



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.


ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 18, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

Our 7th grade Falcons hosted a beautiful All-School Mass today. Thank you to our 7th graders for their energetic participation and Dr. Chermak, Mrs. Ade, Ms. Walsh, Ms. Higgins and Mrs. Scannell for leading them so well.

Time is flying by! It is hard to believe we are in the middle of October! Our Falcons have found their groove and we are so proud of how hard they work and how much they learn each day.

Now more than ever, it is a great time to be a Falcon! The future of our school and community is bright! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. **You Belong Here.** 

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash

FAMILY FALL BUCKET LIST

sip apple cider	jump in a pile of leaves	take a family hike
carve a jack o'lantern	get lost in a corn maze	cook a pot of chilli
bake a pie	share spooky stories around a bonfire	decorate the porch
Halloween movies with popcorn	count your blessings	toast pumpkin seeds






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

Important Announcements

- **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.
- Best of luck to our Falcons this weekend as our Girls Basketball and Football Teams head into the playoffs this week. **LET'S GO FALCONS!**

Looking Ahead

Saturday, October 19th	<i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</i>
Weekend Mass <i>PACK THE PEWS!</i> <i>Chess Club in Kane Hall after</i> <i>11 a.m. Mass</i>	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. 11 a.m. is our 7th grade Mass <i>All are welcome!</i> *Falcons will receive an out-of-uniform pass for Mass attendance to be used on Mondays
Monday, October 21st	HAPPY MONDAY! WE LOVE YOU FALCONS! 
Tuesday, October 22nd	6th Grade Field Trip
Wednesday, October 23rd	<i>SJF \$1 PINK-OUT DRESS DOWN DAY</i> <i>Breast Cancer Awareness</i> <i>Falcons Fight Together!</i> <i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.</i>
Thursday, October 24th <i>HSPT Class 3-4:15 p.m.</i>	NEW DAY AND TIME! Future Falcon Playdate in the gym 10:15-11 a.m. 
Friday, October 25th	Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your SJF Spirit-wear with your uniform bottoms! FSA's Trunk or Treat in the Church Parking Lot from 5-7p.m. *See flyer below for details. 



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

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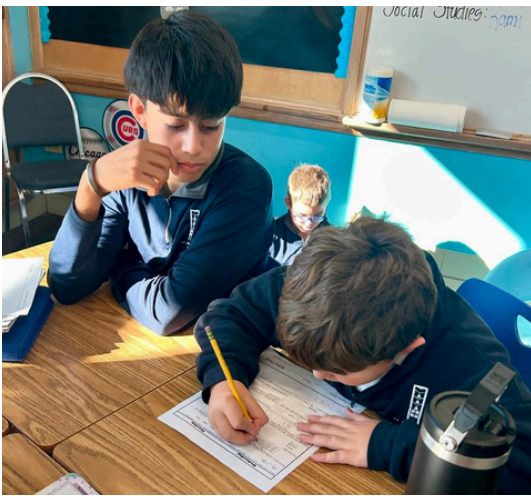
FALCONS

fight together



PINK DRESS DOWN FOR
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
\$1 DONATION







St. John Fisher's



HSPT CLASS



Open Registration (8th Grade only)

Prepare for the High School Placement Test!

CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT SJF ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Register here by 10/15:



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Subject Areas that will be covered:

- Verbal
- Quantitative
- Math
- Reading
- English

Snacks Provided

CLASSES MEET FROM 3:00-4:15.

TAUGHT BY MS. DUNLAVY AND MRS. CONDON WHO

HAVE A COMBINED 40+ YEARS OF TEST PREP EXPERIENCE

To register, please fill out the Google Form linked to the QR Code above! Payment information can be found on the form and will also be sent via email once we have received your registration.

Cost: \$200

Questions can be directed to kcondon@sjfschool.us or cdunlavy@sjfschool.us





St. John Fisher Proudly Hosts Future Falcons Playgroup

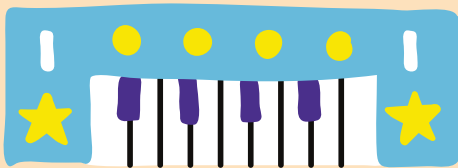
We changed the day and time to better accommodate our caretakers' and parents' schedules!

Each Thursday of the month beginning from 10:15-11 a.m.

Experience the Falcon way through play at our weekly playgroup sessions filled with activities, music and community building.

