



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

DECEMBER 13, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

We cannot believe that Christmas break is one short week away. The lead up to Christmas has been so much fun at SJF! Between our 4th graders hosting a beautiful Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our preschool and kindergarten students preparing for their shows, Christmas and holiday curriculum, an upcoming visit from Santa, our all-school kindness projects and everything in between, we are truly ready for Christmas! Next week's fun dress-down days, cookies and milk, Christmas movie, all-school sing-a-long and Christmas prayer service will be icing on the holiday cake! We love celebrating this beautiful and magical season with our Falcons. Thank you for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. We are so grateful for all of our Falcon families!

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



IMPORTANT

ATTENTION PREK & K FAMILIES!

- **We need your help!** As we prepare for our upcoming beloved Christmas shows, please keep in mind the following: ***If you would like your non-performing child to attend the preschool or kindergarten show, you must email your child's teacher and attendance@sjfschool.us more than 24 hours in advance in order for your child to be able to attend the show(s).*** Teachers will send authorized students to the church where they will be checked in by Mrs. Larmon. **All siblings of students in the show need to sit with you. Children are not allowed to run up and down the aisles or sit on the ground in front of the altar. Please do not send your children to the front to take pictures as this is very distracting.** Our students have worked so hard to prepare for this wonderful performance and we want the spotlight to be on our little stars.

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

Important Announcements



It's the holiday season! **See the flyer below** for all of the dress-downs/ups and happenings for this upcoming week at SJF!

- **St. Pat's Committee Meeting:** It is never too early to start planning for St. Patrick's Day! Join us on **12.17 @ 7 p.m. in Kane Hall**. Busy? Email St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com to stay informed.



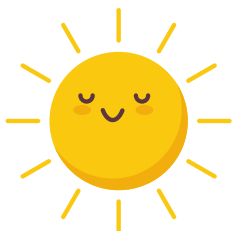
- Looking for another Christmas gift? Why not grab some Bulls tickets for the SJF outing! Visit this link to get yours today!
- Our annual **Christmas Prayer Service and Pep Assembly** is Friday, **December 20th @ 10 a.m.** in the church. You don't want to miss this! Please join us if you are able!
- The **January Hot Lunch** menu is open and ready for ordering.
- The 2nd iReady Diagnostic Window opens on January 13th. ***Students are NOT ALLOWED to bring in candy to eat during their diagnostic.***
- **Extended Day: We will close @ 3:30 on 12.20.** Don't forget to sign up your Falcon(s) here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.



Please see the flyer on the following page for all of our Christmas activities and dress down days next week ~ Merry Christmas!

Looking Ahead

Saturday, December 14th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Weekend Mass *Falcons will receive an out-of-uniform pass for Mass attendance <u>to be used on Mondays</u>	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <i>All are welcome!</i>
Monday, December 16th	REGULAR SCHOOL UNIFORMS TODAY! ETC, 3-4 p.m. Christmas Mini Hoop w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy ETC, 3-4 p.m. Reindeer Games w/ Mrs. Sefcik Christmas Craft Night with the Grinch in Kane Hall
Tuesday, December 17th	 <i>We are so lucky to be Falcons</i> <i>SOAR visiting Smith Village 9:45-11:30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, December 18th	ETC, 7-7:40 a.m. Morning Basketball w/ Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy
Thursday, December 19th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:00-9:00 a.m. Future Falcon Playdate in the gym, 10:15 - 11 a.m. Santa Claus is coming to town to visit our future Falcons and our current Falcons!
Friday, December 20th 	Happy Falcon Fri-Yay! 11:30 Dismissal ~ Merry Christmas! ETC, 11:30 - 2 p.m. Holiday Spirit w/ Mrs. Sefcik



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.





Christmas with the Falcons



Tuesday, 12.17: PJ Day

- Polar Express Movie Day for students in PreK-3rd grade! *Feel free to bring a blanket to cozy up with!



Wednesday, 12.18: Festive Christmas Attire or Red and Green

- Festive Christmas Attire or wear Red and/or Green
- PreK Parent Show @ 10 a.m.
- Kindergarten Parent Show @ 12 p.m.
- Christmas Movie Day for students in 4th - 8th grade!
*Feel free to bring a blanket to cozy up with!



