



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*



ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL *Welcome home Falcons!*

AUGUST 23, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

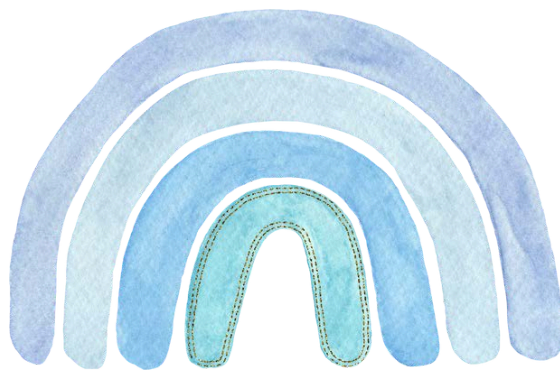
Our Falcons rocked the first three days of school and we are so very proud. Transition is hard, but our Falcon students and staff did a phenomenal job participating in Boot Camp 3.0, learning about and remembering all of the SJF expectations both in and out of the classroom and re-connecting with classmates and teachers. Excitement fills the air as our students, staff and faculty members begin to build strong relationships and get used to their new routine! The possibilities for success and growth are endless. We are ready for our first full week together and we couldn't be more fortunate to have these incredible kids in our school! In case you missed it, [here is a little video we created showcasing the first day of school!](#)

Let the back to school celebration continue! We hope to see everyone at our Parish Picnic and Mass at Beverly Park on Sunday, August 25th at 11 a.m. A HUGE thank you to the Holy Name Society for sponsoring the food, the Women's Club for sponsoring the fun Olympic Games and Blink of an Eye Photography for providing complimentary family photos - what a treat!

Now more than ever, it is a great time to be a Falcon! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, but specifically St. John Fisher School. Together let's continue to build a school we love. You Belong Here.


In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*



*Together our future is bright.*

## Important Announcements

- **SJF's Tuition Raffle is BACK!** Please see the flyer below. Tickets were sent home in your child's folder on Wednesday. All tickets and money are due on Sunday at the parish picnic. The winner will be pulled at the picnic. Questions? Please reach out to Karen McDonagh, klak13@yahoo.com.
- **SJF Homecoming is 9.14!** Don't forget to purchase your new spirit-wear to support your Falcons! **Visit this link to order yours today!**
- **Extended Day** will begin on Monday, August 26th. Don't forget to sign up your Falcon(s) here. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. O'Grady, dogrady@sjfschool.us
- Our **staggered arrival times will continue** this year in order to ease the morning traffic flow. Students with the last name beginning with letters A-L should arrive at 7:45 a.m. and students with the last name beginning with letters M-Z should arrive at 7:50 a.m. Students will be considered late at 7:55 a.m. **\*REMINDER: late Falcons will need to be signed in at the School Office by a parent or guardian.** **DON'T FORGET!**
- All parents, friends and family are welcome to attend our **all-school monthly Masses** throughout the school year. **Please be sure to enter the doors on the southwest side of the church.** For safety purposes, we will be locking the church doors at the back of church during each Mass. Thank you!
- Students are able to wear their **Falcon spirit-wear tops** with their uniform bottoms on our Falcon Fri-yays throughout the school year.
- This year's **Wednesday Early Dismissals** will be @ 1:30. 
- **SJF Traits of the Month** are back. Please be on the lookout in our school newsletter and teacher communication for ways you can join us in emphasizing these important traits of the month at home.
- Do you have a **new neighbor or a new baby on your block?** Let us know! We'd love to welcome them to our SJF Community! Email Mrs. Houston with the details: khouston@sjfschool.us. Thank you!



