



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

DECEMBER 8, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

This Christmas season is absolutely flying by! Today our 4th graders hosted the most beautiful Mass for the Immaculate Conception. Thank you to Dr. Chermak, Mrs. Kovatch and Mrs. Reyes for guiding our phenomenal 4th graders along the way! All of our Falcons continue to get into the Christmas spirit as they prepare for the various shows we have on the horizon, make Christmas cards for Smith Village and turn our classrooms and hallways into winter wonderlands with their creative and festive artwork! We love celebrating Christmas with our Falcons and hope you are finding many ways to enjoy this magical season at home too!

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:
 - 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.
- **Heads up!** There have been several cases of **lice** reported to SJF and I know many neighboring schools are struggling with the same issue.
- **PACK THE PEWS!!!** Out of uniform passes for Mass attendance continues throughout the year. We need your help! **Please sign up here if you can pass out tickets at a weekend Mass.** A healthy attendance is critical to the longevity of our parish. See you there!
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.

MANNA Updates

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](#).

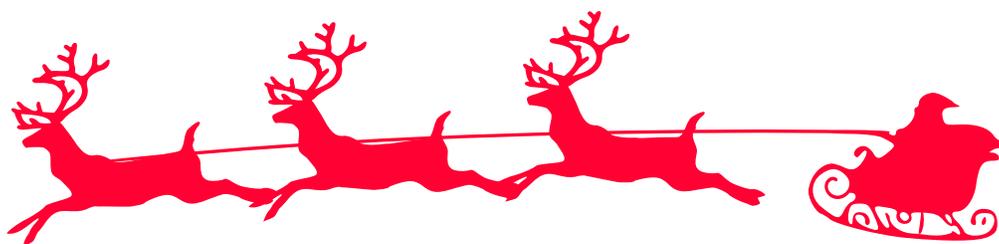


Pro Labore Dei Update

- **An enormous thanks** to all those who donated bags of food for the communities we serve. A total of 127 bags were brought to our pantry and were distributed to the communities of Robbins, Posen, and St. Thomas More. Our school kids packed 36 bags and assisted in loading the cars that brought all to our pantry. Wow! You are SO generous.
- **The Christmas gift collection has begun.** We hope you notice the Christmas tree in the rear of church with tags on its branches. Please select a tag with shopping suggestions or do your own. As in the past, we suggest a minimum of \$10 for each gift, wrapped and clearly marked to the recipient. **All gifts are due to the rectory no later than Thursday, December 14th.** Thank you for your continued support.
- We continue our **food pantry collection on Saturday mornings** from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the church parking lot. Diaper sizes 4, 5 and 6 are still in high demand. Your response to all our requests has been incredible. Thank you and please continue to consider this need when shopping.
- For **questions or concerns** please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881).

Looking Ahead

<p>Saturday, December 9th Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>ETC 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. w/ Mrs. Garza</p> <p>4 p.m. Mass All are welcome!</p> 
<p>Sunday, December 10th</p>	<p>8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass 11 a.m. Mass is hosted by 4th grade All are welcome!</p>
<p>Monday, December 11th</p>	<p>ETC 3-4:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE After 3 w/ Mrs. Sefcik 
<p>Tuesday, December 12th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Falcon Playdate w/ Santa @ 10 a.m. in the gym. See the below flyer! *Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m.
<p>Wednesday, December 13th Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ETC 7-7:40 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Hoops w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy *Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m.
<p>Thursday, December 14th Manna Hours @ The Convent 8-9 a.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Musical Info Session @ 3 p.m. in Room 204 (5th-8th graders) • FSA Christmas Crafts in Kane Hall, 5:30-7 p.m. 
<p>Friday, December 15th</p>	<p>Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your favorite spirit wear t-shirt or sweatshirt with your uniform bottoms!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJHS Pre-registered Babysitting Night!





PROGRESS POST

Falcons, you have exceeded our expectations and ***we are so grateful!*** We're **88%** to our **Season of Giving** goal. If we're able to reach our \$50K goal, we'll receive a generous pledge of an additional \$25K! Please help us spread the word to alumni and friends that may want to give www.givecentral.org/FFEF
#theworldneedsmorefalcons #WeAreACommunityofGivers
#ProudFalcons

GOAL
\$50,000



We're almost there!

