



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.


ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

We had an action packed week with our Halloween festivities and All-Saints Day Mass. Many thanks to all of our Falcons for their participation this week especially our 6th graders, Dr. Chermak, Ms. Dunlavy, Ms. DiBennardi and Mrs. Schiller who lead us in prayer today. Also, thank you to Kate Lyons and the FSA, for organizing our teacher breakfast this week. 7th grade families spoiled us with delicious breakfast treats and we are so grateful! Heads up; there are only two more weeks left in the first trimester. Please check-in with your student(s) and make sure he/she is completing and turning in all of his/her assignments. Every point counts! You've got this Falcons!

We wanted to share an update from our Oktoberfest Fundraiser. Oktoberfest raised just over \$24,700! Thank you to all of our sponsors and volunteers and all who attended this event. The funds will be split evenly between the school and church.

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



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 athletes continue to compete in the playoffs. **A special shout-out to our 5th & 6th grade football team for making it to the championship game this weekend @ 12:30 @ Marist against St. Mike's.**

LET'S GO FALCONS!

Holy Name Society

- **The Garage Bars of Beverly event is tomorrow.** 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@yahool.com.



Looking Ahead

Saturday, November 2nd	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.
 Weekend Mass	<p>Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. 11 a.m. is our Confirmation Enrollment Mass <i>All are welcome!</i> *Falcons will receive an out-of-uniform pass for Mass attendance to be used on Mondays</p>
Monday, November 4th	<p>HAPPY MONDAY! WE LOVE YOU FALCONS! </p> <p>ETC, 3-4: Fall Science Lab w/ Mrs. Garza</p>
Tuesday, November 5th	Homework Club 3-3:45
Wednesday, November 6th FSA Meeting @ Barney Callahans, 7p.m.	<p>Morning ETC, 7-7:40 Basketball w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy </p> <p>Homework Club 3-3:45 Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.</p>
Thursday, November 7th	<p>NEW DAY AND TIME! Future Falcons Playdate in the gym 10:15-11 a.m. HSPT Class 3-4:15</p>
Friday, November 8th Bundt Cake Orders Due Today!	<p>Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your SJF Spirit-wear with your uniform bottoms! Junior High Field Trip</p>



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!

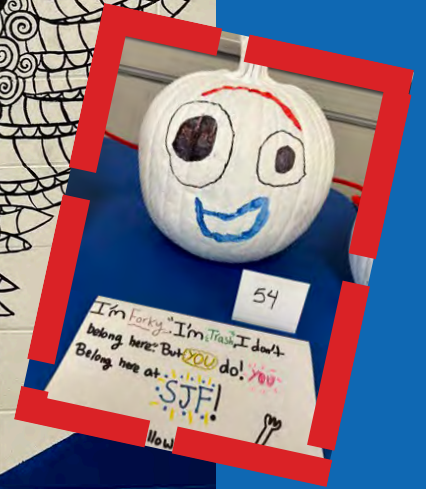
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FALCON OF THE WEEK

Anne & Frank Weber, 4th Grade & Kindergarten



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 Anne (4th grade) and Frank (kindergarten) Weber.**

This year’s pumpkin contest was one for the books! Anne and Frank submitted a pumpkin that looked like Forky from Toy Story. In the movie, Forky thinks he doesn’t belong. Next to their pumpkin, that was painted perfectly I might add, was a note that said, “I’m Forky...I don’t belong here. But YOU do! YOU Belong here at SJF!” Their pumpkin was a representation of how kind, creative, thoughtful and inclusive both Anne and Frank are. Thank you for setting a good example for all of us and for reminding us that WE ALL BELONG here! Keep flying like Falcons Anne and Frank! You are making a difference!



FSA MEETING

WED, NOVEMBER 6 2024
7PM

BARNEY CALLAHANS
10618 S WESTERN AVE

ALL PARENTS WELCOME
First drink is on us!



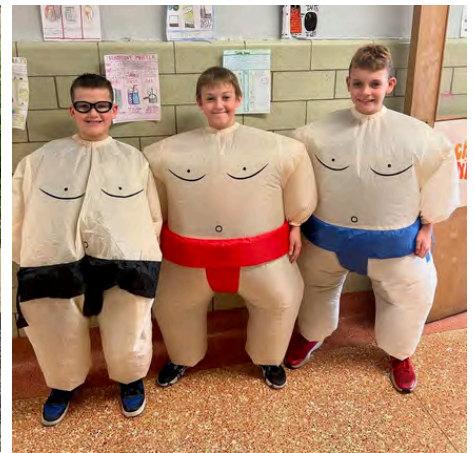


HALLOWEEN





BOO!



