



FALCON FLYER

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

AUGUST 29, 2025

Dear St. John Fisher Families,

We hope you had a great week! Our Falcons are continuing to settle into routines, and it has been wonderful to see their excitement for learning grow each day. Thank you for your partnership in helping us start the year strong.

We were deeply saddened to learn of the tragic school shooting in Minneapolis this week. As a Catholic school community, our hearts and prayers are with the students, families, and educators impacted by this heartbreaking event. We also recognize that news like this may weigh heavily on our own children, and we want to reassure you that their safety and well-being are always our top priority here at St. John Fisher. We are currently reviewing and updating our own safety protocols, including our procedures for all-school Mass, monitoring locked doors, and instituting a regular police presence on campus. Our teachers are also reviewing safety procedures and discussing ways to support students as they process this tragedy.

This Week at a Glance

- Monday, September 1st: No School – Labor Day Holiday
- Tuesday, September 2nd: School Picture Day. Students can wear their “Sunday Best”!
- Friday, September 5th: All School Mass @ 1pm - All are welcome!
- Sunday Mass Dress Down Incentive: Any student who attends Mass at St. John Fisher on Sunday may dress down on Monday. We are working on finalizing a system for distributing dress down tickets each Sunday.

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Important to Know

- Manna: Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no Manna this weekend.
- Safety: To assure all students are safe and accounted for, please remind your child(ren) to enter and exit through their assigned door each day. While it may sometimes seem quicker to cut through another part of the school, our procedures help us know exactly where each student is at all times.
- Fisher Fest Raffle Tickets: Tickets are available at the rectory if you would like to buy or sell additional tickets. They will also be available after all Masses for the next couple of weeks.
- New Lunch Program – Meal Manage: We are partnering with a new lunch program called Meal Manage. Parents should have received an email from the company with directions to set up their personal account for their student(s). Please be sure to follow those steps so your child is ready to order. Hot lunches will begin on Monday, September 8th.
- Illness Policy Reminder: Unfortunately, we have had more than a few Falcons who have had to go home sick this week. As a reminder from the school handbook:
- Parents are required to keep children home if there has been an episode of vomiting, fever, rash or diarrhea in the 24 hours before the school day begins. If there are symptoms of a communicable disease (reddened eyes, sore throat, fever, headache, rash) please do not expose other children and staff to the possibility of sickness. Emergency forms should list a contact that is available during the school day.

Dates to Know

- Monday, September 1st – No School, Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 2nd – School Pictures
- Friday, September 5th, 1:00 PM – All-School Mass
- Sunday, September 7th, 11:00 AM – Grandparents' Mass
- Week of September 8th – iReady Testing
- Monday, September 8th – Hot Lunch Program begins

We are so grateful for your continued support and commitment to St. John Fisher School. Together, we will make this a year filled with learning, faith, and community.

Belong. Believe. Become.

Ms. Colleen Dunlavy

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Morning Announcements



Do you ever wonder what our morning Zoom announcements are like?

Now you can see for yourself!

Visit this link to see recordings of our latest and greatest morning moments.
ENJOY!

Featured Falcon



Thank you to Mrs. Argyropoulos and her children Stella, Joanna and Andoni for taking time to create the amazing photo backdrop for the first day of school. The time, creativity and love you put into it made the day extra special for our students and teachers!

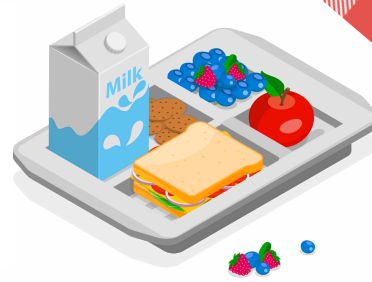
EXTENDED DAY



SIGN UP
HERE!



Contact
Mrs. O'Grady
with any questions,
dogrady@sjfschool.us.



Ordering is open for school lunches and milk in the month of September!

Dear St. John Fisher Families,

We are extremely excited to being or 9th school year serving the St. John Fisher community! With the continuous increase in labor costs, Country House is implementing a price increase for hot lunch. We are adjusting the price of hot lunch to \$6.75 and the price of a carton of milk to \$1. This price increase not only applies to SJF, but all our grade schools.

