### **ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL**

JANUARY 24, 2025

### Dear SJF Families,

You can literally feel positive energy and excitement in this building thanks to the upcoming Fun Run and Catholic Schools Week! We cannot wait to have you all in the building on Sunday so you can experience it too! We are excited for you to tour your child(ren)'s classrooms and catch up with friends, faculty and staff! If you need directions or guidance, feel free to ask any one of our student leaders in uniform on Sunday. Dr. Chermak has also planned a beautiful Mass to add to our Catholic Schools Week Celebration! We can't wait to welcome each of you on Sunday!

NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We have already raised \$36,979! Our goal this year is to raise \$65,000 to keep our tuition competitive. We are grateful for your partnership and support and look forward to having fun and building community together! We can't wait to welcome and visit with you Sunday. Thank you for choosing St. John Fisher School and for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. You belong here.

Let's Go

**Falcons!** 

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

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

### iReady Update

• Our Falcons have been giving their all this school year. We can't wait to see their growth! Due to absences, we still have a number of students completing their iReady Assessments next week. Our assessment scores look great so far! The faculty is going to begin their data analysis once all of the assessments are completed. We will be sharing more iReady information and reports in February and will be inviting you in to have a data chat with us during our next round of Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 13th. Be on the lookout for the sign-up link next week!

### **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!
- Please see the flyer below showcasing our **Ronald McDonald All-School Service Project, all of our fun activities and dress down** themes next week in celebration of Catholic education!

### **Important Announcements**

- **Principal Search and Transition Committee**: We have been fortunate enough to have 8 candidates apply for this position! Interviews will begin this upcoming week. Stay tuned for more information!
- Schedule Change: Don't forget that this Wednesday, January 29th is a 1:30 p.m. dismissal for Faculty & Staff Development.
- Graduation Pictures are on the horizon; save the date 8th Graders: 2.4!
- **Extended Day:** <u>Don't forget to sign up your Falcon(s) here</u>. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.



## ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH 9:00 A.M.-10:45 A.M.

<u>3 YEAR OLD & 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL</u> 3-DAY HALF OR FULL DAY 5-DAY HALF OR FULL DAY

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS JANUARY 26TH.** 

FOLLOW QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION FORM



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Catholic Schools Weekt

Together we built a school we love.

### MONDAY

Roll Out Of Bed Day! Parent/Guardian Appreciation Collection for the Ronald McDonald House begins today!

### TUESDAY

Jersey Day! Faculty & Staff Appreciation Mother McAuley A Cappella Show!



### THURSDAY

Red, White & Blue Dress Down Day! Celebrate our Nation Students will make cards for soldiers

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FALCONS!

### WEDNESDAY

Future You Dress Down Day! **Teacher Swap** 

All School Rosary

8th Grade vs. Teacher Volleyball Game

FRIDAY SJF Spirit Wear! Falcon Fun Run, BINGO, Movie Day

& Ice Cream Social!









#### **ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL**

#### JANUARY 24, 2025

Looking Ahead		
Saturday, January 25th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.	
Weekend Mass	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. All are welcome! 11 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Mass *OPEN HOUSE 9-10:45 a.m.	
Monday, January 27th	-Happy Monday Falcons!	
Tuesday, January 28th	It sure is a great day to be a Falcon!	
Wednesday, January 29th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 6:00-7:00 p.m. 1:30 DISMISSAL!!!!	
Thursday, January 30th	Future Falcon Playdate in the gym, 10:15 - 11 a.m.	
Friday, January 31st	FALCON FUN RUN!	

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.



Do you ever wonder what our morning Zoom announcements are like? Now you can see them for yourself! <u>Visit this link</u> to see recordings of our latest and greatest morning moments. ENJDY!

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## FISHER BOYS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

**JANUARY 24TH-FEBRUARY2ND** 

Open to all boys Grades 4-8 The season is only 6 weeks and runs from March 17th-May 5th \*VISIT THIS LINK TO REGISTER NOW!



Any questions please contact: Maureen O'Hara mkroche2@cps.edu



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 <u>info@FalconEducationFoundation.org</u> 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!



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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### **FEBRUARY ETC**

The St. John Fisher Enrichment and Tutorial Center (ETC) is an after-school program designed to offer students a wide variety of classes not normally covered in the regular curriculum. Classes are a fun way for friends to explore areas of interest. The February session runs from February 3rd - February 27th. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; \$50 per family per class. Please scan the QR code to sign up for classes and to pay.

