



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH


*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 25, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

We have so many amazing things going on in our wonderful community! See all of the events on the horizon in celebration of Halloween and in support of our Veterans below. Tonight is our Trunk or Treat in the Church Parking Lot. Thank you to the FSA for hosting this spooktacular event for our Falcons! Our ETC program is back! See the flyer below to sign up for a fun class in November.

Our Falcons continue to impress us every day with how hard they work and how much they learn. The end of the first trimester is right around the corner (November 13); keep it up, Falcons. You've got this! 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*

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



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

## Important Announcements

- **Extended Day:** Don't forget to sign up your Falcon(s) here. **We will close at 4 p.m. on Halloween!** If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- Best of luck to our Falcons this weekend as our golfers continue to compete and our Girls Basketball and Football Teams continue into the playoffs this week. **LET'S GO FALCONS!**







## Holy Name Society

- **The Garage Bars of Beverly event is fast approaching.** This year's MEN'S event is on Saturday, November 2nd. We will be hopping our way through West Beverly doing a tour of garage bars. Food and drinks will be supplied along the route, and the cost of the event is \$25 pre-pay via Cash/Venmo to @Patrick-Oconnor-415. Get your payments in by October 27th! The day of the event the cost will be \$30. You can also email Pat @ noodlesoc@hotmail.com.
  - This year's locations:
    - Namors - 5:00pm-6:15pm (10614 S Campbell Ave)
    - Hayes - 6:15pm-7:30pm (10435 s Maplewood)
    - Casey - 7:30pm- 8:45pm (2708 w 107th st)
    - McGinnis - 8:45pm-10:00pm (2621 w 103rd place)
    - O'Connor - 10pm (10432 s Campbell)

## Pro Labore Dei

- **November FIXINS FOR A THANKSGIVING DINNER collection is back!** If you are able to donate, we are in need of the following ingredients:
  - 2 cans each of corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and gravy
  - 2 bags of stuffing
  - 1 large box of instant mashed potatoes
  - 1 nonperishable dessert
- **Thank you for your generosity!** Questions? Reach out to Pat Hayes, patriciadhayes@yahoo.com.

## Looking Ahead

Saturday, October 26th	<b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</b>
 <b>Weekend Mass</b> <b>PACK THE PEWS!</b>	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 <b>to be used on Mondays</b>
Monday, October 28th	<b>HAPPY MONDAY!</b> <b>WE LOVE YOU FALCONS!</b>
Tuesday, October 29th	<b>HSPT Class 3-4:15 p.m.</b> <b>Pumpkin Decorating Contest - Bring Your Pumpkin to Kane Hall before school!</b> 
Wednesday, October 30th 	<b>Progress Check 2</b> <b>1:30 Dismissal for Faculty &amp; Staff Meetings</b> <b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.</b> 
 Thursday, October 31st	<b>NEW DAY AND TIME!</b> <b>Future Falcons Playdate in the gym 10:15-11 a.m.</b> <b>Happy Halloween! Falcons can dress in costume or wear black and orange. Refer to your teacher's Classtag for treat guidelines.</b> 
Friday, November 2nd	<b>Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your SJF Spirit-wear with your uniform bottoms!</b> 1 p.m. All School Mass All Saint's Day Mass hosted by our 6th graders <i>All are welcome!</i>



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

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



# FALCON OF THE WEEK

Seamus Lacy, 8th 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 8th grade student, Seamus Lacy.**

Seamus Lacy is a natural born leader with a phenomenal work ethic. He gives 100% effort into everything he does both in and out of school. We are incredibly proud of how hard Seamus works in all of his classes. Seamus leads his peers in the right direction and is always there to lend a helping hand to a friend or a teacher. Seamus is a talented athlete as well, but works so hard for every win and every success. Seamus is consistent and someone we can always count on. He is kind and funny too! Thank you, Seamus, for being a leader and a role model for all. Keep flying like a Falcon, Seamus! You are making a difference!

















# 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](mailto:cscannell@sjfschool.us)  
[cdunlavy@sjfschool.us](mailto:cdunlavy@sjfschool.us)  
[kcondon@sjfschool.us](mailto:kcondon@sjfschool.us)





# HAUNTED HOUSE

10.27.24 5-10PM  
10432 TALMAN

100% of proceeds go to charity  
This year's recipient:



\$5





# VETERANS DAY COLLECTION

→ OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 1

→ ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT HOMELESS VETERANS AT THE HINES VA

PRE-K



Dish Soap

KINDERGARTEN



Hand Soap

1ST GRADE



Hand Soap

2ND GRADE



Chapstick

3RD GRADE



Shampoo & conditioner

4TH GRADE



Bars of Soap

5TH GRADE



Toothpaste

6TH GRADE



Hand/Body Lotion

7TH GRADE



Deodorant

8TH GRADE



Body Wash



PLEASE SEND ALL DONATIONS TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD.

