



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.


ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

Our Falcons have come so far in these first 12 weeks of school. This week marks the beginning of the second trimester. There is nothing quite like the blessings of a clean slate! We have encouraged our Falcons to stay motivated and to continue working hard, but to also take this opportunity to identify and make the necessary improvements needed to make this second trimester their best one yet!

As a school community and family, we have so much to be thankful for! We are thankful for the support, loyalty and generosity of all of our parents and guardians as we collaborate together to ensure bright, happy, and successful futures for our children. We are thankful for the dedication of our hardworking and talented faculty and staff who lovingly teach our children how to be diligent students and good, kind people each and every day. We are thankful for our wonderful students who grace our lives each day with their beautiful and creative spirits, curiosity, sense of humor, intelligence, and desire to be good kids. Finally, we are grateful for all of our parish and school organizations including our School Advisory Board, Fisher Falcon Education Foundation, Family School Association, Athletic Board, Women's Club and Men's Club who work in tandem with us, devoting their time, energy and talent to make our community and parish the absolute best it can possibly be!

I hope and pray that next week you have an opportunity to pause and enjoy the time off celebrating Thanksgiving with your loved ones. I am thankful for each of you. 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 Thanksgiving!

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

Important Announcements

- **St. Pat's Committee Meeting:** It is never too early to start planning for St. Patrick's Day! Join us on **11.25 @ 7 p.m. in Kane Hall**. Busy? Email St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com to stay informed. 
- **Basketball and Volleyball apparel** is now on sale! Visit the below links to order your swag today!
 - **Volleyball Store**
 - **Basketball Store**
- The **December Hot Lunch Menu** is available and open for ordering.
- **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.

Pro Labore Dei

- Our next **LUNCH MAKING session** is **12.7 @ 9:15 a.m.** in the Rectory Basement.
- **Thank you for your generosity!** Questions? Reach out to Pat Hayes, patriciadhayes@yahoo.com.



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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Looking Ahead

Saturday, November 23rd	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m. 
Weekend Mass *Falcons will receive an out-of-uniform pass for Mass attendance to be used on Mondays	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <i>All are welcome!</i>
Monday, November 25th	HAPPY MONDAY! WE LOVE YOU FALCONS! St. Pat's Planning Meeting in Kane Hall @ 7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 26th	10 a.m. Thanksgiving Prayer Service hosted by our 5th graders <i>All are welcome!</i> National Junior Honor Society Induction <i>in the church immediately to follow the prayer service</i> 11:30 Dismissal
Wednesday, November 27th - Sunday December 1st	Thanksgiving Break Enjoy your family and loved ones. <i>We are so THANKFUL for our Falcons and their Families!</i>
Sunday, December 1st	Advent Wreath Making in Kane Hall after the 11 a.m. Mass 
Monday, December 2nd	HAPPY MONDAY FALCONS! WELCOME BACK! ETC, 3-4 p.m. Christmas Mini Hoop w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy ETC, 3-4 p.m. Reindeer Games w/ Mrs. Sefcik
Tuesday, December 3rd	ETC, 3-4 p.m. Christmas Party Cookies and Crafts w/ Mrs. Garza
Wednesday, December 4th	Christmas w/o Cancer Dress Down Day for a \$1 ETC, 7-7:40 a.m. Morning Basketball w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy ETC, 3-4 p.m. Are you Ready For It? w/ Mrs. Regnier & Mrs. Sefcik ***Mandatory Parent Winter Sports Meeting @ 7p.m. in Kane Hall
Thursday, December 5th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:00-9:00 a.m. Holiday Hours Future Falcon Playdate in the Gym 10:15 - 11 a.m.
Friday, December 6th	Happy Falcon Fri-YAY! Wear your favorite spirit-wear top with your uniform bottoms 2nd Grade Field Trip Women's Club Vendor Fair in Kane Hall @ 7 p.m.



6th grade top readers for the first trimester!







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

JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

Thanksgiving Day Mass Hosted by our 5th graders

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH @ 9 A.M.

You belong here. 



ST. JOHN FISHER
WOMEN'S CLUB

VENDOR FAIR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024
7-10PM

St. John Fisher School
10200 S Washtenaw Ave.,
Chicago, IL 60655

\$5 admission
Food & Drink available for purchase

ATTIRE/JEWELRY/SELF CARE/DECOR & MORE

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL

sjvendorfair@gmail.com



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

WINTER SPORTS MEETING

WE REQUEST THAT AT LEAST 1 PARENT
ATTEND THIS MEETING!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4TH
7:00 PM
KANE HALL

Information Covered:

- Gym admission/concessions sign-ups available for parents
- New procedure for missed concession and door duty
- Student behavior during home games





ST. JOHN FISHER

DRESS DOWN DAY

BENEFITTING



**Christmas
Without Cancer**

Donate \$1 and wear any school appropriate outfit of your choice on December 4th!

All proceeds will go towards creating Christmas magic for local families battling the devastations of cancer.

Christmas Without Cancer is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were received in consideration of this contribution.

P.O. Box 628 Oak Lawn, IL 60454-0628
christmaswithoutcancer.org





Manna for the Holidays



AVOID THE HOLIDAY RUSH!

Stop in or use your RAISE RIGHT APP on the go!

Order your gift cards for the holidays using the App by Sunday at 10:00 AM and your order will be ready to pick up on Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

This includes local vendor cards. Skip the line to pick up when you order ahead. Let us know if you would like your order sent home with your child.

THE LAST DAY TO ORDER through the app in order to receive your cards by Christmas is **December 14th**.

