



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 13, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We are in awe on a daily basis of our smart, curious, kind, respectful and funny Falcons! This month's SEL Trait is respect. Every morning our Falcons learn and talk about how they can show respect for themselves, others and God's beautiful Earth. We hope these conversations and good behaviors overflow into your homes too! We will continue this conversation during our next all-school Mass which is Friday, October 20th at 1 p.m. This Mass will be hosted by our 7th graders. All are welcome!

Thank you to the Girls Basketball Coordinators, Coaches and Parents for making last week's Pack the Gym such a special celebration for our athletes. [We hope to see everyone at Oktoberfest next Saturday, the 21st in the church parking lot from 6-11 p.m.!](#) Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **You Belong Here.** 

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- **PACK THE PEWS!!!** Out of uniform passes for Mass attendance in October are back! We need your help! Please sign up here if you can pass out tickets at a weekend Mass. **A healthy attendance is critical to the longevity of our parish.** We will be raffling off a \$100 Whittingham's gift card to an SJF Family after the last Sunday in October. See you there!
- FYI: **hot lunches will be voided on October 25th** because lunch will be provided at the Walk-a-Thon.
- The **November Hot Lunch Menu** is now open for ordering.

Important Announcements

- Please spread the word about our **Future Falcon Playdates** for kids 0-3 yrs. See the flyer below for more details.
- **Forgotten Items:** As a gentle reminder, SJF cannot accept forgotten assignments, supplies or Chromebooks before school. SJF will accept medication, lunches and water bottles.
- **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. ***We close @ 5 p.m. again this year.***
- **Falcon Fridays continue this year!** Students can wear Falcon spirit-wear t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies with their uniform bottoms on Falcon Fridays!
- Don't forget to also follow all of our celebrations and happenings on **Instagram and Facebook**.
- Do you receive our **parish newsletter**? If not, click here to sign-up so you never miss an SJF beat!



SJF SICK POLICY

Parents are required to keep children home from school the following day if they have been sent home with vomiting, fever (100 degrees), rash or diarrhea. Students must be fever free without the use of fever reducing medicine for 24 hours before returning to school. If there are symptoms of a communicable disease (reddened eyes, sore throat, fever, headache, rash), please do not expose other children to the possibility of sickness.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FSA Corner

- **The Halloween House Decorating Contest Registration has been extended!** Please see the flyer below. Pumpkins & mums or ghosts and ghouls - we want to see your Halloween decorations!
- **We could still use a few more trunks for our Trunk or Treat event** on Friday, 10.27. Please consider joining in on the fun! See the flyer below for more details.

Athletics Update

- **It is time for Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball registration!**
 - Here is the link to sign up for Girls Volleyball (4th-8th grade only)
 - Here is the link to sign up for Boys Basketball (3rd - 8th grade only)
 - **Registration ends on 10.16.** *All students who participate in athletics must have an updated physical on file in the School Office. Thank you!*



TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK! LET'S GO FALCONS!



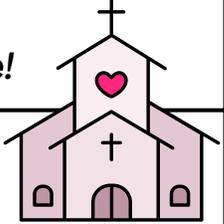
Walk-tober-fest!



Dear SJF Families,

As discussed in our financial update from the spring ([linked here](#)), fundraising is critical for our school's success. We are so fortunate that two of our faculty members organized a walk-a-thon for our students to help raise necessary funds for our school! This event is taking place during the school day and is going to be a great day for our kids and St. John Fisher! Thank you for your participation and your continued support of St. John Fisher School! Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help on this day. Your time is appreciated!

Looking Ahead

<p>Saturday, October 14th</p> <p>Pack the Pews in October!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. • 4 p.m. Mass All are welcome! 
<p>Sunday, October 15th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. on Sunday <i>All are welcome!</i> • Leadership & SOAR Mass @ 11 a.m.
<p>Monday, October 16th</p> <p><u>Basketball & Volleyball Registration Ends today!</u></p>	<p>ETC 3-4 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE After 3 w/ Mrs. Sefcik • Game Night w/ Mrs. Ade 
<p>Tuesday, October 17th</p>	<p>ETC 3-4 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween S.T.E.A.M. w/ Mrs. Garza • *Homework Club 3-3:45 p.m.
<p>Wednesday, October 18th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m. • ETC 7-7:40 a.m. • Morning Basketball w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy • *Homework Club 3-3:45 p.m.
<p>Thursday, October 19th</p>	<p>ETC 3-4 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calling All Swifties w/ Mrs. Brogan & Ms. Schiavone
<p>Friday, October 20th</p>	<p>Falcon Fri-YAY!</p> <p>Wear your SJF Spiritwear t-shirts/sweatshirts w/ your uniform bottoms</p>
<p>Saturday, October 21st</p>	<p>ETC 9 - 12 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween Extravaganza w/ Mrs. Ade • SJF's 3rd Annual Oktoberfest in the Church Parking Lot from 6-11 p.m. • See you there!





JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

**LEADERSHIP &
SOAR MASS**

Sunday, October 15th

11:00am









ST. JOHN FISHER

WINTER SPORTS SIGN-UPS

BOYS BASKETBALL & GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

OCTOBER 9TH-16TH

**BOYS BASKETBALL &
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
EVALUATIONS INFO COMING
SOON**

REGISTRATION CLOSSES OCTOBER 16TH



The
Fisher Falcon
Education
Foundation
Presents:

Live Music



*Legendary
Musical Acts
Feat.*

*Anthony
Massaro*

Roundhouser

Oktoberfest

Saturday 10/21

@ St. John Fisher

6-11p



SJFOktoberfest.givesmart.com

BYOB



Tickets

\$35 Pre-Sale

\$40 at the Door

21+

EVENT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT
OF LIVE MUSIC AND FUN.

- Food Truck
- NCAA Game of the week streaming
- Raffles



The page is framed by a decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and purple, and several pumpkins with various faces. The main title is written in a large, orange, serif font, arched across the top.

SPLIT THE POT HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

A large orange pumpkin with a simple, smiling face is positioned to the left of the main text.

TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE
SIGN UP USING [THIS LINK](#)
AND TURN IN \$20 ENTRY FEE
TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 6TH.

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Houses must be decorated by
Friday, October 27th.

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Voting takes place
Saturday, October 28th thru
Friday, November 3rd.

A large orange pumpkin with a simple, smiling face is positioned to the right of the main text.

**WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE.
MONEY RAISED WILL GO
TOWARDS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.**

The background is dark purple with decorative elements: a string of colorful bunting flags at the top and white spider webs on the left and right sides. A faint, large outline of a car trunk is visible in the background.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Come and Join Us!

October 27th

5 - 7 PM

SJF Parking Lot

save the date
&
sign up to host
a trunk



Contact Lynn O'Brien (708)420-5469 or
Corey O'Malley (708) 989-9145
with any questions



Saturday ETC October 21st

Halloween Extravaganza!

Have a spooktacular time in this fun class. We will have so much fun celebrating all things Halloween! You can dress up in a costume or just wear your favorite Halloween colors! We will play pumpkin tic-tac-toe, wrap the mummy, sing Halloween songs, and dance the Monster Mash.

We will meet in preschool room 107 from 9-12 on Saturday, October 21st.

This class is open to all preschool- 2nd graders.

Cost: \$30

Payment should be in an envelope marked ETC and returned to the main office by **Friday, October 20th.**

Halloween Extravaganza

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 #:** _____

For more information contact Karen Ade kade@sjfschool.us



October 31st to November 2nd is the Latin American celebration known as "Día de los Muertos" or "Day of the Dead". These are festive days where beloved family members, friends or pets who have passed away are celebrated and remembered. The Day of the Dead celebration is a time honored tradition that unites families and establishes a sense of identity. It is a time for happy memories of loved ones, not scary stories!

We will be putting together a traditional ofrenda (altar) in the school library that will be visible from the windows along 102nd street.

If you would like to participate, please send in a photograph, prayer card or something that symbolizes a loved one who has died so it can be added to the altar.

Please remind the kids to label pictures and bring to school (no frames please) before 10/31.

Any Questions? Please contact Mrs. Keller kkeller@sifschool.us or Mrs. Flores iflores@sifschool.us





Homework Club!

Grades 1-6

**Who do you
contact?**

Mrs. Ade

kade@sjfschool.us

Mrs. Schiller

aschiller@sjfschool.us

Ms. Dunlavy

cdunlavy@sjfschool.us



When is it?
**Tuesdays &
Wednesdays**
2:55pm-3:45pm
Begins October 10th

**Homework Club is a
great opportunity for
students to...**

- *Begin* their homework
- Study for tests or quizzes
- Review math facts
- Receive help with iReady
- Get organized
- Develop friendships and community with older SJF students!



