



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the very end of the second trimester! This last week is crucial for our Falcons to solidify those good grades. Join us in giving our Falcons the needed motivation to push through and do the very best they can to rock the end of this trimester! Working together will help our Falcons succeed. Let's go Falcons!

Registration is upon us. ***Three year old and four year old pre-k families, please submit your registration form for pre-k and kindergarten as soon as you can!***

Kindergarten through 8th grade families, please submit your intent to return forms.

Now more than ever is a great time to be a Falcon! Enrollment for next year is a crucial piece of our budgeting process for next year which is currently underway. Thank you!

Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. **You belong here.** 

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



St. Pat's Party Update

Due to the success of our apparel fundraiser and pre-ticket sales, the SJF St. Pat's Celebration will now be an OPEN BAR EVENT! *Thank you for all of your support!* See the flyer below to purchase event and raffle tickets.



We are so lucky to be Falcons!



Important Announcements

- **REMINDER:** Our 8th Grade Falcons will be participating in the Polar Plunge, dunk-tank style, in our church parking lot on Friday, March 1st to benefit Special Olympics. Help support their cause by purchasing an Italian Ice to have in school! **Forms and money are due on Monday, 2.26.** Thank you!
- The **March lunch menu** is open and ready for ordering.
- See the below flyer for **March ETC offerings!**
- The FSA's **Mother & Son White Sox Event is back!** See the flyer below to purchase your tickets today. A huge THANK YOU to Carrie Erwinski and the FSA for organizing this event again!
- Please save the date for **SJF's Family Night on Thursday, February 29th.** We are all in this together! See the flyer below for additional information.
- ***The Book Fair is coming, the Book Fair is coming, the Book Fair is coming!*** Please see the flyer below for additional information, and reach out to Mrs. Keller if you can volunteer your time and/or have any questions: kkeller@sjschool.us.
- **A friendly reminder regarding SJF's Tardy Policy:**
 - All students arriving after 7:55 a.m. must enter through the main entrance **with an adult** and report to the School Office. *The adult must sign them in at that time.*
 - **If a child enters school without an adult, a parent/guardian will be called to return to school to sign-in the child.**
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjschool.us.

