



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

JANUARY 31, 2025

Dear SJF Families,

We are overwhelmed by the success and support for our Falcon Fun Run Fundraiser in partnership with BOOSTER! The donation window closes on February 7th and we hit \$60K today, just \$5K shy of our goal! 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 on Thursday; thank you for your flexibility with our heating issue! 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

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

iReady Update

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- **iReady makeups are just about over.** You will receive your child's report next Friday. Please feel free to bring any questions you have to our next round of **Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 13th from 1-4 p.m.** Visit this link to sign-up for your conference today!

Catholic Schools Week Reminders

- **Catholic Schools Week Mass is RESCHEDULED for THIS SUNDAY, February 2nd @ 11 a.m.** This is such a wonderful opportunity to celebrate St. John Fisher and Catholic education and pray together as one big Falcon Family!
- Now more than ever is the best time to join our Falcon Family! **Open enrollment began Sunday, January 26th!** Please invite your neighbors, family and friends to apply!
- Thank you for your support of our **Ronald McDonald House All-School Service Project** as well as all of our projects and activities throughout the week. **A special SHOUT-OUT to the parents and grandparents who helped scoop and serve ice-cream today;** we couldn't have done it without you!







Important Announcements

- **Principal Search and Transition Committee:** We have been fortunate enough to have 8 candidates apply for this position! Interviews began this past week. Stay tuned for more information!
- **Graduation Pictures** are this Tuesday!
- **LAST CALL! Boys Volleyball Registration is open.** See the flyer below and visit the link to register your son today!
- **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.
- **St. Pat's Spirit-wear** is on-sale NOW! Any Falcon who purchases a **NEW** St. Pat's t-shirt or sweatshirt can wear it with their uniform bottoms on ***MONDAYS during the month of March!*** **The store closes on February 6th; visit this link to purchase yours today!**

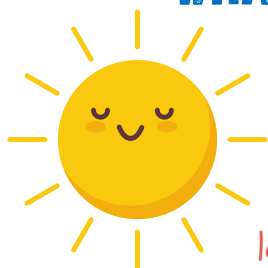


Looking Ahead

Saturday, February 1st	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. Fight Night in the Gym ~ see the flyer below!
Weekend Mass	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <i>All are welcome!</i> 11 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Mass
Monday, February 3rd	 Happy Monday Falcons!  ETC 3-4 p.m. Open Gym & Yoga w/ Mrs. Sefcik
Tuesday, February 4th	ETC 3-4 p.m. Directed Drawing w/ Mrs. Garza HW Club 3-3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy  Say CHEESE 8th Grade ~ Graduation Pictures are today!
Wednesday, February 5th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 6:00-7:00 p.m. HW Club 3-3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy
Thursday, February 6th	Future Falcon Playdate in the gym, 10:15 - 11 a.m.
Friday, February 7th	Happy Falcon Fri-YAY!  Wear your favorite uniform spirit-wear with your uniform bottoms!

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPECIAL GUESTS WHO JOINED US FOR
ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK!**

WHAT A WAY TO START OUR MORNING!



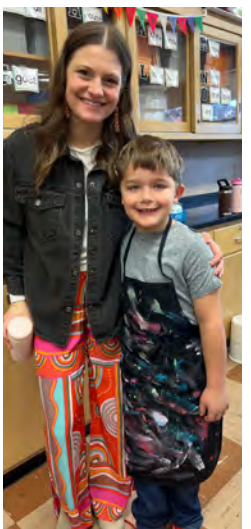
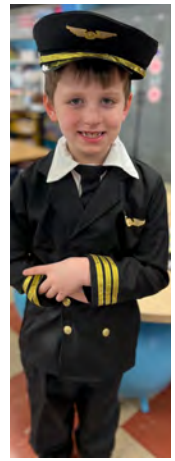
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Zoom announcements are like?
Now you can see them for yourself!
Visit this link to see recordings of our
latest and greatest morning moments. ENJOY!



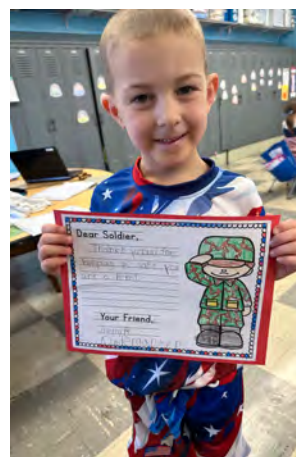
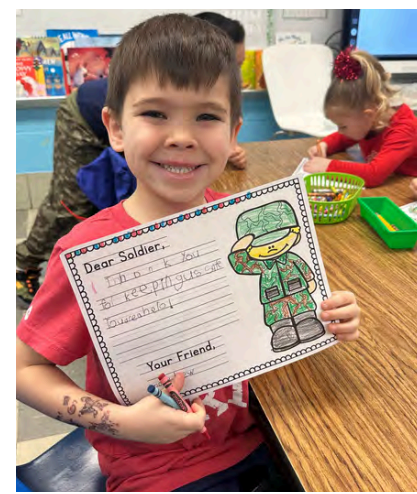
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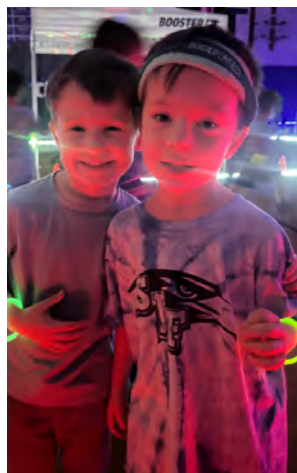
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FALCON FUN RUN!





