



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

APRIL 11, 2025

Dear SJF Families,

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who joined us for Family Night! Mrs. Cummings did an outstanding job organizing this essential community-building event. We also want to give a special shout-out to our teachers and staff who contributed their time and effort. We are always grateful for the chance to come together, engage in conversations, dance, play games, and create crafts on campus. We are so lucky to be Falcons!

And just like that, we have almost arrived at Spring Break! Next week we have some fun activities planned for our Falcons including an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by our SOAR students and an all-school Holy Week Prayer Service on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Please feel free to join us to pray and prepare for Easter together.

Following Spring Break, we have a plethora of activities including field trips, First Holy Communion and May Crowning, just to name a few. I hope and pray you are able to have lots of quality time making lasting memories with your loved ones over Spring Break before we power through the end of the school year.

Thank you for continuing to choose Catholic education, especially St. John Fisher. Thank you for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. You belong here. ❤️

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



HAPPY
EASTER



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

Important Announcements






- In case you missed it, please take a few minutes to **complete the 5 Essentials Survey [linked here](#)**. This important survey provides our school with feedback on our strengths and opportunities for growth. ***The survey closes on April 18th.*** Thank you for your time!
- **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.
- Our **Yearbook Team** is actively working on our 24-25 yearbook. ***We are looking for group photos of Homecoming, Football, Cheerleading, Confirmation, any field trips or candid shots.*** Please send pictures to SJFyearbook@sjfschool.us. If you are interested in ordering a yearbook, please see the flyer below.
- **Hot Lunch Update:** As we approach the end of the school year, please be advised that the last lunch service will be on **May 30th**. We kindly ask all parents to ensure that any remaining credit balances in your child's lunch account are paid or utilized by this date. **PLEASE NOTE** that we will **NOT** be rolling over any remaining balances to next year, as we will be transitioning to a new vendor. If any credit balances are not resolved by the end of the school year, they will be added to your FACTs account. ***Thank you for your attention to this matter!***

School Advisory Board

Every Spring, we begin the process to meet new parents and parishioners to discuss joining the School Advisory Board. We appreciate you considering sharing your skills and talents with us to support the School's Goals. The minimum time commitment is about 2 hours per month including a monthly meeting and follow-up committee work. There is additional information on our structure and goals under "Organizations" tab of the school website. Typically, the selection process includes an interview with current and past board members in early summer. We aim to select new board members by August to enable a strong start for the new school year. Please email sjfsab@gmail.com with any questions. You can submit a resume to that email if you would like in addition the the application [linked here](#) although it IS NOT required. Thanks!



Looking Ahead

Weekend Mass	 <p>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. 4 p.m, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass and Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 11 a.m. Mass <i>All are welcome!</i></p>
Monday, April 14th	 <p>Happy Monday Falcons!</p> 
Tuesday, April 15th	<p>1 p.m. Easter Prayer Service Lead by our 8th grade Falcons <i>All are welcome!</i></p>
Wednesday, April 16th - Sunday, April 27th	 <p>Spring Break! Be Respectful, Responsible and Safe on break!</p> 



**Manna Office will be closed on
Saturday, April 19th and
Wednesday, April 23rd.**

Together let's build a school that we love.

Do you ever wonder what our morning

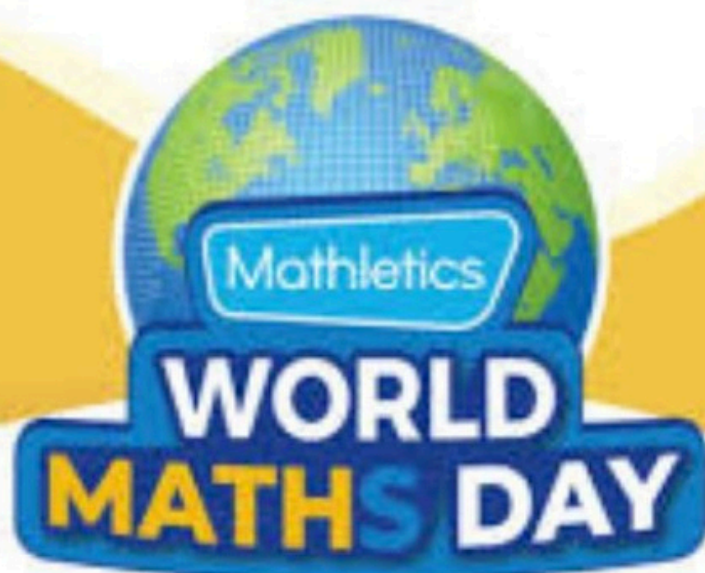
Zoom announcements are like?

Now you can see them for yourself!

