



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 15, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

Thank you to Ms. Dunlavy, Mrs. Condon, and Mrs. Scannell, our SOAR moderators, and all of our SOAR students for organizing and facilitating our Veteran's Day Breakfast and Prayer Service. This day is always so moving and heartfelt as we are surrounded by our family members who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. We love, honor and respect our Veterans and will always have immense gratitude for all they have done. Also, thank you to our fifth and sixth grade students and teachers for their participation in the prayer service as well!

Report cards are going home today. Our Falcons have grown so much this trimester. As we begin the second trimester, let's keep pushing and challenging our Falcons to ensure they reach their fullest potential!

Officer Enrique Martinez will be laid to rest on Monday. We will be lining 103rd Street to show our support for Officer Martinez, his family, and the entire Chicago Police Force on Monday. We have had to stand outside to show our love and support for a fallen officer every year for the past seven years. In some years we had to do this more than once. I know that our presence means so much to our beloved officers and their families. Please join us on Monday if you are able.

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

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Important Announcements

- **St. Pat's Committee Meeting:** It is never too early to start planning for St. Patrick's Day! Join us on **11.25 @ 7 p.m. in Kane Hall**. Busy? Email St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com to stay informed. 
- **John Horan**, former associate pastor at Saint John Fisher, will be preaching at all the Masses this weekend in his role as Director of Mission Communications for the Catholic Extension Society. John is a talented speaker with an inspiring message. We look forward to his presentation!
- Our **Thanksgiving Food Drive** starts next week. Please see the below flyer for more information. Thank you for any donations you can provide!
- **Say Cheese! Picture Day Re-takes** are Tuesday, 11/19.
- **Basketball and Volleyball apparel** is now on sale! Visit the below links to order your swag today!
 - **Volleyball Store**
 - **Basketball Store**
- The **December Hot Lunch Menu** is available and open for ordering.
- **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.
- **WOMENS CLUB 1st ANNUAL POWDER PUFF GAME! See flyers below for detail and/or visit this link. Let's Kick it Moms!**

Pro Labore Dei

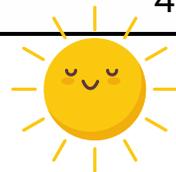
- Our next **LUNCH MAKING session is 12.7 @ 9:15 a.m.** in the Rectory Basement.
- **Thank you for your generosity!** Questions? Reach out to Pat Hayes, patriciadhayes@yahoo.com.



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Looking Ahead

 <p>Saturday, November 16th</p>	<p><i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</i> ETC, 9-12 a.m.: Friendsgiving w/ Mrs. Garza</p>
<p>Weekend Mass</p>	<p>Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. 11 a.m. Mass is hosted by our 1st graders <i>All are welcome!</i> *Falcons will receive an out-of-uniform pass for Mass attendance to be used on Mondays</p>
<p>Monday, November 18th</p> 	<p>HAPPY MONDAY! WE LOVE YOU FALCONS!</p>  <p>ETC, 3-4 p.m.: Fall Science Lab w/ Mrs. Garza *Officer Enrique Martinez Funeral Procession, please join us on 103rd if you are able</p>
<p>Tuesday, November 19th</p>	 <p>Homework Club 3-3:45 p.m. Picture Day Retake ~ Say Cheese!</p>
<p>Wednesday, November 20th</p>	<p>Morning ETC, 7-7:40 a.m. Basketball w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy</p>  <p>Homework Club 3-3:45 p.m. <i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.</i></p>
<p>Thursday, November 21st</p>	<p>Future Falcons Playdate in the gym 10:15-11 a.m. HSPT Class 3-4:15 p.m.</p>
<p>Friday, November 22nd</p>	<p>Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your SJF Spirit-wear with your uniform bottoms! 4th Grade Field Trip to MSI</p>



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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FALCON OF THE WEEK

Fran Blake, 8th 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 and to be mindful of those around us who might need our help and support. 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 Fran Blake, 8th grade.**

This week Fran attended a service trip with his fellow 8th grade classmates. Fran was extremely impressive in the way he interacted with the teachers and students in the Adult Transition Program in District 218. Fran’s kind nature and positive attitude was noticed by several of the teachers who work with young adults with special needs. Thank you for being a leader and setting a good example for your peers. You represented St. John Fisher and your family well and we are so proud of you! Your maturity, compassion and kindness are so appreciated. You are making a difference! Keep “Flying Like a Falcon” Fran!









