



FALCON FLYER

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 24, 2025

Dear Families,

What a wonderful month it has been celebrating our faith together at Mass! Thank you to everyone who attended church during the October Count. We are especially grateful to our amazing 6th graders who led the way with 80% of their class at Mass last weekend — congratulations on earning your pizza party! This weekend marks our final push for the October Count, and we would love to see even more of our Falcon families in the pews. Last week, across all three Masses, we had 904 people in attendance. Let's see if we can reach 1,000 this weekend! Students who attend Mass will be able to dress down on Monday and will earn a special treat. The grade with the highest percentage of students at Mass will celebrate with an ice cream party next week. Let's finish strong, Falcons!

As the weather continues to cool, it's time to transition to our winter uniforms. Students should now wear long pants, skirts, or jumpers. Shorts and skorts should no longer be worn until spring uniform season returns. Please help us ensure that all students are dressed warmly and in accordance with our uniform guidelines.

Halloween is next Friday, and we can't wait to celebrate! Students may wear school-appropriate costumes to school. Our Halloween Parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. outside, and parents are welcome to come watch. Families may line up along the sidewalk by the office to see all of our creative costumes as the students parade by.

Looking ahead, we will honor the brave men and women who have served our country at our Veteran's Day Prayer Service. The morning will begin in Kane Hall at 8:15 a.m. with pastries and coffee for our veterans, followed by a 9:00 a.m. Prayer Service in the church. If you have a veteran in your family, your student is welcome to join him/her for breakfast before the service. Please see the attached flyer to sign up your veteran or to have their name read during the prayer service.

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Important to Know

- **SJF Newspaper:** The first edition has been published! See the attached flyer to find out how to get your copy. You can view the newspaper [here](#).
- **Save the Date:** Veteran's Day celebration, November 11th in the morning. More information coming soon.
- **Pink Out:** We raised over \$500 for Christmas Without Cancer. Way to go, Falcons!
- **Uniform Transition:** Starting Monday, October 27th, students should wear pants, skirts and jumpers.
- **Pumpkin Contest:** Please enter a decorated pumpkin into the contest. Bring your pumpkin to Kane Hall. Decorate one with your family or with your friends or even by yourself. Students will vote during lunch.

Dates to Know

- October 25th and 26th : Parish Masses – October Count
- October 27th and 29th : Homework Club 3:00-3:45 p.m.
- October 24: Trunk or Treat--SJF parking lot 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- October 30th : Pumpkin Contest. Bring your decorated or carved pumpkin to Kane Hall at 7:00 a.m.
- October 31st: Wear your Halloween costume to school. Parade at 1:00.
- November 11th: Veteran's Day Breakfast and Prayer Service

As October comes to a close, we give thanks for the blessings of faith, family, and friendship that fill our days at St. John Fisher. Let us continue to pray for one another, for our school community, and for all who serve others with love. May God continue to guide our hearts as we live His Word and fly high like Falcons!

Ms. Colleen Dunlavy

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School Newspaper

Have you read the latest edition of our AWESOME school newspaper?

Visit this link to enjoy!

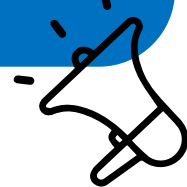
Interested in a printed copy/subscription or sponsoring the newspaper? **See flyer below.**



Morning Announcements

Do you ever wonder what our morning Zoom announcements are like?

Now you can see for yourself! **Visit this link** to see recordings of our latest and greatest morning moments. ENJOY!



Featured Falcon



Evan Dowling is this week's Featured Falcon! Evan is a student who truly makes everyone feel welcome. At today's Grandparents/VIP Day, he shined as an excellent tour guide—sharing all the wonderful things that make St. John Fisher such a special place. One VIP even remarked, "You are an excellent tour guide. Maybe they should give you a job!"

Evan embodies everything we value at SJF: kindness, thoughtfulness, positivity, and a spirit of giving 100% in all he does. He is faith-filled and caring, always showing Christ's love through his actions and words.

We are so proud of you, Evan—you're simply the best!

