



NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

Week three, check done! Our Falcons are getting more and more acclimated to the school year and their classroom routines. In the next two weeks, students in kindergarten through 8th grade will be taking their first of three iReady Diagnostics. Please remind your Falcon(s), to be confident, take his/her time and do their best. They've got this!

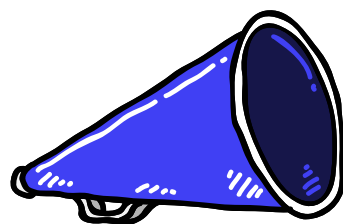
One of the most anticipated weekends of the school year has already arrived - HOMECOMING! We look forward to celebrating all of our Falcon school spirit this weekend at Beverly Park. Please refer to the flyers below for the itinerary. Parents, please remind your student(s) that whether he/she is playing at the park, playing in the game, cheering from the sidelines, etc. that he/she is a representation of St. John Fisher and his/her family and we are all counting on them to act with dignity, grace, class and kindness. Here come the Falcons!

An enormous thanks to the parents who were able to join us this past Monday for our technology and internet safety talk with nationally renowned internet expert Liz Repking. Navigating our world as parents is no easy feat. I am always so grateful for opportunities to come together and learn together in the very best interest of our children. It takes a village.

Now more than ever, it is a great time to be a Falcon! The future of our school and community is bright! 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



LET'S GO FALCONS!



School Advisory Board

- Our first School Advisory Board meeting was this past Tuesday. Topics addressed at our meeting were: fundraising and financials, communication and marketing and community engagement. Thank you for all who attended! If you'd like to hear about these topics and share your perspective, please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, October 8th @ 7p.m. in Kane Hall. Questions? Reach out to sjfsab@gmail.com.



Important Announcements

- **Say Cheese!** Picture day is October 7th. Dress your best.
- **Sick Policy:** Parents are required to keep children home from school the following day if they have been sent home with vomiting, fever (100 degrees), rash or diarrhea. Students must be fever free without the use of fever reducing medicine for 24 hours before returning to school. 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!
- **Forgetful Falcons!** We **can** accept a student's lunch, water bottle, glasses or prescription at the office. We **cannot** accept chrome books, homework, projects and/or classwork. Let's emphasize this month's trait of the month, **Responsibility**.
- **Tardy policy:** any student arriving after the 7:55 bell is tardy and will need to be signed in by an adult.
- **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
- **Back to School T-Shirts:** We have a few **youth medium** and **adult small** back to school t-shirts for sale. If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs. Corley, mcorley@sjfschool.us.




Pro Labore Dei

- Please come join us for lunch making on Saturday, October 12th @ 9 a.m. in the rectory basement for one hour. We could sure use your help! We are looking for 5-8 students each month. It will count as a service hour. Thank you for your support!



Looking Ahead

Weekend Mass	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <i>All are welcome!</i>
Saturday, September 14th	<i>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</i>
	<i>iReady Diagnostic on Tuesday and Wednesday for k-2nd grade Falcons. You've got this!</i>
Monday, September 16th	HAPPY MONDAY! 😊
Tuesday, September 17th	• iReady Diagnostic, k-2
Wednesday, September 18th	• iReady Diagnostic, k-2
Thursday, September 19th	• iReady Diagnostic, k-2 Catch-up
Friday, September 20th	HAPPY FALCON FRI-YAY! <i>Falcons can dress in their spirit wear tops with their uniform bottoms!</i> • iReady Diagnostic, k-2 Catch-up



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!



