



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL


JANUARY 10, 2025

Dear SJF Families,



We hope you had a restful and magical Christmas and New Years! We are back in the swing of things and focused on our academic goals in this new year! Next Tuesday students in kindergarten through 2nd grade will begin to take their 2nd iReady Diagnostic. Students in 3rd - 8th grade will begin their assessment on January 22nd. Our Falcons have been working so hard this school year. We can't wait to see their growth! Students and teachers have been talking about the many ways to intentionally prepare for next week's assessment. Please take a minute to reiterate these tips with your child(ren) before he/she takes the assessment.

- Get a good night's rest! 7-9 hours is ideal before a test as sleep helps your brain function.
- Eat a good breakfast! Food is fuel and gives you energy to focus.
- Make sure you have your headphones/earbuds! Listening and reading the text helps comprehension.
- Take your time! Rushing leads to mistakes.
- Just do your best! You've got this!


In looking at our calendar of events, we are going to be a very busy school community over the next 5 months. We are so grateful for our vibrant and energetic community and appreciate all of the parent volunteers and organizations who are making all of these community experiences possible. Below you will find detail on the events that are just around the corner including our [SECOND Falcon Fun Run](#) with My Booster.com!!! We look forward to the many opportunities we have to be together! Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. Let's make these next 5 months something to be proud of! You belong here. 

In unity and hope,

Mrs. Maura Nash





OUR FALCONS ARE BRAVE, STRONG, IMPORTANT, SMART, KIND AND LOVED.

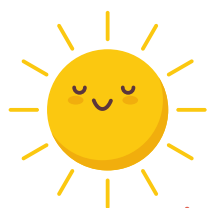
Important Announcements

- **Principal Search and Transition Committee:** Please be sure to complete the parent input survey emailed to you earlier today. Here is the link in case you missed it!
- The next **School Board meeting is Tuesday, January 14th @ 7p.m. in Kane Hall.** ALL ARE WELCOME to learn more about our fundraising calendar for the remainder of the year and other important school and church updates.
- **Bulls tickets** for the SJF outing are still available. See the flyer below and visit this link to get yours today!
- The 2nd iReady Diagnostic Window opens on January 13th. **Students are NOT ALLOWED to bring in candy to eat during their diagnostic.** 
- **Catholic Schools Week** is right around the corner and that means so is registration for next year! Our Open House and Family Mass is Sunday, January 26th! Please bring any friends, family and neighbors interested in joining our Falcon Family! Now more than ever is THE BEST time to be a Falcon!
 - Open House: 9-10:30 a.m.
 - Family Mass: 11 a.m.
- **SJF's St. Pat's Party is back and will be March 8th! Save the Date and see the flyer below for more details!**
- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign up your Falcon(s) here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.



Looking Ahead

Saturday, January 11th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. Dueling Pianos in the Gym, Doors Open @ 6:30 p.m.
Weekend Mass	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <i>All are welcome!</i>
Monday, January 13th	Happy Monday Falcons! Let's do this! 
Tuesday, January 14th	 Ready Testing begins for K-2nd grade students School Advisory Board Meeting @ 7p.m. in Kane Hall
Wednesday, January 15th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:00-9:00 a.m. Finding Nemo Auditions 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. 
Thursday, January 16th	Future Falcon Playdate in the gym, 10:15 - 11 a.m. Finding Nemo Auditions 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.
Friday, January 17th	 Happy Falcon Fri-yay! Wear your favorite Falcon swag w/ your uniform bottoms



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

Now you can see them for yourself! Visit this link to see recordings of our latest and greatest morning moments. ENJOY!



Together let's build a school we love.



