



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

MAY 2, 2025

Dear SJF Families,

Tomorrow our darling and prayerful 2nd graders will make their First Holy Communion. Please join us in praying for all of our 2nd graders and their loving and supportive families. Our Falcons have worked very hard to prepare for tomorrow and they are ready! Thank you to Dr. Chermak, Mrs. Kellam and Mrs. Ball, who have poured so much of their hearts into tomorrow's beautiful and second-to-none sacrament experience. Tomorrow is always such a happy and proud day for our school and parish!

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*

*May the Lord always bless you and keep you.*

*May His face always shine upon you.*

*May you know His compassion and mercy.*

*May the Lord walk beside you forever.*



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

## Important Announcements

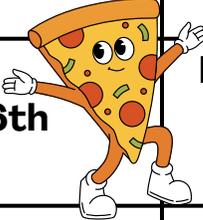
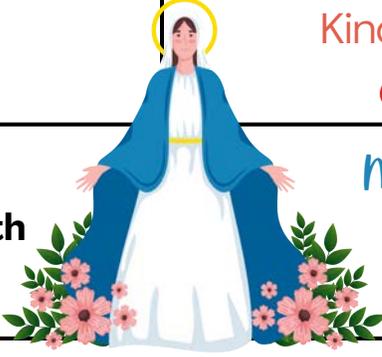
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign up your Falcon(s) here. ***THERE WILL BE NO BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL EXTENDED DAY ON FRIDAY, MAY 9TH!*** If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- **EXTRA, EXTRA! Read all about it!** Here is the link to the **April Falcon Flyer**, our very own school newspaper. There is something for everyone in here. Enjoy!
- **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!***
- The **Women's Club** is hosting its annual costume **scavenger hunt on May 30<sup>th</sup>**! Visit this link to register your team and see the flyer below.
- Please see the flyer below to contribute to the **Holy Name Society's 15<sup>th</sup> annual food drive!**
- Visit this link to express your interest to be a member of our School Advisory Board!

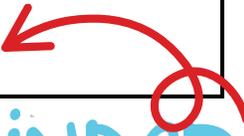


### *"I Inspire" program aimed to help attract, motivate and retain Catholic School Teachers*

- A memorial fund was set up in honor of Teri Keaty Joyce in the Spring of 2024 in order to spread the message of love, kindness and support for education as that was a theme in her life. The Teri Keaty Joyce "I Inspire" Teacher Recognition Program aims to recognize the important role teachers play in the lives of children. A committee of educators formed by the family will invite colleagues, parents, and current 8th Grade students at Queen of Martyrs, St. John Fisher and Most Holy Redeemer to nominate ONE teacher that exhibits the criteria below. Nominations from last year will be considered. See more detail in the attached flyer on the criteria. ***Deadline for nominations is May 10th.***

## Looking Ahead

Saturday, May 3rd	 <b>First Holy Communion @ 1p.m.</b>
Weekend Mass	<b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</b> 4 p.m (Saturday), 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. (Sunday) <i>All are welcome!</i>
Monday, May 5th	<b>Happy Monday Falcons!</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Olympics Trip</b>
Tuesday, May 6th	 HW Club w/ Mrs. Ade, Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Schiller 3-3:45 p.m. <b>Barraco's Special Lunch!</b>
Wednesday, May 7th	HW Club w/ Mrs. Ade, Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Schiller 3-3:45 p.m.
Thursday, May 8th	ETC W/ Mrs. Garza ~ Flower & Garden Club <b>**LAST Future Falcon Playdate of the year!</b> <b>10:15 - 11 a.m.**</b> Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea <b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Olympics Trip</b>
Friday, May 9th	 <b>May Crowning @ 10:30 a.m.</b> All are Welcome! <b>11:30 All-School Dismissal</b>


**REMINDER**

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!

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Parents, Colleagues and 8th Grade Students are invited to

## **Nominate ONE Teacher by Saturday, May 10th.**

The Teri Keaty Joyce “I Inspire” Teacher Recognition Program launched in Spring 2024 aimed to recognize the important role teachers play in the lives of children. Teachers everywhere are critical. The teachers choosing to teach in Catholic schools are extra special. Cash awards will be announced by the end of the school year at relevant school events. Click below to view defined criteria.