Thursday, 12.19: Ugly Sweater Day

- Kindergarten Show for the School @ 9:30 a.m.
- All School Singalong @ 1:00 p.m. in the Church ~ All are welcome!
- Cookies and Milk Special Delivery



Friday, 12.20.24: Sunday Best Attire

- 10 a.m. Christmas Pep Assembly Prayer Service
- 11:30 a.m. dismissal







FSA PRESENTS

Christmas CRAFT NIGHT

DECEMBER 16TH

5:30-7:00 PM

KANE HALL

Join us for a night of crafts,
cookies, hot cocoa and meet
The Grinch!

\$25 PER FAMILY

FAMILY NAME _____

#OF CHILDREN: _____

OF ADULTS: _____

CIRCLE FORM OF PAYMENT:
CHECK(MADE OUT TO FSA) OR CASH

****FORMS DUE 12/12



JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

Christmas Eve Mass

HOSTED BY OUR
FIRST & SECOND GRADERS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH @ 4 P.M.

You belong here. 



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



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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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Your organization earns

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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, 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!

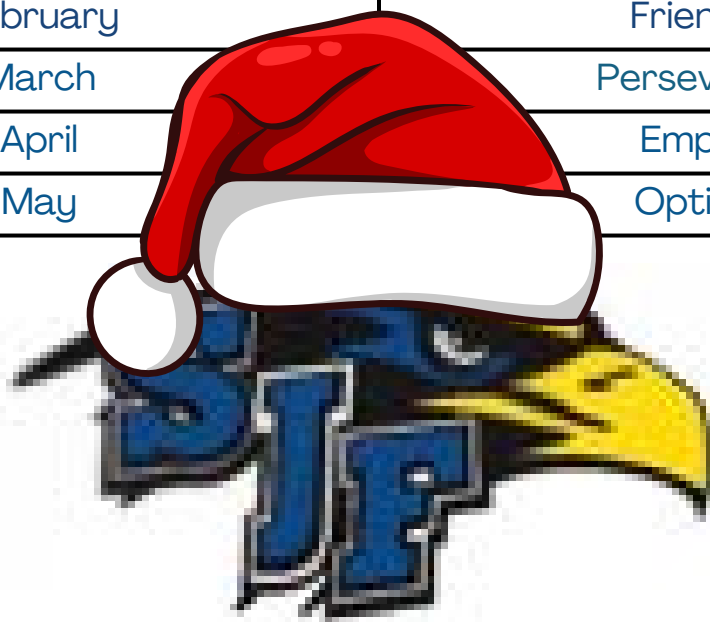


Social & Emotional Learning

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.

- **12.20** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Christmas Break: **12.20** – **1.6** *classes resume **1.7**
- 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**
- 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.



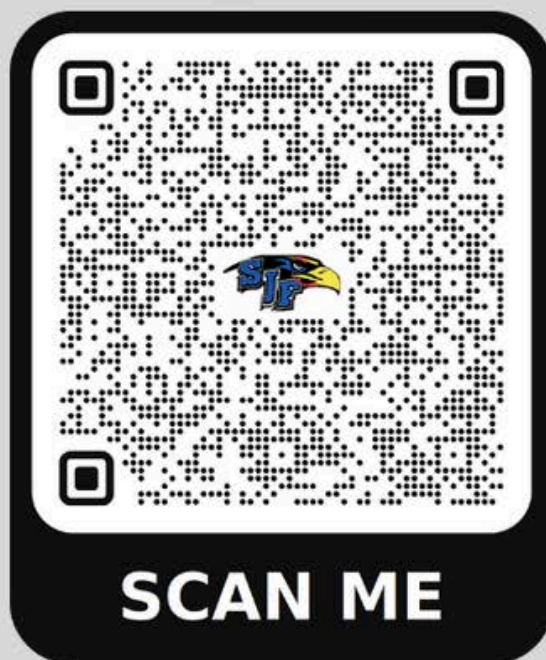
**DON'T
FORGET!**

***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.**



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

Join our team!



*God is good,
all the time.*



*All the time,
God is good.*

2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

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

Friday, December 20th at 10 a.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



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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

Mr. Bill Gula: mr.gula@aol.com
School Advisory Board: sjfsab@gmail.com
Athletic Association: stjohnfishersports@gmail.com
FSA: sjffsa103@gmail.com
Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
HNS: SJFHNS@gmail.com

