



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

Dear SJF Families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our technology safety presentation yesterday. Thank you also to the incredibly knowledgeable, experienced and relatable FBI representatives who facilitated the presentation. It is essential for all of us to be informed in order to protect and support our kids as they navigate this world. We are in this together!

Homecoming has arrived! We had the best week demonstrating our pride and love for SJF! Thank you to Ms. Dunlavy, Mrs. Condon, Mrs. Scannell, Dr. Chermak, and our student SOAR leaders who organized and planned such a fun and spirited week for our Falcons! We had our 2nd Falcon mystery reveal. Our Falcons were elated to see Mr. Houston in the Falcon costume today at the pep rally! The celebration continues tomorrow with our Homecoming parade, cheer squad, soccer and football games at Beverly Park. Good luck to all of our Girls Basketball and Golf Teams as well this weekend! Let's Go Falcons! A huge thank you to our Athletic Board, coaches and all of the parents who helped plan the Homecoming Dance and events. See the flyers below for all the details. Grab a friend and come on out to celebrate all things SJF. Don't forget to attend mass this Sunday as well. 11 a.m. is our Golf and Football Mass. All are welcome!

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*



## Important Announcements

- Don't forget! **Wednesday is a 1:30 p.m. dismissal** for our faculty/staff meeting . Students will eat lunch at their regular time on this day.
- **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@sjsfchool.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!
- 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! See the flyer below!
- Don't forget to also follow all of our celebrations and happenings on **Instagram and Facebook.**



### SJF SICK POLICY

Parents are required to keep children home from school if there has been an episode of vomiting, fever, rash or diarrhea ***in the 24 hours before the school day begins***. 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

Saturday, September 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</li> <li>• <b>St. John Fisher Homecoming!</b> *See flyers below for details!</li> <li>• 4 p.m. Mass All are welcome!</li> </ul>
Sunday, September 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. on Sunday</li> <li>• <i>11 a.m. is Football and Golf Mass</i></li> </ul> 
Monday, September 25th	
Tuesday, September 26th	
Wednesday, September 27th	 <p><b>DON'T FORGET!</b></p> <p><b>1:30 p.m. Dismissal Faculty &amp; Staff Meeting</b></p> <p>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.</p>
Thursday, September 28th	7th & 8th Grade Religious Retreat @ St. Rita High School
Friday, September 29th	<p><b>Falcon Fri-YAY!</b></p> <p>Wear your SJF Spiritwear t-shirts/sweatshirts w/ your uniform bottoms!</p>



**Holy Name Society**

- September 30th is our **2nd Annual Father-Son Sox Game**. Please see the flyer below for more information. **Tomorrow is the last day to RSVP!**

**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)

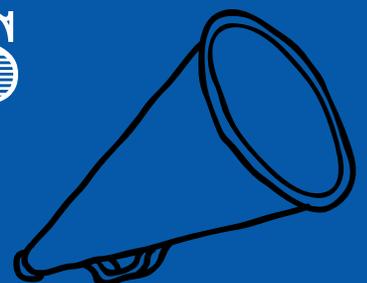
**Save the Date!**  
**Parent-Teacher Conferences:**  
**Oct. 4th & 5th**  
**There are no classes on Oct. 6th & 9th**  
**Look for an email next week to schedule your conference.**

You Belng Here.

THANK YOU FOR  
JOINING US!



GIRLS' BASKETBALL  
&  
CHEER MASS





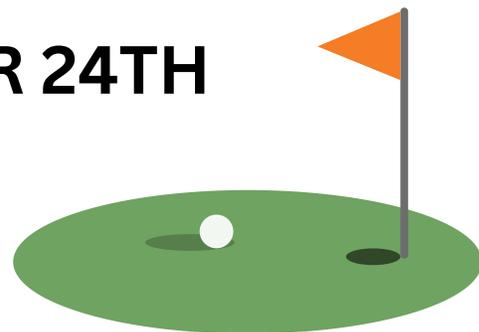
JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

# FOOTBALL & GOLF MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

11:00am



# 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**

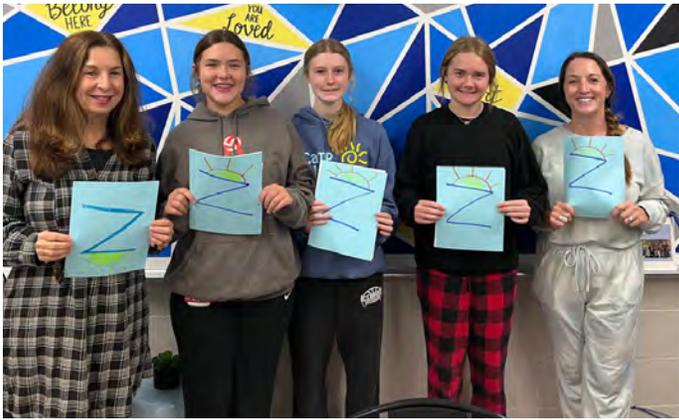
**Meet @ Bilecki at 10:15 am**

**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](mailto: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*

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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