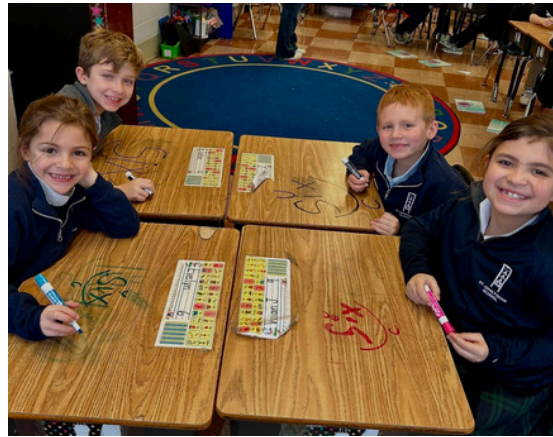
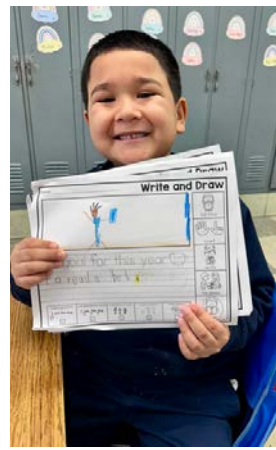
FALCON OF THE WEEK

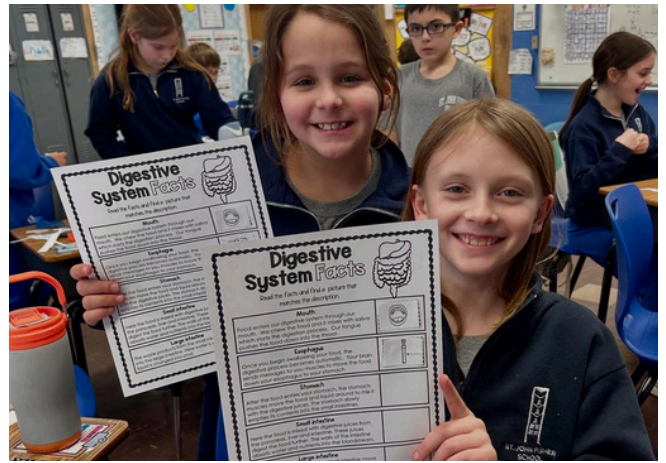
Fridabella Alvarez, 1st Grade



One of our school themes is “Fly Like a Falcon”. Falcons SOAR above, capturing an aerial view of what is going on below. We are encouraging our school community to “SOAR above” things that might bring us down, not allowing us to be our best selves and to be mindful of those around us who might need our help and support. We are on a school-wide crusade to “Fly Like a Falcon”, lifting one another up, celebrating the positive interactions, and kind behavior that our students and staff demonstrate each and every day. **This week, we recognize Fridabella Alvarez, 1st grade.**

Fridabella has been making our school a better place since three year old preschool. She is so kind and has a gentle disposition. Frida leads by example and is a friend to all. She is always ready to learn and eager to help everyone around her. Thank you Fridabella for always making good choices and being someone we can all count on. You are leading us all in the right direction and you are making a difference! Keep “Flying Like a Falcon” Frida!









**JAN 11
2025**

BYOB
TICKETS: \$30

Women's Club presents

DUELING PIANOS




ST. JOHN FISHER GYM

Doors open 6:30pm | Show 7pm

More information and tickets can be found here



<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/sjfschool/dueling-pianos>



St. John Fisher Presents

Pack The House

2025 Girls Volleyball

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH

9:00	4th grade- blue
10:00	4th grade- white
11:00	5th grade- blue
12:00	5th grade- white
1:00	6th grade- B
2:00	6th grade- A
3:00	7th grade- B
4:00	7th grade- AA
5:30	7th grade- A
6:20	8th grade- B
7:10	8th grade- A

Come out and
cheer on our
Falcons!



8TH GRADE
MOTHER-DAUGHTER
FLOWER CEREMONY FOLLOWING
THE 7:10 P.M. GAME



HORSE THIEF HOLLOW
BREWING CO.

Eat & Earn

Jan. 20-26, 2025



Mention Code

FALCONS

(Dine-in only!)

1. **Visit HTH during your scheduled Eat & Earn week**—for lunch, dinner, weekend brunch, or all three!
2. **Mention the code FALCONS** when you place your order.
3. We'll track sales brought in by your supporters during your scheduled dates & **donate 10% of the total back to your cause!**
4. **Eat & Earn is for our dine-in customers.** We can't wait to see you!





