



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 20, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We are 1 DAY away from the **3rd annual SJF Oktoberfest!** We are hoping to have another HUGE TURNOUT as this event has served as one of our best school fundraisers! Oktoberfest has also proved to be a wonderful community building event. Grab your neighbors, friends, family members and old classmates and come on out to the church parking lot for a fun night! This year's event is BYOB and will be featuring outstanding bands, food trucks, raffles and college football!

We could still use a few more volunteers! Please visit this link to see what slots are available. Thank you for sharing your time! Presale tickets are \$35 per person. Tickets at the door cost \$40. Visit this link to purchase your tickets today!

Thank you for supporting our school's **"Walk-tober-fest"** which will take place this Wednesday, October 25th! We are so grateful for your support of both of these upcoming fundraisers!

**Every dollar raised at both of these fundraisers goes directly to the Fisher Falcon Education Foundation which supports school upgrades, scholarships, and helps provide competitive and affordable tuition rates and much much more. Please visit this site to learn more about the AMAZING Fisher Falcon Education Foundation.**

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*

The  
Fisher Falcon  
Education  
Foundation  
Presents:

Live Music



*Legendary  
Musical Acts  
Feat.*

*Anthony  
Massaro*

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*Roundhouser*

# Oktoberfest

## Saturday 10/21

@ St. John Fisher

6-11p



[SJFOktoberfest.givesmart.com](http://SJFOktoberfest.givesmart.com)

### BYOB



Tickets  
\$35 Pre-Sale  
\$40 at the Door

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21+  
EVENT

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

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



SCAN ME

## Important Announcements

- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th is a 1:30 DISMISSAL.**
- **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!
- On **November 4th, SJF is hosting the South Side Parish Renewal Anniversary Mass @ 4 p.m.** We are in need of volunteers to help with a reception afterwards. Please visit this link if you can share your time. This will be a great opportunity for our parish to demonstrate our energy and vibrance! Please see the flyer below for more information
- The November Hot Lunch Menu is now open for ordering.
- ***Many students still do not have ALL of their school supplies. SJF can no longer provide supplies (pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, paper, etc.) for students.*** Please ensure your child has everything he/she needs to be successful in school. Thank you!
- **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.
- **ALL** students may **dress in costume** or dress down in black & orange on **Halloween!**
- **Uniform reminders:** Students **can no longer wear shorts** to school.
  - **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!

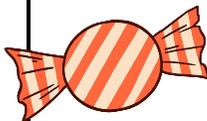
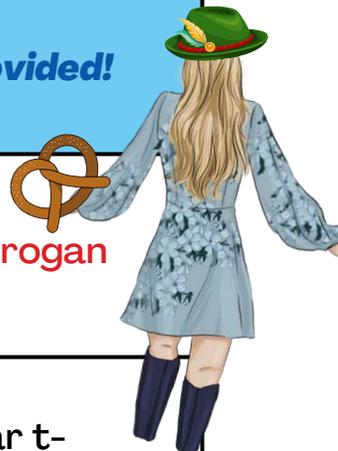
### SJF SICK POLICY

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.



Looking Ahead

<p><b>Saturday, October 21st</b></p> <p><i>Pack the Pews in October!</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Manna Hours</b> @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</li> <li>• <b>ETC</b> w/ Mrs. Ade 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>4 p.m. Mass</b> All are welcome!</li> <li>• <b>Oktoberfest!</b> 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sunday, October 22nd</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. on Sunday <i>All are welcome!</i></li> <li>• <b>7th Grade Mass @ 11 a.m.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Monday, October 23rd</b></p>	<p><b>ETC 3-4 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE After 3 w/ Mrs. Sefcik</li> <li>• Game Night w/ Mrs. Ade</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday, October 24th</b></p>	<p><b>ETC 3-4 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halloween S.T.E.A.M. w/ Mrs. Garza</li> <li>• <b>*Homework Club 3-3:45 p.m.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday, October 25th</b></p> <p><b>1:30 DISMISSAL!!!</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Manna Hours</b> @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>ETC 7-7:40 a.m.</b></li> <li>• Morning Basketball w/ Mrs. Ade &amp; Ms. Dunlavy</li> <li>• <b>WALK-A-THON! Lunch is provided!</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday, October 26th</b></p>	<p><b>ETC 3-4 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calling <b>All Swifties</b> w/ Mrs. Brogan Ms. Schiavone</li> </ul>
<p><b>Friday, October 27th</b></p> <p><b>NJHS Service Project to support the veterans are <u>due today!</u></b></p>	<p><b>Falcon Fri-YAY!</b></p> <p>Wear your SJF Spiritwear t-shirts/sweatshirts w/ your uniform bottoms</p> <p><b>Trunk or Treat in the Church Parking Lot, 5-7 p.m.</b></p>





JOIN US

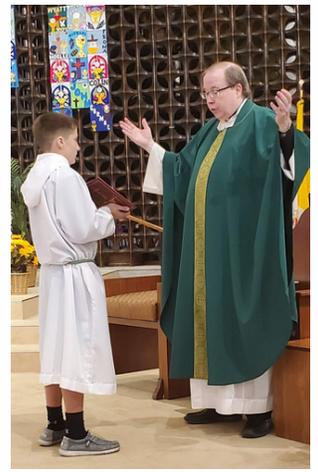
ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

