



Notes from Mrs. Nash

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

St. John Fisher School

January 28, 2022

Dear SJF Families,

We are so excited to celebrate all of the things that make St. John Fisher and Catholic education so special this week during Catholic Schools Week! It is only fitting that this year Catholic Schools Week is book-ended by two of our sacraments: First Reconciliation and Confirmation. Our adorable 2nd graders took a big step in their faith this week participating in their First Reconciliation. We are so proud of our young Falcons and love watching them learn and grow. Thank you to our second-grade teachers, Mrs. Kellam and Ms. Surin, and Dr. Chermak and Fr. Ken for preparing our Falcons so well for this sacrament. We are grateful for the parents, grandparents, godparents, siblings and loved ones of our 2nd graders who have guided and cared for them so lovingly along this journey. Please pray for our 2nd graders and our 8th graders as they are preparing to make their Confirmation on Sunday, February 6th.

Now more than ever is the best time to join our Falcon Family! Open enrollment begins Sunday, January 30th and we are calling all families to be **Fisher Family Ambassadors!** What does this mean? The Fisher Community encourages you to share all of the great happenings about SJF with friends, family, neighbors and others - in conversation or on social media! If you are active on social media: please share our posts on Facebook, and tag us in any of your SJF posts on Facebook and Instagram (+ Twitter)! Catholic Schools Week is January 30th – February 4th so please show your Falcon support and feel free to use #CSW22 #FalconsNOW. Our **Prospective Family Open House is Sunday, January 30th from 9-10:30 a.m.** Please spread the word!

Thank you for entrusting your children to us each day. We are grateful for you and for the privilege of in-person learning. Thank you for choosing Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,
Mrs. Maura Nash



Important Announcements

- **Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open now for *current & NEW school families!*** If you have a child entering in pre-school or kindergarten, [please complete this form](#) to reserve your spot and share this information with anyone interested in attending SJF. Now is a great time to be a Falcon!
- **Railroad Tracks:** It was reported to school this week that a number of junior high students tried to “beat a train” by running East across the tracks on 103rd and Rockwell. Please speak with your children regarding this matter. Thank you.
- **Valentine’s Day:** Students are allowed to pass out store-bought pre-wrapped Valentines and treats on Valentine’s day.
- **A note from Joe and Katie Duhig:** We are beyond grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers and support that you have shown our heart hero Tommy, as well as our family. Tommy is at home and on the road to recovery. He is getting stronger every day and eager to return to school to see all of his St. John Fisher family.
- **Extended Day:** Make sure to [register your child\(ren\) here](#). Reach out to **Mrs. O’Grady** with any questions, dogrady@sjfschool.us.

FSA Corner ~ Save the Dates!

- **8th Grade Polar Plunge:** March 4th, St. John Fisher Parking Lot
- **St. Baldrick’s:** March 5th, 5 – 10 p.m. ~ *stay tuned for additional information*
- **Father Daughter Dance,** March 19th, Ridge Country Club ~ *see attached flyer*
- **FSA is looking for a parent to organize a float for the Southside Irish Parade.** If interested please contact Karen McDonagh (karenmcdonagh513@gmail.com).

Looking Ahead

***There is NO Homework Club this week!**

Weekend Mass	4 p.m. on Saturday & 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday ~ <i>We hope to see you there!</i>
Sunday, January 30th *Open Enrollment begins	Prospective Family Open House: 9 – 10:30 a.m. Mother-Son Bulls Game
Monday, January 31th	Academic Eligibility Club 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy ETC Lego Lab 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman & Mrs. Lindgren Chess Wizards 3 – 4 p.m. w. Mrs. Schiller
Tuesday, February 1st	*Special Lunch: Calabria’s ETC Winter Wonderland 3-4 p.m. w/ Mrs. Altman ETC Game Night 2.0 3-4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy & Mrs. Sefcik
Wednesday, February 2nd *Boys Volleyball Registration Due	1 P.M. Dismissal: Faculty Professional Development and PLC’s <i>*Students will have their regular lunch period today</i>
Thursday, February 3rd	Academic Eligibility Club 3 – 4 p.m. w/ Ms. Dunlavy



2022 Catholic Schools Week At a Glance

*Each day is a full out of uniform day and will include a fun activity!