ALL QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO MRS. CONDON: [KCONDON@SJFSCHOOL.US](mailto:KCONDON@SJFSCHOOL.US)



ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

**8:45**  
**AM**

**11**  
**NOV**



USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER  
YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR GUEST



# VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST AND PRAYER SERVICE

★ ★ ★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★ ★ ★

All Falcon families are encouraged to invite a veteran to our breakfast  
in Kane Hall beginning at 8:45 AM.

A prayer service honoring all veterans will be held in the church  
beginning at 10 AM.

**IF YOU HAVE A VETERAN WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HONORED, BUT HE OR SHE IS UNABLE  
TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY FILLING OUT THE FORM LINKED TO THE QR CODE ABOVE!**

DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO [CDUNLAVY@SJFSCHOOL.US](mailto:CDUNLAVY@SJFSCHOOL.US)



# NOVEMBER 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 November session runs from November 4th - November 21st. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; Please scan the QR code to sign up for classes and to pay.



## **Monday Class: November 4th, 11th & 18th 3:00-4:00**

**Fall Science Lab 3:** Join us in discovering how much fun science can be. We will make pumpkin playdough, magic dancing corn, and a pumpkin volcano. The students will also have time to work with their friends and build with legos! **Class dismissed from preschool doors bridge.**

Mrs. Garza

Room 107

Grades PreK-2nd

## **Wednesday Class: November 6th, 13th & 20th 7:00- 7:40 AM**

**Morning Basketball:** Want to get some extra reps in or work on your shot during the season? Join us in the morning before school to play some hoops. We will play knockout, 3 v 3, and have a lot of fun while improving your skill and listening to music. **Enter through the main office.**

Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy

Gym

Grades 3rd - 8th

## **Saturday Class: November 16th 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM**

**Friendsgiving-** Let's prepare for Thanksgiving by making some fun Thanksgiving themed snacks and crafts! Weather permitting we hope to head outside for a Turkey trot race as well! **Class dismissed from preschool doors under the bridge.**

Mrs. Garza

Room 107

Grades PreK-2nd





# The Sweetest Way to Support St. John Fisher

## Fundraiser Cake Flavors Available:

- Chocolate Chocolate Chip | Red Velvet | White Chocolate Raspberry
- Lemon | Confetti | Classic Vanilla | Carrot
- Snickerdoodle | Strawberries & Cream | Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip Cookie

**Individual Bundtlet Cost: \$7**

Oak Lawn, IL  
10912 S. Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 422-7449 • [NothingBundtCakes.com](http://NothingBundtCakes.com)

FOOD ALLERGEN NOTE: Our cakes contain wheat, milk, eggs and soy. Cakes may contain traces of tree nuts and peanuts.









# St. John Fisher Proudly Hosts Future Falcons Playgroup

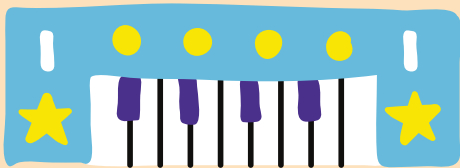
We changed the day and time to better accommodate our caretakers' and parents' schedules!

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.  
Thursdays of every month  
beginning  
October 8th from 10:15-11.  
\$5 per child/\$15 per family max



## 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!

## 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.





TURN SHOPPING INTO EARNING



EARN  
\$1,000+  
per year

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Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

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*Jen H., earns for hockey*

Get started by downloading the [RaiseRight™ app](#) on your phone or go to [RaiseRight.com](#) on your computer.

