



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL


MAY 9, 2025

Dear SJF Families,

We don't know where to begin to thank you appropriately for all of your generosity this week! A special thank you to our incredible FSA Team: Liz Woodward, Sarah Moran, Maggie Barry, and Kathryn Schneider who organized it all! Our staff was completely overwhelmed with your love and appreciation. From the flowers and cards and extra prep period (thank you volunteers!), to the lunch, breakfast, treats, incredible bloom bar and everything in between – THANK YOU for spoiling us! Our hearts are just so full of gratitude.

Our Falcons are in the home stretch with just one month of the 2024-2025 school year left on the books. Every moment counts as we continue to maximize our instruction time to finish this year stronger than ever! Please continue to motivate your student(s) to turn in all of his/her assignments and study for those culminating assessments. I can't wait to see our Falcons' progress as they dominate their final iReady Diagnostic next week. Let's go!

Finally, an enormous thank you to Dr. Chermak and Fr. Ken for orchestrating a truly spectacular First Holy Communion and beautiful May Crowning. Our teachers' love for and dedication to our students was evident as well. Thank you to Mrs. Kellam, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Ade, Ms. Browne, and Mrs. Condon for preparing our kids so well. We cannot believe our 8th graders will be leaving us in the coming weeks.

There are so many incredible things going on at SJF. Thank you for entrusting your children to us each day and for choosing Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. You belong here. 

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

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

Important Announcements

- **Please join us for Finding Nemo Jr. this week!** See the flyer below for more information. Just keep swimming, just keep swimming!
- **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 30th**! 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 15th 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.***

Important Announcements

- This week we will be taking our 3rd and final iReady Diagnostic. We are approaching this assessment a little differently.
 - All-school testing will be chunked next week and will take place Monday through Friday from 8:30 and 9 a.m.
 - *Chunking* helps reduce stress, improve organization, and enhance focus. By tackling smaller, focused tasks, students can avoid feeling overwhelmed and the entire testing process is less daunting, ultimately leading to better performance.
 - **Students MUST be on-time for school.** Late students will not be allowed to enter the classrooms and they will need to make up their assessment during recess or their special class.
 - Please ensure your child’s Chromebook is charged and that they have working headphones!
 - Students are NOT ALLOWED to bring candy!
 - Be sure your child receives a good night sleep and eats a good breakfast next week!






Athletic Update

- The Athletic Board is selling open spots on our Family Banner in the gym.
 - There are two gold spots open for \$500 which will renew for \$250 and multiple blue spots open for \$200 which will renew for \$100.
 - Interested families should contact sjfaatreasurer@gmail.com.

SLEVIN Lydia, James, Libby	WINTERS Patrick, Ella, Conrad, Sarah	PERRY Mickey, Jack, Tommy, Joey	MURNANE Kate, Annie, Matt, Barry, Will	MCCANN Frederick, Elliot, Luke	NITSCHKE Kaitlin, PJ, Maggie, Carr
McNICHOLAS Nora, Billy, JJ, Matt	CURRAN Vince, Mary, Fran	LACY Christina, Kieran, Annabelle, Seamus	DOWLING Kevin, Ella, Hannah, Eugene, Tessa, Grady, Brian	O'LEARY Maura, Tara, Seamus, Terence	
FISHER FAMILIES SUPPORT OUR FALCONS					
HARRIGAN Timothy, Grace, Colin, Molly	FREDERKING Arysha, John	SPATZ Sarah, Luke, Connor	PELOQUIN Julia, Brian, English, O'Connell	MALONEY Molly, Shannon, Bridget, Emma, Mary Kate	O'CONNOR Will, Colby, Cole, Connor, Emma, Haris
KONRATH Caitlyn, Lily	CALLAGHAN Kieran, Liam, Jack, Ella	KLINGER Eliu, Peter, Jane	HARRIS Caitlin, Terence, Jrg, Sofia	SHEKIN Kevin, Emma, Ryan, Colin	GRIFFIN Megan, Jack, Connor, Charlie, Mary Kate
MCDONAGH Caitlin, Shannon, Molly	BOWEN Caitlin, Paige, Stephen, Brian	O'HARA Maurea, Eric, Connor, Brendan	PETROWSKI Dorcas, TJ, Ava	CLANCY Clara, Blainch, Sara	SCHNELLER Jack, Marty
O'CONNOR Bridget, Patrick, Mary Clara, Brendan	NASH Charlie, Jimmy, Liam	STANLEY Dustin, Shannon	POPPISH Allyson, Maurea, Bridget	LYONS Orion, Tom, Vincent, Florence, Matt	RUSCH Yung, Robby, Owen, Brady
BUDEWITZ Jack, Delaney, Zane	BRADY Julia, Luke, John	CAREY Nolan, Fiona, Colin, Mara	MANN Marty, Garrett, Danyel, Marissa	RAFFERTY Ryan, Molly	OLSEN Allyson, Elizabeth
CAHILL Orion, Alyson, Patrick	SCARSELLA Olivia, Leah, Lucia	DOLIGALE Dorothy, Matt, Brian	DOHERTY Clara, Mary Call, Jerry	MOLFE Charlie, Abby	WEST Matthew, Ectorian
VOLPENTESTA Mia, Tom, Charlie	ASHLEY Kate, Eric, Fiona	McGLYNN Mary Kate, Molly, Abby	DATTULO Patrick, Danyel, Jack	COTTER Caitlin, Grace, Timothy	STUBITSCH Hannah, Erin, Yvony
CLISHAM Jack, Colby, Rylee	URCHELL Julia, Ellen, Jack, Corin	DALEY Nolan, Shanon, Mauren	MADDEN Michelle, Ella, Gillian	MASSARO Ryan, Ray	CANAVAN Caitlin, Ryan, Marty, Mary Clara

