



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 8, 2024


Dear SJF Families,

Report cards go home next week and we are so proud of how hard our Falcons have worked this trimester! Let's keep the momentum going and build off of this success during the second trimester!

We are looking forward to our 4th annual Veteran's Day breakfast and prayer service on Monday. Thank you to all of our veterans for their sacrifice. We are the home of the free because of you and your bravery.

Our hearts are broken at the loss of yet another fallen Chicago Police Officer, Enrique Martinez. We are sending our prayers, deepest condolences and all of our love and support to all Chicago Police Officers and Enrique Martinez's family and friends.

The School Advisory Board is meeting on Tuesday, November 12th @ 7 p.m. in Kane Hall. We will be sharing a finance update for the '24-'25 fiscal year. All are welcome!

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





- **School Advisory Board Meeting:** Our next SAB meeting is on Tuesday, 11.12 @ 7p.m. in Kane Hall. The primary topic will be an update on the FY '24-'25 financial projections for SJF School.
- **Lockdown Drill:** FYI, we are going to practice another lock down drill next week.
- **Say Cheese! Picture Day Re-takes** are Tuesday, 11/19.
- 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

- **November FIXINS FOR A THANKSGIVING DINNER collection is back!** If you are able to donate, we are in need of the following ingredients (by 11.21):
  - 2 cans each of corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and gravy
  - 2 bags of stuffing
  - 1 large box of instant mashed potatoes
  - 1 nonperishable dessert
- 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.



## Looking Ahead

<b>Saturday, November 9th</b>	<b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</b>
 <b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <i>All are welcome!</i> *Falcons will receive an out-of-uniform pass for Mass attendance <b>to be used on Mondays</b>
<b>Monday, November 11th</b>	 <b>HAPPY MONDAY!</b> <b>WE LOVE YOU FALCONS!</b> <b>ETC, 3-4: Fall Science Lab w/ Mrs. Garza</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> <b>Breakfast and Prayer Service</b> 
<b>Tuesday, November 12th</b>	<b>Homework Club 3-3:45</b> <b>School Advisory Board Meeting</b> <b>@ 7p.m. in Kane Hall</b> 
<b>Wednesday, November 13th</b>	<b>Morning ETC, 7-7:40 Basketball w/ Mrs. Ade &amp; Ms. Dunlavy</b> <b>Homework Club 3-3:45</b> <b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.</b> 
<b>Thursday, November 14th</b>	<b>Future Falcons Playdate in the gym</b> <b>10:15-11 a.m.</b> <b>HSPT Class 3-4:15</b> *8th Grade Service Project with District 218 <b>World Diabetes Day, Dress in ALL BLUE</b> <b>and bring in a \$1</b>
<b>Friday, November 15th</b>	Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your SJF Spirit-wear with your uniform bottoms! <b>1st Trimester Report Cards Go Home Today!</b> 



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

PJ Carey, 6th 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 PJ Carey, 6th grade.**

PJ Carey is a shining example of what it means to Fly like a Falcon. PJ approaches every task with maturity, responsibility and a genuine passion for learning. Whether it's completing complex math problems, engaging in thought-provoking class discussions, or putting in extra effort for school projects, PJ constantly exceeds our expectations. When something needs to be done, PJ is there to get it done graciously and with a smile. We have watched PJ balance school work, extracurricular activities, and personal hobbies with such determination and focus. PJ is also a role model for his peers, often taking the initiative to lead by helping others with their work or offering support during group projects. PJ's empathy, kindness, and positivity have made him a valuable asset to our SJF community! Thank you for setting a good example for all of us and for reminding us that WE ALL BELONG here! Keep flying like a Falcon PJ! You are making a difference!



ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

**8:45**  
**AM**

**11**  
**NOV**

USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER  
YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR GUEST



# VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST AND PRAYER SERVICE

★ ★ ★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★ ★ ★

All Falcon families are encouraged to invite a veteran to our breakfast  
in Kane Hall beginning at 8:45 AM.

A prayer service honoring all veterans will be held in the church  
beginning at 10 AM.

**IF YOU HAVE A VETERAN WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HONORED, BUT HE OR SHE IS UNABLE  
TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY FILLING OUT THE FORM LINKED TO THE QR CODE ABOVE!**

DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO [CDUNLAVY@SJFSCHOOL.US](mailto:CDUNLAVY@SJFSCHOOL.US)

ST. JOHN FISHER

★ FALCONS ★

FOOTBALL BANQUET



★ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH ★

SJFAA Treasurer  
@SJFAA-Treasurer



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DINNER WILL BE SERVED!

PLAYERS & COACHES COMPLIMENTARY.

PARENTS ARE \$5 EACH FOR DINNER, CASH BAR.

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KICK OFF  
6:30 P.M. -  
8:30 P.M.

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CORK & KERRY  
10614 S. WESTERN  
SIDE ROOM

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SPEECHES, VIDEOS  
& RECOGNITIONS  
START AT 7:30 PM

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4TH GRADE, JV & VARSITY SHOULD DRESS UP!