<p>MONDAY, 1.31: CELEBRATING OUR PARENTS/FAMILIES</p>	<p>ROLL OUT OF BED DAY</p> <p><u>WE LOVE OUR SJF PARENTS!</u> ENJOY A WARM CUP OF COFFEE WHEN YOU DROP YOUR CHILD(REN) OFF!</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 2.1: CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH</p>	<p>WEAR RED FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT!</p> <p>WE WILL DO AN ALL SCHOOL ROSARY</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, 2.2: CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL</p>	<p>WACKY WEDNESDAY! DRESS IN YOUR CRAZIEST OUTFIT</p> <p>STUDENTS WILL PLAY ALL SCHOOL BINGO</p>
<p>THURSDAY, 2.3: CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS</p> <p>*Ronald McDonald Care Kit Donations are due today! <i>See the list below</i></p>	<p>SPORTS DAY! DRESS IN YOUR FAVORITE TEAM OR SPORTS WEAR!</p> <p>STUDENTS WILL PLAY GAMES</p>
<p>FRIDAY, 2.4: CELEBRATING FACULTY AND STAFF</p>	<p>FALCON SPIRIT DAY! WEAR ALL THINGS SJF!</p> <p>TEACHER MIX UP TIME</p>



RONALD MCDONALD CARE KIT GRADE ASSIGNMENTS

Ronald McDonald House Charities is an independent American nonprofit organization whose stated mission is to create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children.

PART OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS FOCUSING ON SERVICE TO OTHERS. WE HAVE CHOSEN TO SUPPORT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE THIS YEAR AND ARE ASKING EACH STUDENT TO BRING IN THE BELOW ITEMS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT OF THIS IMPORTANT CAUSE!

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR ITEMS BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD!

- **PreK and K - Disposable Utensils**
- **1st - Individual Coffee Creamers**
- **2nd - Grape Jam**
- **3rd - Individual Macaroni and Cheese Microwaveable Cups**
- **4th - Individual Oatmeal Cups**
- **5th - Individual Chef Boyardee**
- **6th - Cans or Bowls of Soup**
- **7th and 8th - Individual sized packaged snacks**

Athletics Update

- 4th-8th grade **Boys Volleyball Registration** is now open! [Please click this link to register](#) and see the below flyers for additional information.

Mother/Son Bulls Game Info

- Please see the attached PDF for information on **United Center parking**, your **Benchwarmers experience**, **COVID guidelines** and any other questions you might have. A short summary: You can start entering at Gate 6 (on the south side of the stadium, map attached) at 12:00 PM. You will have until 1:00 PM, when gates open to the public, to watch warm-ups from the 100 level.

COVID GUIDANCE & REMINDERS

- If your child or a household member has been diagnosed with COVID-19, **please call the school office, 773-445-4737, during the school office hours, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and/or email attendance@sjfschool.us**.
 - If you contact the school office outside of regular scheduled office hours, ***we will get back to you the next business day***. Thank you for your patience!
- **Details to highlight:**
 - Please review the most recent communication from the archdiocese [linked here](#) which outlines the updated quarantine time frame and guidance.
 - All symptomatic individuals must remain home, regardless of vaccination status.
 - If symptoms last longer than 24 hours, individuals must receive a negative COVID-19 test or alternative medical diagnosis prior to returning to school.
 - Students who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19 can now return to school after completing a 5-day quarantine.
 - Positive students must quarantine from athletics through days 6-10.
 - Exposed students may participate in athletics but must provide proof of a negative test in order to attend events on days 6-10 following the 5-day quarantine.
 - Masks are required for all students and staff indoors regardless of vaccination status. **This rule INCLUDES athletes, coaches, and spectators indoors at sporting events.**
 - ***Updated Athletic Guidance per the Archdiocese: If a student-athlete tests positive, all of his/her teammates will be considered close contacts and will be required to quarantine. If a teammate is vaccinated and asymptomatic, he/she will not need to quarantine.***
 - A presumed **90-day immunity window** follows proof of a positive test result for individuals who complete(d) the minimum 5-day isolation and remain symptom free.
 - We are following the archdiocese guidance and working hard every day to ensure our children and staff remain healthy and safe and can remain with us for in-person learning.