Looking Ahead

Weekend Mass	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. 4 p.m (Saturday), 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. (Sunday) <i>All are welcome!</i>
IREADY TESTING THIS WEEK	M-F all-school 30 minute chunking sessions PLEASE ENSURE YOUR STUDENTS ARE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL! 
Monday, May 12th	 Happy Monday Falcons!
Tuesday, May 13th	HW Club w/ Mrs. Ade, Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Schiller, 3-3:45 p.m. Meet & Greet w/ Ms. Dunlavy *see flyer below for more detail!
Wednesday, May 14th	HW Club w/ Mrs. Ade, Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Schiller, 3-3:45 p.m.
Thursday, May 15th	ETC W/ Mrs. Garza ~ Flower & Garden Club Hi! Finding Nemo Jr. @ 7p.m.
Friday, May 16th	 Happy falcon fri-yay! 8 th Grade Ribon Mass Progress Check #2 Finding Nemo Jr. @ 7p.m.

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!



Presents...

Disney • PIXAR

FINDING NEMO



JR.

MAY 15TH AND 16TH @ 7PM

TICKETS AT THE DOOR:
ADULTS & STUDENTS - \$5
CHILDREN 5 Y.O. & UNDER -
FREE!

Any questions? Email Ms. Hladik

(ahladik@sjfschool.us)

Just keep swimming!
This production is presented
through special arrangement with
Music Theatre International (MTI).





Parents, Colleagues and 8th Grade Students are invited to

Nominate ONE Teacher by Saturday, May 10th.

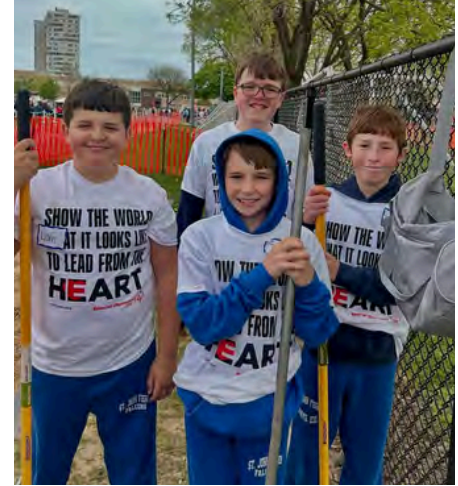
The Teri Keaty Joyce “I Inspire” Teacher Recognition Program launched in Spring 2024 aimed to recognize the important role teachers play in the lives of children. Teachers everywhere are critical. The teachers choosing to teach in Catholic schools are extra special. Cash awards will be announced by the 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](#)









New Principal Meet & Greet!

Please join us on Tuesday, May 13th 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! ❤️

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 or 708.259.2981** with any questions or if you can help.



Thanks for your support.

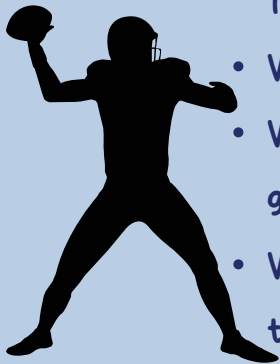




WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW FOOTBALL COORDINATOR!

INTERESTED CANDIDATES SHOULD EMAIL SJFAATREASURER@GMAIL.COM

- 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.





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.

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Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to: www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
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Regular price: **\$27.39**

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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 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
May	Optimism



**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.

- 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.*



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2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

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

- 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

(more information on the back page)



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If you have a question or concern about...

CONTACT US

- 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
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: sjffsa103@gmail.com
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com