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

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 1, 2025

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/718289>



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LIVE AMATEUR BOXING AT ST. JOHN FISHER • SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

BALCONY RAFFLE \$50

- RESERVED FOR PRIVATE PARTY OF 20
- UNLIMITED DRINKS & FOOD
- EACH RAFFLE ENTRY RECEIVES 1 TICKET ADMITTANCE
- RAFFLE DRAWING AFC/NFC WEEKEND
- Venmo Ryan O'Malley \$50 using QR Code / @Ryan-OMalley-50062
- DEADLINE FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH





ST. JOHN FISHER BULLS GROUP OUTING



Are you ready to **SEE RED** at the United Center? Join St. John Fisher for a legendary group outing with the Chicago Bulls!

Share the excitement of Bulls basketball and the NBA's leading entertainment experience. Check out your special offer below!

Get your tickets now through the link below!



BULLS VS. CLIPPERS

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. CT

Giveaway: BMO Artist Series Hat

BUY TICKETS

Save the Date



ST. JOHN FISHER

St. Patrick's Day

CELEBRATION

March 8 @ SJF Gym 5:30 - 11:00

*Tickets go on
sale February
7th*

JOIN US FOR A SJF COMMUNITY EVENT INCLUDING
OPEN BAR, CORNED BEEF SANDWICHES, RAFFLES, AND
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

MUSIC



DRINKS



FOOD



DANCING

This is a 21+ Event

FOR QUESTIONS OR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE EMAIL ST.PATRICKS.DAY.SJF@GMAIL.COM

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Jen H., earns for hockey

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PLEASE FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM BY STOPPING IN OR AT SJF WEBSITE FOR GOOGLE FORMSUMMER
Selling HOURS at the Convent: WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM AND SATURDAYS 830-930 AM



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SJF Chess Club

- Monthly gatherings to play games & sharpen our skills.
- All skill levels are welcome!
- **Kane Hall following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, 1.12, 2.9, 3.9, 4.13, 5.4**
- Join us when you can.
- Feel free to bring your own chess set!
- All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult!

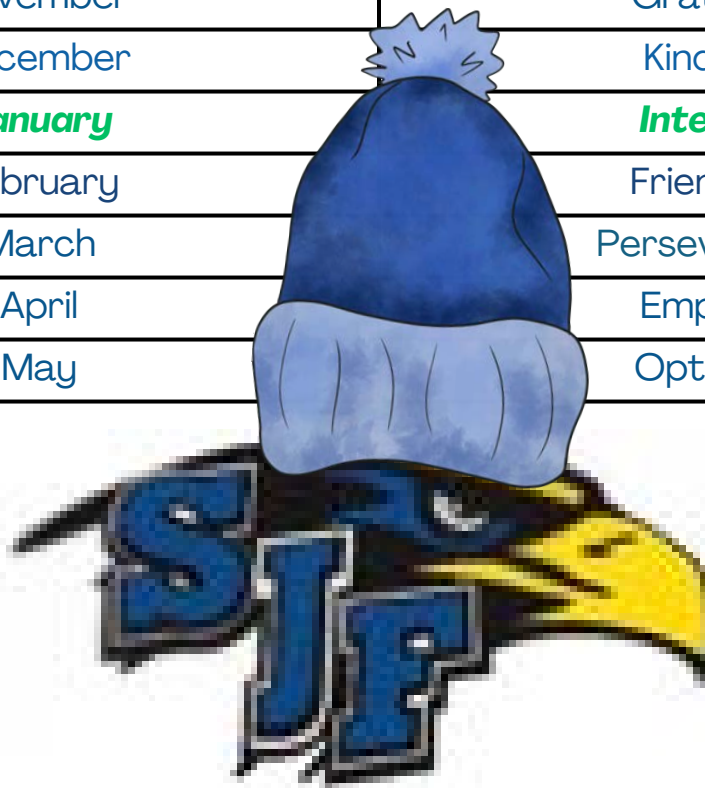


Social & Emotional Learning

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.**



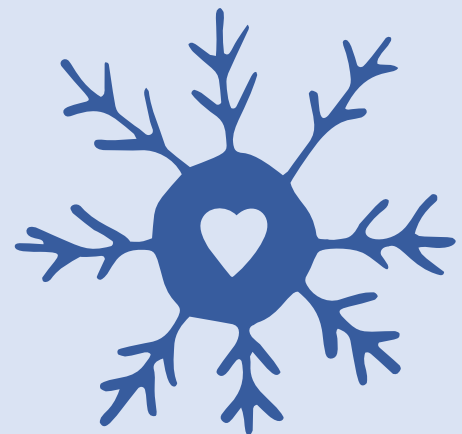
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*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

