



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Dear SJF Families,

Today was our second round of Parent-Teacher Conferences. We truly value these opportunities to build relationships with each of you in the best interest of your child. Thank you for making the time to meet with us today. We have a few more weeks to finish this second trimester strong! Our collaborative partnership will only help our Falcons succeed. Let's go Falcons!

Here are some concluding statistics from our Fun Run Fundraiser. We exceeded our \$65K goal and are elated to share that we raised \$72,000! 99% of our students registered for the event. 93% participated. 76% of our profits were NON-PARENT donations! Thank you for participating in this critical fundraiser!

Thank you for continuing to choose Catholic education, especially St. John Fisher. Thank you for entrusting your most precious gifts to us each and every day. You belong here. 

In unity and hope,

-Mrs. Maura Nash



NOW MORE THAN EVER IS THE BEST TIME TO JOIN OUR FALCON FAMILY! OPEN ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN! PLEASE INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO APPLY!

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

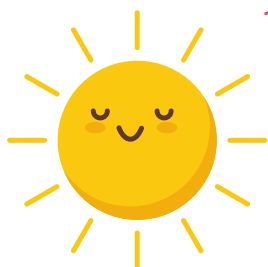
Important Announcements

- **Principal Search and Transition Committee:** The interview process has concluded. Fr. Ken hopes to provide our community with a decision in the coming weeks.
- The **March lunch menu** is open and available for ordering.
- **Spring Soccer Registration** is Open! See the flyer below for more details.
- **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.
- **Don't forget! Our Falcons are off Friday, 2.14 and Monday, 2.17.**
- **St. Pat's Update!**
 - Any Falcon who purchased **NEW** St. Pat's merchandise can wear it with their uniform bottoms on **MONDAYS during the month of March!**
 - **Tickets are now on sale!** See the updated flyer below to purchase!
- SJF is hosting Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Police Memorial Fund's **Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd** in Kane Hall. See the flyer below for more details.
 - **SJF students are asked to bring in a dollar and dress in BLUE to support this cause on Wednesday, February 19th.**



Looking Ahead

Saturday, February 15th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Weekend Mass	<p>Saturday, 4 p.m. Southside Parish Renewal Mass @ St. Cajetan's</p> <p><i>*This is the only 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday. There will be no 4 p.m. Mass @ SJF, St. Barnabas or CK. Please attend if you are able!</i></p> <p>Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
Monday, February 17th	<p>NO SCHOOL! <i>President's Day</i></p> <p>PRESIDENT'S DAY PRESIDENT'S DAY</p>
Tuesday, February 18th	<p>ETC 3-4 p.m. Directed Drawing w/ Mrs. Garza HW Club 3-3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy</p>
Wednesday, February 19th	<p>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6:00-7:00 p.m.</p> <p> HW Club 3-3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy </p> <p>Bring in \$1 and wear BLUE to support the Get Behind the Vest Fundraiser!</p>
Thursday, February 20th	Future Falcon Playdate 10:15 - 11 a.m. in gym
Friday, February 21st	<p> Happy Falcon Fri-YAY! Falcons can wear their favorite spirit-wear with their uniform bottoms!</p>



Together let's build a school that we love.

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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FALCONS OF THE WEEK

Calvin Robinson, 4-year-old-preschool



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 4 year old preschool student, Calvin Robinson.**

Last week at the Fun Run, Calvin noticed a nervous 3-year-old and kindly offered to hold her hand as they ran together. He brought an incredible amount of energy and enthusiasm to the event, and his dance moves brought smiles to everyone around! Calvin takes great pride in being a Falcon and consistently encourages his friends every day. He is always the first to lend a helping hand, offer a motivating hug, or give a kind compliment. You can often hear him uplifting his friends with phrases like, "Wow! I really love your coloring," or "I can see you were working hard today!" We are immensely proud of Calvin and truly appreciate the positive spirit and attitude he contributes to our school each day. Thank you, Calvin, for guiding your classmates in the right direction! Keep soaring like a Falcon; you are making a wonderful difference!





ST. JOHN FISHER SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

2025 SPRING SEASON.
BOYS AND GIRLS

- VARSITY (7TH & 8TH)
- JUNIOR VARSITY (5TH & 6TH) AND
- JUNIORS (3RD & 4TH).

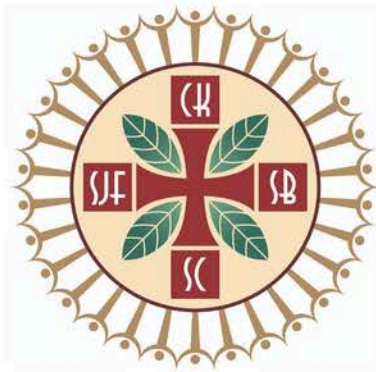
THE SEASON RUNS FROM MID-MARCH-MAY
WE WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST FELLOW
SOUTHWEST CATHOLIC PARISHES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE
EMAIL: SJFFALCONSOCCER@GMAIL.COM

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[REGISTER HERE](#)



YOU'RE INVITED

SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

4:00 p.m. Celebration Mass

St. Cajetan | 2445 W. 112th Street

Let's celebrate our Southside Parish Renewal (SPR) Parishes together!
Come for Mass and stay for fellowship and light refreshments afterwards.