Visit this link to see recordings of our
latest and greatest morning moments. ENJOY!



2025



Congratulations

TOP 6TH GRADE STUDENT IN THE UNITED STATES:



BILLY MCGLYNN

TOP 6TH GRADE SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES:

ST. JOHN FISHER



FALCONS OF THE WEEK

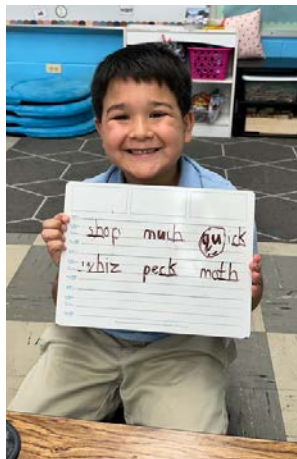
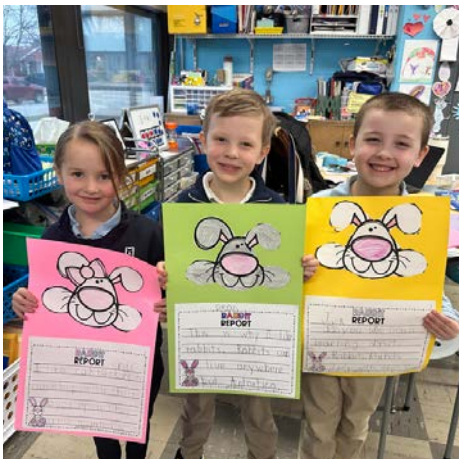
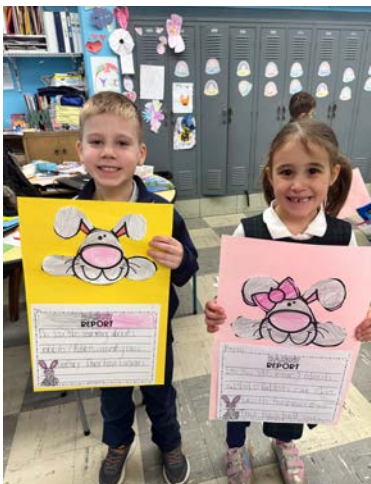
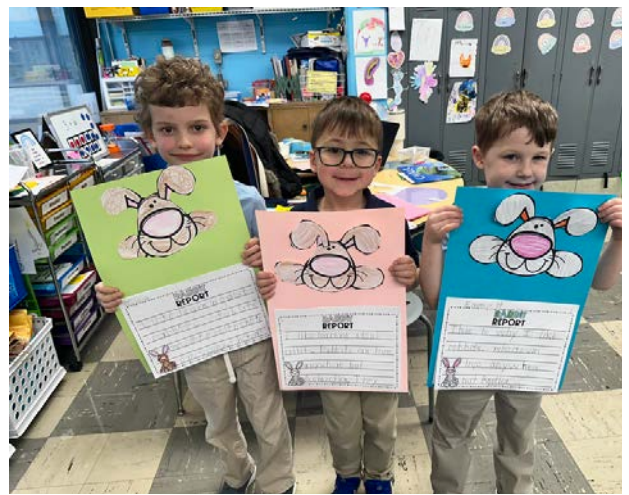
6th Grade Mathletes

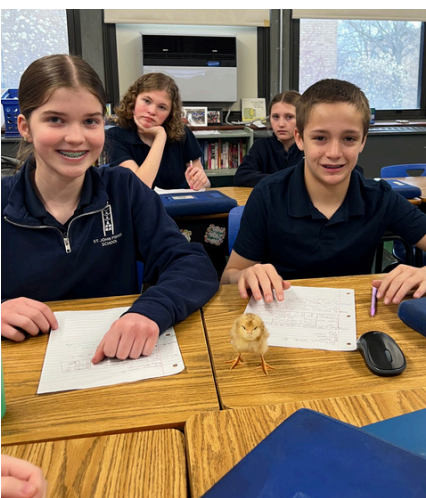
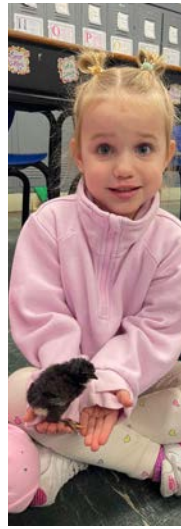


One of our school themes is “Fly Like a Falcon”. Falcons SOAR above, capturing an aerial view of what is going on below. We are encouraging our school community to “SOAR above” things that might bring us down, not allowing us to be our best selves and to be mindful of those around us who might need our 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 our 6th Grade Mathlete Team.**

The SJF Mathletes participated in World Math Day on March 26th. Our very own Billy McGlynn placed FIRST in the United States 6th grade competition!! Congratulations to Billy and all of our wonderful mathletes! We are proud of your perseverance and ability to take academic risks. Keep up your hard work. We are so proud of you! Keep flying like a Falcon; you're making a difference!