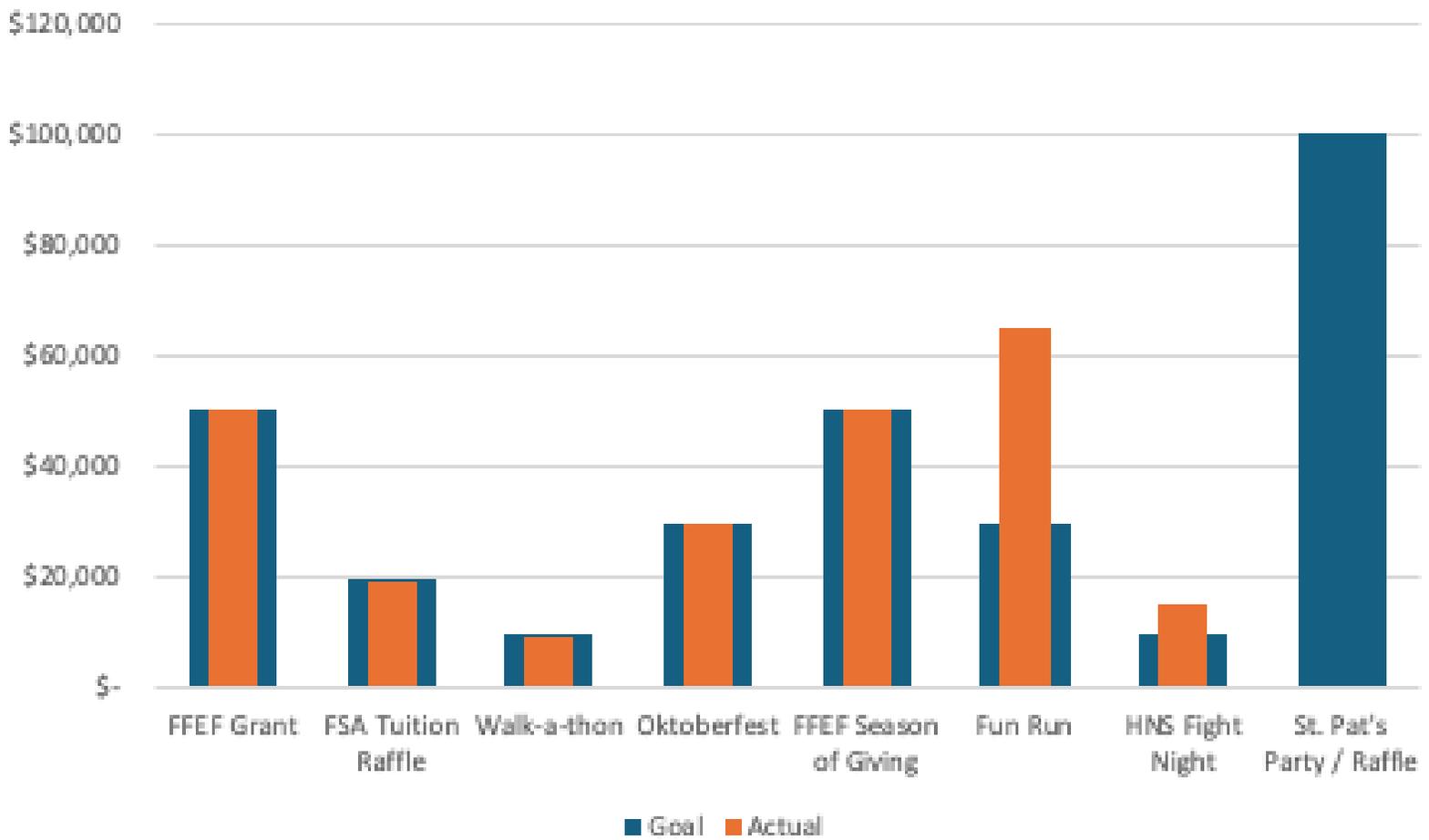


Our Falcons are lucky and loved!

Important Announcements

With the enormous success of our Fun Run and the Holy Name Society so generously sharing their funds from Fight Night, we are now 79% of the way to our \$300K fundraising goal for this school year. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Fundraising Progress



Looking Ahead

Saturday, February 24th	<i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</i> 4 p.m. Mass All are welcome!
Sunday, February 25th	8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass All are welcome! Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast in Kane Hall from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Thank you for your support!
Monday, February 26th	 Happy Monday Falcons! <i>Polar Plunge Italian ice Forms & \$ due today!</i>
Tuesday, February 27th	* Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m. High School Musical Practice 3-4:15 P.M. Reconciliation @ 6 p.m. - Mrs. Kellam's Class
Wednesday, February 28th	 1:30 Dismissal Staff & Faculty Meetings <i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7:00 p.m.</i> Reconciliation @ 6 p.m. - Mrs. Ball's Class
Thursday, February 29th	Family Night! We are all in this together! 6-7:30 P.M. *All students must be <u>accompanied by an adult!</u> High School Musical Practice 3-4:15 P.M.
Friday, March 1st	Happy Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your favorite spirit-wear top with your uniform bottoms! Brrrrrave 8th Grade Polar Plunge Event!