**Our dedicated 7th and 8th grade
helpers will work one-on-one with your
student(s) to complete homework in an
accurate and timely manner!**



ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

75th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, November 18, 2023

Theme: Strengthening Our
Joyous
Future

[Saint John Fisher Church](#)
Special Anniversary Mass
4:00 p.m.

[Beverly Country Club](#)
Reception at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Short Program
Music

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW

Table of 10 for \$1,000.00, or

Individual tickets at \$100.00 each

To pay online:

- Go to the Saint John Fisher Parish website at <https://www.stjohnfisherparish.net>
- Click on wording in the center that states "75th Anniversary" under "weekly announcements"
- Go to the bottom of the blue screen, and click on "click here"
- Follow the instructions on the secure online gateway for credit card payments.
- If purchasing tickets, please list the names of the attendees under special instructions.
- If you wish to sponsor a priest who has served, please include that information.

Or pick up a form at the entrances of church, and include the form and payment in the collection basket.

Or purchase tickets and pay at the rectory.

- *Help promote and contribute to a successful 75th anniversary celebration.*
- *Organize or gather a table of family, neighbors, school parents, former parishioners, fellow alums*

Please drop off any copies of photographs of Saint John Fisher Church and School at the rectory.
They will be helpful in continuing plans for the celebration.

Thanks, in advance, for your participation and support.

Join the effort in insuring that our church and school continue for our next 75 years.

ST. JOHN FISHER PROUDLY HOSTS



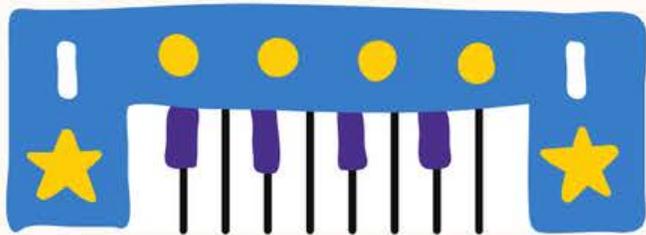
FUTURE FALCONS PLAYGROUP

OCTOBER 10TH, NOVEMBER 14TH AND DECEMBER 12TH FROM 10-11.

Experience the Falcon way through play at our weekly playgroup sessions filled with activities, songs, and community building.

WHERE AND WHEN?

ST. JOHN FISHER GYM
10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE.
FRIST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
10 AM - 11 AM
\$5 PER CHILD/ \$15 PER FAMILY MAX



WHY PLAY?

At SJF, we value intellectual, academic, social and emotional growth. Through play, children are able to develop these skills while building relationships within their community.



WHO AND WHAT?

All Children 0-3 and caregivers are welcome! Enjoy a range of fun activities and getting to know your fellow Future Falcons.



SPR Service Day

October 14th 2023

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Feed My Starving Children

15 volunteers ages 7+ needed to go to 555 Exchange Court, Aurora from 9-10:45am to package food for distribution.

Share Your Soles

25-30 Volunteers ages 10+ needed to go to 11201 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago to sort shoes by gender and size. (Watch for Shoe Drive flyers in each parish for shoe/boot collection in advance.) 10am-Noon

Precious Blood

10 Volunteers ages 10+ needed at 51114 S. Elizabeth, Chicago for an art project and gardening. 11am-1pm

Greater Chicago Food Depository

15 Volunteers 10+ needed at 4100 W. Anne Lurie Place, Chicago to package food for distribution 8:30-11:15am

Missionaries of Charity

6 Volunteers needed 12+ to go to 115 N. Oakley, Chicago from 9am-noon to prepare and serve a meal and clean up.

Pro Labore Dei

20 Volunteers 10+ needed to meet at Christ the King and assemble 450 bag lunches for distribution at St. Thomas Moore, Robbins PLD., and St. Stan's Parish. (6 of the volunteers will deliver lunches.) 7:45-10am

Moses the Black Parish

10 Volunteers 10+ needed to go to 331 E. 71st to serve an outdoor hamburger and hot dog lunch to community members 11am-1pm

Bellhaven

10 Volunteers 13+ needed to go to 11401 S. Oakley, Chicago to visit residents and participate in activity 10am-Noon.

22nd District

10 Volunteers all ages needed at 1900 W. Monterey Ave., Chicago for lunch and games with immigrants. 11am-1pm.

** Group leaders for each event will reach out with details to volunteers after signup for driving instructions, carpooling, and specific event details.