SJF



HOMECOMING

Saturday, September 14th

8:00am Mass at SJF Church

8:30-9:30am Breakfast

9:30am Meet at Bilecki Field

9:45am Line Up

10:00am Parade to Beverly Park

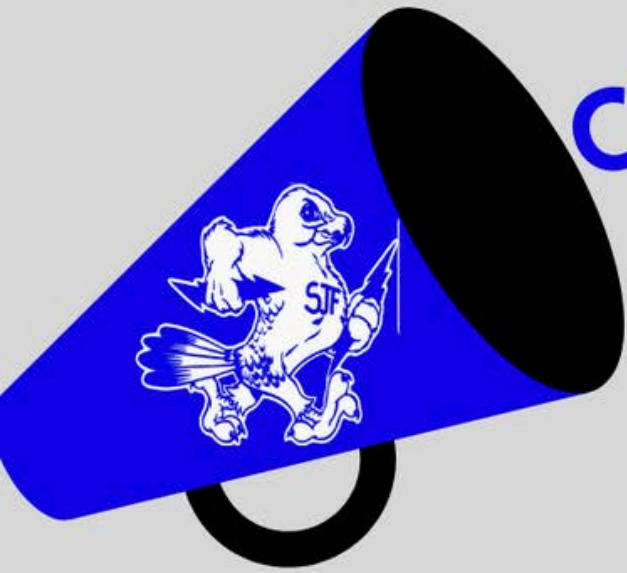
● **4th Grade 11 am**

● **JV B 12:15 pm**

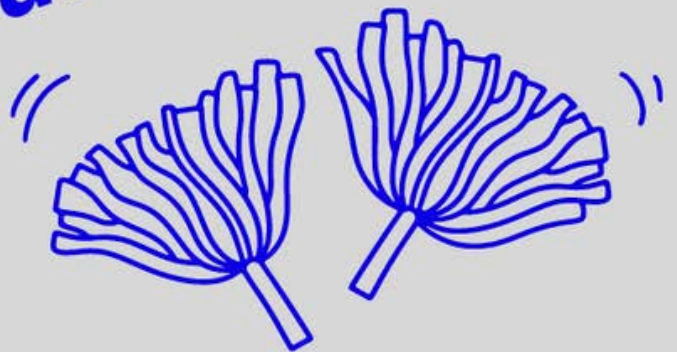
● **JV 1:30 pm**

● **Varsity 3:00 pm**

Future Falcons will perform at 12pm



**Cheerleaders &
Future Falcons**



Homecoming 2024
September 14th



Meet @ Bilecki at 9:30 am
Line-up at 9:45 am
Parade Kicks Off at 10:00 am

SJE HOMECOMING



SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
GAMES START AT 11:00AM
BEVERLY PARK



Bring Cash For:



Split the Pot



Joey's Red Hots 2-6pm



Fisher Merch for sale



Football square fundraiser



8th Grade Fundraiser:

Custom Portable Bar Raffle

Main tent reserved for 8th Grade Parents!

Parade kicks off from Bilecki Field @ 10:00 am!



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.

<i>September</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>
October	Respect
November	Gratitude
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Friendship
March	Perseverance
April	Empathy
May	Optimism



**Be Respectful, Responsible & Safe.
Be a Falcon.**









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



TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 25th
5-7pm

SJF Parking Lot
Bring A Bag of Candy
(as your Admission to the
Event)

TO SIGN UP YOUR TRUNK: TEXT
ANNIE GUINANE (708) 715-7420
& OLIVIA KONRATH (312) 972-8874

SEE YOU THERE!

St. John Fisher Holy Name Society 2024 Joe Guinane Memorial Golf Outing



Thursday, October 10th
Ridge Country Club

Golf followed by party at Ridge Country Club
10522 S. California Ave., Chicago, IL

Registration: 12:00 p.m. •• **Tee-off:** 1:00 p.m. •• **Cost:** \$225

This includes an 18-hole scramble, riding cart, lunch (12p.m.-1p.m. Brats & Hot Dogs), beverages on the course, HNS gift, after party at Ridge Country Club Patio Bar (Flattop Grill-Smash Burgers, Philly Sandwiches and Carne Asada Street Tacos). **Proceeds will help fund the Joe Guinane Memorial Scholarship Fund.**

* Longest Drive * Closest to the Pin * Best foursome

Party will be at Ridge Country Club after golf approximately 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Dinner and Drinks only from 5:30 to 7:30 is \$50

To help us properly plan for this event, please register by contacting:

Jim O'Leary – jolearysjf@gmail.com

Hole sponsorships also available:

Hole Sponsor - \$100 Company name / Family Name / Block name, etc. (separate doc)

