



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

DECEMBER 15, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We cannot believe that Christmas break is one short week away. The lead up to Christmas has been so much fun at SJF! Between our preschool and kindergarten students preparing for their shows, the all-school door decorating contest, Christmas and holiday curriculum, a visit from Santa, our all-school kindness projects and everything in between, we are truly ready for Christmas! Next week's fun dress-down days, cookies and milk, afternoon Christmas movie, all-school sing-a-long and Christmas prayer service and pep assembly will be icing on the holiday cake! We love celebrating this beautiful and magical season with our Falcons. Thank you for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. We are so grateful for all of our Falcon families!

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*

## Important Announcements

- **Attention Prek and Kindergarten parents, we need your help!** As we prepare for our upcoming beloved Christmas shows, please keep in mind the following:
  - If you would like your non-performing child to attend the preschool or kindergarten show, ***you must email your child's teacher and attendance@sjfschool.us more than 24 hours in advance in order for your child to be able to attend the show(s).*** Teachers will send authorized students to the church where they will be checked in by Mrs. Larmon.
  - ***All siblings of students in the show need to sit with you.*** Children are not allowed to run up and down the aisles or sit on the ground in front of the altar. Please do not send your children to the front to take pictures as this is very distracting. Our students have worked so hard to prepare for this wonderful performance and we want the spotlight to be on our little stars.



- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. **Extended Day ends @ 2:30 on 12.22.** If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- The **January Hot Lunch** Schedule is open and ready for ordering.

## MANNA News

### MANNA HOURS ADDED FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

- **Hours:**
  - **Saturdays:** 8:30-9:30 a.m.
  - **Wednesdays:** 6-7 p.m.
  - **Thursdays:** 8-9 a.m. (added Holidays only)
- Stop in or use the Raise Right App on-the go!
- **The best way to order physical cards (local too) are in stock is to order using the App by Sundays at 10 and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6.** Skip the line to pick-up when you order ahead! Let us know if you'd like your order sent home with your child.
- **Since May 1st, the program has raised more than \$18,000 for the school and \$26,000 directly to families to lower tuition.** Thank you!
- Email the Manna team at Sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions. More info here.



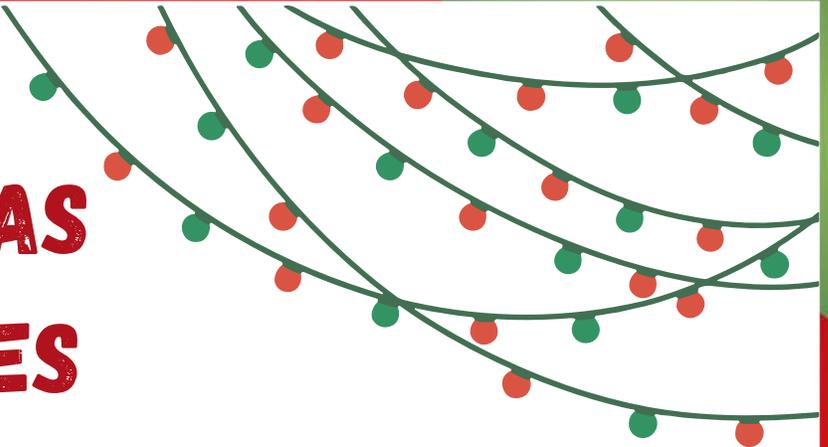
## Pro Labore Dei Update

*Thank you for your generous donations in support  
of our Christmas Project.  
You are so appreciated.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*





# SOAR CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



## **TUESDAY, 12.19: POLAR EXPRESS & MOVIE DAY!**

Students wear PJ's & will watch a movie in the afternoon. Pre-ordered Christmas Cookies & milk will be served.



## **THURSDAY, 12.21: CHRISTMAS SHOW IN CHURCH & UGLY SWEATER DAY OUT OF UNIFORM DAY FOR STUDENTS: CHRISTMAS ATTIRE OR UGLY SWEATER!**

1 p.m. Kindergarten Nativity Play  
1:30 p.m. Beginning with prek, each grade will perform a song followed by a teacher song and an all-school sing-a-long of "12 days of Christmas"



## **FRIDAY, 12.22: CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE & PEP ASSEMBLY IN CHURCH @ 10 A.M.**

Students should dress in Sunday Best Christmas Attire

**11:30 DISMISSAL!**

*Merry  
Christmas!*





JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

# Christmas Eve Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH @ 4 P.M.

HOSTED BY SECOND GRADE











**FUTURE FALCONS**

# **PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE**

EXPERIENCE THE FALCON WAY THROUGH  
PLAY AND...

- EXPLORE THE PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS
- INTERACT WITH THE STUDENTS
- MEET YOUR FUTURE FALCON'S TEACHERS!

TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2024

10:00-11:00AM

\$5 PER CHILD, NO RSVP NECESSARY

PAY AT THE DOOR!