*We continue to pray for those impacted by COVID and any other illness.
Hang in there – we are all in this together!*

2021-2022 Abbreviated Calendar



**Because of the unpredictable world we live in, these dates are subject to change.*

- Catholic Schools Week: **1.30 – 2.5**
- Confirmation: **2.6**
- 8th Grade Graduation Pictures: **2.9**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.17 ~ 12:00 dismissal**
- **President's Day Break: 2.18 – 2.22 *classes resume 2.23**
- End of Second Trimester: **3.8**
- **No School – OCS Flex Day: 3.11**
- All-Staff Religious Formation & Professional Development (no classes): **3.14**
- Spring Break: **4.13 – 4.24 *classes resume 4.25**
- First Communion: **4.30**
- May Crowning: **5.6**
- 8th Grade Ribbon Mass: **5.20**
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.30**
- Last Day of 8th Grade Classes: **6.1**
- Graduation Dance: **6.3**
- Graduation Mass: **6.5**
- End of Third Trimester, Last Day of School: **6.8 ~ 10:30 dismissal**

***1 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings and PLC work: **November 3rd, December 1st, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th.**

The *most important work* you will ever do
will be within the walls of *your own home*. ~Harold B. Lee





JOIN US FOR
ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL'S
**PROSPECTIVE FAMILY
OPEN HOUSE**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH

9:00AM-10:30AM

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM

***FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE ***

SJFSCHOOL.NET

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CALLING ALL FISHER FAMILIES!

THE FISHER COMMUNITY ENCOURAGES YOU TO BE FISHER FAMILY AMBASSADORS.

PLEASE SHARE ALL THE GREAT HAPPENINGS AT SJF WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS AND OTHERS.

PLEASE SHARE OUR POSTS AND TAG US IN ANY OF YOUR SJF POSTS ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM.

SHOW YOUR FALCON SUPPORT WITH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK APPROACHING AND FEEL FREE TO USE #CSW2022 OR #FALCONSNOW

