



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

MARCH 1, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

The end of the second trimester is Tuesday, March 5th. Please take a minute to check-in with your child(ren) over the weekend to be sure they have turned in all of their assignments. This month's trait of the month is perseverance. We pray that our Falcons are strong, determined, focused and able to persevere as they close out the trimester. 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 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. **The apparel pick-up date is March 7th from**

**4-6 p.m. in Kane Hall.** All Falcons who purchased apparel can wear

their St. Pat's swag on Mondays in March.

**We are so lucky to be Falcons!**



## Important Announcements

- See the below flyer for **March ETC offerings!**
- **Thank you to Mrs. Cummings and our faculty committee** for organizing ***SJF's 2nd Family Night!*** Thank you to the families who were able to attend! **We hope nights like these continue to strengthen the relationship between home and school.** Stay tuned for more events like this next year. ***We are all in this together!***
- **THANK YOU to Mrs. Keller and all of our parent volunteers for making this year's Book Fair so successful!** All of the Scholastic Dollars earned go right back to our library. Thank you for your support and participation.
- The 2024 Archdiocese of Chicago **5 Essentials Parent Survey** is open and *closes on March 22nd.* Please complete the survey linked here. We are grateful for your feedback!
- The **Girl Scouts will be selling cookies** after the Sunday Masses this weekend and after the 4 p.m. Mass on March 9th. Cookies are \$6 a box and all forms of payment are accepted.
- 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!
- **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@sjfschool.us.



Our Falcons are lucky and loved!

## Looking Ahead

<b>Saturday, March 2nd</b>	<b><i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</i></b> <b>4 p.m. Mass All are welcome!</b>
<b>Sunday, March 3rd</b>	<b>8 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. Mass All are welcome!</b>
<b>Monday, March 4th</b> 	<b>NO SCHOOL TODAY!</b> <i>Faculty &amp; Staff Professional Development Day</i>
<b>Tuesday, March 5th</b> 	<b>*Homework Club</b> w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m. <b>High School Musical Practice 3-4:15 P.M.</b> <b><u>*Culver's SPECIAL LUNCH TODAY!</u></b> <b>*Trimester 2 ends today!*</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 6th</b>	<b>*Homework Club</b> w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m. <b><i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b>Thursday, March 7th</b>	<b>High School Musical Practice 3-4:15 P.M.</b> <b>St. Pat's Apparel Pick-up in Kane Hall</b> <b>from 4-6 p.m.</b> 
<b>Friday, March 8th</b> 	<b>Happy Falcon Fri-YAY!</b> <b>Wear your favorite spirit-wear top with your uniform bottoms!</b> <b>Report Card Day!</b> 

**FALCONS,**

**YOU HAVE BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD. YOU HAVE FEET IN YOUR SHOES.**

**YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF ANY DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE.**

**WAY TO WORK HARD THIS TRIMESTER!**



**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 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)



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# St. John Fisher Backs the Blue!

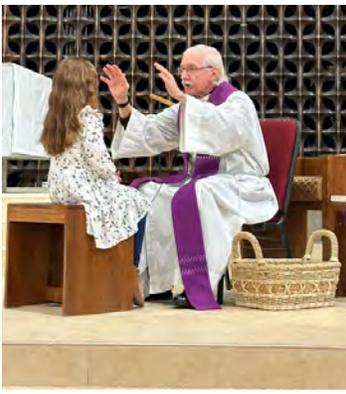
St. John Fisher is proud to be home to 115  
students whose parents are  
Chicago Police Officers.



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

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

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**May God bless our 2nd grade Falcons today and always.**







**Family Night 2.0**  
**What a blast!**  
**Thank you for joining us!**



The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation  
Proudly Presents

# ST. PATRICK'S

ST. JOHN FISHER



2024

LUCKY TO BE A FALCON

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](http://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](mailto:St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com)

The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation  
Proudly Presents

**WIN \$100,000**



**SCAN TO ORDER**



**OR VISIT:**

**[SJFSTPATS.GIVESMART.COM](http://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](mailto: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](#)**



**MANNA UPDATE: MANNA CLOSED SPRING BREAK MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> THRU APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

**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 30<sup>th</sup>.** To track your earnings, go to [www.raiseright.com](http://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](mailto:Sjfmanna@gmail.com) with any questions. More info [here](#).

*Thank you for supporting  
St. John Fisher!*





## 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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\_\_\_ MARCH MADNESS



# 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	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
June 11, 12, 13 Dinosaurs	June 18, 19, 20 Superheroes	June 25, 26, 27 Fireworks and Fun	July 9, 10, 11 Outer Space
Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
July 16, 17, 18 STEM Week	July 23, 24, 25 Water Fun	July 30, 31, August 1 Under the Sea	August 6, 7, 8 Camping

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

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

**Registration and payment is due May 3rd**



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WITH

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

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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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!**

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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 :-)



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### **St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar**

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

- 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: **March 20th, April 24th, May 29th.**

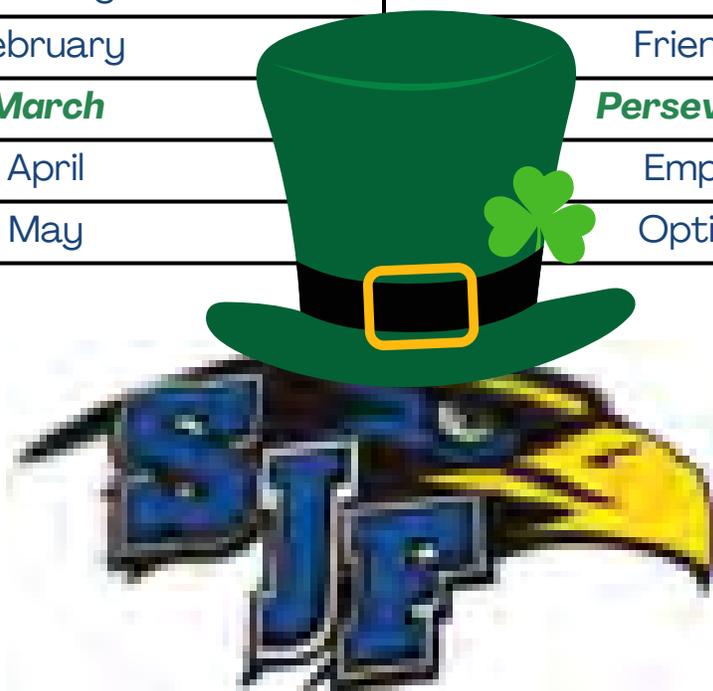


## Social & Emotional Learning

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
<b>March</b>	<b>Perseverance</b>
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](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...

- 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)  
Women's Club: [SJFWomensClub@gmail.com](mailto:SJFWomensClub@gmail.com)  
HNS: [SJFHNS@gmail.com](mailto:SJFHNS@gmail.com)

