registration  
necessary.  
**All are welcome!**



If you would like to help  
with a new early  
childhood faith initiative  
proposed by Michelle  
White and Maureen  
McCormick, or if you  
have questions, please  
contact Elena Chermak  
[echermak@sjfschool.us](mailto:echermak@sjfschool.us)





**FREE**  
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**CLINIC**

**OCTOBER 5TH FROM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**BEVERLY PARK- OUTDOOR FIELD**  
**2460 W 102ND ST, CHICAGO, IL 60655**



**YOUTH EVENT AGES 5-16**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR PARENT OR LEGAL  
GUARDIAN ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE EVENT.**

**Contact Information: Officer Jose Reynoso,  
Office of Community Policing, at (312) 745-5900 or  
email at [jose.reynoso@chicagopolice.org](mailto:jose.reynoso@chicagopolice.org)**



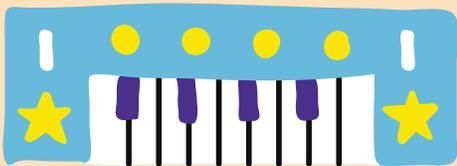
# St. John Fisher Proudly Hosts Future Falcons Playgroup

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'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](mailto:kcondon@sjfschool.us) or [cdunlavy@sjfschool.us](mailto:cdunlavy@sjfschool.us)



# St. John Fisher Holy Name Society 2024 Joe Guinane Memorial Golf Outing



**Thursday, October 10th**  
**Ridge Country Club**

**Golf followed by party at Ridge Country Club**  
**10522 S. California Ave., Chicago, IL**

**Registration:** 12:00 p.m. •• **Tee-off:** 1:00 p.m. •• **Cost:** \$225

This includes an 18-hole scramble, riding cart, lunch (12p.m.-1p.m. Brats & Hot Dogs), beverages on the course, HNS gift, after party at Ridge Country Club Patio Bar (Flattop Grill-Smash Burgers, Philly Sandwiches and Carne Asada Street Tacos). **Proceeds will help fund the Joe Guinane Memorial Scholarship Fund.**

\* Longest Drive \* Closest to the Pin \* Best foursome

Party will be at Ridge Country Club after golf approximately 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner and Drinks only from 5:30 to 7:30 is \$50

To help us properly plan for this event, please register by contacting:

Jim O'Leary – [jolearysjf@gmail.com](mailto:jolearysjf@gmail.com)

**Hole sponsorships also available:**

Hole Sponsor - \$100 Company name / Family Name / Block name, etc. (separate doc)



**ST. JOHN FISHER**

# **WINTER SPORTS SIGN-UPS**

## **BOYS BASKETBALL & GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

**OCTOBER 4TH-14TH**

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

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES  
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](mailto:cscannell@sjfschool.us)  
[cdunlavy@sjfschool.us](mailto:cdunlavy@sjfschool.us)  
[kcondon@sjfschool.us](mailto: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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**St. John Fisher School**

**October 17, 2024**

**Buona Beverly**

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[773] 941-6980

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### The brand gives back

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*Jen H., earns for hockey*

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For step-by-step instructions, visit [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](#).

**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**

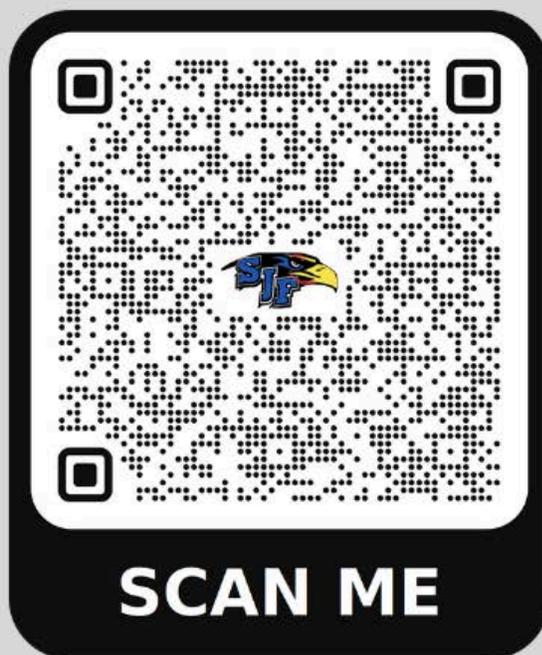


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THE ST. JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD  
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE  
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

*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
<b>October</b>	<b>Respect</b>
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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God is good.*

### *2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule*

**Sunday, October 6th** at 11 a.m. First Communion Enrollment Mass

**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...*

**CONTACT US**



- 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](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail [attendance@sjfschool.us](mailto:attendance@sjfschool.us)

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

Mrs. Kris Houston: [khouston@sjfschool.us](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us)

- Registration
- Admissions
- MedicalForms

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

- Powerschool
- Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: [dmaxwell@sjfschool.us](mailto:dmaxwell@sjfschool.us)

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

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

- Student Services

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: [clarmon@sjfschool.us](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

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

(more information on the back page)



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*If you have a question or concern about...*

**CONTACT US**

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, [mcummings@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcummings@sjfschool.us)

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto: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](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us)

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

Mr. Bill Gula: [mr.gula@aol.com](mailto:mr.gula@aol.com)  
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