Thank you SJF
Community!



JOIN US

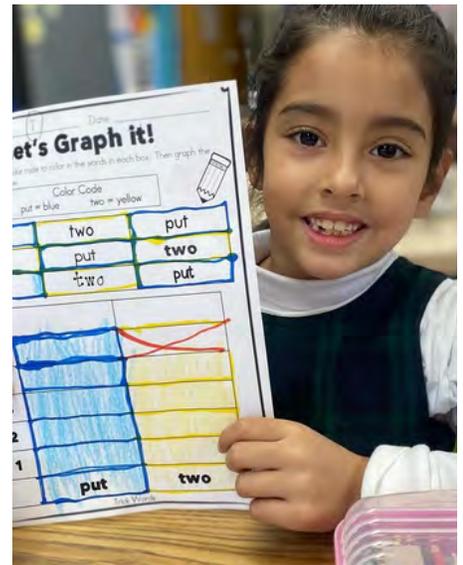
ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

Family Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD @ 11 A.M.

HOSTED BY FOURTH GRADE











Attention SFJ Parents!!!

Back by Popular Demand!!

St. John Fisher

National Junior Honor Society
Presents our 2nd Annual
Falcon Fun Friday Night!!!!



Friday, December 15
6pm-8pm in Kane Hall

Fee: \$10/child
\$25/family

Think of the things you could get accomplished with two kid-free hours!



Wrap Christmas gifts
Grab a quick dinner with friends
Go grocery shopping
Buy that last minute gift



Parents of Falcons in Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to drop their child(ren) off for a small fee, and our National Junior Honor Society students will entertain them for two hours! Our Junior High students will play games and do crafts with your child(ren) while you enjoy some time for yourself!! Space is limited so reserve your spot today by clicking on the link below!!

[Fill out this Google Form to register your child/children!](#)

All questions can be directed to Mrs. Condon kcondon@sjsfchool.us

Adult Faculty members will be present to supervise all activities



PRESENTS...

Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



**INFO SESSION
DECEMBER 14TH**

Calling all actors, dancers,
singers in 5th-8th Grade!
We want YOUR talent!

**AUDITIONS
JANUARY
11TH & 12TH
@ 3PM**

**PERFORMANCES
APRIL 25TH &
26TH**

**NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE
NEEDED!**



**REHEARSALS: TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS
AND FRIDAYS 3-5PM**

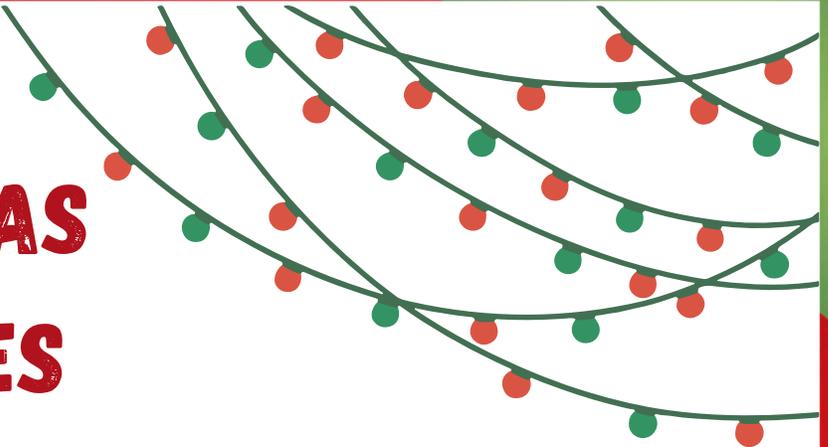
ANY QUESTIONS?

Email Ms. Hladik!
ahladik@sjfschool.us

This production is presented through
special arrangement with Music
Theatre International (MTI).



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!*



FUTURE FALCONS

DECEMBER PLAYGROUP
FEATURING

SANTA!



Experience the Falcon way through play at our monthly playgroup filled with activities, songs and community building. December's playgroup will feature a visit from Santa. All children 0-3 and caregivers are welcome.