An external committee will make selection decisions.

**[Click here to nominate a St. John Fisher Teacher](#)**





ST. JOHN FISHER FALCONS



# SSBVL Boys Volleyball CHAMPIONSHIP

6THB @ 5:30PM

7THA @ 6:30PM

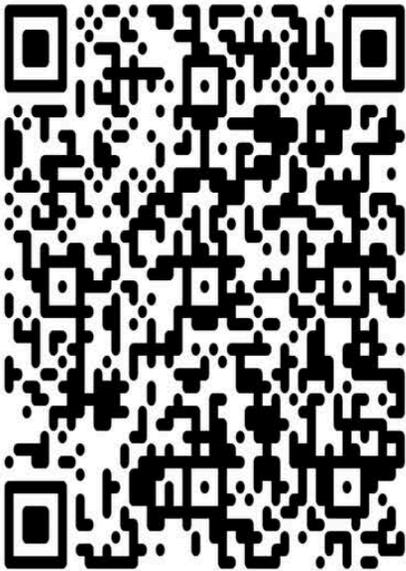
Sunday, May 4th  
BROTHER RICE



COME OUT AND CHEER THEM ON TO VICTORY!  
THE TROPHY IS ON THE LINE AND IT'S  
ANYONE'S GAME.

# MAY ETC

The St. John Fisher Enrichment and Tutorial Center (ETC) is an after-school program designed to offer students a wide variety of classes not normally covered in the regular curriculum. Classes are a fun way for friends to explore areas of interest. The May session runs from May 5th- May 22nd. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; \$50 per family per class. Please scan the QR code to sign up for classes and to pay.



**Thursday Class: May 8th, 15th & May 22nd**

**GARDEN & FLOWER CLUB:** Let's dig into fun! Children will explore the wonders of nature through hands-on activities that spark curiosity and creativity. Little gardeners will plant flowers and care for their own gardens, go on scavenger hunts, create flower themed art, and dig into playful STEM activities all centered around flowers and gardens. **Class will be dismissed from the preschool doors underneath the bridge.**

Mrs. Garza

Grades PreK-2nd

Room 107



# New Principal Meet & Greet!

Please join us on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> for an opportunity to meet and greet our new principal, Ms. Dunlavy!

Pick a time that works best for you:

- Immediately following drop off near the preschool doors
- 7-8 p.m. in Kane Hall (adults only please 😊)

We would love to see you - Bring your friends!  
Thank you for your support and for continuing to choose St. John Fisher School! ❤️



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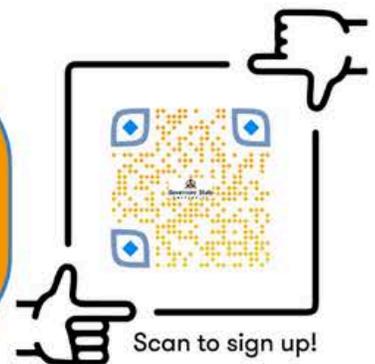
Monday, May 5, 2025  
Christ the King Parish  
Community Center  
9 am until 3 pm  
Sign Up Below

Did you know that more than 3 million adults are treated in the emergency department for fall-related injuries each year?

You can keep yourself safe from falls and stay independent. Come find out from the Governors State University Doctor of Physical Therapy Students what simple things you can do with a health and balance screening.

Sign up by scanning the QR code or clicking on this link:

[Balance Screening Sign-up Link](#)



WOMEN'S CLUB SCAVENGER HUNT

# DEATH MARCH

*teams dress as a famous dead celebrity*

[Visit this link to sign-up today!](#)

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH @ 6:00PM IN SJF LOT



# SJF HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S 15TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

*We need your help to make this a success and  
build on this tradition!*



## **Saturday May 10th**

- Teams of adult and young volunteers (your children/SJF students/scouts/etc.) will go door to door throughout the neighborhood dropping off a bag and letter describing the Food Drive process and requesting parishioners to leave a bag with food on the porch the following Saturday, April 27th.
- The estimated time commitment that day is 9-10 A.M. Please come to Kane Hall @ 9A.M. to pick up your bags and street assignments. This is a great way that families can volunteer together.