#### Monday Class: February 3rd, 10th & 24th 3:00-4:00

**OPEN GYM & YOGA**: After a quick snack, students can explore a variety of equipment and engage in free play. Let your child be creative and learn new skills all while having fun with their friends! We'll settle down with 5 minutes of yoga to end this February ETC! Students will be dismissed at the main office.

Mrs. Sefcik PreK- 3rd

#### Tuesday Class: February 4th, 11th & 18th 3:00-4:00

**DIRECTED DRAWING-** Join us for a Valentine's themed directed drawing class. We will learn how to draw a love monster and a love bug. On the date after Valentine's Day we will learn to draw one of the children's new favorite book/movie characters, ROZ from The Wild Robot! **Class dismissed from preschool bridge doors.** 

Mrs. Garza PreK- 2nd

Room 107

Gym

#### Saturday Class: February 22nd 9:00AM -12:00AM

**ARCTIC BLAST:** Keep the kids busy in the cold with a fun arctic theme ETC. We will discuss and read about arctic animals and make arctic themed crafts. We will also dance and play some wintery fun songs and games!



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





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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** 





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



## YOU'RE INVITED SPUTHSIDE 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 terri@sxu.edu



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ST. JOHN FISHER

### 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!



At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. <u>Each month</u> of the school year will have an allschool 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:

September	Responsibility	
October	Respect	
November	Gratitude	
December	N 53 Kindness	
January	Integrity	
February	Friendship	
March	Perseverance	
April	Empathy	
May	Optimism	

#### Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.

### Be Respectful, Responsible & Safe. Be a Falcon.

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*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.* \*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

These dates are subject to change.

- Catholic Schools Week Mass & Open House: 1.26, 9-10:30 a.m.
- Graduation Pictures: 2.4
- 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

belong here.

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\*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.



2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

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

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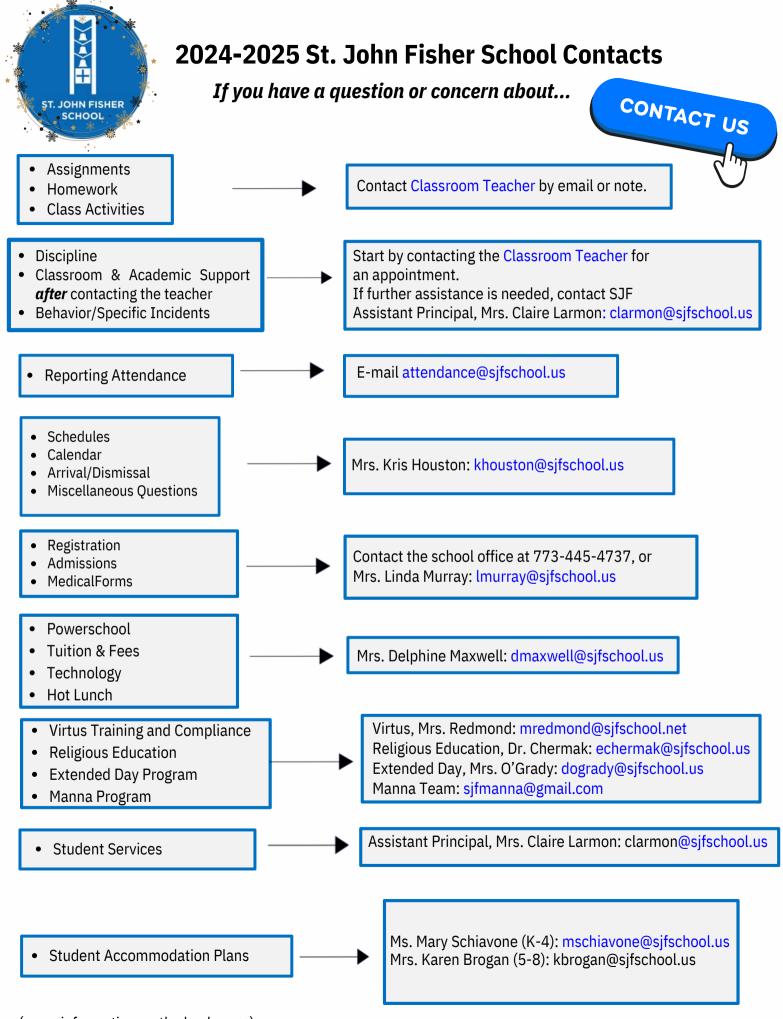


## THE ST. JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR









(more information on the back page)