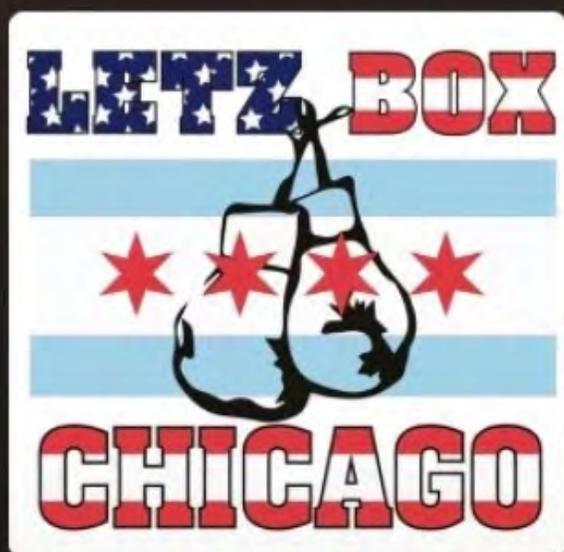
# **Falcon Fight Night**

**St. John Fisher**

**10200 s.**

**Washtenaw**

**Saturday February**



**3rd**





# Homework Club!

## Grades 1-6

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**Who do you  
contact?**

**Mrs. Ade**

kade@sjfschool.us

**Mrs. Schiller**

aschiller@sjfschool.us

**Ms. Dunlavy**

cdunlavy@sjfschool.us



**When is it?**  
**Tuesdays &  
Wednesdays**  
**2:55pm-3:45pm**

**\*Begins October 10th\***

**Homework Club is a  
great opportunity for  
students to...**

- *Begin* their homework
- Study for tests or quizzes
- Review math facts
- Receive help with iReady
- Get organized
- Develop friendships and community with older SJF students!



**Our dedicated 7th and 8th grade  
helpers will work one-on-one with your  
student(s) to complete homework in an  
accurate and timely manner!**



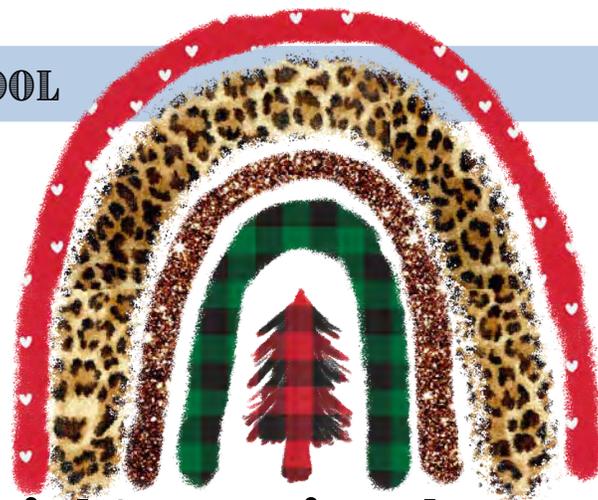
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### **St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar**

\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

- **12.22** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.7** \*classes resume **1.8**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.15**
- Graduation Pictures: **1.23**
- Catholic Schools Week Mass: **1.28**
- Confirmation: **2.10** ~ 11 a.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.15**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **2.16**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.19**
- First Reconciliation: **2.27 & 2.28**
- All-Staff Professional Development and Planning Day: **3.4**
- Graduation Picture Make-up: **3.5**
- All-Staff Religious Professional Development – No School: **3.27**
- Spring Break: **3.28 – 4.7** \*classes resume **4.8**
- First Holy Communion: **5.4** ~ 1 p.m.
- May Crowning: **5.10** ~ 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. All-School Early Dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.27**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.31**, 10:45 a.m. “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.2** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.6** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

**\*1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **January 31st, February 28th, March 20th, April 24th, May 29th.**



## 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
<b>December</b>	<b>Kindness</b>
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



**Be Respectful, Responsible & Safe.  
Be a Falcon.**

**PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT OUR SCHOOL  
TRANSITIONED TO GMAIL 3 YEARS AGO. WE NO  
LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO OUR .NET ACCOUNTS. OUR  
CONTACT INFO & CHAIN OF COMMAND IS ALWAYS  
POSTED IN THE WEEKLY NOTES BELOW AND CAN BE  
FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE  
OUR SJFSCHOOL.US EMAIL ADDRESS. WE DON'T WANT  
TO MISS ANY OF YOUR IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION!**

**THANK YOU!**



**You Are Important!**



# 2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern...

- 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)



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If you have a question or concern about...

- 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)  
FSA: [sjffsa103@gmail.com](mailto:sjffsa103@gmail.com)  
Women's Club: [SJFWomensClub@gmail.com](mailto:SJFWomensClub@gmail.com)  
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