



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

JANUARY 17, 2025

Dear SJF Families,

Our SECOND Falcon Fun Run Fundraiser in partnership with Booster kicks off this upcoming Wednesday, January 22nd! If you haven't yet, you can now register on MYBOOSTER.COM! During the fundraiser, you can gather donations by using sharing functions like email templates and a Student Star Video. Students will be raising funds for every minute during the Fun Run on January 31st which is our culminating Catholic Schools Week school spirit activity! Students can earn rewards individually and as a class. Our Falcons will also watch videos learning important lessons about focus, self-awareness, respect, trustworthiness, creativity and being a life-learner each day of the fundraiser. Log into MYBOOSTER.COM today to get started! *Students registered by 1.22 can wear their PJ's to school on that day!* Every dollar raised will go directly back to SJF to help maintain our competitive tuition rates for next year.

Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support and look forward to having fun and building community together! We can't wait to welcome and visit with you at next week's Open House. 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



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

iReady Update

- This week students in kindergarten through 2nd grade began to take their 2nd iReady Diagnostic. Students in 3rd - 8th grade will begin their assessment on January 22nd. **Our Falcons have been giving their all 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. **REMINDER: Candy is no longer allowed during the diagnostic!** 
- 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.
- Be confident and just do your best! You've got this!

Stay
focused

Catholic Schools Week Reminders

- **Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House is Sunday, January 26th. Open House: 9:00 - 10:45 a.m., Family Mass: 11 a.m.** This is such a wonderful opportunity to celebrate St. John Fisher and Catholic education. We love having you in the building and look forward to spending the morning with you!
- Now more than ever is the best time to join our Falcon Family! **Open enrollment begins Sunday, January 26th!** 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 and/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.

Together let's build a school we love.

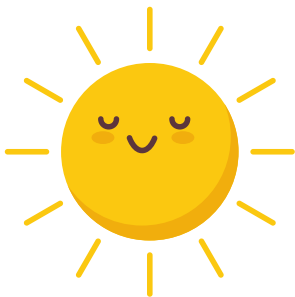


Important Announcements

- **Principal Search and Transition Committee:** Thank you for taking the time to share your perspective through the parent input survey. The committee is meeting next week. Thus far there are 3 applicants and the committee plans to set up interviews over the next 2 weeks. We will continue to update you on their progress.
- **HORSE THIEF HOLLOW EAT 'N EARN is next week!** See flyer below for details!
- **Bulls tickets** for the SJF outing are still available. See the flyer below and visit this link to get yours today!
- **SJF's St. Pat's Party is back and will be March 8th! Save the Date and see the flyer below for more details about the party and appare!**
- **Schedule Changes:** Don't forget that this **Monday, January 20th**, there is no school in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and **Wednesday, January 29th is a 1:30 p.m. dismissal** for Faculty & Staff Development.
- The **February Lunch Menu** is open and available for ordering.
- **Country House** is offering a **la carte lunch purchasing** - see flyer below!
- **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.




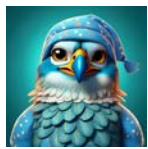

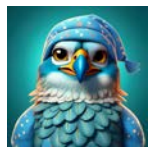


Athletic Update

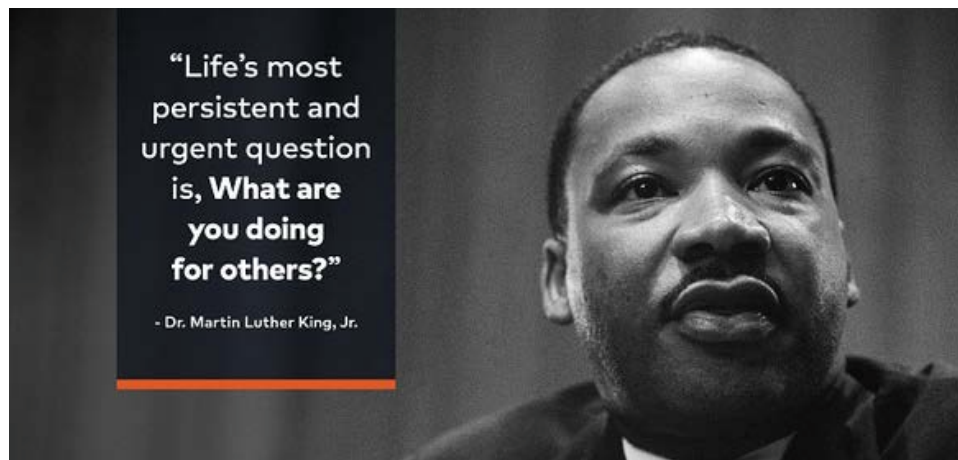
- Tomorrow is our **Girls Volleyball Pack the House** celebrating our fearless 8th Grade Falcons: Saturday, January 18th! See the flyer below for game times.
- We love having students at the gym to cheer on their fellow Falcons! ***Please take a minute to have a conversation with your child(ren) about respecting the gym, adults, and each other.*** The stage area and bathrooms are always a mess after games. Please help the gym, athletic coordinators and our maintenance staff by ensuring our kids are throwing out their garbage and not leaving a mess. Thank you for your help!



