



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

We are really getting into the groove of things as we just completed our 3rd week of school. Our Falcons are working hard at adapting to their schedules and getting used to their routines and expectations. We are so proud of how hard they are working and how far they have come in such a short amount of time!

Well, our community is certainly not lacking for events! Please be sure to take a look at the below flyers outlining all of the wonderful opportunities we have to be together! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to plan and organize these events. SJF is alive and well thanks to all of you!

One of the most important *parent* events on the horizon is our Technology Speaker on Thursday, September 21st at 7 p.m. in the church. Please join us (adults only!) to hear a representative from the FBI speak to us regarding the importance of our children's safety with technology. Technology is ever-changing and we can never be too informed when it comes to our kids' well-being and safety. We believe this will be a very helpful and informative evening for all! It takes a village to raise good kids and we are so grateful to be in this village together with you!

Now more than ever, it is a great time to be a Falcon! The future of our school and community is bright! 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

**YOU
BELONG**
Here!

**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!**



Important Announcements

- **Forgotten Items:** As a gentle reminder, SJF cannot accept forgotten assignments, supplies or Chromebooks before school. SJF will accept medication, lunches and water bottles.
- **Medical Forms:** Please fill out and return the medicine authorization form and send any medicine you would want your child to take at school (Motrin, Tylenol). Please turn in your dental, vision and physical forms as well. 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. We close @ 5 p.m. again this year.

- **Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade** should dress in their school uniforms every day. No SJF hoodies or spirit wear are allowed Monday - Thursday. Please see pages 15-16 of our Student Handbook [linked here](#). Students can wear shorts until October 1st.
- **Falcon Fridays continue this year!** Students can wear Falcon spirit-wear t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies with their uniform bottoms on Falcon Fridays!
- Say Cheese! **School Picture day is Tuesday, 9.19!** Please bring your payment and order form on Tuesday if you'd like to order your pictures Tuesday.
- The **October Hot Lunch Menu** is posted and ready for ordering!
- **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. All are welcome!
- **Oktoberfest is BAAAACCKK!** Save the day for 10.21. See the below flyer for more detail!
- **Future Falcon Playdates** for kids 0-3 yrs. are back! Stay tuned for more info!
- Don't forget to also follow all of our celebrations and happenings on **Instagram and Facebook**.

Holy Name Society

- September 30th is our **2nd Annual Father-Son Sox Game**. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Pro Labore Dei

- The **next lunch making is Saturday, 10.7 @ 9:15** in the rectory basement. Please join us.
- We still collect for the PLD pantry every Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on the parking lot.
- For questions or concerns please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881)

Looking Ahead

Saturday, September 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. 4 p.m. Mass All are welcome! 
Sunday, September 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. on Sunday <i>11 a.m. is Girl Basketball and Cheer Mass</i>
Monday, September 18th	<p>Homecoming Week Begins!</p> <p>*Wear your Pajamas</p> 
Tuesday, September 19th	<p>Picture Day</p> <p>Dress in your SJF Finest for Picture Day</p>
Wednesday, September 20th	<p>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.</p> <p>Dress in USA Colors</p> 
Thursday, September 21st	<p>FBI Technology Speaker</p> <p>@ 7 p.m. in the church.</p> <p>Parents & Guardians (only) Please attend!</p> <p>Wear your favorite team's apparel</p>
Friday, September 22nd	<p>Falcon Fri-YAY!</p> <p>SJF BLUE-OUT!</p>
Saturday, September 23rd	<p>SJF Homecoming!</p> <p>See flyers below for itinerary</p>

Save the Date!
Parent-Teacher Conferences:
Oct. 4th & 5th
There are no classes on Oct. 6th & 9th



Spirit Week 2023

September 18-September 22



All St. John Fisher Students are invited to participate in Spirit Week Dress Down Days!!!

Monday-Pajama Day



Come to school in your coziest jammies!

Tuesday-Fisher's Finest



Tuesday is Picture Day! Wear your Sunday best and show off your Fisher style!

Wednesday-USA Day



Sport your favorite patriotic clothes!
Dress in Red, white and Blue

Thursday-

Wear your favorite team's apparel, your favorite HS t-shirt or your favorite jersey!