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**



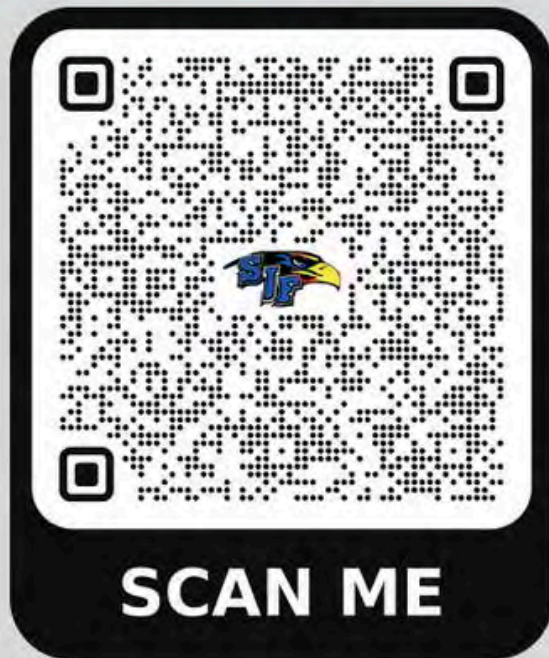
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THE ST. JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD  
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE  
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

*Join our team!*



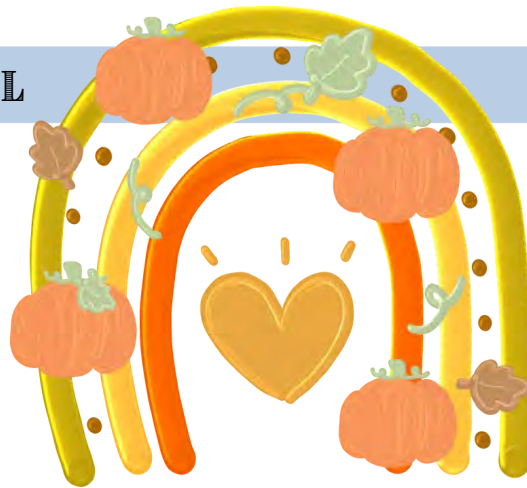




## SJF Chess Club

- 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!



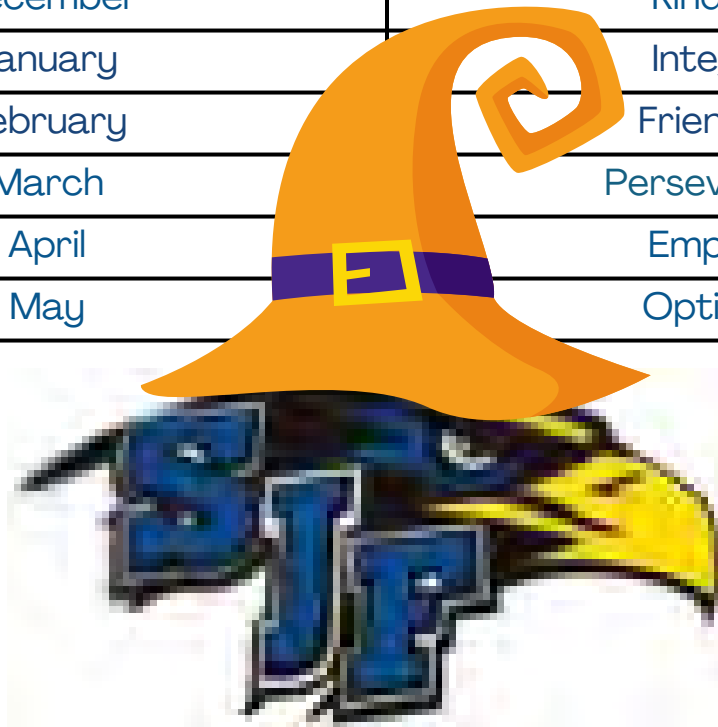


## Social & Emotional Learning

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
<b>October</b>	<b>Respect</b>
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.*



*All the time,  
God is good.*

*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](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail [attendance@sjfschool.us](mailto:attendance@sjfschool.us)

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

Mrs. Kris Houston: [khouston@sjfschool.us](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us)

- Registration
- Admissions
- MedicalForms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: [lmurray@sjfschool.us](mailto:lmurray@sjfschool.us)

- Powerschool
- Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: [dmaxwell@sjfschool.us](mailto:dmaxwell@sjfschool.us)

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: [mredmond@sjfschool.net](mailto:mredmond@sjfschool.net)  
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: [echermak@sjfschool.us](mailto:echermak@sjfschool.us)  
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: [dogrady@sjfschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjfschool.us)  
Manna Team: [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com)

- Student Services

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: [clarmon@sjfschool.us](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

Ms. Mary Schiavone (K-4): [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)  
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us)





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**CONTACT US**

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, [mcummings@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcummings@sjfschool.us)

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto: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](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us)

- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

Mr. Bill Gula: [mr.gula@aol.com](mailto:mr.gula@aol.com)  
School Advisory Board: [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com)  
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