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!

Looking Ahead

<p>Saturday, January 18th</p>	<p>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. Girls Volleyball Pack the House~See flyer below!</p>
<p>Weekend Mass</p>	<p>Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <i>All are welcome!</i> 11 a.m. Mass is hosted by our Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball Teams!</p>
<p>Monday, January 20th</p>	<p>Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Day NO SCHOOL!</p> 
<p>Tuesday, January 21st</p>	<p> Happy Tuesday, Falcons! Welcome Back!</p>
<p> Wednesday, January 22nd</p>	<p>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:00-9:00 a.m. iReady Testing begins for 3rd - 8th grade students FUN RUN KICK-OFF! *All Students Registered for the Fun Run <i>by Today</i> can wear their PJ's to school today!</p>   
<p>Thursday, January 23rd</p>	<p>Future Falcon Playdate in the gym, 10:15 - 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Friday, January 24th</p>	<p>Happy Falcon Fri-yay! Wear your favorite Falcon swag w/ your uniform bottoms!</p>  





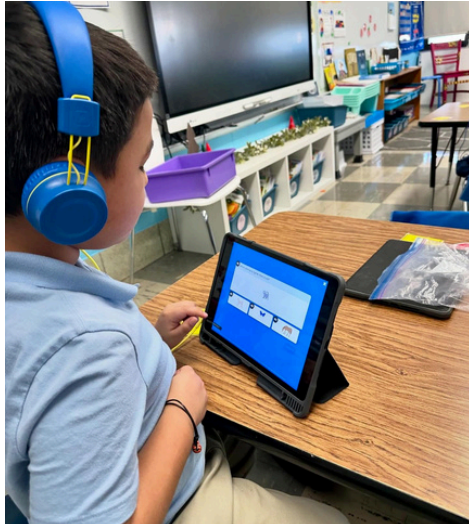
FALCONS OF THE WEEK

Nora Larmon & Katherine Burg, 3rd 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 3rd graders Nora Larmon & Katherine Burg.**

Last week, we noticed that students were writing and drawing on the girls' bathroom stalls in the 3rd and 4th grade hallway. We engaged in a meaningful conversation with the 3rd and 4th graders about the importance of caring for our school, which serves as their second home, and treating it with respect. We talked about the significance of leaving things better than we found them, making wise choices, and using paper for writing! Nora and Katherine truly embraced our message and took action! They chose to forfeit their recess the next day to clean the stall doors. Nora and Katherine, we appreciate your leadership and your commitment to making our school the best it can be! You are making a positive impact, and we are incredibly proud of you and thankful to have you as Falcons! Keep “Flying Like Falcons,” Nora and Katherine!





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



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

JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

Family Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 @ 11 A.M.

HOSTED BY OUR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL AND

BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAMS

You belong here. 



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Eat & Earn

Jan. 20-26, 2025



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(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!





Thank you for tremendous support from parishioners, parents, alumni and friends to The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation's 4th Annual Season of Giving Fundraiser. Together, we raised about \$53,000. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser covered teacher Christmas bonuses and an investment in the operating endowment fund. Teacher retention and attraction is a top goal of SJF School. On behalf of the 20+ board of directors of FFEF, thank you for helping us to invest in the people, programs & facilities that enhance the educational experience for our students and faculty. Please reach out to info@FalconEducationFoundation.org if you would like to get involved with our efforts to give back to the cornerstone of our community, St. John Fisher. Together, we have created a school that we love!



