



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

We cannot believe the overwhelming success and support for our first ever Falcon Fun Run in partnership with BOOSTER! We set a school goal of \$30,000, but thanks to each and every family, we raised over \$56,000! We cannot believe it! Thank you for your incredible support of our amazing school! Every dollar raised is going directly back to SJF in order to help maintain our competitive tuition rates. Fundraising is critical for the success of our school and we recognize the sacrifice you make to send your child(ren) to St. John Fisher. We honor your sacrifice and cannot express our appreciation for the vote of confidence you have given all of us by not only continuing to choose St. John Fisher for your family, but also for the countless ways you support our school including today's Falcon Fun Run! THANK YOU!

We were elated to see everyone at Open House and our Family Mass this past Sunday! Our Falcons were so excited to show off their work and classrooms! I hope that when you walked the halls and visited classrooms, you felt the positive energy radiating throughout our building. Together we have cultivated a Catholic family atmosphere where everyone is valued and essential to our community. I feel privileged that my children get to learn in this remarkable environment where I personally can attest to the exceptional well-rounded education that they are receiving. It is my hope and goal that you feel the same.

Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. **You belong here.** ❤️

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



Open Enrollment

- **Now more than ever is the best time to join our Falcon Family!** Open enrollment has begun! Please invite your neighbors, family and friends to apply!
- **We are calling all families to be Fisher Family Ambassadors!** What does this mean? **The Fisher Community encourages you to share all of the great happenings about SJF with friends, family, neighbors and others - in conversation or on social media!** If you are active on social media: please share our posts on Facebook, and tag us in any of your SJF posts on Facebook and Instagram; feel free to use **#FalconsNOW**.

Important Announcements

- **iReady Update:** Parents and Guardians, please be on the lookout for an envelope that will be sent home early next week containing your child's iReady Winter Diagnostic scores. We invite you to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences on February 15th to discuss this information in person *with your child's homeroom teacher*. **Visit this link to reserve your spot today!**



- Please save the date for **SJF's Family Night on Thursday, February 29th**.

- **A friendly reminder regarding SJF's Tardy Policy:**



- All students arriving after 7:55 a.m. must enter through the main entrance **with an adult** and report to the School Office. The adult must sign them in at that time.

- **If a child enters school without an adult, a parent/guardian will be called to return to school to sign-in the child.**

- **Save the Date for SJF's St. Patrick's Day Party: March 9th @ 5 p.m.** in the Conner T. Lowry Gym. Please see the flyer below for additional information. *Slainte!*



- **February 25th SJF is once again hosting the Get Behind the Vest Pancake**

Breakfast in Kane Hall in partnership with Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. Please stay tuned for additional information and ways you can help support the Chicago Police Department.



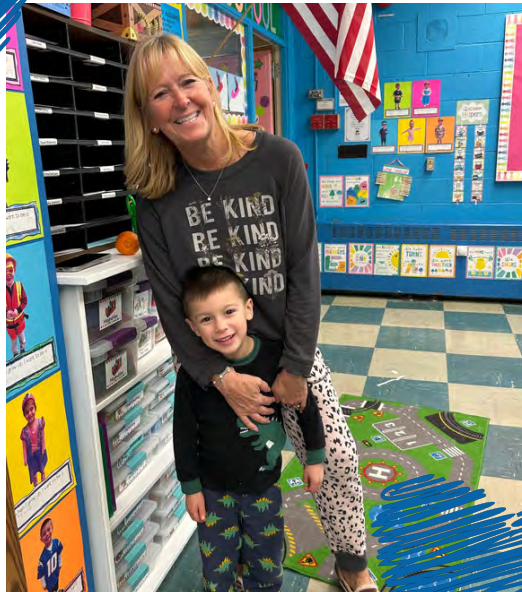
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign-up your child here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, February 3rd	<p>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. 4 p.m. Mass All are welcome! Holy Name Society's 2nd Fight Night @ 6 p.m. in the Connor T. Lowry Gym <i>*see flyer below for more details</i></p>
Sunday, February 4th	8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass All are welcome!
Monday, February 5th	<p>ETC 3 - 4:30 p.m. -Valentine's Day Directed Drawing w/ Mrs. Garza -Spring Training w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy</p>
Tuesday, February 6th	*Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7th	<p>ETC 7 - 7:40 a.m. -Morning Basketball w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy *Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m. Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7:00 p.m.</p>
Thursday, February 8th	<i>Happy Thursday Falcons!</i>
Friday, February 9th	Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your favorite spirit wear t-shirt or sweatshirt with your uniform bottoms!



HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!





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to be a Falcon!