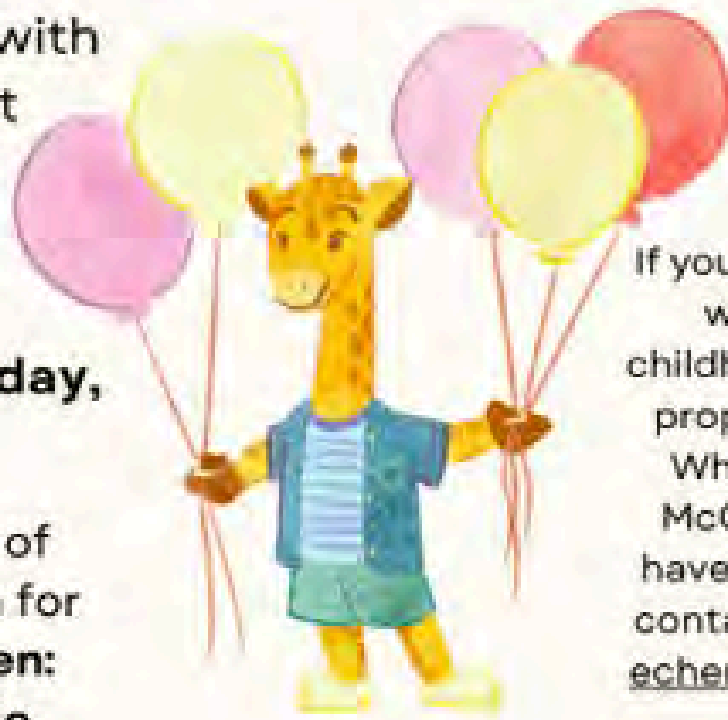
Welcome to SJF's Children's

Liturgy OF THE WORD

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

**Please come to
11am Mass this Sunday,
November 3rd**

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



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

JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

Confirmation Enrollment Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD @ 11 A.M.

You belong here. 

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

8:45
AM

11
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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

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

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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

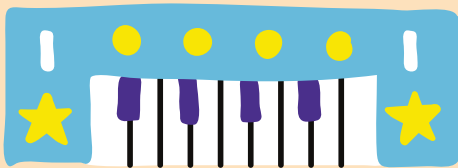
We changed the day and time to better accommodate our caretakers' and parents' schedules!

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.



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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

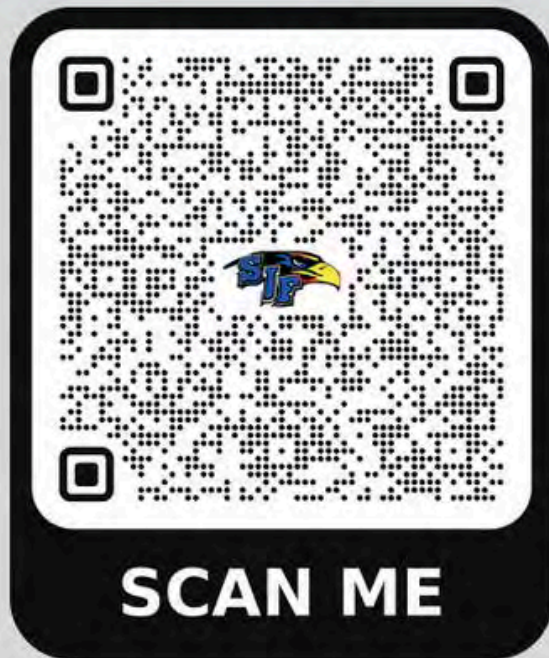


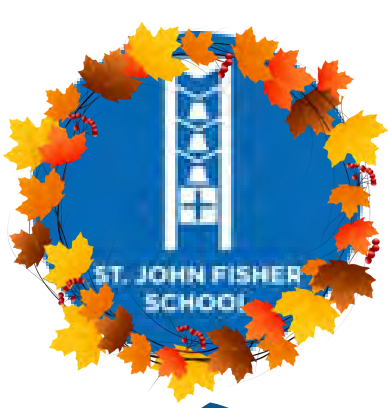
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THE ST. JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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!

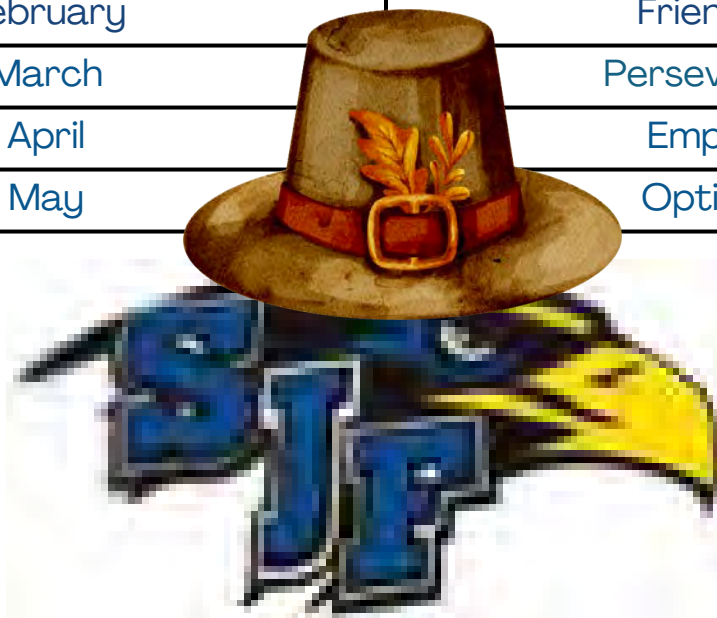


Social & Emotional Learning

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, 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



2024-2025 St. John Fisher School Contacts

If you have a question or concern about...



• 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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