(Joey Lotito, Jack Schneller, Brady Rusch, Brayden D’Amato, Paddy McGinnis, Billy McGlynn, Liam Gillian, Jack Guinane, Danny Moonan, Jimmy Nash, Aidan McCarthy, Henry Bansley, Emmett Lyons, Bobby Kellam, Sean Casey, Liam Gallagher, Max Peco, Emma Winter, Patsy DeTineo, Clare Hayes, Lily Moran, Jade Hassan, Avarie Drew, Emily Spadoni, Evelyn Masnjak)







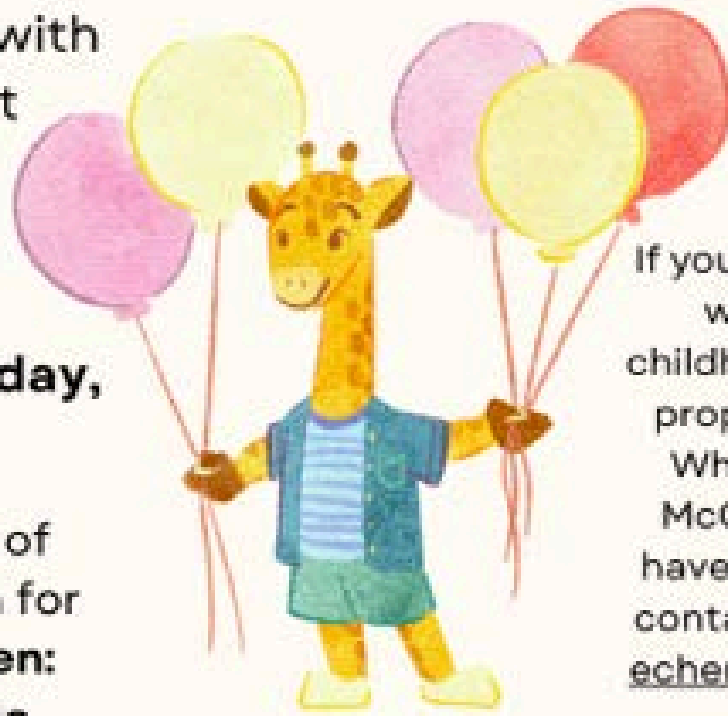
Welcome to SJF's Children's

Liturgy OF THE WORD

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

**Please come to
11am Mass this Sunday,
April 13th**

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



Dear SJF Families,

The Manna Fundraising Requirement (\$300/family) will be added to your FACTS account around May 1st, 2025. You will see a \$300 charge and the adjustment (credit amount) based on the amount earned for the school up until April 30th, 2025. If you did not make the \$300 requirement, the difference will be applied to your next automatic tuition withdrawal. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of the Manna program and St. John Fisher School.

Please note: Any orders placed and filled on Wednesday, April 30th will be included in this year's total. Any special orders will be filled on May 7th and will NOT be included in this year's total.

Kindly,

Delphine Maxwell

dmaxwell@sjfschool.us



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FISHER FALCONS RUNNING CLUB



Begins Sunday, April 13th



**Calling all Runners
Join our Ridge Run Team**

**Ridge Run
Monday, May 26, 2025**

Youth Mile Run @ 8:10am
5K RUN @ 9:30am

**To register your child for Running
Club please scan here and
complete the SJF Google Form**



**Coaches: Morgan Degnan
Marcy Doheny
Kerry McNicholas**

DETAILS

- Running Club will meet once a week on Sundays from 12:00pm to 12:45pm.
- Our first day will be **Sunday, April 13th**.
- We will meet at Kane Halls door.
- Runners will be placed in groups according to grade levels kdg, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8.
- The GOAL is to run the Ridge Run 5k or youth mile.
- Register your child under team name SAINT JOHN FISHER FALCONS 2025 for the Ridge Run.



Questions? Please contact:

**Kerry McNicholas
(708) 525-0705**





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, 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!



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Please join us for the
SJF FSA Sponsored
Mother Son Outing



White Sox vs Detroit Tigers
June 4th, 2025 at 6:40 PM
Tickets are \$20-\$25 each.
Limited Tickets Available!

To purchase your seats: [CLICK HERE](#)

Please email Carrie Erwinski at
Carrie726@gmail.com with any questions.



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



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*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

These dates are subject to change.

- Spring Break: **4.16 – 4.27** *classes resume **4.28**
- May Crowning: **5.9** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- 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.**



2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

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)



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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

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Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
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