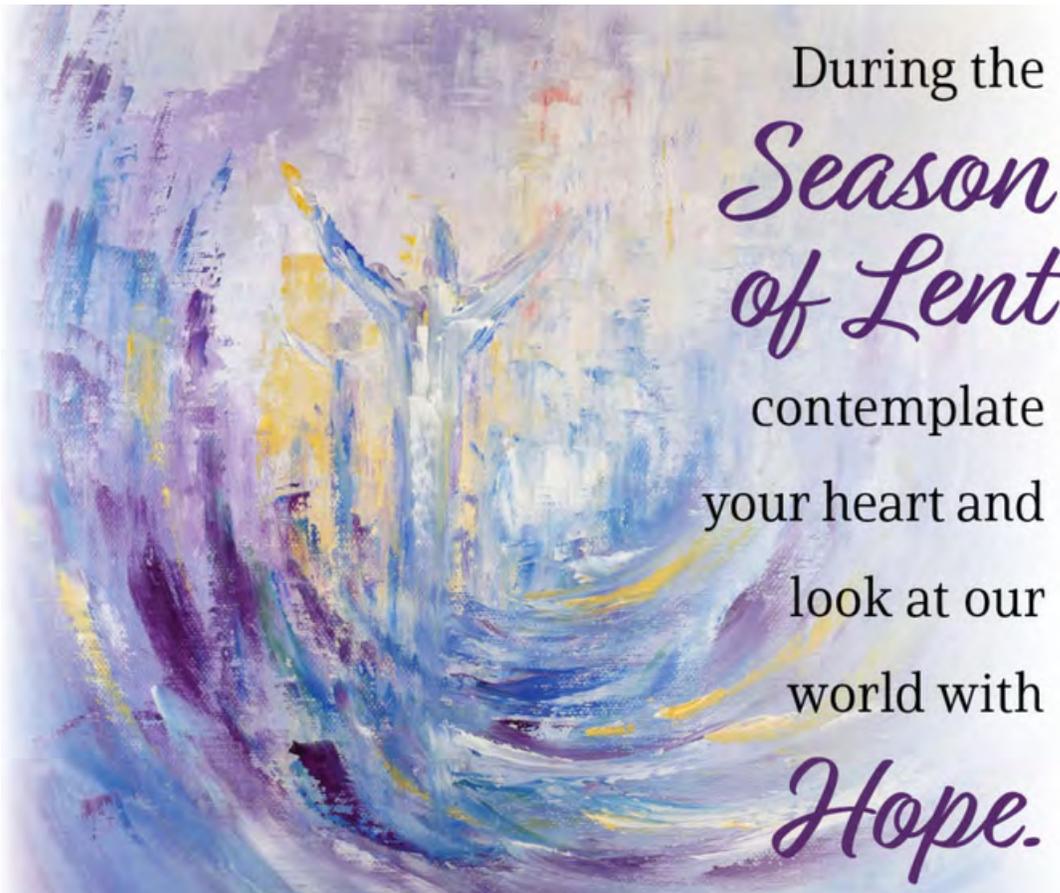


Good luck to all of our
Falcon athletes this weekend!



Pro Labore Dei

- Our next lunch making will be on **Saturday, March 2nd at 9:15** a.m. in the rectory basement.
- Our current needs are: 100 sweet treats, 70 chips and of course our marvelous volunteers.
- We continue to collect food for our pantry every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and are trying something new. We call it the ITEM OF THE MONTH. For February the item will be RICE. Please consider grabbing a box of RICE while you are getting that extra box of cereal, jar of pasta sauce, or cans of vegetables to help us bag staples to hand out to our clients. Truth be told, St. John Fisher is the example used by many parishes and schools.
- Starting this weekend is our annual Easter basket collection. We are collecting Easter baskets or parts of baskets we can finish for those who would not have this celebration without our help. The collection runs from February 18th - March 21st. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. Thank you.
- Any questions or concerns, contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881)



During the
*Season
of Lent*
contemplate
your heart and
look at our
world with
Hope.

Embracing Curious Minds. Nurturing Compassionate Hearts.



ST. JOHN FISHER
SCHOOL

St. John Fisher Backs the Blue!

St. John Fisher is proud to be home to 115
students whose parents are
Chicago Police Officers.



Thank you to those men and women who
protect and serve us each day!

10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE. (773)445-4737

SJFSCHOOL.NET



St. John Fisher Family Night

HOSTED BY THE SJF FACULTY

“We’re All In This Together”

Where: St. John Fisher School

ENTER THROUGH THE KANE HALL DOORS FOR CHECK-IN

When: Thursday, February 29, 2024

6:00- 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY WITH YOUR FAMILY!

 **VISIT THE BOOK FAIR**

 **TEACHER-LED ACTIVITIES**

 **CRAFTS, GAMES, AND TRIVIA**

 **RSVP BY FEBRUARY 16, 2024 USING THE QR CODE.**

**USE THE QR CODE OR THE LINK
BELOW TO SIGN UP!**



[SIGN UP HERE!](#)





Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to SJF! AND—as always—every purchase earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place *Sunday, February 25 to Friday, March 1 in the School Library:*

- This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.
- If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.
- Be on the lookout for more information and how you can sign up to volunteer!

Be sure to visit our scholastic Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/sjf>

Happy reading,

Mrs. Maura Nash
Principal
Saint John Fisher School









JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

Family Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH @ 11 A.M.

HOSTED BY OUR 6TH GRADE
FALCONS

You belong here. 

The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation
Proudly Presents

ST. PATRICK'S

ST. JOHN FISHER



LUCKY TO BE A FALCON

2024

LIVE
MUSIC

IRISH
DANCING

DAY CELEBRATION

MARCH 9TH @ SJF GYM

\$75 PER
TICKET

Following 4pm mass, join us for a SJF community event including a corned beef dinner and live entertainment. Save the date!

MUSIC • DRINKS • FOOD • DANCING

FOR TICKET INFORMATION

VISIT
SJFSTPATS.GIVESMART.COM

TEXT
[SJFSTPATS TO 76278](tel:76278)



SCAN FOR EVENT DETAILS & TICKETS

THIS IS A 21+ EVENT

For questions or volunteer opportunities please email St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com

The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation
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WIN \$100,000



SCAN TO ORDER



OR VISIT:

SJFSTPATS.GIVESMART.COM

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL LUCKY TO BE A FALCON RAFFLE

\$100 Entry

March 9th drawing

Winner need not be present

All proceeds benefit SJF School

Prizes based on 2000 tickets sold

Any questions? Please email St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

St. John Fisher's IRISH SODA BREAD

COMPETITION

*PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE... ALONG
WITH BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR THE BEST
TASTING SODA BREAD ON THE SOUTHSIDE!*

*JUDGING WILL START AT 5:30PM DURING THE
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION IN SJF GYM.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS [CLICK HERE](#)



**SIGN UP BY MARCH 1ST USING QR
CODE OR [CLICK HERE](#)**



MARCH 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 March session runs from March 5th - March 25th. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; checks can be made payable to St. John Fisher School. Payment should be in an envelope marked ETC and returned to the Main Office by **Friday, March 1st**.