And so

*together*

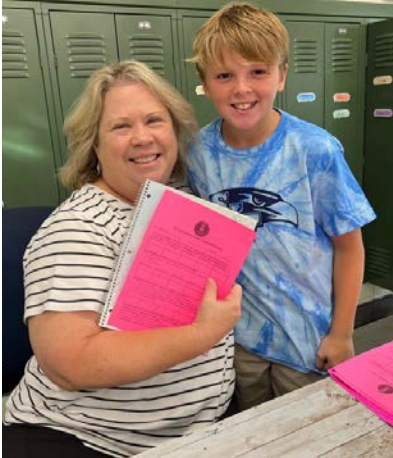
**they built a school**

*they loved.*











# St. John Fisher FSA's Annual Tuition Raffle

## Prizes:

**1st Place: One Year Tuition for One Student  
or \$6000 cash**

**2nd Place: \$500 Tuition Credit or \$500 Cash**

**3rd Place: \$250 Tuition Credit or \$250 Cash**

**\*Prizes adjusted if under 200 tickets sold**

**\$50 Each**

**OR**

**3 for \$100**

**Winners will be announced at the  
Parish Picnic on August 25th**

Tickets will be available for purchase  
at Packet Pick Up on August 15th

Use link to order your tickets and to  
request alternate delivery method

<https://forms.gle/>

**Any Questions please contact Karen McDonagh 773-852-9605 or  
[klakl3@yahoo.com](mailto:klakl3@yahoo.com)**



# BACK TO SCHOOL PARISH PICNIC AT BEVERLY PARK

**Sunday, August 25**

**11:00am Mass**

Complementary family photos from Blink of an Eye photography to those who attend mass.



  
**GRADE  
LEVEL  
OLYMPIC  
GAMES**  
Wear your SJF  
spirit -wear!







***September  
9th @ 7p.m.!***



**Liz Repking**

**Please join us for a parent workshop hosted by St. John Fisher in partnership with Liz Repking, renowned internet safety consultant and creator of Cyber Safety Consulting. Liz is also an author, and founder of the CASE program, Cyber Awareness and Safety Education, which is implemented in middle schools nationwide.**

**Liz will be speaking to and working with our Falcons during the school day on Monday, September 9th.**

**The parent presentation will be an overview of what our Falcons learn in addition to critical information for parents.**

[\\*Click here for more information.](#)

***Your child is too important to miss this event.***

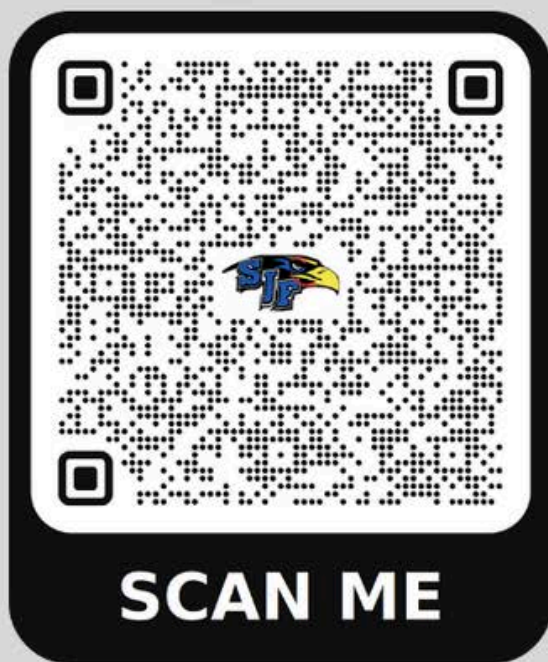
**Any parent who attends will:**

- receive a dress down pass for his or her Falcon to use any day of their choice
- be entered into a raffle for their Falcon to win a free lunch of his/her choice compliments of Mrs. Nash and host the morning ZOOM announcements for a week.