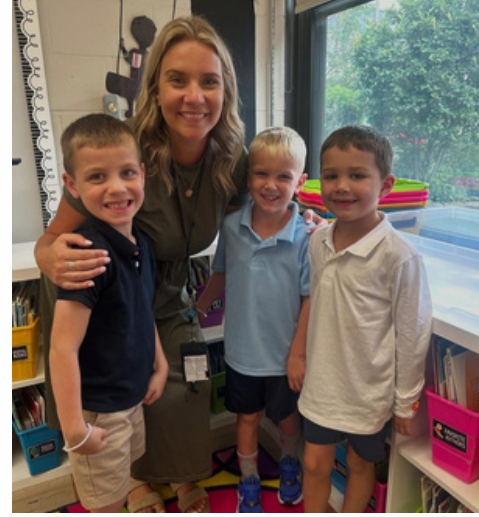
The Country House chefs specialize in cooking homemade, from scratch meals. Freshness and quality will never be sacrificed. In our kitchen, you will always see unprocessed meats and fresh produce.

You have received a welcome email from the school with the subject line "Welcome to MealManage." This email confirms that your account is ready to use. Please follow the steps in the email to set up your MealManage account and place your first lunch order!

We are continually striving to improve our service. We value your suggestions and comments, and we are always available to work with you. Thank you for your time.

Jim Terry (terri@sxu.edu)
Country House Grade School Lunch Program

CHECK YOUR
EMAIL FOR THE
LINK!



**\$5
PER
CHILD**

Starting
September 16!

JOIN US!

**FUTURE
FALCONS
PLAYDATE**

EVERY TUESDAY

10:15 A.M. - 11 A.M.

SJF GYM

**ALL CHILDREN 0-3 AND
CAREGIVERS ARE WELCOME!
ENJOY A RANGE OF FUN
ACTIVITIES & GET TO KNOW
YOUR FELLOW FUTURE
FALCONS!**

ENTER THROUGH MAIN OFFICE



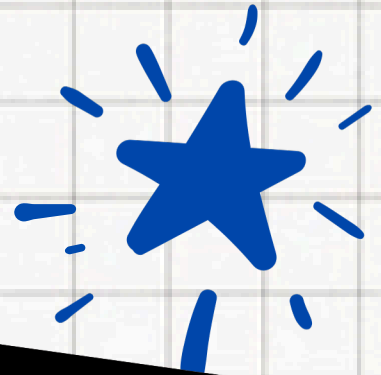
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School Newspaper



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Welcome Back to School!

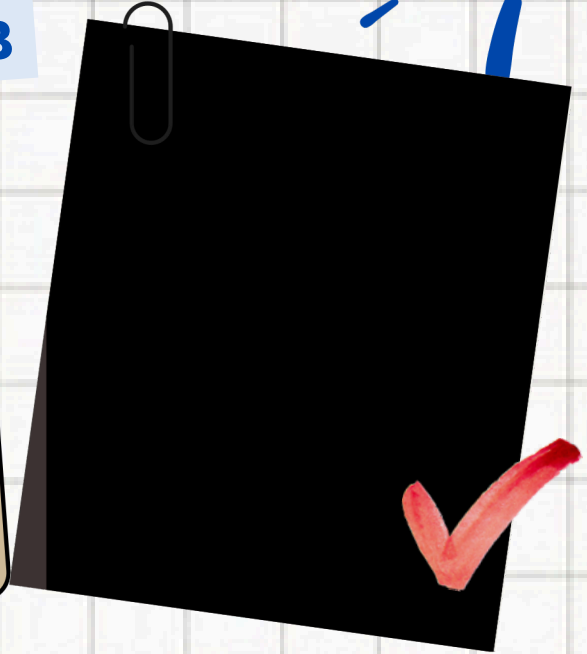
We are so excited to kick off our 2025-2026 Falcon Flyer! Students in grades

3rd-7th are invited to join.

Our first meeting will be held on

Tuesday, September 2nd

during the student's lunch period in Mrs. A.'s room, 206.



Pro's of Joining the Newspaper

(as if you need a reason)

- ✓ Meetings Held in School
- ✓ Boost Your Writing Skills
- ✓ Meet New People
- ✓ Expand Your Knowledge
- ✓ Diversify Your List of Extracurricular Activities

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Contact Information: _____

(Please Turn in at Our First Meeting)



FUTURE FALCON CHEERLEADERS



CALLING ALL K- 4TH GRADERS!

**COME AND TRAIN TO BE A FUTURE FALCON CHEERLEADER!
THE STUDENTS WILL LEARN A CHEER AND A DANCE TO BE
PERFORMED AT HALFTIME OF THE HOMECOMING GAME ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025.**

**STUDENTS WILL PRACTICE ON
MONDAY 9-22-25 AND FRIDAY 9-26-25
AFTER SCHOOL FROM 3-4:15 PM.**

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP ENDS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND.