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 12

ST. JOHN FISHER GYM
10:00AM - 11:00AM

*\$5 per child
no rsvp necessary, pay at the door*

SANTA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICTURES.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CAMERA.





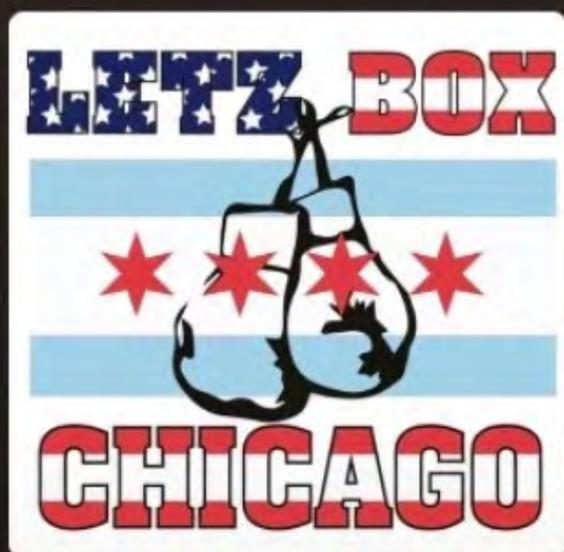
Falcon Fight Night

St. John Fisher

10200 s.

Washtenaw

Saturday February



3rd





Homework Club!

Grades 1-6

**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!**



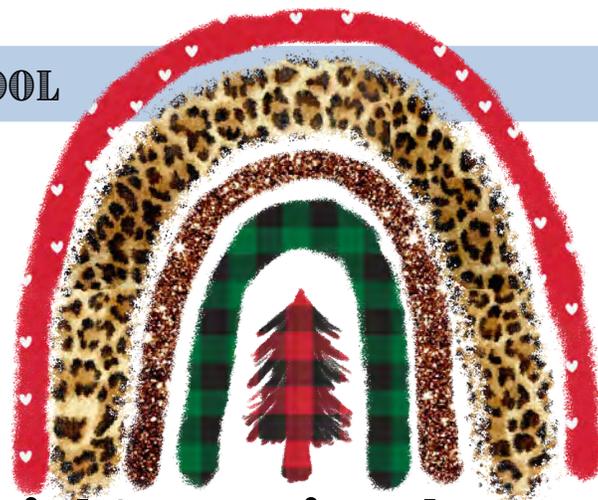
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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

*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.**

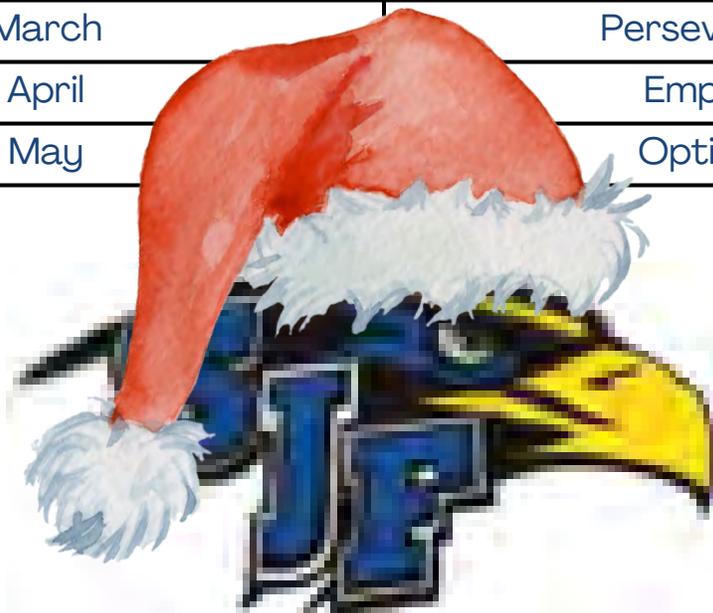


Social & Emotional Learning

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
December	Kindness
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

- 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



2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

- 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
School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: sjffsa103@gmail.com
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com

