

NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.


ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 9, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

We cannot express our gratitude for the support of our school's Fun Run Fundraiser and the Men's Club Fight Night! Thanks to your support and participation we raised over \$60,000 with the Fun Run! The Men's Club Fight Night was incredibly successful and thanks to the generosity of the Men's Club and Dave Cahill, our school received a check totaling \$15,000! All of these funds will go directly to our school's operating budget and year long fundraising goals to further support our students and teachers and maintain our competitive tuition rate. 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 continuing to choose St. John Fisher for your family! THANK YOU!

This weekend is Confirmation. Please join me in praying for our wonderful, wise, empathetic, inclusive and kind 8th grade students and all of the people in their lives who have shaped them and guided them along their faith journey. Our students have taken their preparation seriously and are ready to take this next step in their Catholic Faith. We are just so proud of this 8th grade class!

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




*Holy Spirit,
make my heart open
to the Word of God,
make my heart open
to goodness,
make my heart open*



to the beauty of God every day.

~Pope Francis

Important Announcements

- Parents and Guardians, please join us for **Parent Teacher Conferences on February 15th** to discuss your child's iReady data, strengths and areas of improvement in person *with your child's homeroom teacher*. **Visit this link to reserve your spot today!** We love these opportunities to partner together in person in the very best interest of your child(ren)!
- Please save the date for **SJF's Family Night on Thursday, February 29th**. We are all in this together! Please see the flyer below for additional information.
- **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.**
- **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.



St. Pat's Party Update!

- **SJF's St. Patrick's Day Party: March 9th @ 5 p.m.** in the Conner T. Lowry Gym.
- Our St Pat's Committee was able to extend all **St Pat's apparel orders until the end of the day on Saturday, Feb 10th**. Visit **SJFStPats.givesmart.com** to order and see the flyer below for further details.
- As an additional bonus, we have decided that **students can wear *this year's St. Patrick's Day "Lucky to be a Falcon"* apparel every Monday in March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!**
- P.S. March 9th Event and Raffle tickets available on the site as well. If 2,000 tickets are sold the raffle grand prize will be \$100,000.00, spread the word!

Thank you for the continued support and we look forward to

a wonderful event in March!

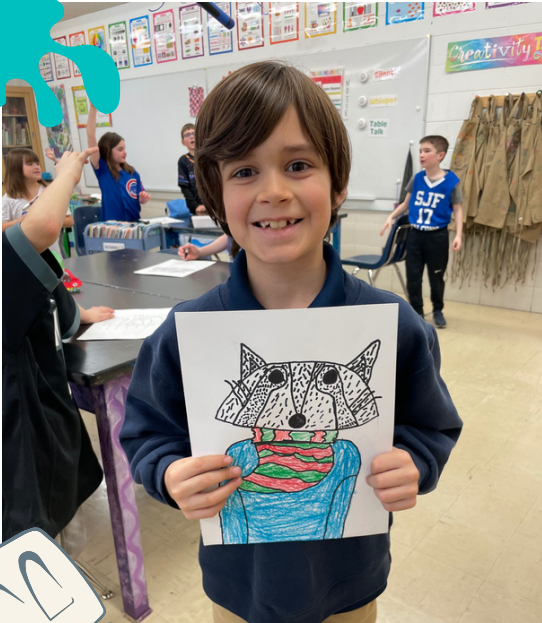


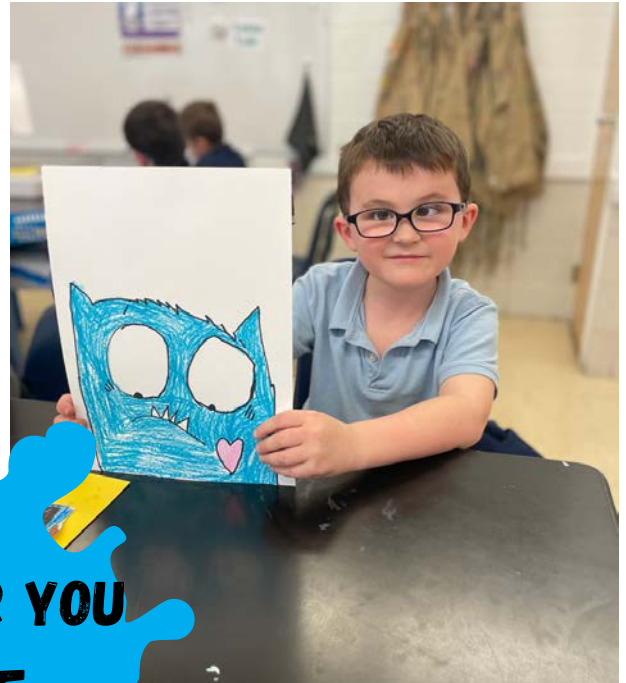
Looking Ahead

<p>Saturday, February 10th</p>	<p>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</p> <p>11. a.m. Confirmation </p> <p>4 p.m. Mass All are welcome!</p>
<p>Sunday, February 11th</p>	<p>8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass All are welcome!</p>
<p>Monday, February 12th</p>	<p>ETC 3 - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>-Valentine's Day Directed Drawing w/ Mrs. Garza -Spring Training w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 13th</p>	<p>*Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m.</p> <p>Falcons will celebrate Valentine's Day today, can bring in a wrapped treat & wear a touch of red!</p> 
<p>Wednesday, February 14th</p>	<p>ETC 7 - 7:40 a.m. </p> <p>-Morning Basketball w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy Ash Wednesday All School Mass - 1 p.m. All are welcome!</p> <p>*Homework Club w/ Mrs. Schiller, Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3-3:45 p.m.</p> <p>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7:00 p.m.</p> 
<p>Thursday, February 15th</p>	<p>Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. in Kane Hall</p> <p>*Visit this link to sign-up today! </p>
<p>Friday, February 16th Monday, February 19th</p>	<p>No School today or Monday! Enjoy your weekend, Falcons!</p>



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!