Where & When?

St John Fisher Gym
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave.
Tuesdays of every month beginning
October 8th from 11-12.
\$5 per child/\$15 per family max



Why Play?

At SJF, we value intellectual, academic, social & emotional growth. Through play, children are able to develop these skills while building relationships within their community.



Who & What?

All children 0-3 and caregivers are welcome! Enjoy a range of fun activities and getting to know your fellow future Falcon friends!





TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 25th
5-7pm

SJF Parking Lot
Bring A Bag of Candy
(as your Admission to the
Event)

TO SIGN UP YOUR TRUNK: TEXT
ANNIE GUINANE (708) 715-7420
& OLIVIA KONRATH (312) 972-8874

SEE YOU THERE!

2024 Pumpkin Decorating Contest!



Bring all pumpkins to Kane
Hall on October 29
(7 - 7:45 am)

All SJF
families are
invited to
participate!

Prizes for the
best
pumpkins!!

Pick up pumpkins after
school on October 30th

Sponsored by SOAR

Direct all questions to
cscannell@sjfschool.us
cdunlavy@sjfschool.us
kcondon@sjfschool.us



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

JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

7th Grade Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH @ 11 A.M.

You belong here. 

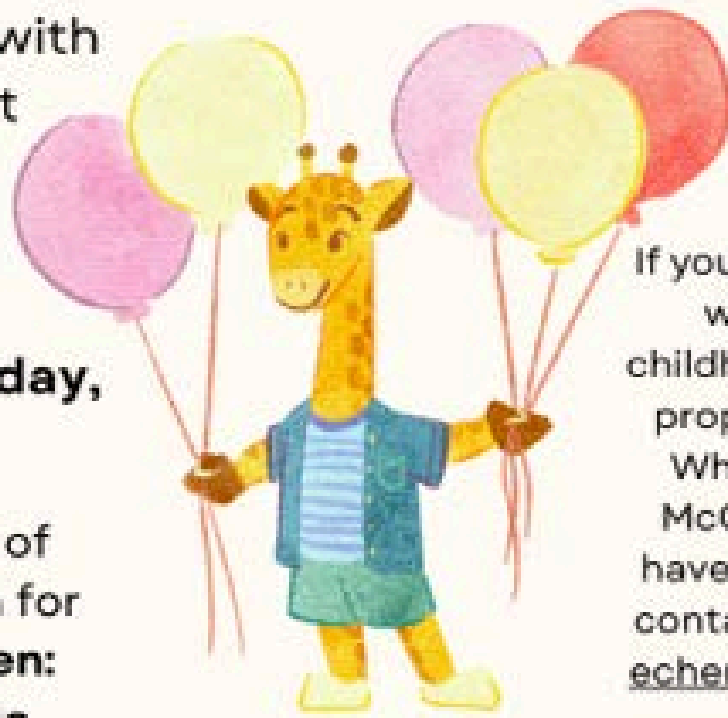
Welcome to SJF's Children's

Liturgy
OF THE WORD

SJF Parish Families with
children in Pre-K-1st
grade

**Please come to
11am Mass this Sunday,
October 20th.**

We will offer Liturgy of
the Word for Children for
**our youngest children:
PreK, K and 1st grade,**
during Mass.
No registration
necessary.
All are welcome!



If you would like to help
with a new early
childhood faith initiative
proposed by Michelle
White and Maureen
McCormick, or if you
have questions, please
contact Elena Chermak
echermak@sjfschool.us

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per year

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For step-by-step instructions, visit [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](#).