Manna Hours for the Holidays

Saturday: 8:30-9:30 AM

Wednesday: 6-7 PM

Thursday: 8-9 AM (added for the month of December)

Last year, the Manna program raised \$40,000 for the school and \$60,000 directly to the families to lower their tuition.

MANNA OFFICE will be closed on the following dates:

November 30th

December 25th

December 28th

January 1st



DECEMBER 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 December session runs from December 2nd- December 16th. 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 Classes: December 2nd, 9th & 16th 3:00-4:00

Christmas Mini Hoop: Come play everyone's favorite indoor recess game: Mini hoop. We will play knockout and different games while listening to Christmas music. **Class dismissed from main office doors**

Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy

Grades 3rd - 8th

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Reindeer Games: Join the fun as we get ready for Christmas! We will have a snack in the Christmas fort and play our favorite holiday games like Grinch tag, Reindeer Run and Snowman Down. Come have a blast with your friends and get into the holiday spirit! Students will exit at the main office.

Mrs. Sefcik

Preschool - 3rd

Gym

Tuesday Class: December 3rd & 10th 3:00-4:30

Christmas Party Cookies and Crafts- Let's get into the holiday spirit! Join us in decorating Christmas cookies, making Christmas crafts, dancing to Christmas music, and reading Christmas stories! **Class dismissed from preschool doors bridge.**

Mrs. Garza

Grades PreK - 2nd

Room 107

Wednesday Classes: December 4th, 11th & 18th 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

Grades 3rd - 8th

Gym

Wednesday Classes: December 4th & 11th 3:00-4:30

ARE YOU READY FOR IT? Taylor Swift's Falcon Era. The Eras tour may have ended, but the Falcon Era is just beginning! You are invited to join Mrs. Regnier and Mrs. Sefcik for Lots of FUN! We will dance, sing, create, and play games all incorporating Taylor Swift! We will meet in Mrs. Regnier's room and dismiss under the preschool bridge.

Mrs. Regnier/Mrs. Sefcik

Grades K-5

Room 218

Friday December 20th 11:30-2:00 \$20

LET'S GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT! Kick off Christmas break with this one day ETC! We'll watch ELF on the big screen projector in the gym, followed by some open gym time. Bring lunch and anything you need to get cozy! What a great way to get into the Christmas spirit with your friends! We'll meet outside the gym and dismiss at the main office.

Mrs. Sefcik

K - 5

Gym

TIME TO KICK IT MOMS!

POWDER PUFF FLAG FOOTBALL



NOV | 24 | 2024

11:00 AM

BEVERLY PARK



\$20 Per Person

VENMO: @SJFwomensclub23

Include in comments: "SJF Powder Puff"

TURN SHOPPING INTO EARNING



EARN
\$1,000+
per year

Experience the right way to fundraise

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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You get the full value.



The brand gives back

No extra money comes out of your pocket.



Your organization earns

Impacting what matters most to you.

Shop 750+ popular brands

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"It's super convenient. All I need to go shopping is my phone—I don't even need credit cards or my purse. I'm going to pay for these things anyway, I love being able to use gift cards so we get something in return."

Jen H., earns for hockey

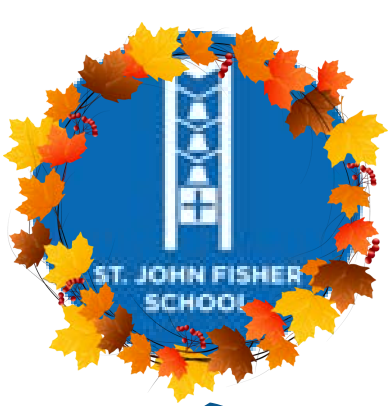
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ENROLLMENT CODE FOR SJF = DB2L51471958 (PLEASE DO NOT PASS ALONG)
PLEASE FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM BY STOPPING IN OR AT SJF WEBSITE FOR GOOGLE FORMSUMMER
Selling HOURS at the Convent: WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM AND SATURDAYS 830-930 AM



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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!

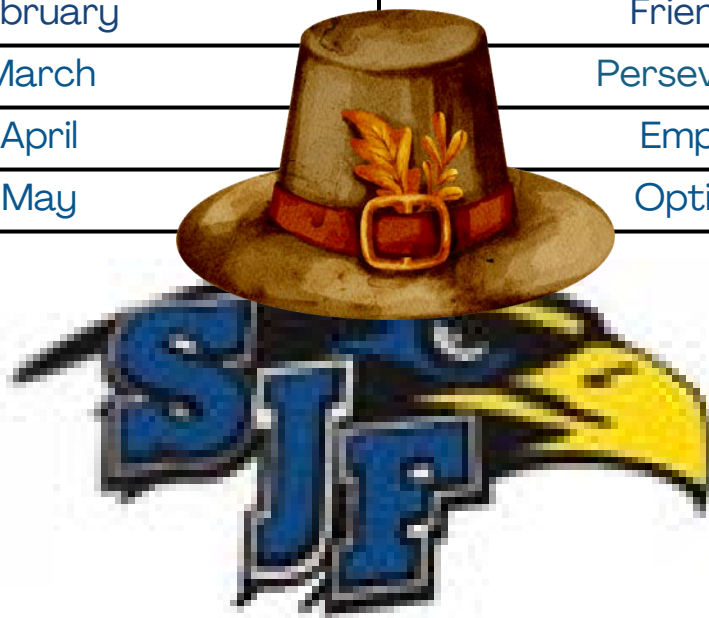


Social & Emotional Learning

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.

- **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

- 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



Mr. Bill Gula: mr.gula@aol.com
School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com
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