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The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that protects and promotes the mission and resources of St. John Fisher School in Chicago, Illinois by raising funds for investment in people, programs, and facilities that enhance the educational experience and opportunities for its students and faculty, therefore enriching the quality of life for its greater community.

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MLK Jr. Day of Service Children's Book Drive



January 21-24

Please join Play Smart Literacy in collecting new and gently used children's books to be distributed in the communities we serve.



[Play Smart Literacy.org](http://PlaySmartLiteracy.org)





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SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 1, 2025

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

BALCONY RAFFLE \$50

- RESERVED FOR PRIVATE PARTY OF 20
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- 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

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30TH



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7TH

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL ST.PATRICKS.DAY.SJF@GMAIL.COM

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!

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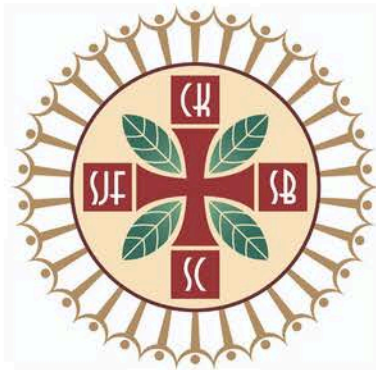
FOOD



DANCING

This is a 21+ Event

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



YOU'RE INVITED

SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

4:00 p.m. Celebration Mass

St. Cajetan | 2445 W. 112th Street

Let's celebrate our Southside Parish Renewal (SPR) Parishes together!
Come for Mass and stay for fellowship and light refreshments afterwards.

RECONNECT WITH FRIENDS IN FAITH ~ MEET NEW FRIENDS
LEARN ABOUT FUTURE SPR OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS!

{ This will be the only Saturday Mass celebrated for Christ the King, St. Barnabas, St. Cajetan and St. John Fisher on the afternoon of February 15. We will use the Sunday readings and it will fulfill your Mass obligation. All four parishes will resume regular Mass schedules on Sunday, February 16. Your weekly envelope and online donations will go to your respective parish. Any cash contributions at Mass will be distributed to St. Cajetan to help defray the costs of hosting. }

ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SAINT JOHN FISHER KANE HALL

10200 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago

Tickets: \$5 per person / \$25 per family

All proceeds will benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Get Behind the Vest Campaign.

For more information, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com or (773) 238-8766.



**I PROTECT THOSE
WHO PROTECT ME.**



When Chicago Police Officers are hired, they receive a new bulletproof vest. However, a vest isn't bulletproof forever.

It wears out. It breaks down. It needs to be replaced every 5 years. Just one bullet permanently damages a vest, making it unusable. Chicago Police Officers are responsible for replacing their own vests. At \$500 or more per vest, in addition to other equipment and uniform expenses, the costs can quickly add up. That's why we need your help.

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has paid out more than \$5.8 million dollars to purchase over 13,500 replacement vests for Chicago Police Officers with 991 vests supplied in 2024. The initiative is ongoing, and the foundation expects to provide at least 1,000 vests in 2025.

This event has raised over \$500,000 to date.

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Dear St. John Fisher families,

We would like to take this time to thank you for your continued support of the St. John Fisher hot lunch program and the trust you have given us in feeding your children!

We are proud to announce we are launching a program for a la carte lunch items. St. John Fisher and its students will be one of the first to utilize this unique option at a grade school. Your children will have the opportunity to purchase extra hot/cold lunch items, drinks, snacks, and desserts. We will use the current pre-ordering system, myschoolaccount.com, for our POS system. Therefore, there will be no need to register or fund another account for your child. However, items may only be purchased if sufficient funds exist in the student's account.

Purchasing items will be hassle-free and easy for the students. Once they have made a selection, our staff will locate their account on the myschoolaccount.com app using our tablet and apply the funds to the purchase. This is an exclusive opportunity, especially for the junior high students.