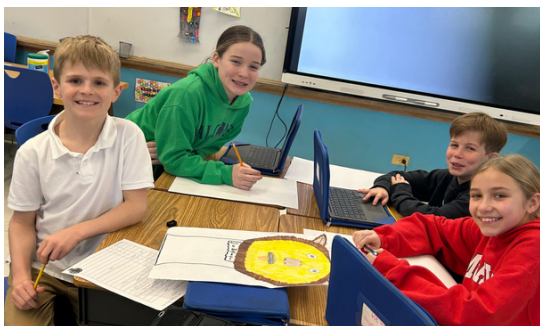




**WHATEVER YOU
IMAGINE
IS REAL.**

-Pablo Picasso





Falcons make the best friends.





St. John Fisher Family Night

HOSTED BY THE SJF FACULTY

“We’re All In This Together”

Where: St. John Fisher School

ENTER THROUGH THE KANE HALL DOORS FOR CHECK-IN

When: Thursday, February 29, 2024

6:00- 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY WITH YOUR FAMILY!

 VISIT THE BOOK FAIR

 TEACHER-LED ACTIVITIES

 CRAFTS, GAMES, AND TRIVIA

 RSVP BY FEBRUARY 16, 2024 USING THE QR CODE.

USE THE QR CODE OR THE LINK
BELOW TO SIGN UP!



[SIGN UP HERE!](#)



The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation
St. Patrick's Day Celebration

APPAREL ORDER

by: High 5 Heights



OR VISIT:

SJFSTPATS.GIVESMART.COM

ORDERS DUE FEBRUARY 10

PICK-UP AT KANE HALL THURSDAY, MARCH 7 FROM 4-6 PM

Any questions? Please email St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com

The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation
Proudly Presents

ST. PATRICK'S



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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

St. John Fisher's IRISH SODA BREAD

COMPETITION

*PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE... ALONG
WITH BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR THE BEST
TASTING SODA BREAD ON THE SOUTHSIDE!*

*JUDGING WILL START AT 5:30PM DURING THE
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION IN SJF GYM.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS [CLICK HERE](#)



**SIGN UP BY MARCH 1ST USING QR
CODE OR [CLICK HERE](#)**



MANNA UPDATE: MANNA CLOSED SPRING BREAK MARCH 27TH THRU APRIL 7TH.

Regular Hours:

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 6-7 p.m.

Any changes to hours will be posted on FSA
Facebook Page.

Stop in or use the [RAISE RIGHT APP](#) on-the go!

The best way to order physical cards (local too) in stock is to order using the App by Sunday at 10 p.m. and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6 p.m. Skip the line to pick-up when you order ahead! Let us know if you'd like your order sent home with your child.

Since May 1st, the program has raised more than **\$31,000 for the school and \$47,000 directly to families to lower tuition costs.** Thank you!

The deadline to earn the \$300 requirement for this school year is April 30th. To track your earnings, go to www.raiseright.com under Account/Order History. We will not be distributing a letter. If you have questions, stop into the convent during open hours or email the Manna team.

Email the Manna team at Sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions. More info [here](#).

*Thank you for supporting
St. John Fisher!*





Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to SJF! AND—as always—every purchase earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place *Sunday, February 25 to Friday, March 1 in the School Library:*

- This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.
- If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.
- Be on the lookout for more information and how you can sign up to volunteer!

Be sure to visit our scholastic Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/sjf>

Happy reading,

Mrs. Maura Nash
Principal
Saint John Fisher School



The poster features a dark teal background with a pattern of stylized tropical leaves and flowers. Large, vibrant hibiscus flowers in shades of orange, red, and white are scattered throughout. A large, light grey circle with a thin white border is centered in the upper half, containing the main title. Below the circle, the event details are written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The overall aesthetic is bright and celebratory.

Father Daughter Dance

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 20TH
RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB



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.

- CaConfirmation: **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

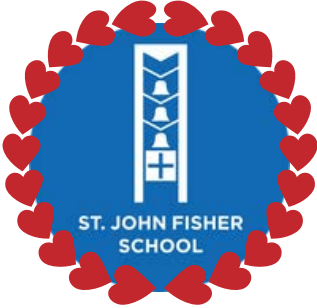
At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. Each month of the school year will have an all-school focus on the trait of the month, helping students strengthen particular social skills with different lessons and activities at the classroom level and as an entire school. We encourage you to talk to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

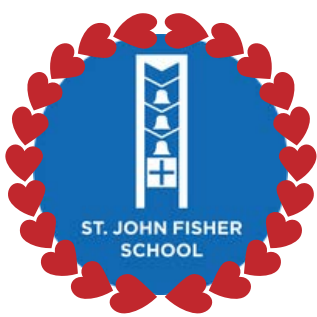
Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: mredmond@sjfschool.net
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: echermak@sjfschool.us
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: dogrady@sjfschool.us
Manna Team: sjfmanna@gmail.com

- 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