RECONNECT WITH FRIENDS IN FAITH ~ MEET NEW FRIENDS
LEARN ABOUT FUTURE SPR OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS!

{ This will be the only Saturday Mass celebrated for Christ the King, St. Barnabas, St. Cajetan and St. John Fisher on the afternoon of February 15. We will use the Sunday readings and it will fulfill your Mass obligation. All four parishes will resume regular Mass schedules on Sunday, February 16. Your weekly envelope and online donations will go to your respective parish. Any cash contributions at Mass will be distributed to St. Cajetan to help defray the costs of hosting. }

*The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation
Proudly Presents*



ST. JOHN FISHER

St. Patrick's Day

CELEBRATION

March 8 @ SJF Gym 5:30 - 11:00

\$45 *per ticket**
**\$50 at door*

JOIN US FOR A SJF COMMUNITY EVENT
INCLUDING OPEN BAR, CORNED BEEF
SANDWICHES, SPLIT THE POT, AND LIVE
MUSIC BY THE WALK-INS!

Visit

<https://donorbox.org/events/733796>

to order your tickets now!

MUSIC  DRINKS  FOOD  DANCING

This is a 21+ Event

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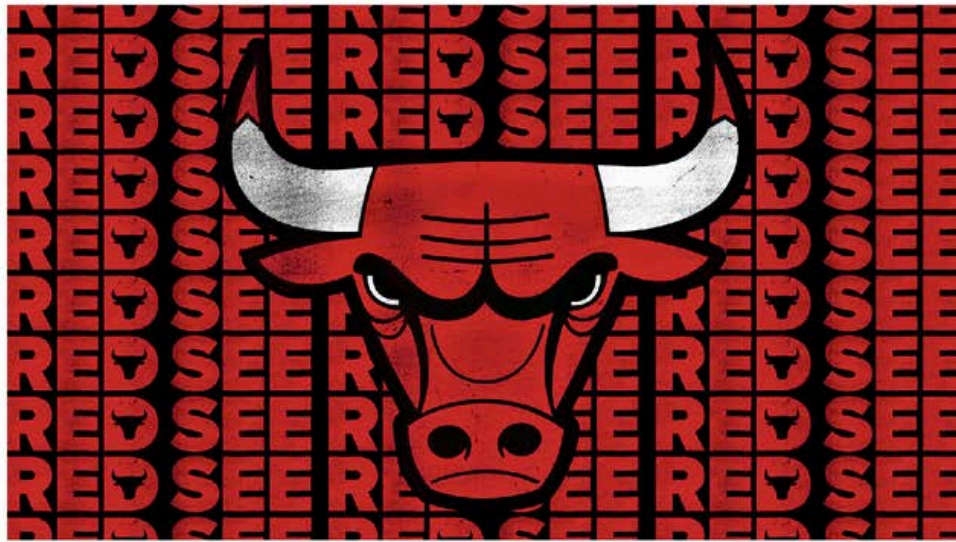
MARCH 29, 2025
6PM - 9PM

SUF FATHER
DAUGHTER
DANCE

The Odyssey

19110 S. Ridgeland Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477





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

BUY TICKETS



FEBRUARY 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 February session runs from February 3rd - February 27th. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; \$50 per family per class. Please scan the QR code to sign up for classes and to pay.

Monday Class: February 3rd, 10th & 24th 3:00-4:00

OPEN GYM & YOGA: After a quick snack, students can explore a variety of equipment and engage in free play. Let your child be creative and learn new skills all while having fun with their friends! We'll settle down with 5 minutes of yoga to end this February ETC! Students will be dismissed at the main office.

Mrs. Sefcik

PreK- 3rd

Gym

Tuesday Class: February 4th, 11th & 18th 3:00-4:00

DIRECTED DRAWING- Join us for a Valentine's themed directed drawing class. We will learn how to draw a love monster and a love bug. On the date after Valentine's Day we will learn to draw one of the children's new favorite book/movie characters, ROZ from The Wild Robot!

Class dismissed from preschool bridge doors.

Mrs. Garza PreK- 2nd

Room 107

Saturday Class: February 22nd 9:00AM -12:00AM

ARCTIC BLAST: Keep the kids busy in the cold with a fun arctic theme ETC. We will discuss and read about arctic animals and make arctic themed crafts. We will also dance and play some wintery fun songs and games!

Mrs. Garza

PreK- 2nd

Room 107

ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SAINT JOHN FISHER KANE HALL

10200 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago

Tickets: \$5 per person / \$25 per family

All proceeds will benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Get Behind the Vest Campaign.