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

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ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

Family Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND @ 11 A.M.
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS

You belong here. 

**LAST CALL
FOR BOYS
VOLLEYBALL
SIGN-UPS!**

**FISHER
BOYS**

**VOLLEYBALL
REGISTRATION**

JANUARY 24TH-FEBRUARY 2ND

**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



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St. Patrick's Day

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Shipping and Pick-up options available
Pick-up: Friday, February 28 in Kane Hall from 4-6

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



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!



SEASON OF GIVING

ST. JOHN FISHER

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.

www.FalconEducationFoundation.org

10200 South Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60655

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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

Gym

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

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!

Mrs. Garza

PreK- 2nd

Room 107



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



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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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!

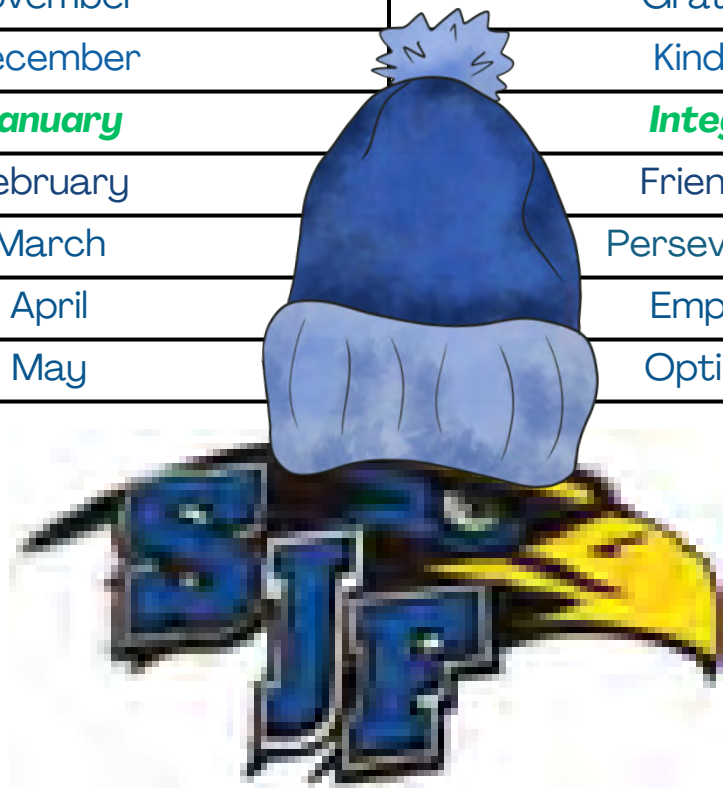


Social & Emotional Learning

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.**



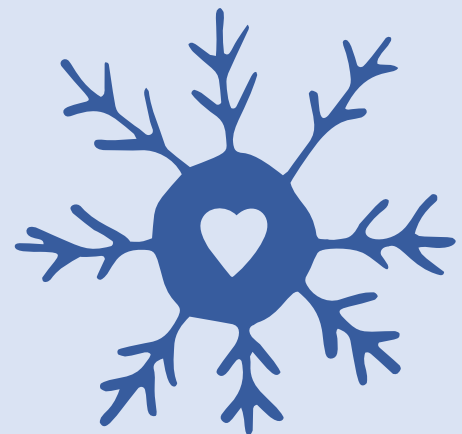
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*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

These dates are subject to change.

- 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

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.*



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2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

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

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

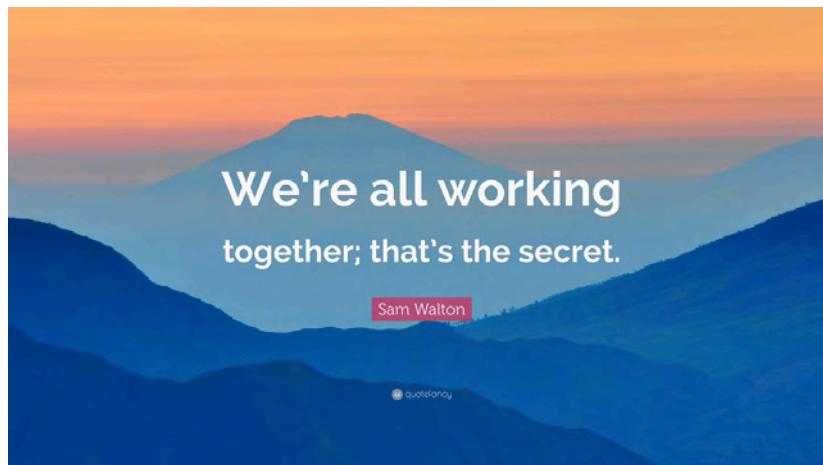
Mrs. Megan Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us

- 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

Mr. Bill Gula: mr.gula@aol.com
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Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
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Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
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We're all working
together; that's the secret.

Sam Walton

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