# 7th Grade Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

11:00am

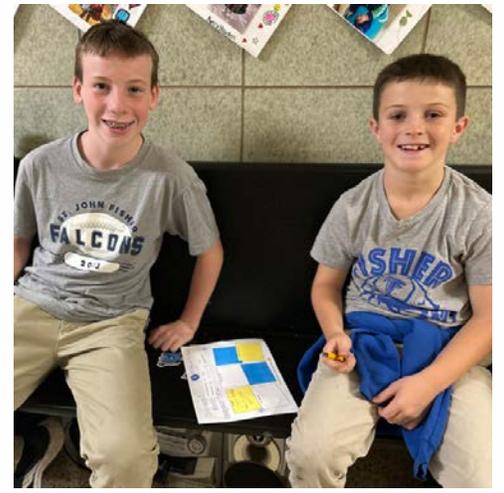






# PRAYER PARTNERS







## 2023 NJHS Service Project

The National Junior Honor Society students of St. John Fisher School will be collecting items for the Edward J. Hines VA Hospital. The hospital provides a place for homeless veterans to shower, wash their clothes, and obtain food and clothing when needed.

Please consider donating an item or two to our service project if you are able. We are asking that students bring the following items to school any time next week. We can not accept any donations after Friday, October 27.



*Please note that  
all of these  
items can be  
purchased at the  
Dollar Tree!*

**Pre-K and Kindergarten: Chapstick**

**1st Grade: Liquid Hand Soap**

**2nd Grade: Bar Soap**

**3rd Grade: Shampoo/Conditioner**

**4th Grade: Body Wash**

**5th Grade: Lotion**

**6th Grade: Toothpaste**

**7th Grade: Deodorant**

**8th Grade: Single Rolls of Toilet Paper or Paper Towels**

*Sponsored by the St. John Fisher National Junior Honor Society  
Please direct questions to Mrs. Condon  
kcondon@sjfschool.us*



# **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**

2023

# PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST!



FAMILIES CAN BRING DECORATED PUMPKINS  
DOWN TO KANE HALL ON  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH**  
BEFORE SCHOOL  
7:15 - 7:45

**STUDENTS WILL VOTE ON THEIR FAVORITES!**



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](mailto:kkeller@sifschool.us) or Mrs. Flores [iflores@sifschool.us](mailto:iflores@sifschool.us)



Photo from the Chicago Tribune, to access an article about the Day of The Dead



# 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

75<sup>th</sup> 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 "75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.*
- *Organize or gather a table of family, neighbors, school parents, former parishioners, fellow alumni*

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



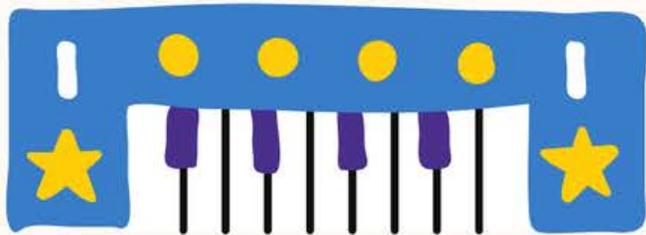
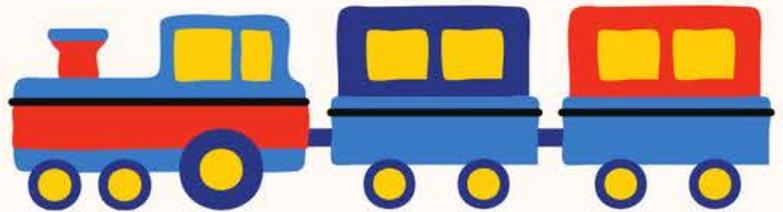
# FUTURE FALCONS PLAYGROUP

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.



# SAVE THE DATE

## Southside Parish Renewal Anniversary Mass

Saturday, November 4  
4 p.m. Mass

St. John Fisher  
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave

Let's celebrate our Southside Parish Renewal (SPR) Parishes together with our first Mass concelebrated by all of our pastors! Come for Mass and continue the celebration after with food and festivities in Kane Hall immediately after. Learn about future SPR opportunities and events, as well as meet SPR board members to ask questions and get involved.

All SPR parish school students in attendance will receive a "**Out of Uniform**" pass, and **ALL** students can enter a raffle to win a lunch delivered to them at school by their pastor.

*This will be the only Saturday Mass celebrated for Christ the King, St. Barnabas, St. Cajetan's and St. John Fisher the afternoon of November 4. We will use the Sunday readings and it will fulfill your Mass obligation. All four parishes will resume regular Mass schedules on Sunday, November 5. Your weekly envelope and online donations will go to your respective parish; any cash contributions at Mass will be distributed to St. John Fisher. A second collection will go toward SPR's ongoing efforts to support asylum seekers.*



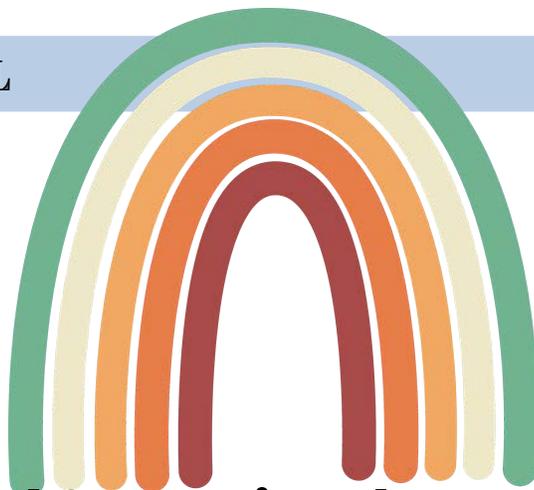
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### **St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar**

\*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: **October 25th, 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
<b>October</b>	<b>Respect</b>
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](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)  
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