We are always determined to improve our service and experience for the students. We value your suggestions and we are always available and happy to work with you. As always, please feel free to call or email. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Jim Terri

Gilhooley's/Country House Grade School Lunch Program

773-233-2200

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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, 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!

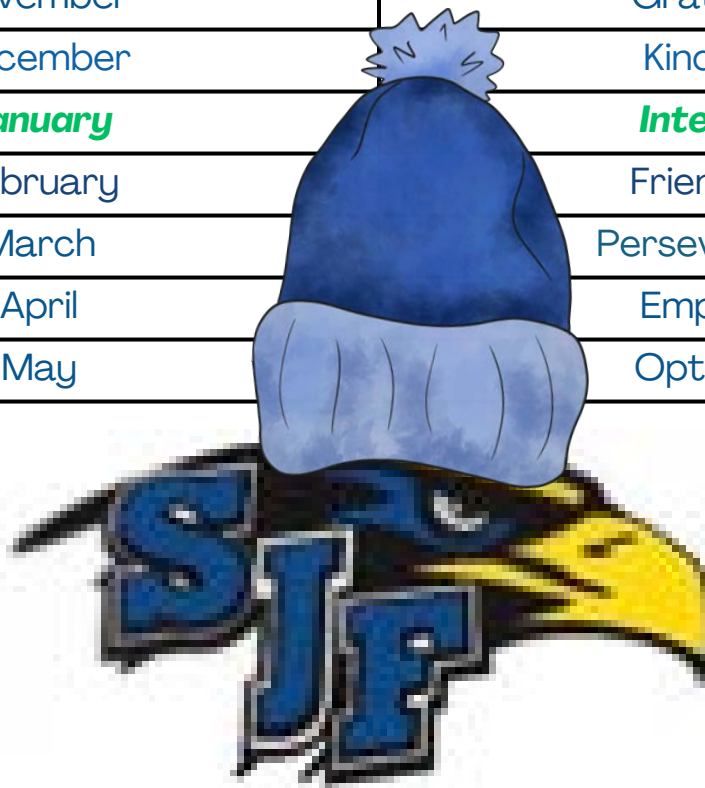


Social & Emotional Learning

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.**



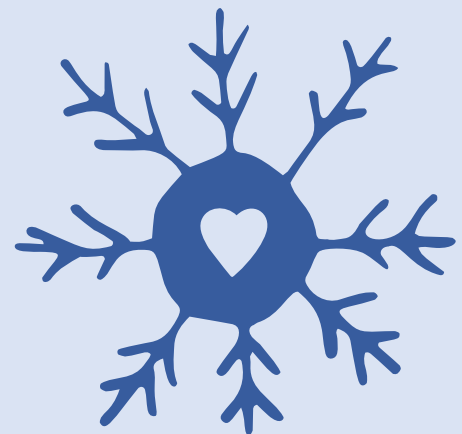
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*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

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.**

*God is good,
all the time.*



*All the time,
God is good.*

2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

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

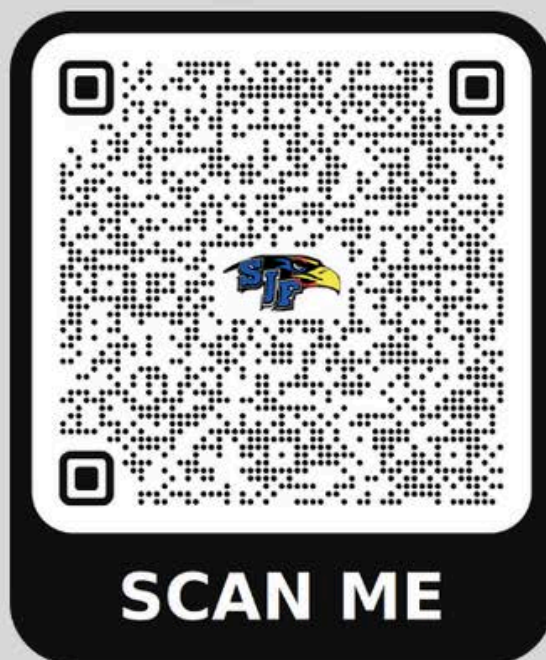
Thursday, June 4th at 9:15 a.m. Last Day of School Mass 7th grade

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

Join our team!





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

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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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- 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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