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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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*All are welcome!*

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

*Come as you are. You are loved.*



## Social & Emotional Learning

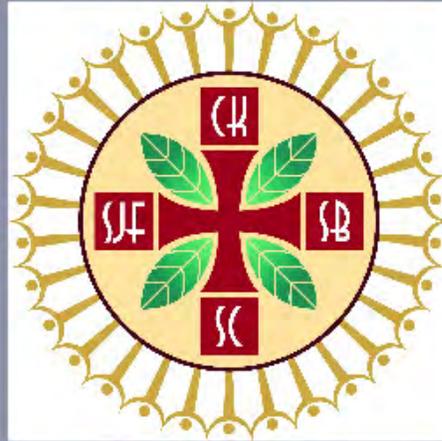
At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. Each month of the school year will have an all-school focus on the trait of the month, helping students strengthen particular social skills with different lessons and activities at the classroom level and as an entire school. We encourage you to talk to 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

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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](mailto:danieljroth9222@gmail.com)

Karen Rugai Moran (SB) [krugai@r4services.com](mailto:krugai@r4services.com)

Kim Kiely (SC) [k\\_kiely@comcast.net](mailto:k_kiely@comcast.net)/815 600-3712

Jennifer Serpe (SJF) [jserpe25@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jserpe25@sbcglobal.net)/773-575-7227

**SSPPR SERVING OTHERS!**

ST. JOHN FISHER PROUDLY HOSTS



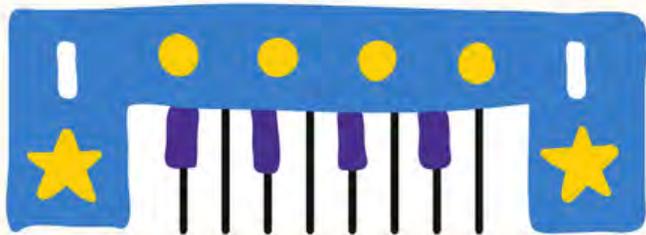
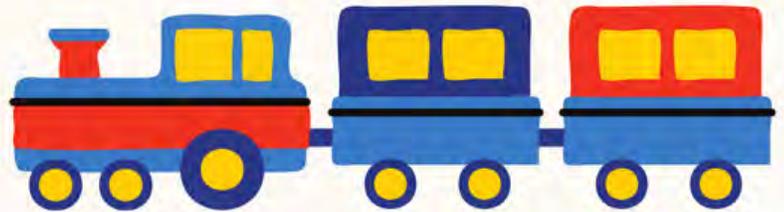
# FUTURE FALCONS PLAYGROUP

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.

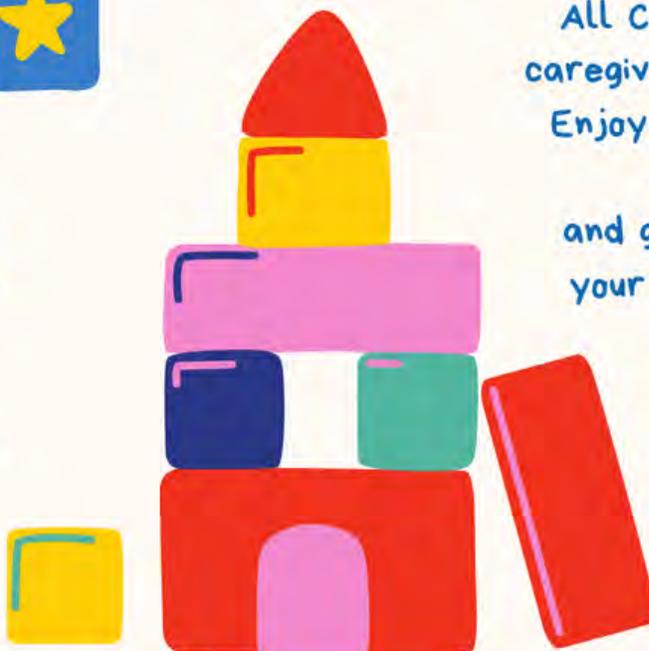
## WHERE AND WHEN?

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.

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)



# 2023-2024 St. John Fisher School Contacts

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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