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7TH & 8TH GRADE

SERVICE

OPPORTUNITIES

10/25 9:30-10:30

Smith Village
Halloween Party

10/29 3:15-4:15

Play Smart Books
at the convent

11/1 9:00-10:00

Sandwich making
at the rectory

Sign up in the
Google Classroom





NOVEMBER ETC



DISCOVER, PLAY, AND GROW WITH US!

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 October session runs from **November 3rd–November 20th**. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is **\$30.00 per class**; Please scan the QR code to sign up for classes and pay.

Please register by October 31st.

MONDAY CLASS: NOVEMBER 3RD, 10TH & 17TH 3:00–4:00

P.E. AFTER 3: Come join your friends as we play some of our favorite Thanksgiving themed games including toss the turkey and turkey shoot. We'll also train for a short turkey trot and still have plenty of time for some free play in the gym! Meet outside the gym.

Class will be dismissed from the school office doors.

Mrs. Sefcik
Grades Preschool–3rd

Gym

REGISTER NOW



TUESDAY CLASS: NOVEMBER 4TH, 11TH & 18TH 3:00–4:00

GRATITUDE & KINDNESS CLUB: Throughout this club, students will participate in hands-on projects and games that encourage positive connections and self-expression. Activities will include:

- Writing Thankful Notes and creating a Kindness Chain to celebrate acts of kindness.
- Playing Kindness Bingo, where students complete simple, thoughtful actions to fill their boards.
- Designing artwork for our Thankful Art Gallery, where children will draw or paint what they are most grateful for.

This program provides a wonderful opportunity for children to develop social-emotional skills while having fun and making meaningful memories with friends

Class dismissed from preschool doors under the bridge.

Mrs. Garza
Grades Preschool–2nd

Rm 107

**LIMITED SPACE
AVAILABLE
SIGN UP ASAP!**





6
TICKETS
FOR
\$5.00



Queen of Hearts

**DRAWING EVERY
SATURDAY**



**ALL
NUMBERS
AVAILABLE**

7:00 PM

@ McNally's

**TICKETS CAN BE
PURCHASED AT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE, CHURCH RECTORY
DURING THE WEEK &
MCNALLY'S 7 DAYS/WEEK**





PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



SUBMIT PUMPKINS BY:

30TH
OCTOBER

ENTER THROUGH THE KANE HALL DOORS
AT 7:00 AM



VOTING TAKES PLACE OCTOBER 30



IN KANE HALL



PUMPKINS GO HOME
OCT. 30 AT 3 PM.



St. John Fisher celebrates

VETERAN'S DAY



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

All St. John Fisher students are welcome to invite
a veteran to our annual celebration!

[PLEASE REGISTER HERE](#)

Our event will begin with breakfast in Kane Hall. All veterans should enter through the Kane Hall doors and meet their student hosts in Kane Hall. At 10am, all guests and students will proceed to church for a short prayer service hosted by SOAR.



Please contact our organizers with questions
Mrs. Condon: kcondon@sjfschool.us
Mrs. Scannell: cscannell@sjfschool.us
Ms. Dunlavy: cdunlavy@sjfschool.us



Veteran's Day Supply Drive

Sponsored by NJHS

The NJHS chapter at St. John Fisher is again collecting supplies for homeless veterans who receive services at the Edward J. Hines Medical Center. Please send donations to school with your child. Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated!

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Bars of Soap

1st Grade: Liquid Hand Soap

2nd Grade: Liquid Body Wash

3rd Grade: Body and Hand Lotion

4th Grade: Shampoo and Conditioner

5th Grade: Liquid Dish Soap

6th Grade: Chapstick

7th Grade: Deodorant

8th Grade: Clorox Wipes



Items will be collected from October 27-31

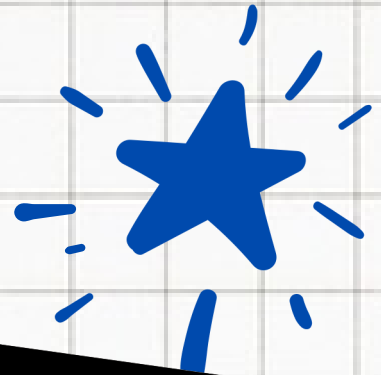
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School Newspaper