**Let's show our support for kids living with Type 1 Diabetes by wearing blue to school on November 14th♥ All participants bring \$1 to support the Chicago Diabetes Project!**

**Inspired by the success of the Chicago Diabetes Project, we believe in a future with a cure. Together, we can make a difference! Spread the word and wear blue with us. All proceeds from this campaign will support the Chicago Diabetes Project. ♥**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**



**jill@chicagodiabetesproject.org**



**www.chicagodiabetesproject.org**



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[www.chicagodiabetesproject.org](http://www.chicagodiabetesproject.org)

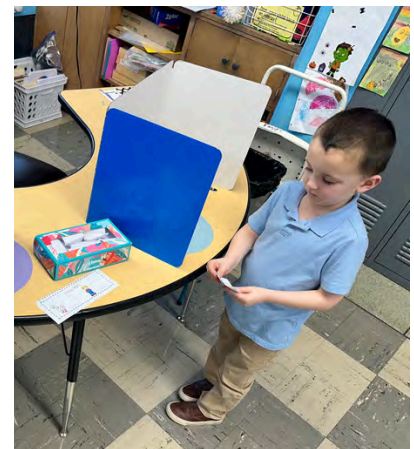
any questions: [jill@chicagodiabetesproject.org](mailto:jill@chicagodiabetesproject.org)







**Congratulations to the recipients of the St. Rita Andrew Smialek Leadership Award! We are so proud of you!**  
**\*Pictured left to right:**  
**Fran Blake, Tommy Berry, Paul Stodolny, Matt Ortell, AJ Ansier, Charlie Volpentesta, and Ryan Guinane - not pictured: Eddie Nowicki and Seamus Lacy.**









**TIME TO KICK IT MOMS!**

# **POWDER PUFF FLAG FOOTBALL**

*click here  
to register*

**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.

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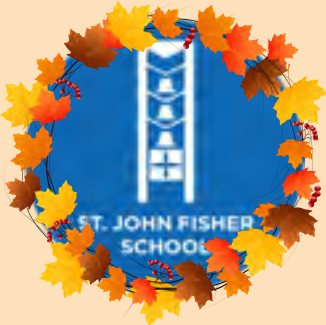
**St. John Fisher FSA Advent Wreath Making Event 2024**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Wreaths \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



# St. John Fisher Proudly Hosts Future Falcons Playgroup

We changed the day and  
time to better accommodate  
our caretakers' and parents'  
schedules!

Each Thursday of the month beginning from 10:15-11 a.m.

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

## Where & When?

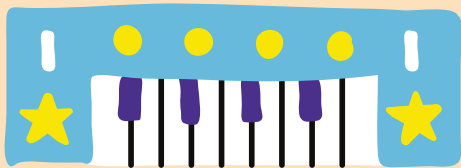
St John Fisher Gym

10200 S. Washtenaw Ave.

Thursdays of every month  
beginning

October 8th from 10:15-11.

\$5 per child/\$15 per family max



## 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!

## 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.





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per year

# Experience the right way to fundraise

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Jen H., earns for hockey

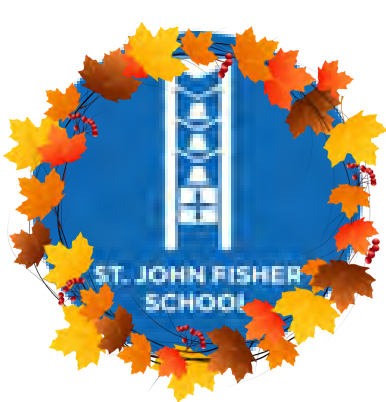
Get started by downloading the [RaiseRight™ app](#) on your phone or go to [RaiseRight.com](#) on your computer.

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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## 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!



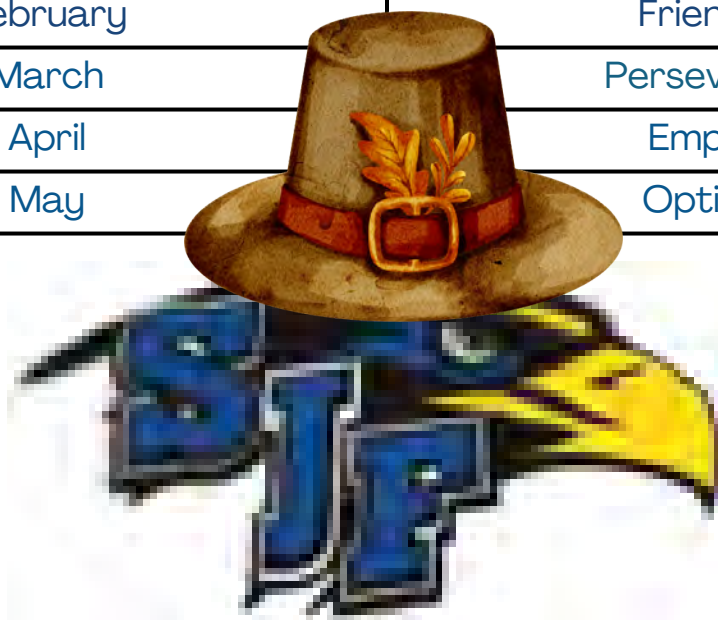


## Social & Emotional Learning

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
<b>November</b>	<b>Gratitude</b>
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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God is good.*

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

**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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- 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)  
School Advisory Board: [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com)  
Athletic Association: [stjohnfishersports@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfishersports@gmail.com)  
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