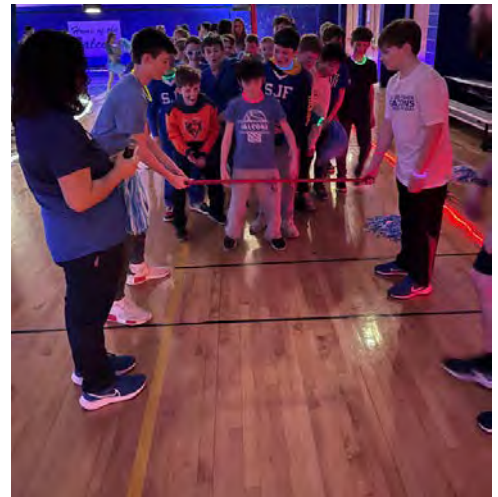




Our light shines bright at SJF!







Thank you
for supporting
our Fun Run
Fundraiser!



LIVE AMATEUR BOXING AT ST. JOHN FISHER • 10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE., CHICAGO

FEBRUARY 3, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

FIGHTS START AT 7 PM



Adults \$20 In Advance / \$25 At The Door
Under 21 Years \$10



<https://donorbox.org/events/535109>



The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation
Proudly Presents

ST. PATRICK'S

ST. JOHN FISHER



2024

LUCKY TO BE A FALCON

LIVE
MUSIC

IRISH
DANCING

DAY CELEBRATION

MARCH 9TH @ SJF GYM

\$75 PER TICKET

Following 4pm mass, join us for a SJF community event including a corned beef dinner and live entertainment. Save the date!

MUSIC • DRINKS • FOOD • DANCING

FOR TICKET INFORMATION

VISIT
SJFSTPATS.GIVESMART.COM

TEXT
[SJFSTPATS TO 76278](tel:76278)



SCAN FOR EVENT DETAILS & TICKETS

THIS IS A 21+ EVENT

For questions or volunteer opportunities please email St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com



Father Daughter Dance

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 20TH
RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB



St. John Fisher by the Numbers

You belong here.

515
Falcons
44
Faculty &
Aides

12:1
K - 8 Student
Teacher Ratio
10:1
Prek Student
Teacher Ratio



Celebrating
75
years of academic
excellence

iREADY guides small
group instruction in
order to better
individualize students'
learning



Hola!
Expanded
Foreign
Language
experience
for K-8th
grade

Resource Teachers,
Reading Specialist and
Math Specialist
collaborate to **provide**
supportive plans for
students

95
and counting
student led live
morning prayers
together this
year

74 Math-letes in 5th - 7th grade
11 National Winners
All 3 grades ranked in the top
20% in the Catholic Math League

47 altar servers
spanning 6th -
8th grade

Celebrated
weekly Mass
with
classmates
45 times



15 Extra-curricular activities
including sports, theatre,
band and service!



100%
Acceptance Rate
to the HS of
their choice

Class of 2023 earned
\$208,000 in high school
scholarship money

iREADY
Prek-8th
1:1
Technology
allows for
individualized
learning

iREADY
growth exceeds the
national average

HSPT
TEST
PREP

25 Faculty Members
hold an advanced
license or degree

**Grades K-8 using Math, Reading
& Writing Curriculum from HMH**
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This cutting-edge program allows our school to utilize
common language and practices when studying,
problem-solving, reading and writing, creating a more
cohesive and seamless transition from grade to grade.

Invested in the
systematic, research-
based **Wilson**
Foundations Phonics
Program for grades
Pre-K-2nd

SMARTboard
Technology in
ALL 30
classrooms



79 Jr. High Students
are members of SJF's
National Junior
Honor Society



After
school
Intervention
&
Enrichment
Programs

Falcons participate in
over **3,200 hours** of
service each
school year

Morning and
after care
available for
all students
every day.

Refreshed **Math**
Manipulatives,
STEM Resources &
Flex Seating



ATTENTION ALL ST. JOHN FISHER PARENTS & GUARDIANS!

Catholic Schools Week and New Family Registration is approaching. **We are calling all SJF families to be ambassadors of SJF** and asking you to help us spread the word about all of the amazing things we have to offer! Word of mouth is our very best advertisement! Please share your SJF experience when you are:

- At your child's practice
- In the grocery store line
- At the park
- On social media
- Talking to neighbors
- Wherever else you can squeeze in the good news :-)



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St. John Fisher Abbreviated Calendar

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

- Catholic Schools Week Mass & Open House: **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

You belong here. 

***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **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.**



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

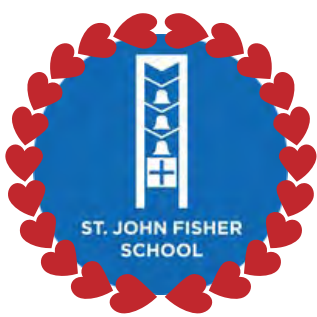
Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: mredmond@sjfschool.net
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: echermak@sjfschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sjfschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- 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