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP, THE PARADE , AND GAME DAY
WILL BE SENT OUT CLOSER TO THE DATE!**





FSA MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

STARTS AT 7:15 P.M.

SJF PARKING LOT

*BYO - LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS

BATHROOMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE!



SNACKS WILL BE FOR SALE!

*NO BIKES, SCOOTERS, OR
SKATES PLEASE*

7-9pm
NICKY V'S
FOOD TRUCK

Join us
St. John Fisher Parish



Grandparents' Mass

Sunday, September 7th

11:00 am

Any Falcon in attendance
will receive an
out-of-uniform pass!

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Join us

St. John Fisher Parish



Happy Birthday Pope Leo XIV!

Hosted by our 4th grade class

Sunday, September 14th

11:00 am

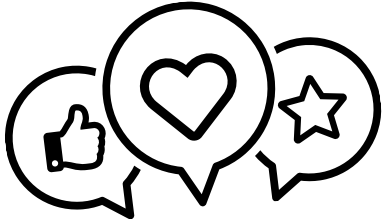
Please join us for a reception of cake and
donuts following mass.

Any Falcon in attendance will receive an
out-of-uniform pass!

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SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 17TH
7:00P.M.-8:00P.M.



We are excited for the start of the new school year and are equally excited to bring Smart Families to our school. We know the negative impacts of smartphones and social media have on the wellbeing of our students and family life. It is time we started working together to establish new norms in our community that align with our Catholic beliefs.

Smart Families will be hosting an educational event for parents in our community. This is a priority for our school and expect all families to participate.



FREE food truck following meeting. Bring a cooler and a lawn chair for after the meeting.



\$1000

TUITION RAFFLE

Must be present to win.



@Smart.Families



@SmartFamilies



SMART
FAMILIES

What is Smart Families?

It is the mission of Smart Families to help communities create a happier, healthier and more intentional lifestyle for families that engage with technology in a manner that is respectful of our innate human dignity.

What are the Smart Family norms?

Prioritize your family over mainstream culture.
Delay smartphones until high school.
Delay social media accounts until 16.
No phones in the classroom.



How will Smart Families be involved in our community?

Throughout the year, you will be invited to attend Smart Families events on campus and online talks; presentations will be made to age-appropriate children and you will receive educational newsletters. Families from our community will take a lead with this mission to support and encourage the SMART Family norms.

To learn more, visit Smart-Families.org or follow Smart Families on Social Media:



@Smart.Families



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SMART
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Oct 12th
Nov 9th
Dec 14th
Jan 11th
Feb 8th
March 8th
April 12th
May 17th

St. John Fisher Chess Club

Come join us at 12:00 pm for some friendly chess games in Kane Hall. All are welcome, beginners or masters. All children must be accompanied by an adult.





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*Below is a list of important dates for the **2025-2026** school year.

These dates are subject to change.

- Labor Day – No School: **9.1**
- School Picture Day: **9.2**
- Fisher Fest: **9.19-9.21**, 11:30 a.m. dismissal on 9.19
- Archdiocese Professional Development Day, No Classes: **9.26**
- Homecoming at Beverly Park: **9.27**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **10.9**, 11:30 a.m. dismissal, 1–7 p.m. Conferences
- No School: **10.10 & 10.13**
- School Picture Retakes: **10.14**
- Smart Families Parent Presentation: **10.17**, 7 p.m.
- Archdiocese Professional Development Day, No Classes: **11.7**
- Thanksgiving Break – No School: **11.26-11.28**, Classes resume **12.1**
- **Christmas Break Begins 12.19**, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break – No School: **12.22-1.5**, Classes resume **1.6**
- First Reconciliation: **1.12 & 1.13**, 6 p.m.
- Dr. Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.19**
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.5**, 11:30 a.m. dismissal, 1–7 p.m. Conferences
- Archdiocese Professional Development Day, No Classes: **2.6**
- 8th Grade Confirmation: **2.7 OR 2.28**, 11 a.m. (TBD)
- President’s Day – No School: **2.16**
- Internal Planning Day, No Classes: **3.16**
- **Easter Break Begins 4.1**, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Easter Break – No School: **4.2-4.10**, Classes resume **4.13**
- First Holy Communion: **5.2**, 1 p.m.
- May Crowning: **5.8**, 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.25**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.28**, “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **5.31**, 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.4**, 10:30 a.m. dismissal



***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the following dates for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **October 15th, January 28th, April 29th, May 27th**