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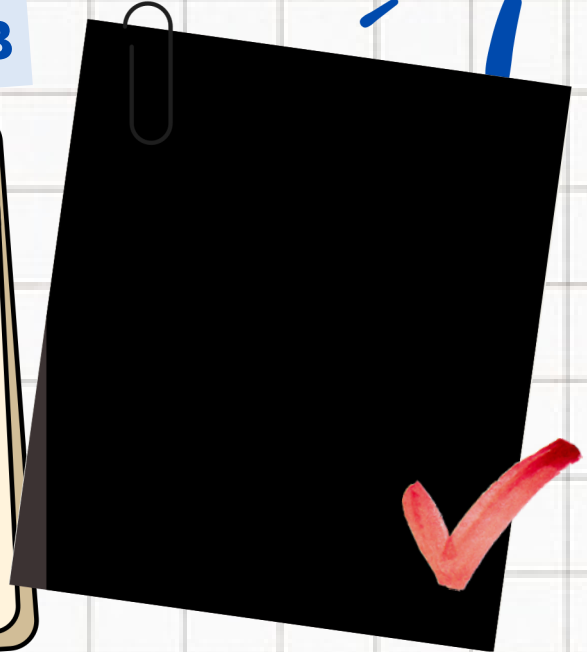
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ST. JOHN FISHER
SCHOOL

JOIN US!

FUTURE FALCON PLAYDATE

EVERY TUESDAY

10:15 A.M. - 11 A.M.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL GYM

10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE.

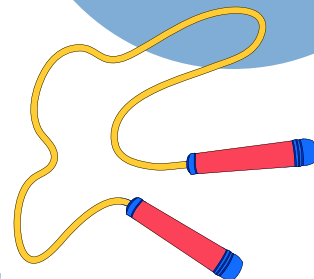
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**ALL CHILDREN AGES
0-3 & CAREGIVERS
WELCOME!**

**ENJOY A RANGE OF
FUN ACTIVITIES & GET
TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW
FUTURE FALCONS!**

***ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN OFFICE**

**\$5
PER
CHILD**



EXTENDED DAY



SIGN UP
HERE!



Contact
Mrs. O'Grady
with any questions,
dogrady@sjfschool.us.

Oct 12th
Nov 9th
Dec 14th
Jan 11th
Feb 8th
March 8th
April 12th
May 17th

St. John Fisher Chess Club

Come join us at 12:00 pm for some friendly chess games in Kane Hall. All are welcome, beginners or masters. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



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Jen H., earns for hockey

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SELLING HOURS AT THE CONVENT: WEDNESDAY 6 PM- 7 PM AND SATURDAYS 8:30AM-9:30AM



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*Below is a list of important dates for the **2025-2026** school year.

These dates are subject to change.

- Smart Families Parent Presentation: **10.17**, 7 p.m.
- Archdiocese Professional Development Day, No Classes: **11.7**
- Thanksgiving Break – No School: **11.26-11.28**, Classes resume **12.1**
- **Christmas Break Begins 12.19**, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break – No School: **12.22-1.5**, Classes resume **1.6**
- First Reconciliation: **1.12 & 1.13**, 6 p.m.
- Dr. Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.19**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.5**, 11:30 a.m. dismissal, 1-7 p.m. Conferences
- Archdiocese Professional Development Day, No Classes: **2.6**
- 8th Grade Confirmation: **2.7 OR 2.28**, 11 a.m. (TBD)
- President's Day – No School: **2.16**
- Internal Planning Day, No Classes: **3.16**
- **Easter Break Begins 4.1**, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Easter Break – No School: **4.2-4.10**, Classes resume **4.13**
- First Holy Communion: **5.2**, 1 p.m.
- May Crowning: **5.8**, 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.25**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.28**, "Clap-out"
- Graduation: **5.31**, 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.4**, 10:30 a.m. dismissal



***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the following dates for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **October 15th, January 28th, April 29th, May 27th**