ENROLLMENT CODE FOR SJF = DB2L51471958 (PLEASE DO NOT PASS ALONG)
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

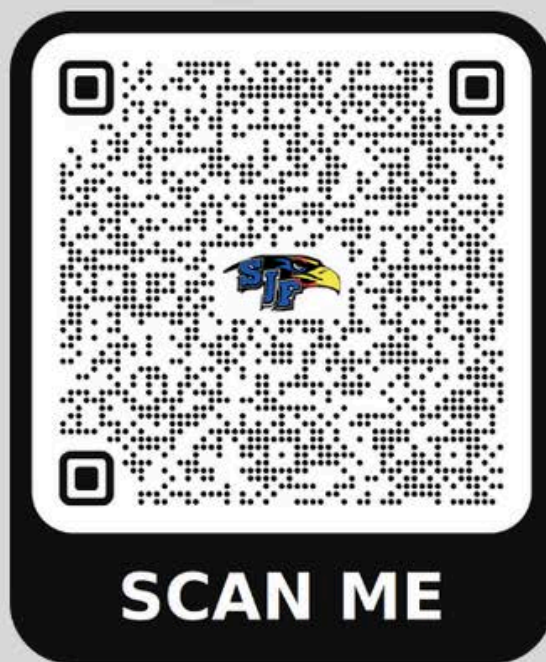


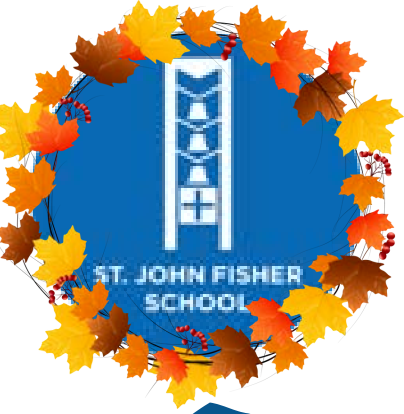
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THE ST. JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Join our team!





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, 9.8, 10.20, 11.10, 12.8, 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!

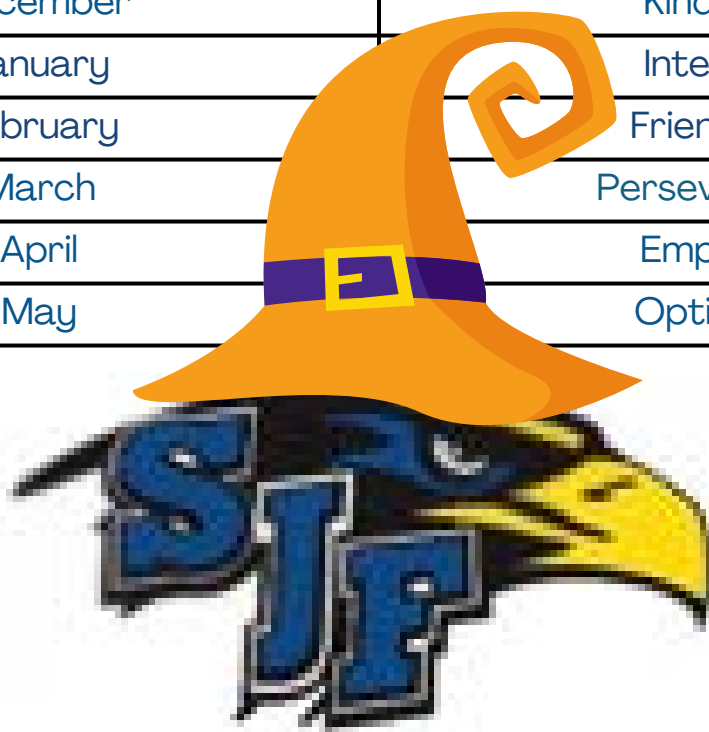


Social & Emotional Learning

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.

- Picture Day Re-take: **11.19**
- **11.26** ~ 11:30 dismissal
- Thanksgiving Break: **11.27 – 11.29** *classes resume **12.2**
- **12.20** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.20 – 1.5** *classes resume **1.6**
- Martin Luther King Day – No School: **1.20**
- Catholic Schools Week Mass & Open House: **1.26**
- 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**
- 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

Friday, October 18th at 1 p.m. All School Mass, 7th grade

Sunday, October 20th at 11 a.m. 7th grade

Friday, November 1st at 1 p.m. All Saints' Day All School Mass, 6th grade

Sunday, November 3rd at 11 a.m. Confirmation Enrollment Mass

Monday, November 11th at 10 a.m. Veterans Day program, SOAR

Sunday, November 17th at 11 a.m. 1st grade

Sunday, November 24th at 11 a.m. Leadership Mass (NJHS & SOAR)

Tuesday, November 26th at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Prayer service, 5th grade

Thursday, November 28th at 9 a.m. Parish Mass, 5th grade

Sunday, December 8th at 11 a.m. Preschool & Kindergarten

Monday, December 9th at 1 p.m. Immaculate Conception All School Mass, 4th grade

Sunday, December 15th at 11 a.m. 4th grade

Thursday, December 19th at 1 p.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 & 25th 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

(more information on the back page)



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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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