## **Saturday May 17th**

- Volunteer teams will go throughout the neighborhood and collect the bags from the porches and bring them back to SJF. Separate teams would assemble and fill boxes back at SJF and load the boxes into a truck to deliver to food pantries.
- The estimated time commitment is 9-11 A.M. Please come to Kane Hall @ 9A.M. for street assignments

This drive requires lots of volunteerism. We will always need help packing boxes and we are in need of boxes. **Please contact Dave Cahill at [sjfhns@gmail.com](mailto:sjfhns@gmail.com) or 708.259.2981** with any questions or if you can help.



*Thanks for your support.*





# WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW FOOTBALL COORDINATOR!

INTERESTED CANDIDATES SHOULD EMAIL [SJFAATREASURER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SJFAATREASURER@GMAIL.COM)

- Oversees all levels of the SJF Football program.
- Liaison between the SCC Football League commissioner and SJF.
- Making sure there is sufficient equipment to hand out and collect each season.
- Work with the coaches of all levels to ensure they have everything they need.
- Communicate with the Athletic Board and parents regarding any issues or bulletins from the league.
- Making sure the practice fields are lined each week for practice.
- Work with the Chicago Park District to get the fields lined at Beverly and Monroe parks.
- Communicate with Miss Sue regarding the game schedule for Beverly Park.
- Making sure the field is set up on game days. (yard markers, chains, lift for filming, camera person, announcer, speaker setup, music, field break down)
- Work with the homecoming committee on HC weekend.
- Work with the treasurer to ensure referees are paid for all home games.
- Work with the parents to plan the banquet at the conclusion of the season.
- This will be a position in training as the outgoing coordinator will assist with all matters.





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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\$1,000+  
per year

# Experience the right way to fundraise

Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

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You get the full value.



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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, 5.4**
- Join us when you can.
- Feel free to bring your own chess set!
- All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult!

# ST. JOHN FISHER

# PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

THIS SUMMER, SJF IS HOSTING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM FOR TOILET-TRAINED CHILDREN AGES 3-5. EACH WEEK WILL BE BASED ON A THEME. THE CHILDREN WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL SKILLS AND COOPERATIVE LEARNING.



9:00 -  
11:00 A.M.

**\$100**  
per Week

Please send a  
small snack and  
drink daily

STORIES \* CRAFTS \* SONGS \* INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY!

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
June 10,11,12 Dinosaurs	June 17,18,19 Superheroes	June 24,25,26 Fireworks and Fun	July 8,9,10 Outer Space
Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
July 15,16,17 STEM Week	July 22,23,24 Water Fun	July 29,30,31 Under the Sea	August 5,6,7 Camping

A DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$700 WILL BE APPLIED IF YOU SIGN UP FOR ALL 8 WEEKS!  
A LATE FEE WILL BE APPLIED TO ANYONE SIGNING UP AFTER 5/2/25.

More Information: [mgarza@sjfschool.us](mailto:mgarza@sjfschool.us) or text 773-315-0399

Registration and payment is due May 2nd



# ST. JOHN FISHER

## PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

WITH  
MRS. GARZA AND MS. FADDEN

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM IN AN  
ENVELOPE MARKED  
PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY FRIDAY,  
MAY 2ND

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS (PLEASE LIST ALL AND IF CHILD  
CARRIES AN EPIPEN AND OR/INHALER): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SELECT SESSION:

Week 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 7 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 8 \_\_\_\_\_

All 8 Weeks \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOM'S PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DAD'S PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



# CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S

## ST. JOHN FISHER YEARBOOK!

### Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$1.99.

### To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook, Use The QR Code Below, or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to: [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:  
1015271802074961

Regular price: **\$27.39**

\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

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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](mailto: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
<b>May</b>	<b>Optimism</b>



**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.*

- May Crowning: **5.9** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.26**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.30**, 12 p.m.  
“Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.1** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.4** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

**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.*



*All the time,  
God is good.*

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

**Saturday, May 3rd** at 1 p.m. First Holy Communion

**Friday, May 9th** at 10:30 a.m. May Crowning, 8th grade

**Friday, May 16th** 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)



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*If you have a question or concern about...*

**CONTACT US**

- 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)  
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