Friday-Blue Out!!

Show your Fisher Pride! Wear your favorite Fisher Blue Swag!!!





JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

GIRLS' BASKETBALL & CHEER MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

11:00am





1ST HOME GAME

THIS SUNDAY!

BEVERLY PARK vs ST. JOE

JV B 12:30 PM

JV 1:30 PM

Varsity 3:00 PM









SJE HOMECOMING



SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
GAMES START AT 12:00
BEVERLY PARK



Bring Cash For:

 **Split the Pot!**

 Taco Truck 2-6pm!

 **Fisher Merch for sale!**

 Football square fundraiser!

**North Endzone tent reserved
for 8th Grade Parents!**



*Parade kicks off from Bilecki Field
@ 10:50 am!*





SJF



HOMECOMING

Saturday, September 23rd

8:00 am Mass at SJF Church

9:00-10:00 am Breakfast

10:15 am Meet at Bilecki Field

10:30 am Line Up

10:50 am Parade to Beverly Park

4th Grade Noon

JV 1:30pm

Varsity 3:00 pm



Homecoming 2023

September 23rd

Meet @ Bilecki at 10:15 am

Line-up at 10:30 am

Parade Kicks Off at 10:50 am!

St. John Fisher Men's Club
2nd Annual Father-Son Sox Game

Saturday September 30th 6:10pm

White Sox vs. Padres

4:45pm: Buses Depart SJF at (Beer/Water Included)

6:10: First Pitch

20 Minutes after Last Pitch: Buses Depart Bus Lot A

Game Tickets \$35 | Bus and Game Ticket \$50

**Limited Tickets Available! Email your Name, Ticket
Quantity, and if you will be riding the bus to
HNSeventRSVP@gmail.com**





SPLIT THE POT HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

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

Houses must be decorated by
Friday, October 27th.

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

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

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





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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

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

- Book Day & Packet Pick-up in Kane Hall: **8.17** ~ 5-7 p.m.
- School Supply Drop-off: **8.22** (*for students in grades pre-k – 3 ONLY*) ~ 4-6 p.m.
- First Day of School: **8.23** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Back to School Mass & Parish Picnic at Beverly Park: **8.27** ~ 11 a.m.
- Back to School Open House: **8.29** ~ 7-8 p.m.
- Labor Day – No School: **9.4**
- School Picture Day: **9.19**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.4, 10.5**
- No School: **10.6**
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – No School: **10.9**
- 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: **September 27th, October 25th, November 29th, January 31st, February 28th, March 20th, April 24th, May 29th.**



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2023-2024

Sunday Grade Level, Extracurricular & Special Event Masses

***Sunday Masses: (All Masses on Sundays at 11 a.m.,
except for Thanksgiving Mass & Saint Patrick's Mass)**

- **August 27th** – Parish picnic Mass *at Beverly Park*
- **September 10th** – Grandparents' & Special Person Mass
- **September 17th** – Girls' Basketball and Cheer
- **September 24th** – Football and Golf
- **October 1st** – First Communion Enrollment
- **October 15th** – Leadership Mass celebrating National Junior Honor Society students and members of S.O.A.R.
- **October 22nd** – 7th grade
- **November 5th** – (Time Change Sunday) Confirmation Enrollment
- **Thursday, November 23rd at 9 a.m.** – 5th grade Thanksgiving Mass
- **November 19th** – 1st Grade
- **December 3rd** – Preschool and Kindergarten
- **December 10th** – 4th grade
- **January 21st** – Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Basketball
- **January 28th** – Catholic Schools Week
- **February 25th** – 6th grade
- **Saturday, March 9th at 4 p.m.** – 3rd grade's Saint Patrick's Mass
- **April 21st** – Spring Sports

Come as you are. You are loved.



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.**



Save the Date

Service Day 2023
October 14th 2023

Small Groups will participate in service opportunities at 9 community locations. Watch the bulletin and parish websites for details!

Questions? Contact:

Dan Roth (CK) danieljroth9222@gmail.com

Karen Rugai Moran (SB) krugai@r4services.com

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

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

SSPPR SERVING OTHERS!

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



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



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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