Monday Class: March 11th, 18th & 25th 3:00-4:00

P.E. AFTER 3 - MARCH MANIA: Join us in the gym for our favorite P.E. relays, tag games, and mini tournaments (including basketball, soccer and more)! Helpers will be on hand to separate age groups if necessary. Prepare to go "mad" during this March themed class! **Students will be dismissed from the office doors.**

Mrs. Sefcik

Gym

Grades PreK-3rd

Saturday Class: March 16th 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY EXTRAVAGANZA: Students will meet to play games, learn an Irish jig, and create St. Patrick's Day themed art! **Class will be dismissed from the preschool doors.**

Mrs. Garza

Room 108

Grades PreK-2nd

THURSDAY CLASS: MARCH 21ST 3:00- 8:00 PM

MARCH MADNESS: Gather your friends and stay after school to watch the NCAA Tournament games on the big screen. We will have the games on 4 different smart boards. Enjoy pizza for dinner, and play mini hoops and other games. If you can't come for the whole time, come for part of the night. **Class will be dismissed from the main doors. Minimum of ten needed for the class.**

Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy

Room 202

Grades 3rd-8th

Please return the completed registration form in an envelope marked ETC to the Main Office by Friday March 1st.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____

Allergies (please list all and if child carries an EPI Pen and or/inhaler) _____

***If your child has a food allergy please send him/her with his/her own snack**

Parent Signature: _____ Emergency Contact #: _____

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Saturday Class: March 16th 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

___ SAINT PATRICK'S DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Thursday Class: March 21st 3:00- 8:00 PM

___ MARCH MADNESS



MANNA UPDATE: MANNA CLOSED SPRING BREAK MARCH 27TH THRU APRIL 7TH.

Regular Hours:

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 6-7 p.m.

Any changes to hours will be posted on FSA
Facebook Page.

Stop in or use the [RAISE RIGHT APP](#) on-the go!

The best way to order physical cards (local too) in stock is to order using the App by Sunday at 10 p.m. and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6 p.m. 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 **\$31,000 for the school and \$47,000 directly to families to lower tuition costs.** Thank you!

The deadline to earn the \$300 requirement for this school year is April 30th. To track your earnings, go to www.raiseright.com under Account/Order History. We will not be distributing a letter. If you have questions, stop into the convent during open hours or email the Manna team.

Email the Manna team at Sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions. More info [here](#).

*Thank you for supporting
St. John Fisher!*





Father Daughter Dance

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 20TH
RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB



Please join us for the SJF FSA Sponsored Mother Son Outing

Limited Tickets
Available! To reserve
your seats please purchase
tickets by clicking the link
below. Most seats
available together in
Sections 102 & 103



June 9, 2024 at 1:10 P.M.
White Sox vs. Boston Red Sox
Click the link to purchase tickets:
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Saintjohn8>
Please email Carrie Erwinski at
Carrie726@gmail.com with any questions.
Stay tuned for information on bus transportation.

White Sox

ST. JOHN FISHER



PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

WITH MRS. GARZA, MS. FADDEN, AND MS. SURIN



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.

\$70 per Week

Please send a small snack and drink daily

STORIES * CRAFTS * SONGS * INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY!

Week 1
June 11, 12, 13
Dinosaurs

Week 2
June 18, 19, 20
Superheroes

Week 3
June 25, 26, 27
Fireworks and Fun

Week 4
July 9, 10, 11
Outer Space

Week 5
July 16, 17, 18
STEM Week

Week 6
July 23, 24, 25
Water Fun

Week 7
July 30, 31, August 1
Under the Sea

Week 8
August 6, 7, 8
Camping

A DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$500 IF YOU SIGN UP FOR ALL 8 WEEKS!

More Information: mgarza@sjfschool.us or text 773-315-0399

Registration and payment is due May 3rd



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WITH

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PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM IN AN
ENVELOPE MARKED
PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY FRIDAY,
MAY 3RD.

STUDENT NAME: _____ AGE: _____
ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS (PLEASE LIST ALL AND IF CHILD
CARRIES AN EPI PEN 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: _____



ATTENTION ALL ST. JOHN FISHER PARENTS & GUARDIANS!

Catholic Schools Week and New Family Registration is approaching. **We are calling all SJF families to be ambassadors of SJF** and asking you to help us spread the word about all of the amazing things we have to offer! Word of mouth is our very best advertisement! Please share your SJF experience when you are:

- At your child's practice
- In the grocery store line
- At the park
- On social media
- Talking to neighbors
- Wherever else you can squeeze in the good news :-)



Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

*Below is a list of important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

- 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

You belong here.



***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **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.**



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
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FSA: sjffsa103@gmail.com
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com

