



FALCON FLYER

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 31, 2025

Dear Fisher Families,

Thank you to all our families who attended Mass throughout the month of October! We did such a wonderful job of filling the pews and showing our strong St. John Fisher faith community. Let's keep that spirit going as we move into November and continue to worship together each weekend.

November is a month of thanksgiving and gratitude, and we have so much to be thankful for here at St. John Fisher. We are grateful for our amazing families, our dedicated teachers and staff, and of course, our hardworking St. John Fisher Falcons who make our school such a special place each day.

Please see the flyer attached for information about our Veteran's Day celebration. We would love to invite all veterans to join us for a breakfast and prayer service on Monday, November 11th. You may also add a veteran's name to our list to be read aloud during the service. Simply click the link in the flyer below to register and share their information.

Finally, we have been experiencing a high volume of SPAM emails. If you receive an email from Administrative Office that has Ms. Dunlavy as the signer, this is SPAM. Please mark it as "phishing" in your email to avoid it being delivered again. All emails from school will come from SJF School, Colleen Dunlavy or a teacher/staff member email directly.

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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](#).
- **Veteran's Day Celebration:** November 11th. Breakfast in Kane Hall at 8:15. Prayer service in church at 9:00.
- **Uniforms:** Starting Monday, October 27th, students should wear pants, skirts and jumpers. Spirit wear hoodies and other sweatshirts can ONLY be worn on Falcon Fridays. On Monday- Thursday, students may ONLY wear the navy 3/4 zip up with the belltower or the gray 3/4 zip fleece.
- **Pumpkin Contest:** We had 43 pumpkin entries this year for our annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Congratulations to the winners: the Argyropoulos family, Brady O'Brien, DiFilippo family, Rowan Gavin and Kelly Pillon. We also had 15 Special Mentions. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Dates to Know

- November 3rd: All Saints Day All School Mass
- November 3rd and 5th : Homework Club 3:00-3:45 p.m.
- November 7th: No school. Archdiocese Professional Development for Teachers
- November 9th : 8th Grade Confirmation Enrollment Mass 11:00
- November 11th: Veteran's Day Breakfast and Prayer Service

As we begin this month of gratitude, may we continue to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives and for the wonderful St. John Fisher community we share.

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!

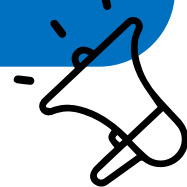
Interested in a printed copy/subscription or sponsoring the newspaper? See flyer below.



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



8th graders, Brennan Ade, Brendan Goldrick, Aiden Conrad and Jackson Schiesl won 2nd place in the Team Division of the Brother Rice Junior High Math Contest last Wednesday. The team had to solve 10 multiple step math problems in just 20 minutes.

The Falcon 8th grade team reported that their ability to work together was key in their victory. They credited their success to quick thinking and excellent communication. Way to go, Falcons!

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







7TH & 8TH GRADE

SERVICE

OPPORTUNITIES

11/1 9:00-10:00

Sandwich making
at the rectory
Clean Up the School
with Ms. Browne

11/3 3:00-4:00

11/5 3:15-4:15

Play Smart Books
at the convent

11/12 3:15-4:15

Play Smart Books
at the convent

11/23 2:00-3:00

Smith Village
(3 hours of service)

Sign up in the
Google Classroom





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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**





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. Then, 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



St. John Fisher FSA Advent Wreath Making Event

**Please join us
Sunday, November 30th
after the 11:00 AM Mass in Kane Hall**
to make an Advent Wreath for your family to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

A limited number of wreaths are available, so please reserve yours by
Friday, November 14th

The cost for each wreath is \$45.
Please send in cash or check made out to St. John Fisher FSA with information below
or Venmo @Molly-Wiora with information below
If you have any questions, please contact Molly Wiora 773-368-1414.

St. John Fisher FSA Advent Wreath Making Event 2025

Family Name _____ # of Wreaths _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____



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.

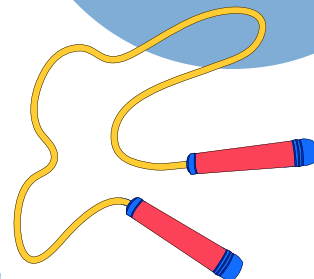
CHICAGO, IL 60655

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

These dates are subject to change.

- Archdiocese Professional Development Day, No Classes: **11.7**
- 8th Grade Confirmation Enrollment Mass **11.9**, 11 a.m.
- 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: **2.2**, 11 a.m.
- 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**