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

*Join our team!*



# **FUTURE FALCON CHEERLEADERS**



## **CALLING ALL K- 4TH GRADERS!**

**COME AND TRAIN TO BE A FUTURE FALCON CHEERLEADER!  
THE STUDENTS WILL LEARN A CHEER AND A DANCE TO BE  
PERFORMED AT HALFTIME OF THE HOMECOMING GAME ON  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14,2024.**

**STUDENTS WILL PRACTICE ON  
TUESDAY 9-10-24 AND FRIDAY 9-13-24  
AFTER SCHOOL FROM 3-4:15 PM.**

**REGISTRATION FOR CAMP ENDS MONDAY, AUGUST 26TH.**

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP, THE PARADE , AND GAME DAY  
WILL BE SENT OUT CLOSER TO THE DATE!**





# FSA MOVIE NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

STARTS AT 7:15

SJF PARKING LOT

\*BYO LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS

\*\*\*BATHROOMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE!\*\*\*



SNACKS WILL BE FOR SALE!

\*NO BIKES, SCOOTERS, OR  
SKATES PLEASE\*

7-9pm

NICKY V'S  
FOOD TRUCK

ST. JOHN FISHER  
SCHOOL & CHURCH PRESENTS



# OKTOBER FEST

**Saturday, October 5th**

ST. JOHN FISHER PARKING LOT

**5:00PM - 11:00PM**

**LIVE MUSIC • FOOD**

**BEER • 21+**

**10235 S. FAIRFIELD AVENUE | CHICAGO | 60655**

**NEW**



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\*Below is a list of important dates for the 2024-2025 school year.  
*These dates are subject to change.*

- Book Day & Packet Pick-up in Kane Hall: **8.15** ~ 5-7 p.m.
- **School Supply Drop-off & Meet the Teacher: 8.20** all grades ~ 4-6 p.m.
- First Day of School: **8.21** ~ 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Labor Day – No School: **9.2**
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: **10.9, 10.10** \*12:00 dismissal **10.10**
- All-Staff Professional Development – No School: **10.11**
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – No School: **10.14**
- **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.*

\***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 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](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Reporting Attendance

E-mail [attendance@sjfschool.us](mailto:attendance@sjfschool.us)

- Schedules
- Calendar
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Miscellaneous Questions

Mrs. Kris Houston: [khouston@sjfschool.us](mailto:khouston@sjfschool.us)

- Registration
- Admissions
- MedicalForms

Contact the school office at 773-445-4737, or Mrs. Linda Murray: [lmurray@sjfschool.us](mailto:lmurray@sjfschool.us)

- Powerschool
- Tuition & Fees
- Technology
- Hot Lunch

Mrs. Delphine Maxwell: [dmaxwell@sjfschool.us](mailto:dmaxwell@sjfschool.us)

- Virtus Training and Compliance
- Religious Education
- Extended Day Program
- Manna Program

Virtus, Mrs. Redmond: [mredmond@sjfschool.net](mailto:mredmond@sjfschool.net)  
Religious Education, Dr. Chermak: [echermak@sjfschool.us](mailto:echermak@sjfschool.us)  
Extended Day, Mrs. O'Grady: [dogrady@sjfschool.us](mailto:dogrady@sjfschool.us)  
Manna Team: [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com)

- Student Services

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Claire Larmon: [clarmon@sjfschool.us](mailto:clarmon@sjfschool.us)

- Student Accommodation Plans

Ms. Mary Schiavone (K-4): [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)  
Mrs. Karen Brogan (5-8): [kbrogan@sjfschool.us](mailto:kbrogan@sjfschool.us)



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**CONTACT US**

- Reading Intervention

Ms. Mary Schiavone, [mschiavone@sjfschool.us](mailto:mschiavone@sjfschool.us)

- Math Intervention

Ms. Molly Cummings, [mcummings@sjfschool.us](mailto:mcummings@sjfschool.us)

- Public Relations

Mrs. Megan Corley, [mcorley@sjfschool.us](mailto: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](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us)

- Band
- School Board
- Athletic Programs
- Family School Association
- Women's Club
- Holy Name Society

Mr. Bill Gula: [mr.gula@aol.com](mailto:mr.gula@aol.com)  
School Advisory Board: [sjfsab@gmail.com](mailto:sjfsab@gmail.com)  
Athletic Association: [stjohnfishersports@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfishersports@gmail.com)  
FSA: [sjffsa103@gmail.com](mailto:sjffsa103@gmail.com)  
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