For more information, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com or (773) 238-8766.



**I PROTECT THOSE
WHO PROTECT ME.**



When Chicago Police Officers are hired, they receive a new bulletproof vest. However, a vest isn't bulletproof forever.

It wears out. It breaks down. It needs to be replaced every 5 years. Just one bullet permanently damages a vest, making it unusable. Chicago Police Officers are responsible for replacing their own vests. At \$500 or more per vest, in addition to other equipment and uniform expenses, the costs can quickly add up. That's why we need your help.

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has paid out more than \$5.8 million dollars to purchase over 13,500 replacement vests for Chicago Police Officers with 991 vests supplied in 2024. The initiative is ongoing, and the foundation expects to provide at least 1,000 vests in 2025.

This event has raised over \$500,000 to date.

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O'SHEA**
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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

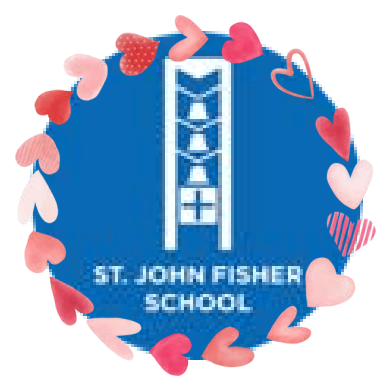
Get started by downloading the [RaiseRight™ app](#) on your phone or go to [RaiseRight.com](#) on your computer.

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

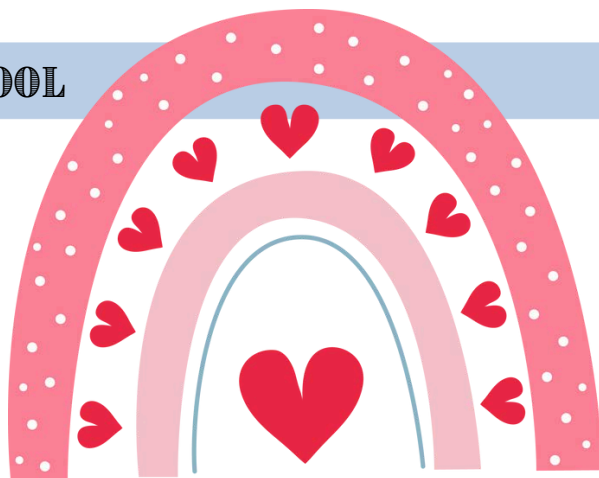


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SJF Chess Club

- Monthly gatherings to play games & sharpen our skills.
- All skill levels are welcome!
- **Kane Hall following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, 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.**



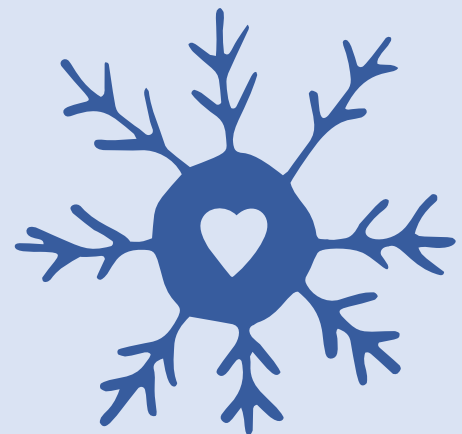
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*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

These dates are subject to change.

- 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.**

*God is good,
all the time.*



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God is good.*

2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 24th & 27th 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 8th at 11 a.m. Confirmation for 8th graders

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

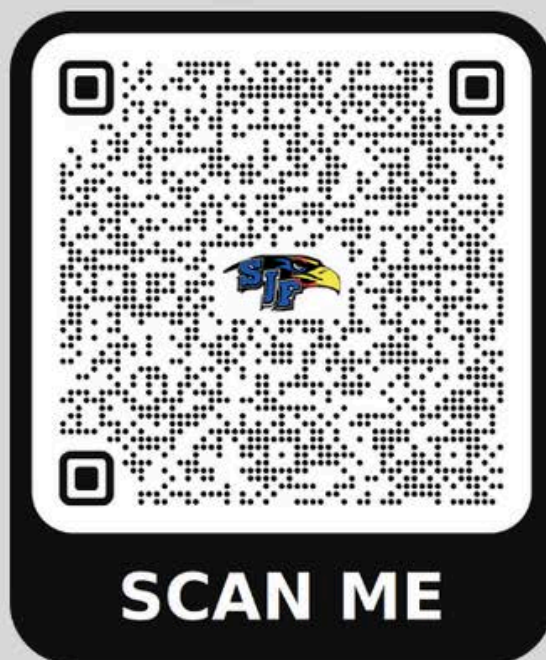
Thursday, June 4th at 9:15 a.m. Last Day of School Mass 7th grade

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

Join our team!





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...

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- 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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