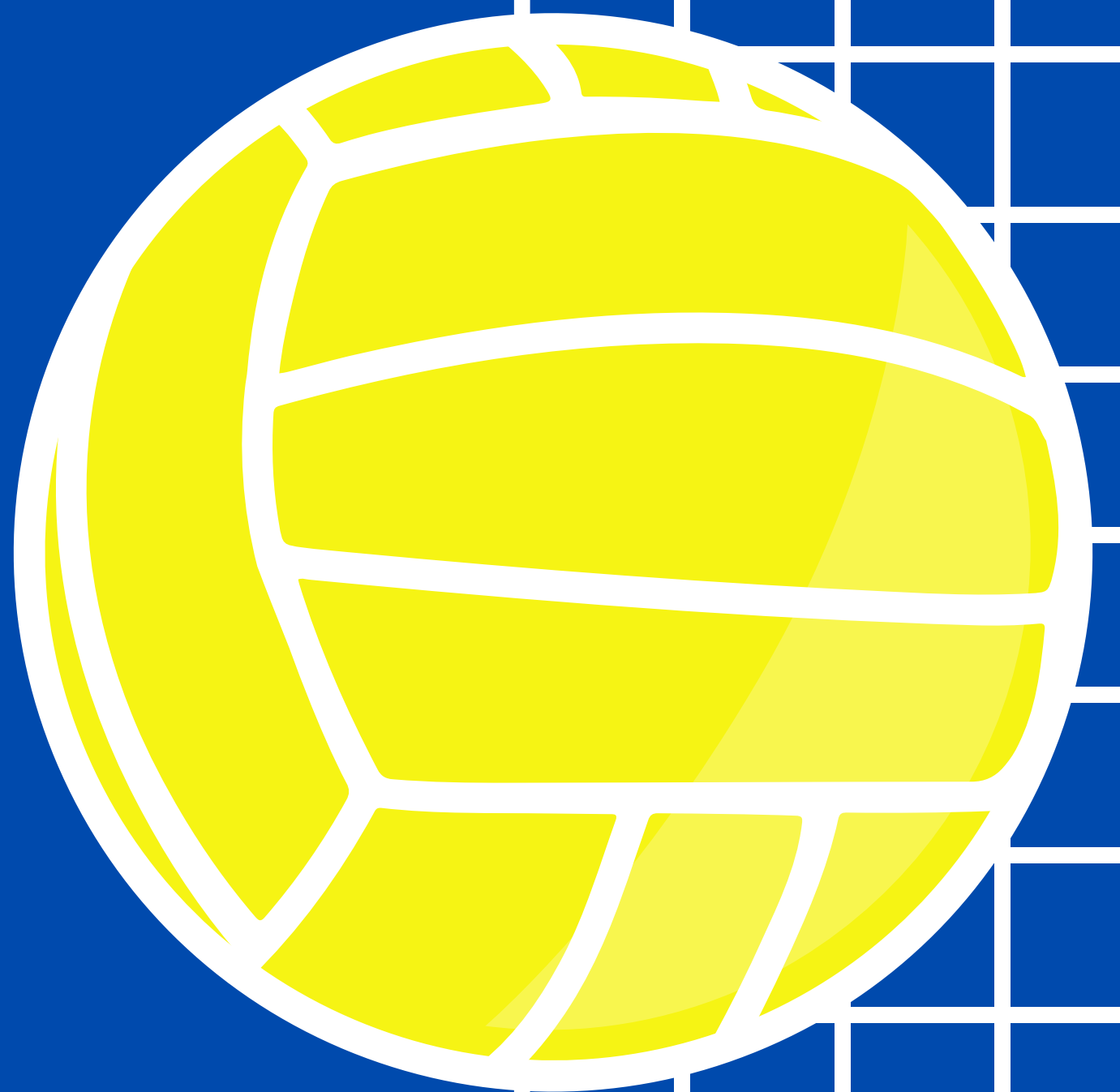


ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
IS COMING!



REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 2ND
SEASON: MARCH-MAY
FEE: \$165

ST. JOHN FISHER



BOYS VOLLEYBALL

REGISTRATION

Google form Or In person
At Fisher Gym,
Wednesday, February 2nd
5pm-8pm

Deadline:
February 2nd

Any questions please contact:
Maureen O'Hara mkroche2@cps.edu

**ST. JOHN FISHER
FATHER DAUGHTER
DANCE**

SAVE THE DATE

'Over the Rainbow'

