

NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

MARCH 10, 2025

Dear SJF Families,

This month is a wonderful to time to reflect on how LUCKY we are to be FALCONS! A heartfelt thank you goes out to Joe and Colleen Hurley, along with the entire St. Pat's Committee, for organizing a fantastic community event for our parish last Saturday! The event aimed to show appreciation for the incredible contributions our community makes, which help make St. John Fisher a wonderful place to live. This event could not have been realized without the dedicated efforts of our volunteers. We would like to extend our appreciation to the Barry, Callham, Connors, Cotter, Doheny, Finn, Garza, Griffin, Guinane, Harrigan, Houston, Hurley, Knight, Konrath, Larmon, Leonard, McDonald, Moran, Moody, Murphy, Robinson, Schneider, Stazzone, Weber, and Winter families. Additionally, a big thank you to the Fisher Falcon Education Foundation and Fr. Ken!

Last Saturday, our outstanding 8th graders celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation. The Mass was truly beautiful! Our students were lovingly prepared to take this important step. We want to thank their sponsors, parents, grandparents, family, and friends for their guidance along the way. We are so appreciative of Dr. Chermak, Mrs. Ade, Ms. Browne, Mrs. Condon, Ms. Higgins, Mrs. Scannell, Ms. Walsh, and Fr. Ken for the dedication and care you invested in our students for this important sacrament.

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. We truly are LUCKY to be FALCONS! You belong here.

In unity and hope,

-Mers. Maura Nash

Important Announcements

- Extended Day: <u>Don't forget to sign up your Falcon(s) here</u>. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us.
- Don't forget that there is no school on Monday, March 17th!
- The April Hot Lunch Menu is open and available for ordering.
- Save the date for our 3rd annual SJF Family Night, April 10th!
 - Attention Attention! <u>PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HOME if they are not</u> <u>feeling well</u> in an effort to reduce the amount of illnesses being spread! As a reminder, our school sick policy requires children to stay home from school the following day if they have been sent home with vomiting, fever (100 degrees), rash or diarrhea. <u>Students must be fever free without the</u> <u>use of fever reducing medicine for 24 hours before returning to school</u>. If there are symptoms of a communicable disease (reddened eyes, sore throat, fever, headache, rash) please do not expose other children to the possibility of sickness. Thank you for your cooperation!
- Heads Up! This is the time of the year for lice. Please remind your children not to share brushes, hats, helmets, etc. Please report any cases of lice to the School Office. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS to our 7th Grade A Basketball Team for taking first place in the South Suburban League!







Looking Ahead

Monday, March 10th	thappy Monday Falcons!	
	ETC 3-4 p.m. Open Gym + DJ Raphi w. Mrs. Sefcik	
Tuesday, March 11th	HW Club 3-3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy SJF Eat AND Earn @ McDonalds! See flyer below for more details!	
Wednesday, March 12th	Manna Hours @ The Convent 6:00-7:00 p.m. HW Club 3-3:45 p.m. w/ Mrs. Ade, Mrs. Schiller & Ms. Dunlavy	
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Thursday, March 13th	Future Falcon Playdate	
	10:15 - 11 a.m. in gym	
V	Happy Falcon Fri-YAY!	
Friday, March 14th	Falcons can wear their favorite spirit-wear with	
	their uniform bottoms!	



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!





St. John Fisher School McDonald's Eat and Earn



10% of all food sales & 100% of pie sales during the event will benefit the school!

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Name of Student(s):	
Ticket Price: \$25 per person (Both adult + children) Max of \$100 per family	

Number of Guests _____x\$25=

RSVP must be returned by

MARCH 18TH

Make check payable to SJF FSA



St. John Fisher Family Might

Join us for an evening of games and crafts for the whole family!

April 10 6:00-7:30

Be on the lookout for details about this fun-filled night and a photo op with a special guest!



Fisher Fest Sponsor Committee

Hello Fisher Families!

We are excited to announce the launch of a new committee to support Fisher Fest! This event is a wonderful opportunity for our school community but it requires substantial funding to get started. To make this happen, we are forming a team to help secure sponsorships for the event.

The more people involved, the more support we can gather, the more successful the event will be!

If you are interested in helping out and making Fisher Fest a success, please join in Kane Hall on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 PM. Together, we can make a big impact!

Thank you for your support! Mary Winter and Erin Jarmusz





MARCH 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 March session runs from March 3rd - March 24th. 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: March 3rd, 10th & 24th 3:00-4:00

Open Gym + DJ Raphi: 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 end with a DJ Raphi dance (think The Macarena, The Cha Cha Slide and the Paca Paca) to end this March ETC! Students will be dismissed at the main office.

Mrs. Sefcik PreK- 3rd Gym

Monday Class: March 17th 9:00AM- 12:00PM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: We will have so much fun celebrating all things St. Patrick's Day. We will make some adorable crafts, explore some rainbow theme science projects, and even learn ajig! Class will be dismissed from the preschool doors under the bridge.

Mrs. Garza Room 107

Thursday Class: March 20th 3:00-7:00 PM

MARCH MADNESS: Gather your friends and stay after school to watch the NCAA Tournament games on the big screen. The games will be playing on the big screen in the gym. Enjoy pizza for dinner, shoot some baskets, play a pick-up game, and other games. If you can't come for the whole time, come for part of the night.

Mrs. Ade & Ms. Dunlavy 3rd-8th Gym



White Sox vs Detroit Tigers June 4th, 2025 at 6:40 PM Tickets are \$20-\$25 each. Limited Tickets Available!

To purchase your seats: CLICK HERE

Please email Carrie Erwinski at Carrie726@gmail.com with any questions.



St. John Fisher Backs the Blue!

St. John Fisher is proud to be home to 120 students whose parents are Chicago Police Officers.



Thank you to those men and women who protect and serve us each day!



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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







Social & Emotional Learning

At SJF we continue to build upon our SEL goals. <u>Each month</u> 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.

• 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. "Clapout"
- Graduation: **6.1** ~ 1 p.m.

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• Last Day of School: 6.4 ~ 10:30 a.m. dismissal

Sou belong here.



*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.



2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

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...



- 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@sifschool.us

Reporting Attendance

E-mail attendance@sifschool.us

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions
- Registration
- Admissions
- MedicalForms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or

Mrs. Kris Houston: khouston@sjfschool.us

Mrs. Linda Murray: lmurray@sjfschool.us

- Powerschool
- · Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch
- Virtus Training and Compliance
- **Religious Education**
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: dmaxwell@sjfschool.us

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@sifschool.us Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): kbrogan@sjfschool.us

(more information on the back page)



2024-2025 St. John Fisher School Contacts

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

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