




NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

DECEMBER 20, 2024

Dear SJF Families,


Thank you for your incredible generosity this Christmas Season. Our faculty and staff have certainly felt all of the love this week. We are so grateful to be able to work in and serve our incredible community. From everyone here at SJF, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you for participating in all of our fun events this month. We love celebrating this beautiful and magical season with our Falcons and all of you. 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



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

Important Announcements

- **Principal Search and Transition Committee:** The Principal Search and Transition Committee has been named by Fr. Ken. THANK YOU to Amy Schiller, Katie Fadden, Dan Broderick, Stephanie Guinane and Julie Kujawa for sharing your time and talent. The committee's first meeting is slated for the beginning of January. Be on the lookout for opportunities to share your feedback as to what qualities you want our next leader to possess!
- Looking for a last minute Christmas gift? Why not grab some **Bulls tickets for the SJF outing!** See the flyer below and visit this link to get yours today!
- 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:** Don't forget to sign up your Falcon(s) here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.



Looking Ahead

Saturday, December 20th	<i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</i>
Weekend Mass	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <i>All are welcome!</i>
Christmas Mass Times 	Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24th 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass 9:30 p.m. Christmas Carols 10:00 p.m. Christmas Mass: Night Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25th 8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass 11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass 
Monday, December 23rd - Monday January 6th	 Christmas Break Classes Resume on Tuesday, January 7th. Enjoy your break with your loved ones!
Tuesday, January 7th	Welcome Back Falcons - We missed you! Raising Canes Special Lunch
Wednesday, January 8th	 Do something great today! Falcon Fun Run Registration Begins
Thursday, January 9th	<i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:00-9:00 a.m.</i> Future Falcon Playdate in the gym, 10:15 - 11 a.m.
Friday, January 10th	Happy Falcon Fri-yay! Wear your favorite Falcon Swag w/ your uniform bottoms



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.



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. 

JANUARY 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 January session runs from January 8th - January 28th. 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: January 13th & 27th 3:00-4:30

Dogman Fan Club: Join us for fun projects, activities, and discussions about the amazing graphic novel, *Dogman*. **Class dismissed from preschool doors bridge.**

Mrs. Garza

Grades K-3rd

Room 107





**JAN 11
2025**

BYOB
TICKETS: \$30

Women's Club presents

DUELING PIANOS




ST. JOHN FISHER GYM

Doors open 6:30pm | Show 7pm

More information and tickets can be found here



<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/sjfschool/dueling-pianos>





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Eat & Earn

Jan. 20-26, 2025



Mention Code

FALCONS

(Dine-in only!)

1. Visit HTH during your scheduled Eat & Earn week—for lunch, dinner, weekend brunch, or all three!
2. Mention the code **FALCONS** when you place your order.
3. We'll track sales brought in by your supporters during your scheduled dates & **donate 10% of the total back to your cause!**
4. **Eat & Earn is for our dine-in customers.** We can't wait to see you!





LIVE AMATEUR BOXING AT ST. JOHN FISHER • 10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE., CHICAGO

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 1, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

FIGHTS START AT 7 PM



Adults \$20 In Advance / \$25 At The Door
Under 21 Years \$10



<https://donorbox.org/events/718289>



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ST. JOHN FISHER BULLS GROUP OUTING



Are you ready to **SEE RED** at the United Center? Join St. John Fisher for a legendary group outing with the Chicago Bulls!

Share the excitement of Bulls basketball and the NBA's leading entertainment experience. Check out your special offer below!

Get your tickets now through the link below!



BULLS VS. CLIPPERS

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. CT

Giveaway: BMO Artist Series Hat

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\$1,000+
per year

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Jen H., earns for hockey

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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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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!

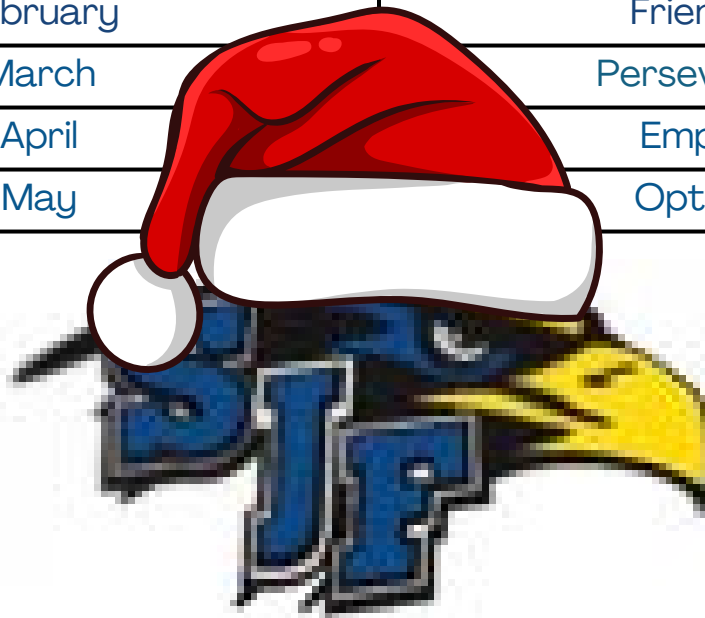


Social & Emotional Learning

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

- 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
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Women's Club: SJFWomensClub@gmail.com
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