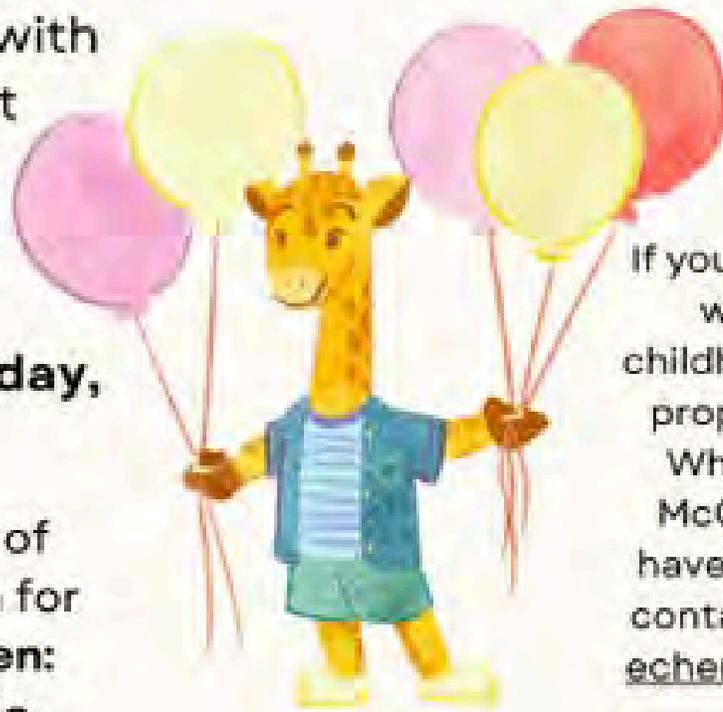
Welcome to SJF's Children's

Liturgy OF THE WORD

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

**Please come to
11am Mass this Sunday,
November 17th**

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



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

JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

1st Grade Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH @ 11 A.M.

You belong here. 

T H A N K F U L

St. John Fisher National Junior Honor Society
with Pro Labore Dei

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please send all donations to school with your child.
Monday, November 18 through
Friday, November 22.

Preschool & Kindergarten: Large box of mashed potatoes

First & Second Grade: Gravy

Third Grade: Gravy

Fourth Grade: Cranberry Sauce

Fifth Grade: Non-Perishable Dessert

Sixth Grade: Sweet Potatoes

Seventh Grade: Cans of Green Beans

Eighth Grade: Cans of Corn



Manna for the Holidays



AVOID THE HOLIDAY RUSH!

Stop in or use your RAISE RIGHT APP on the go!

Order your gift cards for the holidays using the App by Sunday at 10:00 AM and your order will be ready to pick up on Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

This includes local vendor cards. Skip the line to pick up when you order ahead. Let us know if you would like your order sent home with your child.

THE LAST DAY TO ORDER through the app in order to receive your cards by Christmas is **December 14th**.

Manna Hours for the Holidays

Saturday: 8:30-9:30 AM

Wednesday: 6-7 PM

Thursday: 8-9 AM (added for the month of December)

Last year, the Manna program raised \$40,000 for the school and \$60,000 directly to the families to lower their tuition.

MANNA OFFICE will be closed on the following dates:

November 30th

December 25th

December 28th

January 1st



TIME TO KICK IT MOMS!

POWDER PUFF FLAG FOOTBALL



NOV | 24 | 2024

11:00 AM

BEVERLY PARK



\$20 Per Person

VENMO: @SJFwomensclub23

Include in comments: "SJF Powder Puff"



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NOVEMBER 13TH! ORDER TODAY!

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St. John Fisher FSA Advent Wreath Making Event

**Please join us
Sunday, December 1st
after the 11:00 AM Mass in Kane Hall**

to make an Advent Wreath for your family to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

A limited number of wreaths are available, so please reserve yours by
Sunday, November 17th

The cost for each wreath is \$45
Please send in cash or check made out to St. John Fisher FSA with information below
or Venmo @Edward-Wiora with information below

If you have any questions, please contact Molly Wiora 773-368-1414.

St. John Fisher FSA Advent Wreath Making Event 2024

Family Name _____

of Wreaths _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

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Jen H., earns for hockey

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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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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!

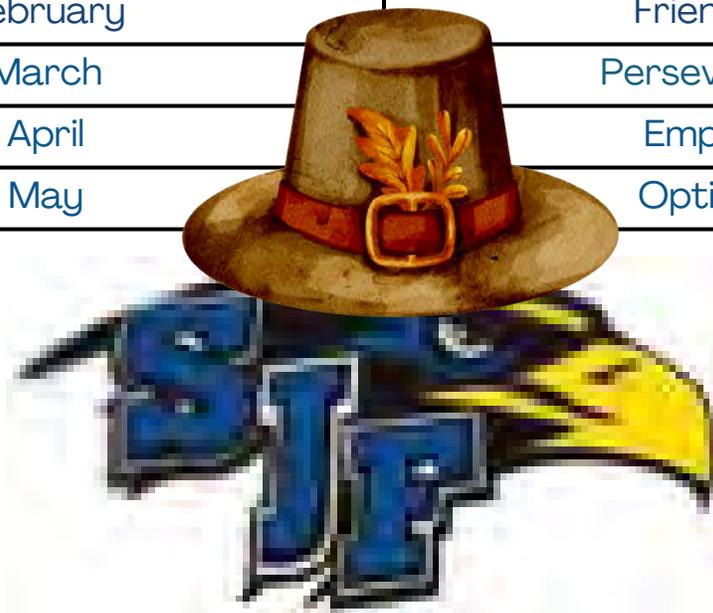


Social & Emotional Learning

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 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

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

- 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

Mr. Bill Gula: mr.gula@aol.com
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Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
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Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
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