March 19, 2022

RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



Join us for an evening benefitting

THE FISHER FALCON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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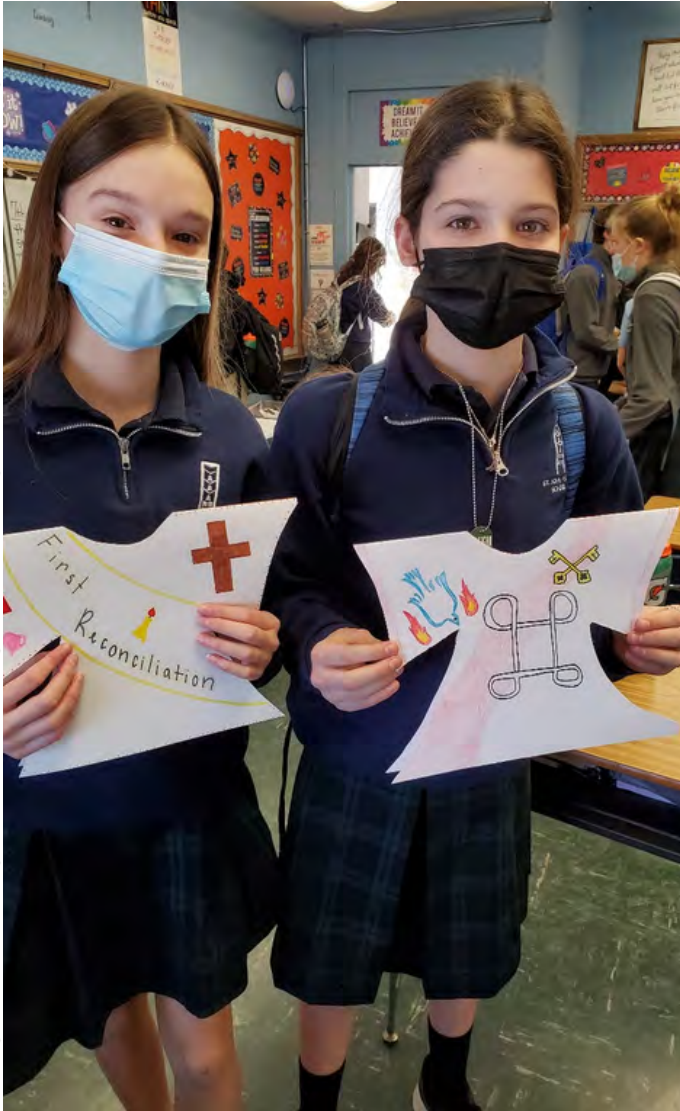
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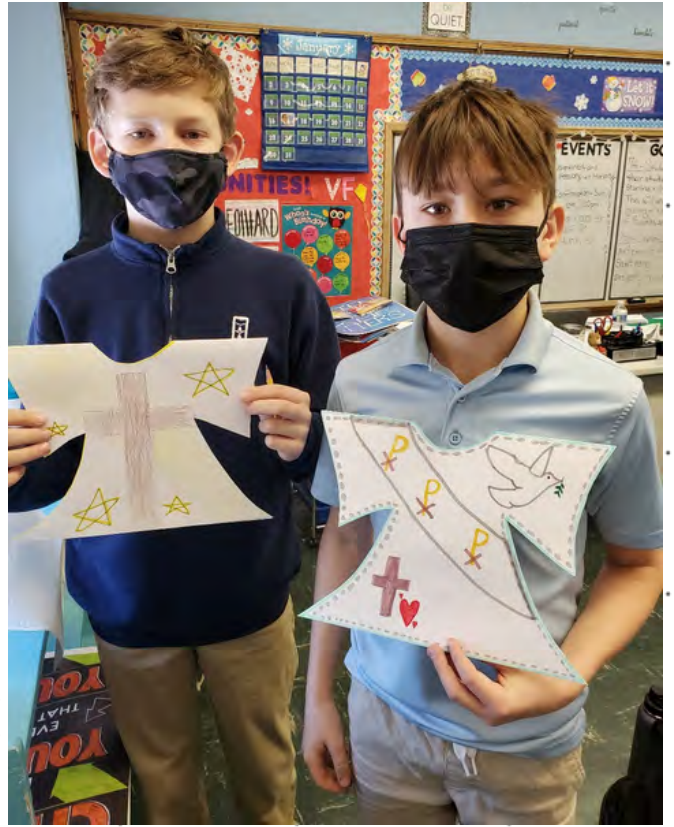
