



# NOTES FROM MRS. NASH

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL


SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Dear SJF Families,

Homecoming was a fabulous celebration for our school and community! Thank you to our students, parents, neighbors and friends for coming out to celebrate our Falcon pride! We are beyond appreciative to all of the amazing people who devoted so much of their time and energy into making all of the Homecoming activities an overwhelming success! A special shout-out to Bob Rusch, Katy Collins and the SJF Athletic Board, our 8th grade parent committee and all of our volunteers who ensured a successful day. Brett Namors' blue and white checkerboard artwork in the end zone was icing on the cake. Our children are so fortunate to have such wonderful, generous parents. Without all of you, this day could not have been possible. THANK YOU!

We are hoping to bring that same energy to our upcoming Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 5th in the church parking lot immediately following our 4 p.m. Mass. Looking for ways to help? [Visit this link to volunteer an hour or two of your time.](#) Don't forget to grab your tickets [here!](#) All proceeds from this night are going to benefit BOTH the school and church. See you there!

We have one more week of iReady testing for students in grades 3-8. Let's go Falcons; you've got this!




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*

**WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.**

## Important Announcements







- **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! 
- **STUDENT SAFETY:** Please speak to your children about walking or riding their bikes through the alleys to and from school. Cars cannot see small children traveling through alleys. Students are expected to walk on the sidewalks and cross at the corners near a patrol guard or the crossing guard. Thank you for your help! 
- **HSPT Test Prep Class** will be offered again for our 8th graders. The class will begin on October 17th. Stay tuned for more information to be shared next week!
- The FSA is hosting a **Uniform Exchange Night** on September 25th from 6-7 p.m. in the convent.
- The **October Lunch Menu** is available for ordering.
- **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 the following sizes of Back to School t-shirts for sale: **youth medium, adult small, adult medium and adult large** 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

<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. <b>11 a.m. Mass</b> hosted by our Falcon Football and Golf Teams   All are welcome!
<b>Saturday, September 21st</b>	<b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 8:30-9:30 a.m.</b>
	iReady Diagnostic on Tuesday and Wednesday for 3rd - 8th grade Falcons. You've got this!
<b>Monday, September 23rd</b>	<b>HAPPY MONDAY!</b> 
<b>Tuesday, September 24th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iReady Diagnostic, 3rd - 8th</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, September 25th</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iReady Diagnostic, 3rd - 8th</li> <li><b>*1:30 DISMISSAL ~ Faculty &amp; Staff Meeting*</b></li> <li><b>Manna Hours @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.</b></li> <li><b>Uniform Exchange @ The Convent 6-7 p.m.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, September 26th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iReady Diagnostic, 3rd - 8th Catch-up</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, September 27th</b>	<p><b>HAPPY FALCON FRI-YAY!</b></p> <p><i>Falcons can dress in their spirit wear tops with their uniform bottoms!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iReady Diagnostic, 3rd - 8th Catch-up</li> </ul> <p><b>Girls Basketball Pack the House! See flyer below for more details.</b></p> 



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.





Any Falcon in  
attendance  
will receive an  
out-of-uniform  
pass!

JOIN US

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S

# Football & Golf Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND @ 11 A.M.

HOSTED BY OUR FALCON  
ATHLETES

*You belong here.* 











# PACK THE HOUSE

2024 GIRLS BASKETBALL

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27TH

5:30 6TH GRADE WHITE

6:20 7TH GRADE A

7:10 8TH GRADE A

8:00 8TH GRADE B

\*The 8th Grade flower ceremony & reception will take place after the 8:00 game

"Stand on Business"

GO FALCONS!!

ST. JOHN FISHER  
SCHOOL & CHURCH PRESENTS



# OCTOBER FEST

**Saturday, October 5th**

ST. JOHN FISHER PARKING LOT

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

**\$35.00 in advance**

**\$40.00 at the door**



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# 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](mailto: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"**





# SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL

CHRIST THE KING • ST. BARNABAS • ST. CAJETAN • ST. JOHN FISHER

Dear Parent,

Congrats on the start of the 2024-25 school year! We hope it's your best yet. The Southside Parish Renewal Committee (SPR) is dedicated to helping the parishioners and school families of Christ the King, St. Barnabas, St. Cajetan, and St. John Fisher grow in their faith. We are a group of people, like yourselves, who love our families and love our community. We also want to share the message of God's love because that message has brought us a sense of peace in an often-chaotic world.