These dates are subject to change.

- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.20**
- Catholic Schools Week Mass & Open House: **1.26**, 9-10:30 a.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: **2.13** *12:00 dismissal
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **2.14**
- President’s Day – No School: **2.17**
- No School: **3.17**
- All-Staff Professional Development and Planning Day – No School: **3.31**
- All-Staff Religious Professional Development – No School: **4.16**
- Spring Break: **4.16 – 4.27** *classes resume **4.28**
- May Crowning, **5.9** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.26**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.30**, 10:45 a.m. “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **6.1** ~ 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.4** ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

You belong here.



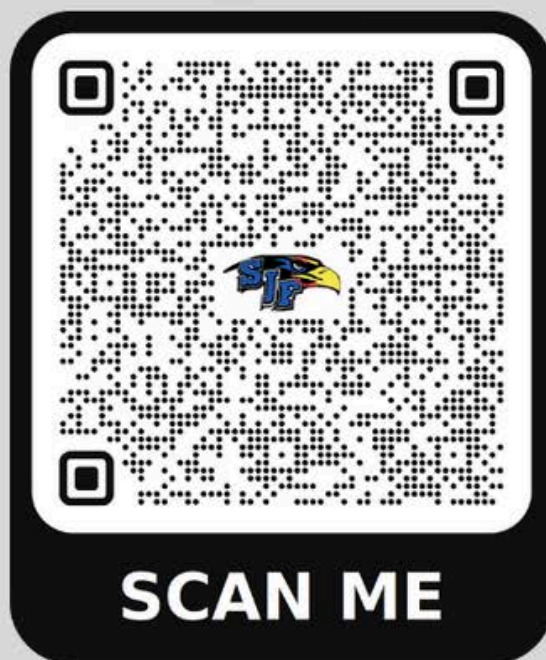
DON'T FORGET!

***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the following months for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **September 25th, October 30th, January 29th, February 26th, April 30th, May 28th.**



THE ST. JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Join our team!



*God is good,
all the time.*



*All the time,
God is good.*

2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

Friday, December 20th at 10 a.m. Christmas Prayer Service, 8th grade

Sunday, December 24th at 4 p.m. 1st & 2nd graders at Christmas Eve Mass

Sunday, January 19th at 11 a.m. Girls' Volleyball & Basketball

Sunday, January 26th at 11 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Mass

Saturday, March 8th at 11 a.m. Confirmation for 8th graders

Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 24th & 27th at 6 p.m. First Reconciliation
for 2nd graders

Wednesday, March 5th at 1 p.m. Ash Wednesday All School Mass, 8th grade

Saturday, March 15th at 4 p.m. Saint Patrick's Mass, 3rd grade

Wednesday, March 26th at 1 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7th grade

Sunday, April 6th at 11 a.m. Spring Sports

Tuesday, April 15th at 1 p.m. Holy Week All School Prayer Service 8th, grade

Wednesday, April 16th - Religious Enrichment for Faculty Professional Day

Saturday, May 3rd at 1 p.m. First Holy Communion

Friday, May 9th at 10:30 a.m. May Crowning, 8th grade

Friday, May 23rd at 8:15 a.m. Ribbon Mass 8th grade

Sunday, June 1st at 1 p.m. Graduation Mass 8th grade

Thursday, June 4th at 9:15 a.m. Last Day of School Mass 7th grade

**Dates are subject to change*



2024-2025 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

CONTACT US



- 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



2024-2025 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...

CONTACT US

- 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

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