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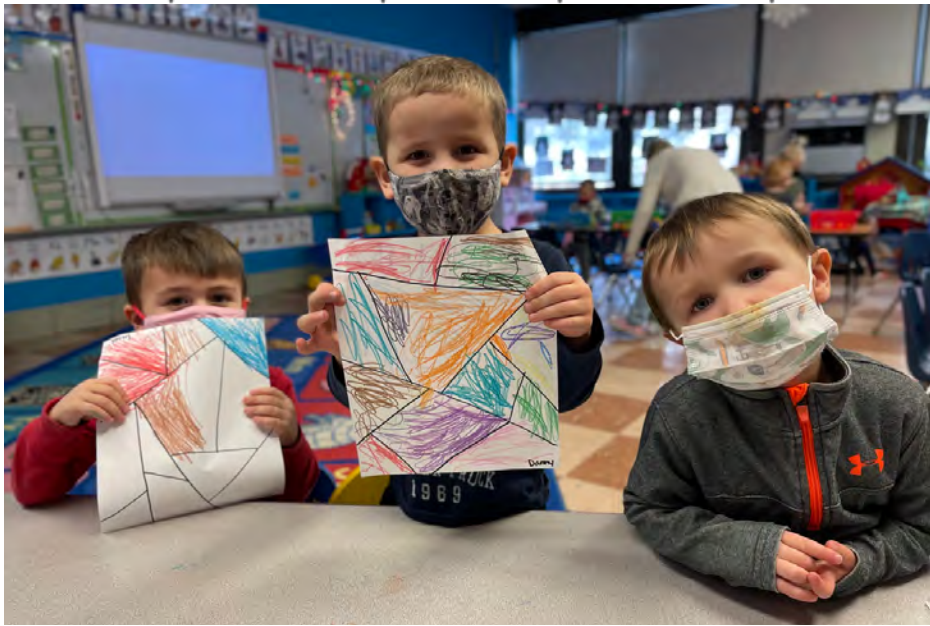
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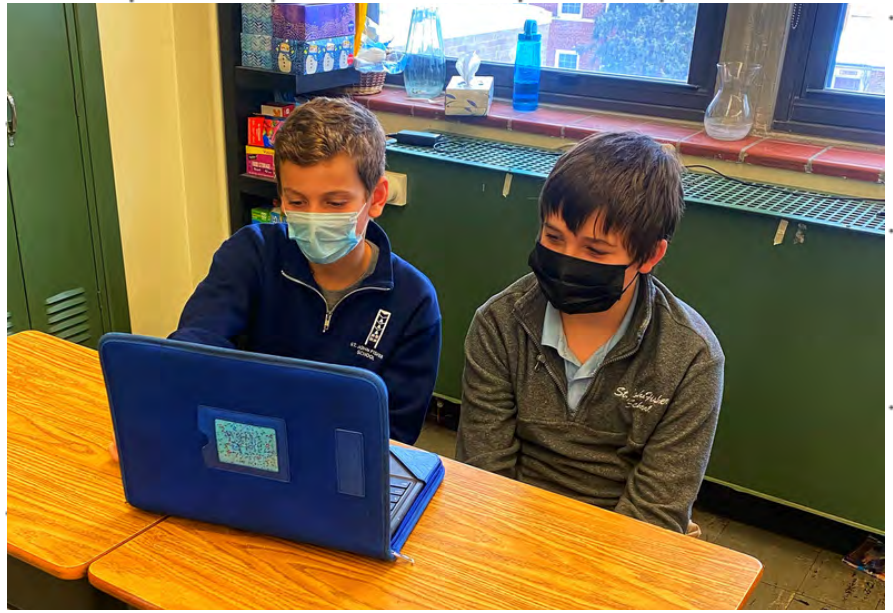
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ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO FOLLOW