Developing a relationship with God seems simultaneously easy and difficult. It is easy, because we know that God loves us, but difficult because we don't always know how to put words to our prayers. God seems incredibly close to us as we count our blessings but can feel very far from us when we try to define our beliefs or to stay in regular contact with God through prayer.

It is our hope that the following prayer bridges the gap between knowing that God loves us and expressing our love for God in daily prayer. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, and our spiritual journey begins with a single prayer. No prayer is ever complete, but even dedicating a minute or two a day can be the starting point of experiencing the peace that only God can give.

Please know that you are in our daily prayers. To learn more about SPR, check out [www.SouthsideParishRenewal.org](http://www.SouthsideParishRenewal.org) or reach out to your parish lead.

God bless,

The Southside Parish Renewal Committee

Parish Leads,

*Christ the King- Tom Fahey*

*St. Barnabas - Maureen Gainer Reilly*

*St. Cajetan – Deacon Joe Roccasalva*

*St. John Fisher – Molly Wiora*

# DAILY PRAYER

Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of my family, friends, & community. Help me to remember that they are a blessing in my life, & that I am called to be loving, kind, & patient.

Lord,

Help others to look beyond my faults and failings as I strive to bring your love into the world.

Help me to be the person that you created me to be. A person created in your own image and likeness.

Lord,

Help me to realize that even when I fall short, I am a person worthy of the love and respect of others.

Lord,

Watch over my family and friends. Keep them safe from all harm and fill their hearts with peace and tranquility. In a special way Lord, be with (add any names that are your feel are appropriate)

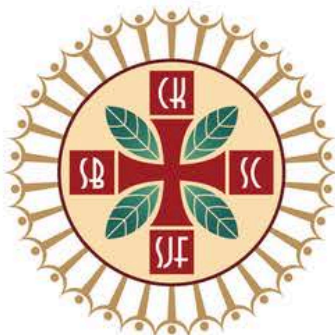
as they struggle with (add any issues they may be facing)

Lord,

Watch over all those who are suffering on this day. All those who feel alienated, alone, impoverished, those living in fear, and those suffering from mental health issues and addictions. (Add other intentions important to you, ie: first responders, migrants, healthcare workers)

Lord,

Thank you for the gift of this day, the gift of those I hold dear in my heart, and the gift of those loved ones who have gone before me.



**SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL**

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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**

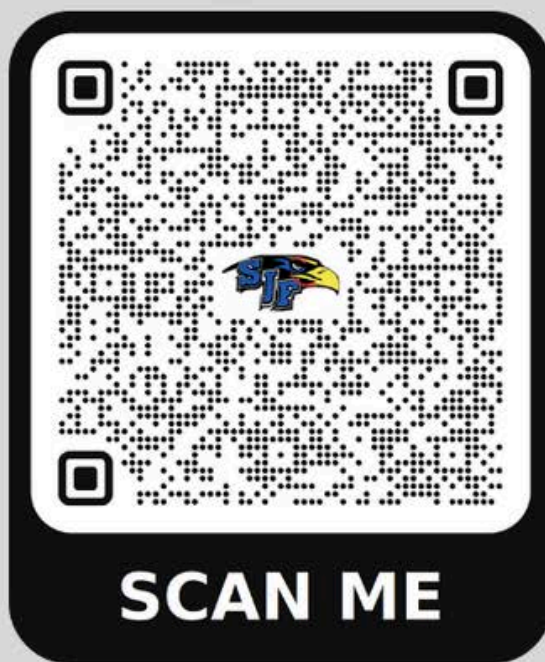


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THE ST. JOHN FISHER ATHLETIC BOARD  
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE  
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

*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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:terri@sxu.edu)





## 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.**

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



*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

\*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.*



*All the time,  
God is good.*

## *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](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)





# 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](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)  
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