**St. John Fisher Holy Name Society 2023
Joe Guinane Memorial Golf Outing**

Hole Sponsorship Form



Name for Tee Sign: _____

Contact's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact's Phone: _____

Blue and White Hole Sponsor: (\$100): _____

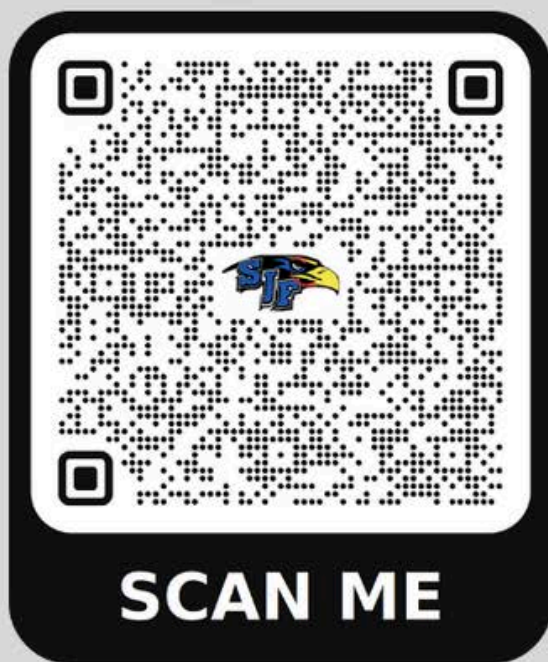
Signature/Authorization _____

Make Check Payable to "SJF Holy Name"



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

Join our team!





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, 9.8, 10.20, 11.10, 12.8, 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!



Dear St. John Fisher Families,
Fall 2024

I would like to take this time to thank you for your continued support for our partnership with St. John Fisher and your hot lunch program and for the trust you have put in us to feed your children! This is an endeavor in which we take great pride. We're extremely excited to begin our 7th school year serving the St. John Fisher community.

We're pleased to announce the price of hot lunch will remain at \$6.25 and milk will remain at \$0.85 for the 2024-2025 school year. There will be an added feature to this year's lunch program. You will have the flexibility of ordering a late lunch or milk for your child. Simply send an email to latelunchorder@gmail.com by 4:00am. Indicate your child's school in the subject heading. In the body of the email, please specify your child's name, grade, and the date you are ordering the lunch or milk. In order to utilize this feature, you'll still need to have an active account with myschoolaccount.com and have sufficient funds. Late lunches and milks should only be ordered for dates in which the order window has closed. The price for a "late lunch" is \$7.25 and milk is \$1.00.

This school year our menu will have the addition of more "second option" entrée selections. The selections will include either a salad, wrap, or chicken tenders/nuggets. This will give your child more choices throughout the month. We will continue to specialize in cooking homemade, from scratch meals. Freshness and quality will never be sacrificed. In our kitchen you will always see whole grains, unprocessed meats, and fresh produce. Once again as the year progresses, we will be updating the menu and offering new choices from our home-style recipes.

We aim to keep the children happier than ever with the selection of meals! We are continually striving to improve our service. We value your suggestions and comments and we are always available and happy to work with you. Please feel free to call or email. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Jim Terri
Gilhooley's/Country House Grade School Lunch Program
773-233-2200
terri@sxu.edu




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

These dates are subject to change.

- Picture Day: **10.7**
- 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**
- Picture Day Re-take: **11.19**
- **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. 

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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2024-2025 School Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

Friday, September 6th at 1 p.m. Opening All School Mass, 8th grade

Sunday, October 6th at 11 a.m. First Communion Enrollment Mass

Friday, October 18th at 1 p.m. All School Mass, 7th grade

Friday, November 1st at 1 p.m. All Saints' Day All School Mass, 6th grade

Sunday, November 3rd at 11 a.m. Confirmation Enrollment Mass

Monday, November 11th at 10 a.m. Veterans Day program, SOAR

Tuesday, November 26th at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Prayer service, 5th grade

Thursday, November 28th at 9 a.m. Parish Mass, 5th grade

Monday, December 9th at 1 p.m. Immaculate Conception All School Mass, 4th grade

Thursday, December 19th at 1 p.m. Christmas Prayer Service, 8th grade

Sunday, December 24th at 4 p.m. 1st & 2nd graders at Christmas Eve Mass

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 8th at 4 p.m. Saint Patrick's Mass, 3rd grade

Wednesday, March 26th at 1 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7th grade

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

**All are welcome to attend our School Masses.*

**Parents please enter the southeast doors of the church.*

**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



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

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