FEP: BENCHWARMERS

Thank you for partnering with the Chicago Bulls. We look forward to creating an exciting and memorable event for your group. For your convenience, we have provided you with a list of helpful guidelines to ensure you get the most out of your experience.

Entering the United Center

- All attendees can park in any available game day parking.
- Attendees can enter through Gate 6 on the South Side of the building. Gate 6 opens at 12:00.
- Upon arrival, COVID vaccinations, bags, and tickets to the game will be checked.

Inside the United Center:

- Bulls Representative will meet the group outside of section 111-112 on the lower-level concourse.
- As guests arrive, Bulls representative will escort them to section 110-113 to watch warm-ups *behind the hockey dasher boards*.
- When doors open to the public at 1:00, Bulls representatives will escort fans out of the lower bowl.

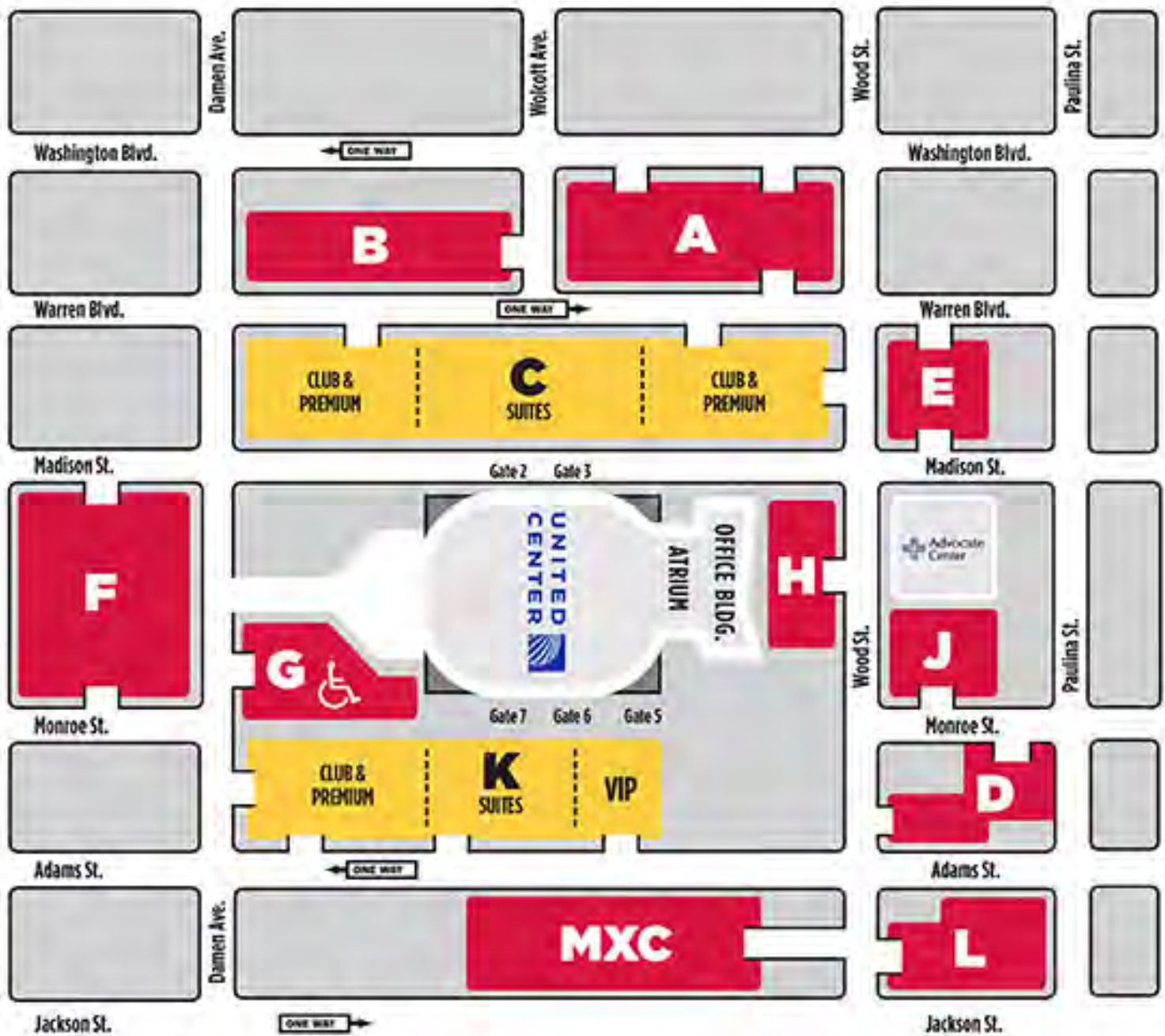
Day of Event Reminders:

- Large bags and backpacks, food or beverages are not permitted inside the United Center. If you arrive at the arena with such an item, you will be instructed to take the item back to your vehicle.

At 1:00 p.m. when doors open to the public, participants will be required to exit the lower-level concourse and go to their designated seats.

UNITED CENTER COVID POLICY

<https://www.unitedcenter.com/venue/know-before-you-go/>



Lot B: Bus Parking
Lot G: ADA Parking


Club & Suites


Public