Signup links and details can be found on parish and SPR websites, using the QR code here or contacting:

Dan Roth (CK) danieljroth9222@gmail.com

Karen Rugai Moran (SB) krugai@r4services.com/312-339-6227

Kim Kiely (SC) k_kiely@comcast.net/815-600-3712

Jennifer Serpe (SJF) jserpe25@sbcglobal.net/773-575-7227

Volunteers are encouraged to meet at SJF at 7:45am for a kickoff prayer and group meetups.





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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

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

- Picture Day Make-up: **11.1**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **11.6**
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.22 – 11.26** *classes resume **11.27**
- **12.22** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.22 – 1.7** *classes resume **1.8**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.15**
- Graduation Pictures: **1.23**
- Catholic Schools Week Mass: **1.28**
- Confirmation: **2.10** ~ 11 a.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.15**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **2.16**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.19**
- 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

***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **November 29th, January 31st, February 28th, March 20th, April 24th, May 29th.**

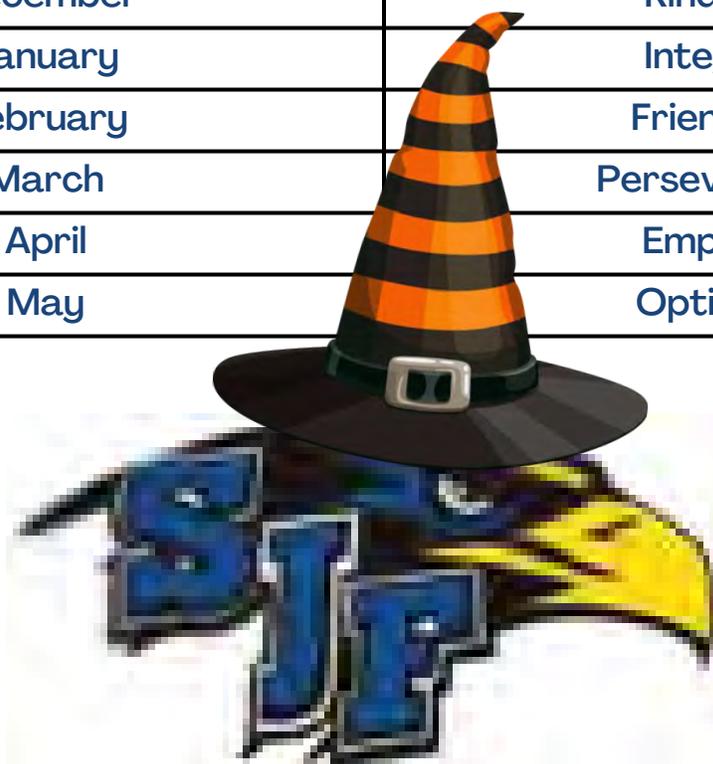


Social & Emotional Learning

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.**

Your Children are Our Priority

LET US TAKE CARE OF
LUNCH



Gilhooley's offers a hot lunch program delivered right to school featuring fresh food made daily!

Kids will enjoy fresh meats, seasonal locally grown produce, homemade sauces.

Healthy choices and kids favorites like chicken tenders, pancakes, pizza and homemade desserts.

MONTHLY SPECIALS!



It's easy to set up an account and order online. Contact for information about full month or full year sign-up discount.

terri@sxu.edu • 773-233-2200

LUNCH PROGRAM

WE SERVE DELICIOUS
HOT LUNCHES
EVERYDAY



Mac-n-cheese



Pancakes



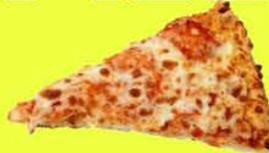
Wraps



Nuggets



Pizza



Salads



All meals include daily choice of



White milk, Chocolate milk or water.



Desserts or Fruit.



**PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT OUR SCHOOL
TRANSITIONED TO GMAIL 3 YEARS AGO. WE NO
LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO OUR .NET ACCOUNTS. OUR
CONTACT INFO & CHAIN OF COMMAND IS ALWAYS
POSTED IN THE WEEKLY NOTES BELOW AND CAN BE
FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE
OUR SJFSCHOOL.US EMAIL ADDRESS. WE DON'T WANT
TO MISS ANY OF YOUR IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION!**

THANK YOU!



You Are Important!



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

